

September 2024



SEPTEMBER



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI

Messenger

Hello All,

Already September? How in the world did this happen? Beef and Dairy Days is now over for the year and that fact usually signals the eminent end of summer. If we did not see you often these past three months, there are still a few pews open that we would love to see filled or at least mostly occupied as we begin autumn. You are welcome anytime, we love to see you and catch up on your stories. Our Gospel readings are again back in the book of Mark. Jesus begins to trouble the Elders of the Jewish faith with his different and God inspired interpretation of the law, and slowly pushing them to understand that He is truly the son of God.

We as humans know that there are two sides to every story. We often take only one side and run with it, not spending the time necessary to understand what prompted the action from the other viewpoint. Jesus spends all of his dedicated time for ministry, telling people the word of God, the truth, however, many who began to follow him, had very strong ties to their upbringing and the Jewish traditions. They could not believe what they heard from Jesus. I understand their choice, Mosaic Law was all they knew until Jesus arrived. The image that was taught about the Messiah did not fit this man who was a carpenter from Nazareth. Jesus was not preaching and teaching strong human leadership skills that would help them overcome the Roman Empire and have their freedom back.

The Scribes and Pharisees closely observed Jesus and his disciples as they moved around city to city, preaching, teaching, healing, performing many miracles/signs, and all they could see is men who are not following the traditions of the elders. Mark 7:6-9, Jesus said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Jesus knows what to say to the Jewish elders at every encounter. He is able to set aside their challenges and keep teaching God's word. He is able to cure a man born with speech and hearing loss. He honors the faith of a Gentile woman who comes to Jesus asking him to cast out an unclean spirit in her daughter. At first Jesus does not take into consideration the other side of the story until he sees the faith in this woman and then chooses to cast out the demon. Jesus feeds four thousand people with seven loaves in Chapter 8. He cures a blind man from Bethsaida. Jesus also in this chapter, has found his way into Peter's heart and Peter is able to say to Jesus, "You are the Messiah".

All these things happen in the early years of Jesus ministry so he often tells his Disciples and the people he helps, not to tell anyone. He is certain that the more the Jewish elders know about His connection to God, the stronger they will push to have him arrested and killed. We understand that is the plan and the path to our sins being forgiven, but "not just yet" in our September lessons. Jesus needs to continue God's plan for him. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. We are very blessed to know Him

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 Family & Friends of Janice Johnson.

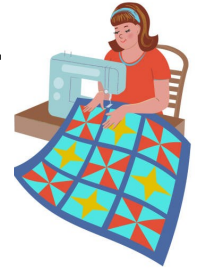
If you would like **special prayers** said for yourself or loved one, please contact the church office at osluthwh@gmail.com

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"Stitches of Love/Quilters"

Our Saviour's quilting group will be resuming **Tuesday, September 3rd**. Anyone that can iron, tie a knot, pin, measure or cut fabric (sewing is not necessary) is welcome to join the quilters on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from fall through to spring. Bring a snack, bring a friend, and come join the fun! Everyone is welcome!



Members in Service

⇒ *September* ⇐

Altar Guild: Mary Speerstra & Sharon Foss
Altar Flowers: Mary Speerstra & Sharon Foss

Our Saviour's *faith and* finances

DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS August 1 - August 31

Disbursements:			
Administration	\$489.49		
Physical Plant	\$3,601.16		
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,876.86		
Benevolence	\$0.00		
Parish Expense	\$0.00		
Dues and Fees	\$0.00		
Holiday Raffle Exp.	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements =	\$7,967.51		
Giving Receipts			
Simply Giving Total =	\$2,797.00	General Fund Total =	\$4,182.75
On-Going Total =	\$276.97	Improvement Fund - Total =	\$210.00
May 2024 Giving Grand Total = \$7,466.72			

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Sunday School

No date had been set for Sunday School kick-off and registration. Please watch for updated information. Thank you!

Confirmation

Confirmation orientation will be held on **Wednesday, September 18th** at **3:30pm**. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Brown at 715-538-4334. The first day of confirmation class will be held on **Wednesday, October 9** at **3:30pm**.

Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering for September will be designated for a Discretionary Fund for Our Saviour's. Throughout the year, various people stop in at Our Saviour's in need of food, gas, or money for an emergency. WELCA has made gas cards available, and the Food Pantry is also accessed, but sometimes additional funds are needed. Your donation will give Scott Brown the ability to give out funds at his discretion to help those in need during difficult times.

The Noisy Offering for August was designated for Our Saviour's Improvement Fund. Your contributions of \$276.97 will help us prepare for repairs and replacements!



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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

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September Birthdays

- 1 - Kurt Johnson, Jason Pronschinske
- 2 - Kristina Laehn
- 5 - Terry Brekke, Ellen Hauser, Audrey Holtan
- 6 - Charles Kastad
- 7 - Paula Hentges, Karen Witte
- 8 - Brinley Utecht, Brooks Vitse
- 9 - Emily Granlund
- 10 - Lori Paulson
- 11 - Kye Foss
- 12 - Charlotte Beck, Curt Beck, Joanne Jacobson
- 13 - Blake Herman, Debbie Larson, Sarah Toraason
- 14 - Lori Paulson
- 15 - Scott Waldera
- 16 - Brandon Foss, Jerry Leque Jr., Cassidy Przybilla
- 17 - Bradley Ivers, Renee Radke
- 18 - Brody Jenson, Eric Jordahl, Fern Moe
- 19 - Tracy Warner
- 20 - Sharon Engen, Ross Sygulla
- 21 - Ellen Koxlien, Anita Semb, Aime Stendahl, Tyler Vitse
- 22 - Bonnie Johnson, Cashton Kulig
- 24 - Charles Gauger, Ella LaBar
- 26 - Andrew Engen, Maddison Webster
- 27 - Renee Hegge
- 28 - Mark Johnson, Randi Lindberg,
- 29 - Nancy Lyngen





WELCA CORNER

Mystery Meal Trip

Our **September W-ELCA meeting** will be a Mystery Meal destination on **Wednesday, September 11**. We will meet at Our Saviour's parking lot to car pool at 11:30 AM.

WE MUST have reservations by September 2 to call to the restaurant. Call or text Kay Nelson 715-498-4375 to RSVP. Come join us for good conversation & fellowship.



Our Saviour's Mission Kits:

Dear Friends;

Thanks to all who have already donated to our Mission Kits. Several donations have come in but a few of these items is still needed. We will take \$ donations if you prefer we do the shopping.

Thank you and God Bless,

Marnie & Kay, WELCA Missions Coordinators



Food Pantry Needs



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

***toilet tissue**

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>1</u></p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>2</u></p>	<p><u>3</u></p> <p>Office Hours 8am-12pm</p> <p>Quilting 8:30 am</p>	<p><u>4</u></p> <p>Bible study 9:30am</p> <p>Office Hours 1-5pm</p>	<p><u>5</u></p>	<p><u>6</u></p>	<p><u>7</u></p>
<p><u>8</u></p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>9</u></p>	<p><u>10</u></p> <p>Office Hours 8am-12pm</p>	<p><u>11</u></p> <p>Bible study 9:30am</p> <p>WELCA Mystery Meal</p> <p>Carpool at OSL at 11:30am</p> <p>Office Hours 1-5pm</p>	<p><u>12</u></p>	<p><u>13</u></p>	<p><u>14</u></p>
<p><u>15</u></p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>16</u></p>	<p><u>17</u></p> <p>Office Hours 8am-12pm</p> <p>Quilting 8:30 am</p>	<p><u>18</u></p> <p>Bible study 9:30am</p> <p>Office Hours 1-5pm</p> <p>Confirmation orientation at 3:30pm</p>	<p><u>19</u></p>	<p><u>20</u></p>	<p><u>21</u></p>
<p><u>22</u></p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>23</u></p>	<p><u>24</u></p> <p>Office Hours 8am-12pm</p>	<p><u>25</u></p> <p>Bible study 9:30am</p> <p>Office Hours 1-5pm</p> <p>Food Pantry - 11:00 am to 1:00 pm</p>	<p><u>26</u></p>	<p><u>27</u></p>	<p><u>28</u></p>
<p><u>29</u></p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>30</u></p>					

ADRC Upcoming Events



LATINO CULTURAL DINNER
• DINNER AT 5 •

This Community & Culture dinner will focus on the Latino Culture. We will begin with dinner followed by a short presentation from Puentes Bridges on how our community can support and participate in the Latino Culture.

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2024
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
223 MAPLE STREET, ARCADIA

Menu
Enchiladas, Rice, Chicken, Fresh Fruit,
Flan, Cheesecake, Pecan Gelatin,
Jarritos Flavored Soda, Horchata

The event is open to everyone. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 for those 60 years and older. Those under 60 are asked to pay \$15.00. Reservations are required by calling the ADRC at 715-538-2001.

Puentes | Bridges

ADRC
Alameda County
Trempealeau County

Wine, Women & Dementia

Wednesday, September 25th, 2024

At the Historic Independence Opera House

4-5pm Resources and Dinner

5-8pm Movie and Facilitated Discussion

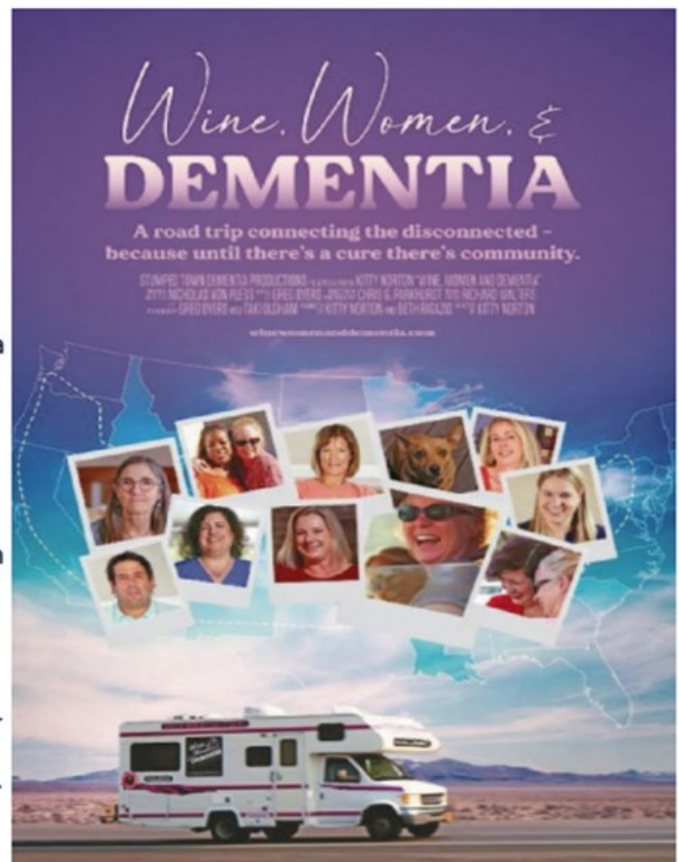
Documentary, dinner and facilitated discussion led by a caregiver from the documentary, Lindsay Perrin.

The film provides a poignant and intimate look into the human side of dementia as it follows the journey of a former dementia family caregiver and filmmaker as she embarks on a cross-country RV adventure with her best friend to meet the dementia family caregivers who provided virtual friendship and encouragement through their shared caregiver experiences.

Free respite care is available on-site provided by A New Day Adult Day Services.

All ages are welcome for this free event. For those 60 and older, a suggested contribution will be accepted for dinner. For those under 60, a nominal fee for dinner will be requested. To register call the ADRC at 715-538-2001.

The Independence Public Library is an event co-host.



Wine, Women, &
DEMENTIA

A road trip connecting the disconnected - because until there's a cure there's community.

STAMPED TRAIL DEMENTIA PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS KATHY NORTON "WINE, WOMEN AND DEMENTIA"
WITH NICOLELIE AND PAULIE THE CAREE, PERRIN, JACQUELYNNE & PARANOURT THE NEARBY, DAN, ERIC,
FRANK, GREG, DUSTY, AND TAYLOR. WITH KATHY NORTON AND BETH HOGAN. WITH KATHY NORTON

www.winewomenanddementia.com

The flyer features a collage of photos of people and a white RV parked in a desert landscape under a blue sky with clouds.

“Sharing God’s Love With All”

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