

June 2025



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI

The Messenger

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Hello All,

Ascension of Our Lord happens this year on May 29. It does not happen on a Sunday so often we do not celebrate it. This year I have the privilege to worship at Pigeon Falls Health Care Center on Ascension Day, I consider this an honor.

Luke 24:44-53 44[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” 50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Jesus has ascended back into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God. He promised to send an Advocate, the Holy Spirit to be with us and in us to represent Jesus among us and fulfills that promise on the Day of Pentecost June 8. Pentecost means 50. It is a Jewish festival that is celebrated fifty days after Passover. It is also called the Feast of Weeks, and originally celebrated the wheat harvest. Jews from all over the known world would have come to Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost and were there to witness what is described below.

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

The festival of Pentecost will be celebrated now for 23 Sundays until Christ the King Sunday November 23, 2025. Then the new church year will begin with Advent.

The Disciples, as young human beings, often did not understand what Jesus was telling them. They would ask each other what he meant but often were afraid to ask Jesus to explain further. The Holy Spirit coming to them and entering into them, explained everything to them. They were now fully prepared to go out into the world and share the Gospel with anyone who would listen. They went out into many communities near and far and preached the truth, no matter what the potential danger might be. This information about Jesus was too important to hide, to keep to themselves, and the desire burned within them to “plant seeds” of a new “Way”. The Way was the beginning of Christianity and many Jews and Gentiles began to worship Jesus as their Lord and Savior. God became the most important part of their lives. So much so that many lost their lives because of their beliefs. Many of the Jewish leaders felt that by eliminating many of the new converts to this Way, belief in Jesus would fade away. Fortunately for us, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are alive within us. Halleluiah!

God Bless you all, love your neighbors.

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,
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
Ralph Johnson, MaryJane Hernes

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

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

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Mavis Olson, Mary Lou Beck, Lisa James, Mavis Mitskogen, Norman Nordby, Jane Holen, Paula Hentges, Dennis Dubiel, Francis Hilgart, Eric Jordahl, Roger Oelrich, Leo Bork, Georgia Hughes, Clarice Henrickson and the family and friends of Betsy Clatt

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

Church Council News



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 6, 2025

Board Members Present: Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Marnie Anderson, Ellen Hauser, Karen Witte, Kris Dubiel, 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:**
3. **Communication from Congregation:** none

Communication/Action:

1. **Secretary's Report:** No action due to no quorum for previous meeting.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** The following fund balances presented per April 2025 financial reports:
General Fund: \$100,154.45 **On Going Fund:** \$10,201.76 **Improvement Fund:** \$74,776.30

Lori Paulson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with a second by Marnie Anderson. Motion carried.

3. Ministry Teams Updates:

a) Music & Worship:

1. Noisy Offering of \$401.78 for April went to the Improvement Fund. May offering will go to the Discretionary Fund.
2. Terry Lorenz will help with learning how to use the clavinova (programmable keyboard).

b) WELCA: WELCA members will be working on Bakeless Sale donation letters

c) Men's Brotherhood: Close to \$1400 sent to World Hunger; additional donations given to the food pantry

d) Life & Growth: Diaper drive will continue for another month with additional items needed such as underclothes and socks.

Sharing from Scott Brown (SAM):

1. Scott has officiated a baptism and graveside services and has another graveside service later this month.
2. Confirmation Sunday was May 4 th ; First Communion is on May 12 th .
3. There are no seniors this year.
4. Scott has been asked to speak at Baccalaureate on May 18 th .
5. Lay minister school is coming up as well as a SAM meeting.

Celebration/Affirmation: The date of the next council meeting is June 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Business Items:

1. Dave attended the Synod convention.
2. Further discussion held regarding the church constitution. Dave will ask congregation members to participate in creating a proposal to combine committees.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:

Ellen Hauser made a motion to adjourn with a second by Karen Witte. 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



NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy Offering for May was designated for a Discretionary Fund for Our Saviour's. Your donation of \$330.68 will give Scott Brown the ability to give out funds at his discretion to help those in need during difficult times.

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 27th, at the Whitehall High School from 5-9pm. 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!



Our Saviour's

faith and finances

DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS April 1-30				
Disbursements:				
Administration	\$200.00			
Physical Plant	\$2,019.05			
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,242.09			
Benevolence	\$0.00			
Parish Expense	\$0.00			
Dues and Fees	\$0.00			
Total Disbursements = \$6,461.75				
Giving Receipts				
Simply Giving Total =	\$2,703.00		General Fund Total =	\$2,275.90
On-Going Total =			Improvement Fund - Total =	\$165.00
April 2025 Giving Grand Total = \$5,143.90				

Members in Service

Altar Guild: Sharon Ringstad, Beverly Waldera & Paula Powell

Altar Flowers: Clarice Laehn & Mim Richter



**Sunday, June 15th is
Father's Day!
Celebrate the "Dad's"
in our lives!**



*No WELCA meeting will be held in June.

*Bakeless Bakesale Letters have been mailed. Please return your checks ASAP.

WELCA of Peace Lutheran Church: will hold a salad luncheon, Wednesday, June 11th at noon. Stacia Christenson will be the guest speaker with a Motivational Message: "Must Be Present to Win". Please RSVP by June 6th to 715-983-2242 (RSVP's encouraged but not required). All are welcome to attend!



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 4th

Hartlin Klidzejs,
daughter of Andy and Meggan Klidzejs.

Hadley Kulig,
daughter of Kendal and Elsa Kulig.

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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

- * Baked beans
- * Canned fruit

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!

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Worship 9:30am 1	2	Office Hours 8am-12pm Council Meeting 6:30pm 3	Bible study 9:30am Office Hours 1-5pm 4	5	6	7
Sunday Worship 9:30am 8	9	Office Hours 8am-12pm 10	Bible study 9:30am 11 12pm-noon WELCA Salad Luncheon at Pigeon Falls Office Hours 1-5pm	12	13	14 
Sunday Worship 9:30am 15 	16	Office Hours 8am-12pm 17	Bible study 9:30am 18 Office Hours 1-5pm	19	20 	21
Sunday Worship 9:30am 22	23	Office Hours 8am-12pm 24	Bible study 9:30am 25 Food Pantry 11am-1:30pm Office Hours 1-5pm	26	27 Relay for Life 5-9pm (Whitehall High School)	28
Sunday Worship 9:30am 29	30					

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HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY
