

August 2025



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI

Messenger



Hello everyone, August 2025

I am as surprised as you are that we are already approaching the beginning of August! Seems like we were just looking forward to summer. Some of you are probably still working on fitting in a vacation before autumn hits, some may be recovering from a vacation.

August is blessed with five Sundays and we will continue to experience Jesus and his disciples teaching us what it is like to be a Christian. August 3 we will read Luke 12:13-21 and learn about "The Parable of the Rich Fool". This man had a very good growing season of his grain. He had to think about what he was going to do with it because he did not have enough room in his storage buildings for the entire harvest. His idea was to tear down the old buildings and build new ones that will hold enough for years to come. He also was planning for years of relaxing, eating, drinking, and being merry! His plan had very little room for God. God is in charge and chose to have the man forfeit his life that very night. Verse 21 sums it up, "So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God". We are often reminded to store up our treasures in Heaven not here on earth.

August 10 Luke 12:32-40 continues this God given directive to create your treasures in heaven. No thief can come near, nor moth destroy your treasure in heaven. Verse 34 reminds us "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. We are also reminded to be always ready for Jesus' return. If we let our guard down and do not prepare for his coming, we risk missing him and the kingdom of heaven.

August 17 Luke 12:49-56 is titled, Jesus the Cause of Division and Interpreting the Time. Jesus knows that humans make choices differently from each other. An example in a commentary is of two raindrops from the same cloud hit the top of the roof at the same time. They each go down a different side of the roof. That may not be the same as choice, however, Jesus tells us that members of the same family will make choices either for Jesus or against him and it will divide the family. We often know what the weather is going to be by looking at the clouds, but we do not know how to interpret when Jesus will come again.

August 24 Luke 13:10-17 Jesus cures a woman on the Sabbath and is criticized for it. Man was not made for the Sabbath, the Sabbath was made for man. God wants us to help and be neighbors on the Sabbath as well as every other day of the week. God also wants us to find time to rest!

August 31 Luke 14:1, 7-14 Jesus is invited to dinner at the home of a Pharisee and they plan to test him. Discussion ensues about how we are to choose our place at the table. We should choose a spot that is not in a place of honor so that the host may invite us to move up into a place of honor. Verse 11 states: "For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." If you have a dinner party don't invite people who will feel the need to invite you in return, rather invite people who are 13 "the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." We have many opportunities to do the "right" thing when it is needed. Go do God's work with Love.

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord and one another, thanks be to God.

Scott W. Brown, Synod Authorized Minister



Our Saviour's Members in Nursing Homes



Pigeon Falls Nursing Care Center-P.O. Box 310-Pigeon Falls, WI 54760
Jeanette Gilbertson, Marian Miller,
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, Shirley Wozney

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 Fimreit, Norman Norby

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

Dove Healthcare-51019 Ridge View Road-Osseo-54758
MaryJane Hernes

Milestone Senior Care, 5510 Renee Dr # 23, Eau Claire - 54701
Clarice Henrickson

Veterans Affairs Medical Center-500 E Veterans St-Tomah 54660
Francis Hilgart

Caretta Senior Center-4650 Keystone Crossing-Eau Claire 54701
Ralph Johnson

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Mavis Olson, Mary Lou Beck, Lisa James, Mavis Mitskogen, Norman Nordby, Dennis Dubiel, Francis Hilgart, Eric Jordahl, Roger Oelrich, Leo Bork, Georgie Hughes, Clarice Henrickson, Linda Middleton, Reynolds Tomter and Wally Swenson.

In Christian Sympathy
We pray for the family and friends of: Deloris Coburn

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



Church News

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Minutes July 1, 2025

Board Members Present: Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Marnie Anderson, Karen Witte, Kris Dubiel, Barb Mathson, Jacob Paulson 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:** Leo Bork, Elizabeth Edwards
3. **Communication from Congregation:** none

Communication/Action:

1. **Secretary's Report:** Marnie Anderson made a motion to approve minutes of June 3, 2025, with a second by Karen Witte. Motion carried.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Fund balances as of June 30, 2025, were presented as follows noting that 6/29/25 deposits are not included in the balances:

General Fund: \$94,943.93

On Going Fund: \$9,969.98 (includes money designated for a new sign)

Improvement Fund: \$75,156.30 (includes \$30,000 designated for parking lot)

Karen Witte made a motion to approve the fund balances as presented with a second by Lori Paulson. Motion carried.

3. Ministry Teams Updates:

- a) Music & Worship: Noisy Offering of \$429.61 for June went to Relay for Life.
- b) Life & Growth: Mission kits will be coming up.

Sharing from Scott Brown (SAM):

1. Scott will be on vacation on Sunday, July 27th . There will be no communion.
2. Scott will also be on vacation July 13th thru the 15th .

Celebration/Affirmation: The date of the next council meeting is August 5, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Business Items:

1. Dave is still working to find congregation members to help create a proposal to combine committees and amend the constitution.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:

Karen Witte made a motion to adjourn with a second by Kris Dubiel. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Paulson, Council Secretary



WELCA CORNER

WELCA Meeting on Thursday, August 7th at Grace. Bible study using the Gather Magazine followed by a business meeting coffee and treats.

If you haven't made your donation to the Bake less Bakesale be sure you do this soon. We do not pay dues so most of our expenses and operating funds come from this source.

IDEAS, IDEAS, IDEAS!

The 2025 handbook was not sent out this year due to the lack of correct contact information and updated work sections. Because the world keeps changing, we also need to make changes. Following are suggestions from several people about possible ways to redo our serving sections.

- *Consolidate the number of work and/or serving sections
 - *Separate serving sections, one group to providing food and one sections to work. 2 separate groups with the ability to be part of only one or both.
 - *Perhaps sections for summer and others for winter/ or weekend and weekday sections
 - *Work sections for periodic cleaning of the church buildings
 - *Help with Mission kits -gathering and assembling materials
- We would appreciate hearing any and all ideas about what the next step should be .

Mission Kits (List on following page)

- *We will always accept donations of money and do the shopping as needed.
- *School supplies are on sale now.
- *Watch thrift sales for gently used items for baby kits.

School Kits:

4 - 70 page notebooks of wide or college ruled paper.

NO LOOSE LEAF PAPER - PLEASE!

1 - 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side

1 - Pencil sharpener

2 1 - Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

1 - Eraser, approximately 2 and 1/2 inches long

1 - Box of 16 or 24 count crayons

5 - Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure with a rubber band

5 - Ballpoint pens, black or blue ink only (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

Personal Care Kits:

1 - Light weight only, bath-size towel, (no larger than 52" x 27") dark colors recommended

2 - Bath size bars of soap....any brand in its original packaging

1 - Adult size toothbrush in it's original packaging

1 - Sturdy hair comb (wide-tooth preferred), remove packaging

1 - Metal nail clipper (attached file is optional, but not necessary), remove packaging

Baby Care Kits: - Sizes up to 24 months:

2 - Lightweight cotton t-shirts

4 - **cloth** diapers, flat fold preferred

2 - Long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)

2 - receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel. Crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn up to 52"square are acceptable as well.

1 - Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap

2 - Pairs of socks

1 - Hand towel, dark color recommended

2 - Bath size bars of gentle soap in original wrapping

2 - Diaper pins OR, large safety pins.



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 - 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 June 1-June 30				
Disbursements:				
Administration	\$460.85			
Physical Plant	\$1,338.10			
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,347.89			
Benevolence	\$0.00			
Parish Expense	\$0.00			
Dues and Fees	\$0.00			
Holiday Raffle Exp.	\$0.00			
Total Disbursements = \$6,146.84				
Giving Receipts				
Simply Giving Total =	\$2,810.00		General Fund Total =	\$4,753.00
On-Going Total =	\$88.20		Improvement Fund - Total =	\$225.00
June 2025 Giving Grand Total = \$7,876.20				

Food Pantry Needs

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

- *Cereal
- *Baked Beans
- *Tuna
- *Fruit Juice

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!

*Pantry distribution is the last Wednesday of every month and the hours are 11am-1pm.

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

AUGUST, 2025



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

WHITEHALL

BEEF & DAIRY

Days

AUGUST
14-17, 2025



THURSDAY • AUGUST 14

7PM **MISS WHITEHALL PAGEANT**
Whitehall High School Auditorium
\$5 Admission Charge Over Age 6
• "The Show Must Go On"
• Lions Club Citizen of the Year Award Presentation & Photo Contest Winner Announced

FRIDAY • AUGUST 15

4PM **EVENT TENT**, Bandstand Area
"Happy Hour" 5PM - 7PM
\$2 Beers and Other Drinks

5PM-9PM **FOOD STAND**, Bandstand Area
Serving Hot Beef, Charcoal Chicken and Brats

5:30PM **PEDAL TRACTOR PULL**
Near Event Tent
Registration 5:30PM - 6PM,
Pulling Starts at 6PM

5:30PM **BINGO**, Bandstand Area

7PM-11PM **SAGE**
Wristband Required for Admittance

SATURDAY • AUGUST 16

8AM **"RUNNING OF THE BEEF"**
3K & 5K Run/Walk, 8AM Sign-Up;
9AM Race at Melby Park by the Shelter

11AM **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**
Abrams St. near Event Tent

11AM-8PM **FOOD STAND**, Bandstand Area
Serving Hot Beef, Charcoal Chicken and Brats

11AM-2PM **FREE FUNFAIR**, Col Larson Park
Kids Games, Prizes, Barrel Train,
Bounce House, Fire Truck,
Face Painting, and MORE!
Food Trucks and DJ!

3PM-7PM **CORK & PORK**
Beer, Wine & Cheese Tasting,
Rib Cook-Off; Event Tent

5:30PM **BINGO**, Bandstand Area

8PM-12AM **COUNTRY ROCK STAR**
KC JOHNS
Wristband Required for Admittance

SUNDAY • AUGUST 17

10AM **WHITEHALL COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE**, Whitehall High School Auditorium

12PM-3PM **CREAM PUFF SALE**
Friends of the Whitehall Public Library at Sweet Temptations

12PM **EVENT TENT**, Bandstand Area

11AM-6PM **FOOD STAND**, Bandstand Area;
Serving Hot Beef, Charcoal Chicken and Brats

2PM **MOTORCYCLE SHOW/ BURNOUT PIT**
The Dog House Bar & Grill

GRAND PARADE

Sunday, August 17
1PM, Main Street

After the Parade

Bingo, Bandstand Area
"The Piano Man" and BUCKY BADGER,
Event Tent

Six-Team Round Robin Fastpitch Tournament
Saturday-Sunday, Colonel Larson Memorial Park



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All"***

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The poster for the 63rd Annual YORK RODEO 2025 features a blue wooden plank background. On the left, a maroon and gold rope border contains the text "63rd Annual YORK RODEO 2025" in stylized fonts. To the right, "Aug 8-10" is written in large yellow letters. Below this, "YORK BALLPARK YORK, WI" is in white, and "Between Northfield & Pigeon Falls off Hwy 121 on County Rd G" is in yellow. At the bottom, four photos show: two horses pulling a sled (labeled "Horse Pull"), a man and woman with a cornhole board (labeled "Cornhole (Bags) Tournament"), a cowboy on a bucking horse (labeled "Gymkhana"), and a person in a foam pit (labeled "Kid's Fun Foam Party").

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Gymkhana

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Foam Party**