

The Messenger

Hello All,

Alleluia! Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The entire month of May is a part of Easter which officially ends with Pentecost on June 8, though one would presume that May 29 which is Ascension of Our Lord would end the season of Easter. With Jesus no longer on earth, it seems like it should be done. I suspect that since Ascension does not happen on a Sunday, we carry Easter over to the Sunday following the Ascension because it is 50 days after Easter. June 1 is the 7th Sunday of Easter. June 8 is Pentecost the day the Holy Spirit came to the Disciples with “tongues as of fire”, and they began to speak in tongues. I will comment more on that next month.

This past Sunday we learned the story about Jesus making an appearance to his disciples in the locked upper room to prove to them he truly has been raised from the dead. Thomas was not there for that visit so he was not willing to believe Jesus is alive again. This is truly a human response to something as amazing as resurrection! Since the disciples all fled from the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus was arrested and Peter denied he even knew Jesus, they were not present at the crucifixion. Others who were actually there had told them Jesus was dead, so that is what they were expecting on Easter Sunday. Even the truth about Jesus not being in the tomb and angels telling the visitors to the tomb that he was not there, that he had risen and was alive, was not believed by any of the disciples until Jesus appeared to them in person.

Thomas gets a nickname from this Gospel, “Doubting Thomas”. I see this as unfair to him, I think he is “Human Thomas”. The rest of the disciples all doubted the reports from their peers but they do not have any label for doing so. When Jesus comes back and shows Thomas his hands, feet, and side, Thomas then believes. He is the only one to declare Jesus, “My Lord and my God!” You and I are lumped into the group who are, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” (John 20:28-29)

The third Sunday of Easter, Jesus comes again to the Disciples at the Sea of Tiberias (also called Galilee) where they fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus told them where the fish were and they filled the net. They did not recognize him at first but when they did, Peter jumped in and swam to Jesus. Jesus gave them breakfast of bread and fish, then gave Peter the opportunity to make amends for denying Jesus three times. Jesus asks Peter three times if he loved him.

The fourth Sunday of Easter we learn about Jesus being rejected by some of the Jewish community because they cannot believe He is who He is, God’s son. To them it is blasphemy and punishable by stoning. He explains to them using the Mosaic Law to support His truth but they fail to arrest Him.

The fifth Sunday of Easter Jesus gives his Disciples a New Commandment. John 13:34-35; 34 “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The sixth Sunday of Easter Jesus tells his Disciples that the Advocate or Holy Spirit or Spirit of Truth, will come to them after he has ascended to Heaven. They will hear the word of God through the Spirit.

Stay tuned for the Ascension Acts 1:1-11.

God Bless you all, love your neighbors.

Scott W. Brown, SAM

Church News



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

April 10, 2025

Board Members Present: Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Marnie Anderson, Ellen Hauser, Karen Witte, and Lori Paulson.

Dave Anderson, council president, at 6:30 p.m. declared there was not a quorum therefore the meeting would proceed with no voting/decisions.

Preparation:

1. **Opening Devotions:** Devotions by Scott Brown
2. **Prayer Requests/Homebound:** Duane Dubiel, Roger Oelrich
3. **Communication from Congregation:** Congregation member mentioned a stained-glass window that needs repair.

Communication/Action:

1. **Secretary's Report:** No action due to no quorum.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** No action due to no quorum.
3. **Ministry Teams Updates:**
 - a) Music & Worship:
 1. Noisy Offering of \$390.11 for March went to RIF (Reading is Fundamental). April will go to the Improvement Fund.
 2. Looking at using the clavinova (programmable keyboard) when an organist is not available.
 - b) WELCA: WELCA members attended the Dairyland Conference Morning of Renewal meeting
 - c) Men's Brotherhood: Collected close to \$2000 in dues and World Hunger donations.
 - d) Life & Growth: Diaper drive is this month.

Sharing from Scott Brown (SAM):

1. Scott attended the Northwest Synod's Walking Together event in Rice Lake on March 22nd.
2. Scott attended the EcoFaith Summit in Duluth via You Tube.
3. The Synod convention is coming up at the end of April.
4. The Round Robin Lenten services went well.

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

Business Items: A copy of the church constitution was handed out. Further discussion will be included in the May agenda.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Paulson, Council Secretary



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

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

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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Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 4th we will honor two of our youth as they participate in the Service of Confirmation. Hartlin Klidzejs and Hadley Kulig will profess their Faith along with family and the whole congregation. We wish them well and hope God will help them find their path in life.



Sunday School

Sunday, May 11th, will be the final day of Sunday School Classes for the 2024/2025 school year. Have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!

Quilters

The talented ladies of "Stitches of Love" Quilting group, will give their nimble fingers a rest thru the summer months. Their last get together this spring will be **Tuesday, May 20th** See you all the first Tuesday in September!



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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

- Toilet tissue
- Peanut butter or jelly (no glass containers)

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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Members in Service:

Alter Guild - Carol Byington and Karen Witte

Ushers - Clarice Laehn

Alter Flowers - Sharon Foss and Sharon Pederson



Celebrate our Mothers on Sunday, May 11th



Home of the free, because of the brave



Our Saviour's

faith and
finances

DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS March 1-March 31				
Disbursements:				
Administration	\$994.78			
Physical Plant	\$3,738.12			
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,415.73			
Benevolence	\$0.00			
Parish Expense	\$0.00			
Dues and Fees	\$0.00			
Holiday Raffle Exp.	\$0.00			
Total Disbursements = \$9,148.63				
Giving Receipts				
Simply Giving Total =	\$1,875.00		General Fund Total =	\$2,915.00
On-Going Total =			Improvement Fund - Total =	\$110.00
April 2024 Giving Grand Total = \$4,900.00				

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May Birthdays

- 2 - Gary Pampuch, Kermit Pederson
- 3 - William Youngbauer
- 4 - Delaine Stendahl
- 5 - Mavis Olson
- 6 - Lance Giebel
- 7 - Mark Carlson
- 8 - Marian Miller
- 11 - Daniel Koxlien
- 15 - Sherri Warner
- 16 - Richard Eide, Mark Granlund
- 17 - Diane Carlson
- 19 - Susan Kampa, Chelsea Ivers
- 20 - Rodney Paulson
- 24 - Kristina Dubiel, Sonja Lyngen
- 25 - Robert Rutschow, Layla Woychik
- 26 - Andrea Hanson
- 27 - Lori Kampa
- 28 - Juli Nordby, Dennis Staff
- 29 - Wesley Herried, Emily Herness, Jillian Schaefer



The Noisy Offering for May 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 Panty 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.

Our Noisy Offering for April was designated for Our Saviour's Improvement Fund. Your contributions of \$401.78 will help us prepare for repairs and replacements!!

Easter Flowers



Easter Flowers

In Loving Memory of

- *John Witte by Karen Witte*
- *Marv & Ardis Witte by Karen Witte*
- *Janice, Fred & Marilyn Chamberlain by Karen Witte*
- *Clarence & Tina Waldera by Rich & Bev Waldera*
- *Norbert & Berniece Pulvermacher by Kurt & Barb Johnson*
- *Charles & Bonnie Johnson by Kurt & Barb Johnson*
- *Aunts & Uncles by Kurt & Barb Johnson*
- *Howard & Carolyn Tjoflat by Jeff & Ellen Hauser*
- *Ken & Anne Nelson by Jeff & Ellen Hauser*
- *Raymond & Alma Loga; Hugh & Alvina Goard; John & Viola Dunham by Dave & Brenda Loga*
- *Elden, Eldora, & Debbie Schorbahn by their family*
- *Our grandparents by Melanie & Jeff Sygulla*
- *Bennie & Stella Ringstad; August & Emma Ringstad by Rich & Bev Waldera*
- *Francis & Hazel Foss; Ruby & Roman Thomas & Roger Thomas by Joanne & Les Foss*
- *Helen & Leonard Foss; Victor & Samuel Foss from their family*
- *Dawn Coburn by Kris Dubiel, Steve Lamberson & Barb Mathson*
- *Mary Johnson by Andrew Johnson*
- *Loved Ones by Barb Mathson*
- *Ben Ringstad by Sharon Ringstad*

Easter Flowers

In Honor of

- *Loved Ones by Barb Mathson*
- *Our Godchildren, Mikayla, Chloe, and Darren by Kris & Duane Dubiel*
- *Elizabeth & Matthew Edwards by Karen Witte*
- *Our 15 Grandchildren by Joanne & Les Foss*
- *Our 4 Grandsons: Devin Klomsten, Jackson, Gannon & Bennett Loga by Dave & Brenda Loga*
- *Our grandchildren by Melanie & Jeff Sygulla*

Thank you for blessing our church with Easter flowers.

You are welcome to take your Easter flowers home after the service.



Our Saviours Women-ELCA will meet on **Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 1:30** in our church Fellowship Hall. We will host Grace W-ELCA for this meeting. S.A.M. Scott Brown will lead us in our Bible Study . A short business meeting will be held followed by coffee & dessert. Come join our fellowship for inspiration.

Diaper Mission

We are extending the diaper mission through May. We presented the Human Services and Foster care team with a \$250.00 Thrivent Action Team gift card so they can purchase more diapers in the sizes most needed. We have already donated the equivalent number of diapers and are now challenging all of us to MATCH the THRIVENT donation. And while we at it how about adding 2 more items that are also needed.

What happens when a child is no longer in diapers? Do they sit in dirty or wet underwear. Some do. We can do something to help with this problem. A few packages of boys' and girls' underwear don't cost so much that I can't afford them. Maybe everyone doesn't have the funds to do this or maybe can only donate one pack. What ever can be done will be a help. All sizes are needed even up to teenage sizes. And if you are able, sox in all sizes would also be greatly appreciated.

GOD BLESS your generosity, and may it be returned many times over.
Life and Growth Team

United in the Fight

Parish Relay for Life Team

Come one come all. Join our relay team. You really don't need to do much just make a donate to the fight to find treatments and God willing, a cure for all cancers. Its not hard to find the ACS Relay for Life web site, click on Trempealeau county relay, find our team (United In The Fight)and make your donation, or just give your donation to one of our team members and we will make the donation for you.

God Bless You and Thank You

Marnie

May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				¹ WELCA Meeting at Grace 1:30pm	²	³
⁴ Sunday Worship 9:30 am Confirmation Sunday Sunday School Class at 10:30	⁵	⁶ Office Hours 8am-12pm Quilters 8:30 - Noon Our Saviour's Council 6:30 pm	⁷ Bible Study 9:30PM Office Hours: 1-5pm	⁸ Relay for Life Rummage sale 8am-5pm	⁹ Relay for Life Rummage sale 8am-5pm	¹⁰ Relay for Life Rummage sale 8am-noon Clean-up
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