

October 2024



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI

The Messenger

Hello All, Happy Autumn:

Mark 10:13-16 13People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." 16And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Sunday School and Confirmation are starting up again in October. The 6th at Melby Park for Sunday School and the 9th for Confirmation in the Sunday School Building. Both these learning opportunities were not available to children during the time of Jesus. Children were not valued at all by the Jewish society. Jesus is changing both the social and religious structure at the same time. He is teaching that unless we let go of our "adult" view of the Kingdom of God and receive it as a child, we will never enter into the Kingdom. I think children often accept things by true faith. They do not have to know every detail, do not have to debate the pro's and con's, do not have to check to see which organizations or political parties are for or against, just accept what is placed in front of them by a trusted person. God is always going to tell them the truth and when He speaks, all God's children can believe.

We have been learning that the disciples often do not understand what Jesus is attempting to teach them and sometimes are afraid to ask him to clarify what he means. We continue to study the Bible to help us gain clarity into God's word. Some Christians just "read and believe". Others read, read again, look at other Bible translations and commentaries, discuss with others and then come to a realization and "believe", or not. We will not truly understand it all until we die, go to Heaven and have God explain it to us. We have fun at Bible Study, discussing what we think God means. All questions are allowed to be asked, no opinion is denied, and God only knows how close or how far off we are with our answers. We would love to have you join us for Wednesday Bible Study, none of us has all the answers, sometimes we just generate more questions and that is OK.

Another trait of a few of the disciples is one of trying to figure out who is the best. They had a lot of travel time on foot, as they moved from town to town, and had to discuss something. Occasionally, in sporting terms, which one of us is the G.O.A.T. (Greatest of all Time). Jesus impressed upon them that "the last shall be first and the first shall be last" and the greatest of you must be a servant to all. Jesus came to us as a servant leader. He was kind to all and helped as many people as he could with their specific needs. Jesus wants us to be a helper to others, service in this case is helping a neighbor where help is needed.

Helping by volunteering within the church building and programs is being a servant too. Some of our "servants" have been helping for many years and would like to have a replacement. If God has planted a seed of helpfulness within you, please let someone on the council know your desire to help.

Please enjoy the changing colors of the season while you are spreading God's Love to others.

God Bless you all.

Scott W. Brown, SAM



Our Saviour's Members in Nursing Homes



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 Johnson, MaryJane Hernes

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

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Arline Stuve, Mavis Olson, Dawn Coburn, Mary Lou Beck, Lisa James, Mavis Mitskogen, Norman Nordby, Jane Holen and Paula Hentges



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

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Minutes August 6, 2024

Board Members Present: Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Kris Dubiel, Kay Nelson, Ellen Hauser, 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:** Family of Janice Johnson
3. **Communication from Congregation:**
 - Congregation members enjoyed Sunday's service and music
 - Consider announcing the names of those who have passed at the beginning of Sunday service.

Communication/Action:

1. **Secretary's Report:** Kris Dubiel made a motion to approve minutes of July 2, 2024, with a second by Kay Nelson. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Anderson presented the following fund balances per July 2024 financial reports: General Fund: \$95,491.08; On Going: \$11,482.32; Improvement: \$39,394.00. Lori Paulson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with a second by Clarice Laehn. Motion carried.
3. **Ministry Teams Updates:**
 - a) **Music & Worship:**
 1. Noisy Offering of \$192.00 went to WELCA for Mission Kits; August will go to Improvement Fund.
 2. September Noisy Offering will go to discretionary fund for people who are struggling; Scott will talk to other surrounding churches to see what their protocol is in the use of discretionary funds. Further discussion will be added to October's meeting agenda.
 - b) **WELCA:** Mystery meal is scheduled for September 5th
 - c) **Lutheran Brotherhood:** No report.

Celebration/Affirmation:

1. Since President Dave Anderson will be on vacation in September Kay Nelson made a motion, with a second by Clarice Laehn, to forgo September's meeting unless an urgent matter comes up. Motion carried. The next council meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
2. The Baptist Church Vacation Bible School program hosted approximately 90 kids, with 20 being members of the Baptist Church.

Business Items:

1. Discussion held regarding the handling of confidential matters presented at council meetings.
2. Seal coat company said it is not worth seal coating the existing parking lot and more work needs to be done which will cost thousands of dollars.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:

Ellen Hauser 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

Area Activities



Strong Bodies Program will be held September 16th through November 6th on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11am to Noon. Pre-registration is required by calling ADRC at 715-538-2001. The Program will be held at the Whitehall School District, 191219 Hobson Street, Whitehall. Suggested contribution is \$30.00.

Drive-Through Meatball Harvest Dinner

Peace Lutheran of Pigeon Falls is hosting a Drive-Through Meatball Harvest Dinner on Wednesday, October 16th from 4:30 pm until gone. Menu: Meatballs, Homemade Lefse, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Rutabagas, Corn, Coleslaw, Cranberries and Pumpkin Pie. Cost: \$13 each. All proceeds go to benefit Local and Global ministries.

Thank you

Dear Our Saviour's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for helping make Relay for Life successful. Together, we honor all people living with cancer and remember loved ones lost. We are able to take action against this terrible disease because of support from donors like you.

Your gift of \$413.00 is helping us save lives. In fact, thanks in part to research discoveries supported by American Cancer Society donors like you, cancer death rates are the lowest they have been in decades.

We sincerely appreciate your generosity, and thank you for supporting the American Cancer Society's vision to end cancer as we know it, for everyone.

William L. Dahut, MD
Chief Scientific Officer
American Cancer Society

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October Birthdays



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| 1 - Thomas Richter | 16 - Skylar Ehrat |
| 3 - Nathan Larson | 17 - Stanley Johnson |
| 4 - Linda Schaefer | 18 - Dawn Hegge |
| 6 - Jeffrey Radke, Michael Sylla | 19 - Douglas Oates |
| 7 - Gregory Webster | 21 - Kayley Blaha, Leslie Foss |
| 8 - Quinn Holtan | 22 - Taylor Sylla |
| 9 - Cassidy LaBar, Kevin Miles | 23 - Rita Hegge |
| 10 - Jennie Everson, | 26 - Avvia Herman, Peter Koxlien, Dagny Lund |
| 12 - Donna Oates | 27 - David Loga, Wanda Peters |
| 13 - Carsten Peterson | 28 - Benjamin Webster |
| 14 - Stephanie Kopp | 30 - Clarice Laehn, Sharon Lamberson |
| 15 - Shirley Mathson | |

WELCA CORNER

WELCA will meet at Grace Lutheran in Pleasantville on **Tuesday, October 1st at 1:30 pm.** We will meet at 1 pm in our church parking lot to car pool. Scott Brown, our S.A.M., will lead Bible Study followed by coffee & dessert. Please join us!





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Sunday School

Sunday School kick-off and registration will take place, Sunday, October 6th after worship at the park.

The first class will be on October 13 at 10:30am.

Confirmation

The first day of confirmation class will be held on Wednesday, October 9 at 3:30pm.

Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering for September was designated for a Discretionary Fund for Our Saviour's. Your donation will give Scott Brown the ability to give out funds at his discretion to help those in need during difficult times.

Our Noisy Offering in October will be going to the "Christmas is for Kids" program that the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office sponsors. Your generosity will help make Christmas a joyous time for many children in our county who otherwise wouldn't have much to look forward to. Thank you for remembering these children.

Food Pantry Needs

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

- * 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!

October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p><u>1</u></p> <p>Church office open 8am-12pm</p> <p>Quilters 8:30 am</p> <p>WELCA Meeting at Grace 1:30pm</p> <p>Parish Council 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>2</u></p> <p>9:30am Bible Study</p> <p>Church office open 1-5pm</p>	<p><u>3</u></p>	<p><u>4</u></p>	<p><u>5</u></p>
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All"***

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