

June 2024



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI

The Messenger

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Hello and Happy Pentecost,

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from Heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Pentecost is a Jewish feast that began with celebrating the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks and is mentioned in the Old Testament books of Exodus 23, Exodus 24, Leviticus 16, Numbers 28, and Deuteronomy 16. It is also the word used in Christian traditions to give a name to the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles in the above mentioned event.

During their time with Jesus, the Holy Spirit was with the Apostles. On this day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit entered into them and ultimately us as well. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be an Advocate (helper) for all of us in his absence. Another wonderful gift from Jesus.

Speaking of gifts, many of our respected Veterans will be receiving a wonderful gift June 14, Flag Day, at the Bandstand on Main Street in Whitehall. Quilts that have been crafted by skilled quilters will be presented that day around 6:00 pm. Ice cream and music will begin at 5:30 so bring a lawn chair and come down to honor our Veterans and help celebrate one of the many Whitehall Sesquicentennial activities. I do not have a list of who all helped to create the 220 quilts, so we will need to ask Barb Johnson who else was involved. The quilts were on display in the Our Saviour's sanctuary May 18 and 19. A few people I spoke to agreed, the display was spectacular.

We extend our Congratulations to Whitehall High School Senior Tyanna Beck upon her graduation from our local school and a new beginning at CVTC in the fall for Diesel Technology. We all wish for you a very wonderful future.

Summer is almost here. We all look forward to the balmy temperatures, beautiful flowers, prolific gardens, Farmers Markets, Community celebrations, and family vacations. I just want to remind everyone that the sanctuary will be open for worship every Sunday, and will love to see how your tans are progressing! We also have year round bills to pay so please consider offering on a regular basis. Thank you to all of you who do give regularly, it truly is appreciated.

Our two congregations have a joint Relay For Life team named United in the Fight. We have the same team members each year, but would love to have others join us in our Fight against cancer. Too many of us are survivors and many of our family and friends have lost their personal fight with cancer. We would love to eliminate as much of it as possible in our lifetimes. June 28, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm we will be gathering at Ekern Park in Pigeon Falls. Anyone is welcome to come for the food, fellowship, and fun. Bring money please.

Enjoy June, 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, Fern Moen

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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

***Arline Stuve . *Mavis Olson**

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

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

Friends and Family of LaVonne Slama, Lila Solberg and Mary Johnson

Church Council News



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

May 7, 2024

Board Members Present: Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Marnie Anderson, 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:** Jane (Matchey) Holen
3. **Communication from Congregation:** Should have ushers direct people during communion at larger services.

Communication/Action:

1. **Secretary's Report:** Barb Mathson made a motion to approve minutes of April 3, 2024, with a second by Kris Dubiel. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Barb Mathson presented the following fund balances per April 2024 financial reports: General Fund: \$94,569.51; On Going: \$12,612.22; Improvement: \$37,279.76. 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: A quilt will be presented to graduate Tyanna Beck at the senior recognition service May 19.
- b) Music & Worship: No report.
- c) WELCA: No report.
- d) Finance & Property:
 1. Approved the planting of trees donated by Ron Wanek/Ashley Furniture. Life and Growth has a tree fund that can be used for upkeep of trees.
 2. Motion made by Barb Mathson to approve Heidi Anderson to serve on Finance and Property Committee with a second by Lori Paulson. Motion carried. This committee still needs one more person to serve.
 3. Christy Moats will be stepping down from handling the church financials. Barb Mathson has offered to take on this role when her term ends on the Finance and Property committee at the end of this year.
- e) Lutheran Brotherhood: \$1155 has been collected for World Hunger.

4. Sharing from Scott Brown (SAM):

1. Scott talked about visiting congregation members, officiating at memorial services and leading worship services at senior living facilities.
2. Scott will be gone a couple of days the week of May 12 th . He will be back on Wednesday of that week. Pastor Greg Ofsdahl of Peace Lutheran in Pigeon has agreed to be on call.

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Celebration/Affirmation:

1. The next council meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Business Items:

1. The number of bulletins printed each week should be reduced.
2. There is a dip under the car port that needs to be fixed; the whole parking lot needs repair; concrete repair is needed as well, including sidewalks and by stairwell.

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

June Birthdays



- 1 - Paula Powell
- 3 - David Hegge, Anna Kurth, Brett Leque
- 4 - Ken Giese, Leah Johnson, John Lisowski,
- 5 - Cody Densmore, Marie Lisowski
- 9 - Colton Ives
- 12 - Jerry Leque III
- 13 - Krista Kolstad
- 17 - Trey Johnson, Kolden Foss
- 18 - Steven Knudtson, Steve Larson
- 19 - Gary Nordby
- 20 - Kenneth Anderson, Tom Matchey, Aubrey Pronschinske
- 21. Sherri Speerstra
- 24. Hunter Kjos, Katelyn Paulson, Alicia Schmitt
- 25 - Andrew Harvie
- 27 - Julie Oates
- 28 - Gary Fromm, Doris Hagen
- 29 - Steven Schaefer, Mike Gilbertson
- 30 - Julie Demulling



Our Saviour's

faith and finances

DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS May 1 - May 31

Disbursements:				Account Balances as of CURRENT DATE are below: - General Fund \$ 92,242.79 - On-Going Fund \$ 11,482.32 - Improvement Fund \$ 38,461.43
Administration	\$232.10			
Physical Plant	\$4,904.02			
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,930.70			
Benevolence	\$0.00			
Parish Expense	\$0.00			
Dues and Fees	\$0.00			
Holiday Raffle Exp.	\$0.00			
Total Disbursements = \$9,298.92				
Giving Receipts				
Simply Giving Total =	\$2,927.00		General Fund Total =	\$3,460.05
On-Going Total =	\$415.00		Improvement Fund - Total =	\$520.00
May 2024 Giving Grand Total = \$7,322.50				

Members in Service

Altar Guild: Sharon Ringstad, Beverly Waldera & Paula Powell

Altar Flowers: Clarice Laehn & Mim Richter

NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy Offering for May was designated for Our Saviour's Improvement Fund. Your contributions of \$230.00 will help us prepare for repairs and replacements!!

Noisy Offering for June will be designated to the Relay for Life. Our parish team, United in the Fight, will be actively involved at the event on Friday, June 28, at Ekern Park in Pigeon Falls. It's always a wonderful effort as we remember those who passed from cancer, those still fighting, and many survivors. Our generosity can make a real difference to so many!



Mark Your Calendar's and Save the Dates!



~ American Cancer Society RELAY FOR LIFE ~

When: Friday, June 28th, 2024 (5:00 to 10:00 pm) - Opening Ceremony
will be at 6:00 pm

Where: Ekern Park—13022 E. Main Street—Pigeon Falls, WI

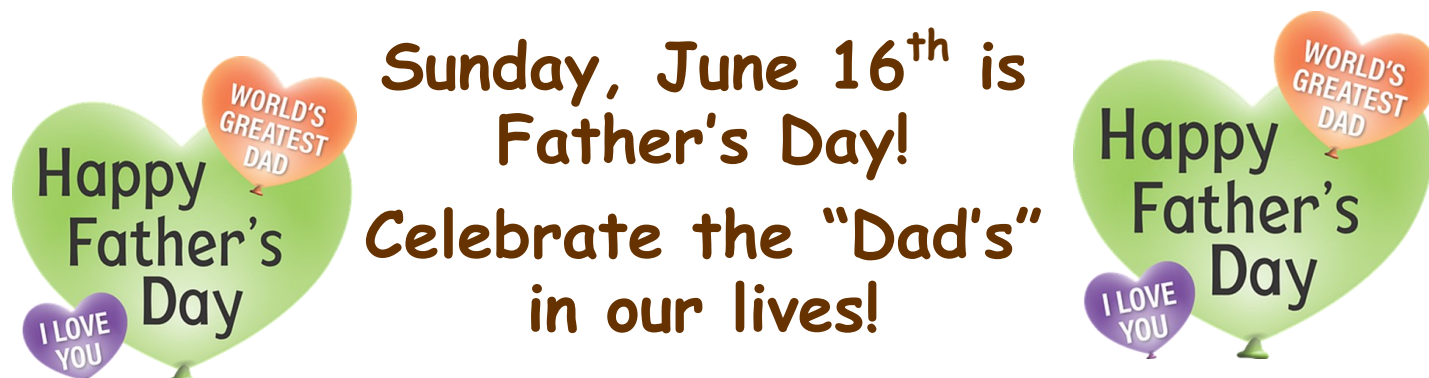
Silent Auction, Bucket Fundraiser, 50/50, DJ, Kids Games, Food and so much more!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Team **"United in the Fight"**, is still collecting donations for the event as well as purchase of Luminaries. Please see Marnie Anderson, before or after church service for the Luminary forms.

Quilt display and Music

You are invited to upcoming events celebrating and honoring our Whitehall Area Veterans.

Honor Quilt presentation to Our Local Veterans, Friday, June 14 at the Bandstand Main Street Whitehall, 5:30pm Ice Cream Social and music, 6pm Presentation of Quilts. Please feel free to invite family and friends. Open to the Public free event.



W-ELCA will be meeting at Our Saviour's on **Thursday, June 6 at 1:30 pm.** We will be hosting the women from Grace Lutheran. S.A.M. Scott Brown will lead our Bible Study. We will have a short business meeting also. Coffee & lunch will be served. All are welcome to enjoy our fellowship.

This summer W-ELCA will begin collecting items for our mission kits that we pack in September. Watch for lists of items posted in the narthex. Thank you in advance.

WELCA of Peace Lutheran Church: will hold a salad luncheon, Wednesday, June 12th at noon. Susan Kay Dahl will be the guest speaker. Program: "Find the Joy". Please RSVP by June 5th to 715-983-2242. All are welcome to attend!



Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, May 5th

Taylor Marie Johnson, daughter of Dennis & Katie Johnson,

Brayden James Johnson, son of Dennis & Katie Johnson,

Kade Thomas Foss, son of Chad & Laura Foss,

Travis Michael Smith, son of Peter & Amy Smith,

Affirmed their faith and were confirmed as members of the church.

Be a Summer Hero

Donate Blood

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Community Blood Drive

It's hard to maintain a healthy blood supply in summer. Donate at this upcoming blood drive this June to ensure local patients in Wisconsin area hospitals receive the blood products they need, daily.

Monday June 10

9:30am – 2:30pm



LOCATION: Our Savior's Lutheran Church
36197 Main Street, Whitehall
- Church Basement Hall -

DONATE & RECEIVE: Donate blood for a chance to be able to win a cruise!*

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT: Appointments are highly encouraged. Secure your spot by visiting the link below, scan the QR code, or call 877.232.4376:



Versiti.org/wi



*NO PURCH. NEC. MI, OH, IL, IN, and WI residents only; 21+. Ends 6/23/24. Two (2) separate drawings. Enter by blood donation or online. See Official Rules and online entry form at [Versiti.org/cruise](https://www.versiti.org/cruise). Sponsor: Versiti, Inc. 638 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
Sunday Worship 9:30am ²	³	Office Hours 8am-12pm Council Meeting 6:30pm ⁴	Bible study 9:30am Office Hours 1-5pm ⁵	WELCA Meeting 1:30pm at OSL ⁶	⁷	⁸
Sunday Worship 9:30am ⁹	Blood Drive at OSL 9:30am-2:30pm Appointments are highly encouraged. ¹⁰	Office Hours 8am-12pm ¹¹	Bible study 9:30am Peace Lutheran Salad Luncheon at noon Office Hours 1-5pm ¹²	¹³	Veteran Quilt Presentation 5:30pm (Bandstand, Whitehall) ¹⁴ 	¹⁵
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Sunday Worship 9:30am ³⁰						

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[United in Faith Parish](#) and [OS Sunday-School](#) and [OSLC Youth](#).



HAPPY
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DAY
