

August 2024



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI

# Messenger



Hello All,

John 6:27-29 27Jesus said, “Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” 28Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” 29Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” (I think he should be He).

The last Sunday of July and all of August we will be reading from the Gospel of John. Food is discussed a lot, beginning with the feeding of the 5,000 with two fish and five barley loaves of bread, and leading into Jesus is the bread of life, all of which is in the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Our physical body will die without food to nourish it. Our spiritual body will die without the God to nourish our spirit. Jesus’ followers saw and experienced many “signs” (John’s term for what we believe are miracles) that Jesus performed. As God, Jesus was able to perform these signs, easily. Because He was making things happen as God, they were not truly “miracles”, they were signs of what the human Jesus was able to accomplish through God. The signs were done so we humans can know Jesus is God.

I heard recently that the President of one of the Seminaries, would not allow the student Pastors to use the word “miracle”. He truly felt God does not do miracles, He does what is needed for that time and moment, and because God is God, it works. The human me, still likes the word “miracle” and want to see lots of them. To me creation is a miracle. Humans, animals, birds, fish, plants, all things living and non-living things are miracles that were created together to make the earth a wonderful place for all of us to live our “earthly” lives. Jesus is preparing us for our “heavenly” lives.

Food and water are essential for all living beings. My heart breaks when I see news articles depicting the horrible conditions in other countries in which there is not enough food or water for the poorest and displaced. Many world organizations are working daily to put some relief into place, however, a lot more needs to be done. I keep hearing that there is enough food on the planet to feed all of us. Apparently some of it is in the wrong places.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and ELC worldwide is one of the organizations helping to get food into places of the greatest need. As Lutherans, in addition to prayer, we can donate from our “plenty” for those with next to nothing. I know not everyone has “plenty” but even a little from many adds up to “plenty” over time. Please consider finding ELCA World Hunger on your computer to find ways to help and possibly donate. The “widows and orphans” of the world need our help.

As a reminder, August 11, I will be on a mini vacation and Pastor Diane House will be our visiting Supply Pastor at both Grace and Our Saviour’s . She is a wonderful person and will provide a great perspective from the pulpit. August 18 we are all invited to worship in the auditorium at Whitehall Schools for the annual Beef and Dairy Days Worship Service 10:00 am, possibly music as Prelude at 9:30, look for information in the papers. Have a wonderful August everyone!

God Bless you all.

Scott W. Brown, SAM



# Our Saviour's Members in Nursing Homes



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**Pigeon Falls Nursing Care Center-P.O. Box 310-Pigeon Falls, WI 54760**  
Deloris Coburn, Jeanette Gilbertson, Marian Miller & Arline Stuve  
Richard Eide and Ann Toraason

**Assisted Living- Pigeon Falls - P.O. Box 310-Pigeon Falls, WI 54760**

**Sunrise Manor - 36024 Park Street - Whitehall - 54773**  
Clinton Larson

**Trempealeau County Health Care Center-W20410 WI-#121Whitehall- 54773**  
James Windjue

**Grandview Nursing Home - 620 Grandview Avenue - Blair - 54616**  
Marilyn Speerstra, Mavis Mitskogen, Donna Oates,  
Olin and Jan Feimreit, Donald Dinsmore,

**Meadowbrook Care Center-1311 Tyler Street-Black River Falls - 54615**

**Dove Healthcare-51019 Ridge View Road-Osseo-54758**  
Ralph and Janice Johnson, MaryJane Hernes

**Oak Gardens Place-342 Twin Oak Dr-Altoona-54720**  
Clarice Henrickson

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## NOISY OFFERING

**The Noisy Offering for July** was designated to Our Saviour's WELCA for their Mission Kit Ministry. Your donation of \$192.00 will help supply the kits and also go towards the cost of shipping. Thank you for your generosity.

**The Noisy Offering for August** will be designated for Our Saviour's Improvement Fund. Your contributions will help us prepare for repairs and replacements!!



# Church News

## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

July 2, 2024

**Board Members Present:** Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Marnie Anderson, Kris Dubiel, Barb Mathson, Kay Nelson, Clarice Laehn and Lori Paulson.

Dave Anderson, council president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **Preparation:**

1. Opening Devotions: Devotions by Scott Brown
2. Prayer Requests/Homebound: Don Johnson
3. Communication from Congregation: none

### **Communication/Action:**

**1. Secretary's Report:** Kris Dubiel made a motion to approve minutes of June 4, 2024, with a second by Clarice Laehn. Motion carried.

**2. Treasurer's Report:** Barb Mathson presented the following fund balances per June 2024 financial reports: General Fund: \$94,183.68; On Going: \$11,482.43; Improvement: \$38,774.59. Lori Paulson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with a second by Marnie Anderson. Motion carried.

### **3. Ministry Teams Updates:**

a) Life & Growth: Looking into the option of revitalizing the existing sign.

b) Music & Worship:

1. Noisy Offering of \$463.00 went to Relay for Life; July's offering will go to WELCA for mission kits.

c) WELCA:

1. Grace Lutheran will host July's meeting at Our Saviour's on Thursday, July 11 th as Grace Lutheran has problems with their septic system.
2. Mission kit lists will be in the Messenger and bulletins in addition to the lists available in the narthex.

d) Finance & Property: John Powell repaired the dip in the pavement under the canopy and the crack in the foundation.

e) Lutheran Brotherhood: No report.

### **4. Sharing from Scott Brown (SAM):**

1. Scott expressed how wonderful it has been visiting congregation members as well as distributing communion to the homebound.
2. Scott will be gone on August 11 th .

### **Celebration/Affirmation:**

1. The next council meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
2. Our Saviour's choir will be participating in the Beef & Dairy Days church service. Scott will be participating as well.
3. There will be no Vacation Bible School at Our Saviour's, however the First Baptist Church in Whitehall welcomes all to participate in their program.

**Business Items:** There needs to be more information gathered for discussion regarding a discretionary fund.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:

Barb Mathson made a motion to adjourn with a second by Kay Nelson. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Paulson, Council Secretary



# More Church News

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Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

\*Arline Stuve . \*Mavis Olson

\*Dawn Coburn . \*Lisa James . \*Mavis Mitskogen

\*Mary Lou Beck \*Norman Nordby . \*Jane Holen,

If you would like **special prayers** said for yourself or loved one, please contact the church office at [osluthwh@gmail.com](mailto:osluthwh@gmail.com)

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## Members in Service

**Altar Guild:** Kay Nelson, Sharon Pederson & Diane Carlson

**Altar Flowers:** Kay Nelson

**Ushers:** David & Marnie Anderson

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## WELCA CORNER

WELCA will meet **Thursday, August 1, 2024** at Our Saviours church at 1:30 pm. Grace is hosting as we cancelled the July meeting. S.A.M. Scott Brown will lead our Bible Study. Join us for great fellowship.

Hope you all can "hit" the school supply sales for items for our mission kits. Thanks for any & all donations. Donate money & we will do the shopping!



# August Birthdays



- 1 - Oaklynn Stuhr
- 2 - Cody Bautch, Wallace Solberg
- 3 - Nicole Lyga
- 5 - Tara Harvie
- 6 - David Clatt, Kayla Vitse, James Windjue
- 7 - Allie Sylla
- 9 - Devin Klomsten
- 10 - JoAnne Foss
- 11 - Bennett Vitse
- 12 - Ryan Lindberg
- 13 - Laura Foss, Jeffrey Sygulla
- 14 - Andrew Granlund
- 15 - Dawn Coburn, Emelia Hanvold, Randy Harms
- 16 - Sharon Ivers, John Speerstra, Tim Toraason
- 17 - Melanie Sygulla, Rhianna Theisen
- 18 - Cindy Herness, Kay Nelson, Thomas Windjue
- 19 - Jacob Ives, Joel Schmitt, Linda Schroeder
- 20 - Samuel Speerstra
- 21 - Brenda Koxlien
- 22—Everleigh Giebel
- 23 - Patrick Warner
- 24 - Michelle Davis, Chad Foss
- 25 - Marie Clatt, Olin Fimreite, Shylana Goplin, Nicholas Lewis, Barbara Mathson
- 26 - Matthew Peters, Korine Solberg
- 27 - Brady Giese
- 29 - Leslie Laehn



# Our Saviour's *faith and finances*

DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS July 1-July 31			
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
Administration	\$361.40		
Physical Plant	\$1,130.91		
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,852.64		
Benevolence	\$0.00		
Parish Expense	\$0.00		
Dues and Fees	\$0.00		
Holiday Raffle Exp.	\$0.00		
<b>Total Disbursements =</b>	<b>\$5,344.95</b>		
<b>Giving Receipts</b>			
<b>Simply Giving Total =</b>	<b>\$2,825.00</b>	<b>General Fund Total =</b>	<b>\$3,665.00</b>
<b>On-Going Total =</b>	<b>\$192.00</b>	<b>Improvement Fund - Total =</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>May 2024 Giving Grand Total =</b>		<b>\$6,882.00</b>	

## ***Food Pantry Needs***

The Whitehall Food Pantry is seeing a rise in families in need and is short on the following food stuffs:

\*Cereal

Donations can be left in the narthex of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church or dropped off at the church office Tuesday mornings or Wednesday afternoon. Any and all donations are very appreciated by all those in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless!



# AUGUST, 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 WELCA-at OSL at 1:30 pm	2	2
4 Sunday Worship 9:30 am	5	6 Office Hours 8am-12pm OSL Council at 6:30 pm	7 Bible study 9:30am  Office Hours 1-5pm	8	9	10
11. Sunday Worship 9:30 am	12	13 Office Hours 8am-12pm	14 Bible study 9:30am  Office Hours 1-5pm	15	16	17
18 Beef & Dairy Community Church Service- 10:00 am	19	20 Office Hours 8am-12pm	21 Bible study 9:30am  Office Hours 1-5pm	22	23	24
25. Sunday Worship 9:30 am	26	27 Office Hours 8am-12pm	28 Bible study 9:30am Office Hours 1-5pm  Food Pantry 11:30am to 1:00 pm	29.	30	31

***“Sharing God’s Love With All”***

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**Office Hours:**

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**Wednesday 1-5pm**

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**Church Website:** [oslwhitehall.org](http://oslwhitehall.org)

Check us out on Facebook at: [Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church of Whitehall, WI](#) and [United in Faith Parish](#) and [OS Sunday-School](#) and [Sunday School – Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church](#).



**SUNDAY • AUGUST 18**

10AM

Whitehall Community  
Church Service, Whitehall  
High School Auditorium