

July 2024



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI

The Messenger

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Happy
4th of July!

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Hello and Happy Summer,

Mark 6:2 On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!"

Jesus had gone home to Nazareth to visit family and to teach. He was well known as a carpenter, son of Joseph and Mary, had brothers and sisters, but how in the world does he know all he is teaching? The people who had known him his whole life could not accept him as their Savior. Jesus was "amazed at their unbelief". How "human" it is to question most everything with the vantage point of being human. Jesus is presenting as divine, as the Savior they have been told their whole lives, is coming. Now that he is right there in front of him – NOPE, he is not the One.

July 7 we will be gathering in Pleasantville for our Sunday worship at 10:30. The service will be in the Lion's Club Pavilion. Chairs will be furnished unless you want to bring one of your own to sit just outside of the Pavilion or to watch the ballgames after lunch. For many of the people who will be worshipping this day, it is like coming home. This service has been going on for, I think, over 50 years. It is a time to re-connect with family and friends. It is an opportunity to worship outdoors in nature similar to how Jesus taught many people in his ministry.

This is also the time of our yearly celebrations when we remember all of our Forefathers and Foremothers (Forepersons) who sacrificed so very much so we can have the freedoms we truly enjoy today. Aptly named July 4 as Independence Day, a time in which we no longer have to answer to any other countries. We can make choices that impact our lives, choices that are not respected by many leaders in the world today. We enjoy many "rights" but need to respect the "rights" of our neighbors too. My rights do not overtake or overshadow those of anyone else. Loving our neighbors is truly what God wants us to do every day. Thank you everyone who has helped us gain this freedom, we are blessed because of your sacrifice. May God Bless you all richly.

As you are participating in any or many of the summer events and activities, please don't forget that we would not even have a place to enjoy them without God. All that we have is a part of creation, maybe billions of years ago. Now at this moment in time, we enjoy the harvest of the creation. Just a few weeks ago we learned about planting or sowing seeds and that the Kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a bush that supports the birds of the air (paraphrased from Mark 4:31-32). I try to imagine what things may have looked like when God turned chaos into what we have now. What a beautiful gift we have been given.

Let us make time this summer to do some planting of seeds within others who may not be as fortunate to know God. May we plant seeds of our Christian Faith, of Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Sometimes kind words or gestures are enough to be that seed. People often remember the love shown to them. "They will know we are Christians by our love". Please keep sharing Holy Moments with each other.

Enjoy July, 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 and Janice Johnson, MaryJane Hernes

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

Members in Service

JUL

Altar Guild: Carol Byington & Karen Witte

Ushers: Volunteers Needed

July Birthdays



- 1 - Elizabeth Hauser
- 3 - Kade Foss, Lila Solberg
- 4 - Cheryl Brekke
- 5 - Hadley Dittman, Thomas Kopp
- 7 - David Schaefer, Norah Youngbauer
- 9 - Susie Jordahl
- 10 - Wendy Schaefer-Miles, Madison Staff
- 11 - Bonnie Johnson
- 12 - Lori Berg, Viola Jacobson
- 14 - Adam Semb
- 15 - Caynen Halama, Scott Stendahl
- 16 - Sharon Foss, Troy Peters
- 18 - Kristen Matchey
- 19 - Brittany Carlson, Kari Kelsey, Eli Moats, Mary Pat Speerstra
- 20 - Todd Densmore, Dawn Peterson
- 21 - Paul Coburn, Katherine Laehn, Ivan Semb, Taylor Smith, Beckett Vitse
- 22 - Molly Toraason
- 23 - Jeanne Semb
- 24 - Riley Herman, Ashley Moats
- 25 - Wayne Lee, Steven Stendahl, Julie Webster
- 26 - Jennifer Herried, Daniel Keenan
- 28 - John Waldera
- 29 - Alexis Kurth
- 30 - Duane Johnson, Camille Miles, Anna Sylla
- 31 - Ann Johnson



Church News



Please keep the following in your prayers:

*Arline Stuve . *Mavis Olson

*Dawn Coburn . *Lisa James . *Mavis Mitskogen

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

*Donald Johnson



NOISY OFFERING

Noisy Offering for June was designated to the Relay for Life. \$412.79 was collect and given through our parish team, United in the Fight. It's always a wonderful effort as we remember those who passed from cancer, those still fighting, and many survivors. **Thank you, everyone who donated to this cause of fighting cancer!**

The Noisy Offering for July will go to Our Saviour's WELCA for their Mission Kit Ministry. This group of hard working women prepare many School Kiits, Personal Care Kits, and Baby Care Kits which are delivered to impoverished people throughout the world. The completed kits are handed off to Lutheran World Relief for shipping where the cost could be as much as \$200 for 100 kits. Your donation will help supply the kits and also go towards the cost of shipping. Thank you for your generosity.

Saturday, July 6th Grace Lutheran Church of Pleasantville will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast from 9-11am. **Update:** Due to septic issues the breakfast will be held at the Town Hall across the street from the church.

On **July 7th the Church Service** will be in Pleasantville at the Park with a **10am music prelude and 10:30am service**. Food will be available to purchase after the service with pie and ice cream being serviced at the Hale Town Hall.

More Church News



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

June 4, 2024

Board Members Present: Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Marnie Anderson, Kris Dubiel, Barb Mathson, 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: Loss of Alma Center senior student killed in car/train accident, Jeannine Olson, Richard Staff for his 44 years of music leadership, Reynolds Tomter (107 years old) for his trip to France for the 80th anniversary of D Day.

3. Communication from Congregation: none

Communication/Action:

1. Secretary's Report: Marnie Anderson made a motion to approve minutes of May 7, 2024, with a second by Clarice Laehn. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report: Barb Mathson presented the following fund balances per May 2024 financial reports: General Fund: \$92,242.79; On Going: \$11,482.32; Improvement: \$38,461.43. Lori Paulson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with a second by Kay Nelson. Motion carried.

3. Ministry Teams Updates:

a) Life & Growth: Considering using tree fund for tree maintenance; contemplating some kind of recognition of those who have donated to the tree fund.

b) Music & Worship:

1. Noisy Offering for May of \$271.45 will go to the Improvement Fund; June will go to Relay for Life; the possible use of Noisy Offering donations for discretionary funds to go toward medical and other needs, will be discussed at the next council meeting.

2. Music & Worship may use Praise Team funds for their expenses.

c) WELCA:

1. Our Saviour's will host Grace Lutheran this Thursday, June 6th.

2. Peace Lutheran in Pigeon is hosting a salad luncheon on June 12th.

3. Mission kit lists are available in narthex.

d) Finance & Property:

1. Barb Mathson contacted John Powell regarding repair work needed to the black top under the canopy. Mark Johnson from the City of Whitehall will also look to see what he thinks.

2. John Powell will patch crack in the concrete.

3. Barb Mathson contacted Tri City Sanitation to remove the dumpster and replace it with a smaller receptacle on wheels which can be moved easily as needed and will be less expensive.

4. Barb Mathson advised the council they need to give thought to the cost of future major repair work such as furnace replacement, etc.

5. Need to think of one more person to serve on Finance & Property committee next year.

e) Lutheran Brotherhood: No report.

4. Sharing from Scott Brown (SAM):

1. Scott talked about visiting congregation members; SAM group meetings; and weekly text talk.

2. Scott and Kris Dubiel will be attending the Synod Convention.

3. Scott will contact other local churches about joining together for vacation bible school.

4. Beef and Dairy Days church service is on August 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Celebration/Affirmation:

1. The next council meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

2. Kay Nelson made a motion with a second by Clarice Laehn to join the church service in Pleasantville on Sunday, July 7th at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Business Items:

1. Discussed the possibility of replacing the existing sign with a basic one that would not be too expensive.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:

Barb Mathson made a motion to adjourn with a second by Marnie Anderson. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Paulson, Council Secretary

Our Saviour's *faith and* finances

DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS June 1 - June 30			
Disbursements:		Account Balances as of 6/26/24 are below:	
Administration	\$313.73	General Fund=	\$94,183.68
Physical Plant	\$1,346.06	On-Going Fund=	\$11,482.43
Salaries & Benefits	\$3935.00	Improvement Fund=	\$38,774.59
Benevolence	\$0.00		
Parish Expense	\$0.00		
Dues and Fees	\$0.00		
Holiday Raffle Exp.	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements = \$5,594.79			
Giving Receipts			
Simply Giving Total =	\$2,841.00	General Fund Total =	\$5,343.00
On-Going Total =	\$412.79	Improvement Fund - Total =	\$626.45
May 2024 Giving Grand Total = \$9,223.21			



WELCA CORNER

The W-ELCA meeting for July will be moved to **Thursday, July 11**, due to the 4th of July falling on the first Thursday of the month. Grace Lutheran in Pleasantville will be hosting. We will begin at 1:30 pm with a short meeting & Bible study followed by dessert & coffee.

Due to septic system problems at Grace, the July 11, meeting of WELCA will be held at Our Saviour's at 1:30 pm. Grace will lead the meeting with devotions etc, & serve the dessert. Please join us.

Please begin shopping for personal care items for our Mission Kits. The bath towel can be the cheapest brand as fast drying towels are wanted. Fingernail clippers, 4 ounce bath soap bars, tooth brushes & wide toothed combs are needed. Thanks in advance for any donations.

Huge Thank you to all who have donated to our Bakeless Bake sale this spring. Your generous donations make it possible for us to contribute to many programs here in Whitehall, in the state & around the world as you could see in our budget that was sent out. We accept donations any time during the year. Thanks again & God bless



JULY IS NATIONAL
ICE CREAM
MONTH





July



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Office Hours 8am-12pm Council Meeting 6:30pm	<u>3</u> Bible study 9:30am Office Hours 1-5pm	<u>4</u> 	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> Church Service at Pleasantville Park 10am Music Prelude 10:30 Church Service	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> Office Hours 8am-12pm	<u>10</u> Bible study 9:30am Office Hours 1-5pm	<u>11</u> WELCA Meeting 1:30pm at OSL	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> Sunday Worship— 9:30 am.	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> Office Hours 8am-12pm	<u>17</u> Bible study 9:30am Office closed	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> Sunday Worship— 9:30 am.	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> Office Hours 8am-12pm	<u>24</u> Bible study 9:30am Food Pantry 11:00 to 1:00 pm Office Hours 1-5pm	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> Sunday Worship— 9:30 am.	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Office Hours 8am-12pm	<u>31</u> Bible study 9:30am Office Hours 1-5pm			



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**



ABOUT US

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to building and delivering hand-made, fully furnished beds to children ages 3-17 in need. SHP's mission is to tackle childhood bedlessness, which we estimate to affect nearly 3% of the population.

SHP is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Federal ID: 46-4346568

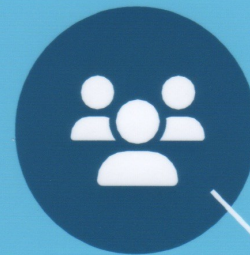


CHAPTERS
377



2012 - 2023

BEDS DELIVERED
206,720



VOLUNTEERS
332,566



LUKE MICKELSON, FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Luke Mickelson started Sleep in Heavenly Peace in 2012. By the end of 2022, SHP has grown into a charity spanning 44 states with 300+ chapters and operating in 4 different countries.

To reserve spots at our July 27, 2024, SHP Bed Build in Black River Falls, call or text Tom Twesme at 715-797-6488, or Rev. Dave Christianson at 612-817-4582, chapter co-presidents. Walk-ins the day of the build are also welcome.

Trempealeau-Jackson-Buffalo Counties Chapter of SHP was started in 2018. Since its inception, the Chapter has delivered over 650 beds for children from 3-17 who are in need of a good sleep and are lacking beds and bedding. Our all-volunteer staff takes bed applications, builds Twin single and bunk beds, and delivers and assembles them the beds on site as requested. It has proven a personally rewarding and community building act that depends on you, our volunteers. SHP is having their next Bed Build on Saturday, July 27, 2024, starting at 9:30 AM at Jackson Electric Co-op garage, N6868 CTH-F, Black River Falls, WI. 54615. Come one, come all.

***"Sharing God's Love With
All"***

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