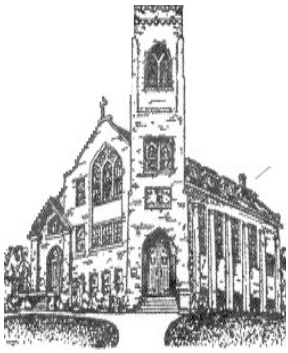


November 2024



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI

The Messenger

Hello All, Blessed All Saints Sunday and beyond,

I debated greeting you on the line above with, Happy All Saints Sunday, which most often is not a

“Happy” occasion. It is a time to remember and reflect on and about all the family, friends, neighbors, congregation members, in fact all who have left their earthly human body and now have their soul in Heaven with God. We mostly honor those who died within this year. Each congregation has it’s own way to honor those souls, and in some cases, we honor the Saints we dearly miss, no matter when they left us.

November also has two other very important celebrations, Christ the King Sunday this year November 24th, and Thanksgiving Day November 28th.

Christ the King Sunday celebrates the moment Jesus explains to Pilate that His Kingdom is not of this world. John 18:33-37 (the Gospel for Christ the King Sunday) 33Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you King of the Jews?” 34Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” 35Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” 36Jesus answered, “My Kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” 37Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The very next verse, which is not a part of the reading for the 24 th , Pilate asks Jesus, “What is truth?” There is no answer offered by Jesus after that question so we are tasked with the question and answer. I have not yet studied this in detail, however, given the context of “everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice”, God is truth and we all belong to God. Because we believe in Jesus as God, we listen to his voice through the scriptures. (Come to worship on the 24 th and I will let you know if I am on track or not).

Thanksgiving worship will be at Grace Lutheran of Pleasantville on Tuesday November 26, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Only one joint service for both congregations that evening. We feel that many of you may be traveling for Thanksgiving or preparing a meal on Wednesday so Tuesday seems a better option. This past year has not been easy for many people in the country and world. At times our hearts are heavy, our minds are clouded with stress coming at us from many different experiences. It is necessary to take some time to reflect on the positives in our daily lives that we are thankful for, including our “Holy Moments”.

I would like to offer an opportunity to write down some things you are thankful for as you enter the sanctuary at Grace Lutheran, and then read them during the service so we can all experience them. This would be anonymous and you won’t have to identify who wrote the petition unless you want others to know. I truly hope and pray your lives only get more positive as we approach Thanksgiving.

God Bless you all.

Scott W. Brown, SAM

Sharing God’s
Love With All!



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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Minutes October 8, 2024

Board Members Present: Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Marnie Anderson, Kris Dubiel, Kay Nelson, Ellen Hauser, Clarice Laehn, Jacob Paulson and Lori Paulson.

Dave Anderson, council president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Preparation:

Opening Devotions: Devotions by Scott Brown

Prayer Requests/Homebound: Lisa James, Paula Hentges, Reynolds Tomter, hurricane victims

Communication from Congregation: Congregation members enjoyed the choir singing during communion

Communication/Action:

1. **Secretary's Report:** Kris Dubiel made a motion to approve minutes of August 6, 2024, with a second by Kay Nelson. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Kris Dubiel presented the following fund balances per September 2024 financial reports: General Fund: \$97,354.73; On Going: \$11,595.06; Improvement: \$39,835.76. Kay Nelson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with a second by Lori Paulson. Motion carried.
3. **Ministry Teams Updates:**
 - a) Music & Worship:
 1. September Noisy Offering of over \$300.00 went to discretionary fund
A line item will be created in the On Going Fund to track the discretionary funds
 2. October Noisy Offering will go to hurricane victims
 - b) Life & Growth: Will be meeting to start planning for the Christmas season
 - c) WELCA:
 1. Christmas decorating is set for Monday, November 25th at 4 p.m.
 2. Undecorate is scheduled for January 12th after church
 3. Next WELCA meeting is scheduled for November 7th at Our Savior's
 4. Thirteen boxes of mission kits were delivered to a semi in Eau Claire which took them to the donation center in Minneapolis to be distributed where needed.
4. **Sharing from Scott Brown (SAM):**

Pastor Randy Olson of the Northwest Synod met with Dave Anderson and Scott Brown for SAM annual review.

Celebration/Affirmation:

The next council meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Kay Nelson made a motion, with a second by Ellen Hauser, to hold a raffle for gift cards, cash, and quilt. The drawing will be held on December 8th. Motion carried.

Thanksgiving service will be on Tuesday November 26th at Grace Lutheran
November 3rd is All Saint's Day

Business Items:

Include in November's agenda to set annual meeting date and date reports will be due prior to the annual meeting.

Need to find members to serve on Finance & Property

Need new paper towel dispensers for bathrooms

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:

Kay Nelson made a motion to adjourn with a second by Clarice Laehn. Motion carried. 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 & 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 Johnson, MaryJane Hernes

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

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Arline Stuve, Mavis Olson, Dawn Coburn, Mary Lou Beck, Lisa
James, Mavis Mitskogen, Norman Nordby, Jane Holen,
Paula Hentges and Stella Michels.

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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November Birthdays

- 1 - Mary Richter
- 3 - Jeffrey Berg
- 4 - Tyler Giebel, Amiah Ives, Roger Oelrich, Deklin Sorlie
- 6 - Sharon Pederson
- 7 - Katherine Gauger, Megan Nelson, Shirley Wozney
- 8 - Amalia Miles
- 9 - Russell Koxlien
- 10 - Kevin Berg, Bonnie Herbenson, Austin Rieck
- 11 - Maggie Harms, Jonathan Sygulla
- 12 - Alyssa Herman
- 13 - Sue Hansen
- 14 - Todd Herness, Brianna Fonstad
- 16 - Kathleen Ernst, Rhett Frei
- 17 - Waylon Moats, Beverly Waldera
- 19 - Frederick Jacobson
- 20 - Meghan Hegge, Olivia Bundy, Jami Hanvold
- 21 - Marilyn Speerstra
- 22 - Robert Hegge, Anton Johnson, Rebecca Rieck
- 23 - Heidi Knudtson
- 30 - Nicholas Powell





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DECORATE THE CHURCH



Advent begins Sunday, December 1st, so we will decorate the Lord's House on **Monday, November 25th**, starting at 4:00pm or as soon as you are able to help. Bring your kids to help hang an ornament or two if you like! Take part in the fun & start off the Christmas season with this special time. All help is very appreciated!

The Noisy Offering from October was designated for hurricane disaster relief after six states in southeastern United States were devastated by Helene and Milton. Thanks to your generosity \$361.45 will be sent to Lutheran World Relief to help those in need.

November's Noisy Offering will be going to "Christmas is for Kids," which is organized by the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department. Your donation will help to brighten Christmas for children in our area who might not otherwise be remembered.

Members in Service

- *Altar Guild = Lori Paulson & Karen Witte
- *Altar Flowers = Brenda Loga & Marnie Anderson
- * Usher = Clarice Laehn & Anita Semb

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Will be at Grace Lutheran Church in Pleasantville on Tuesday, November 26th, "Thanksgiving Eve" at 6 pm. Please join us giving thanks for all God's Blessings!



Veterans Day is Monday, November 11th. To All our Veterans, whether at home or abroad, active duty, reserves, or retired. We say.....

THANK YOU!

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Poinsettia plants for the church at Christmas

The everlasting beauty of the poinsettia is an age-old Christmas tradition. Its petals form the shape of a brilliant star, symbolizing the rise of the Star of Bethlehem on Christmas night.

Members of Our Saviour's may bring poinsettia plants prior to the Christmas Eve service. Please complete the dedication portion of the form below to be included in the bulletin.

Poinsettia plants can also be ordered for \$10.00 each. Orders & dedication requests need to be placed by December 15th. We are hoping that selling poinsettia plants will make it easier for members to participate in decoration.

Completed forms can be taken to the church office or collected in the NatheX offering plate.

Christmas Poinsettia Form

_____ I am bringing in my own plant, please include the dedication.

_____ I am placing an order.

Color preference (if available) _____

Will you be taking your poinsettia home? _____ yes _____ no

Order Total: \$ _____

From: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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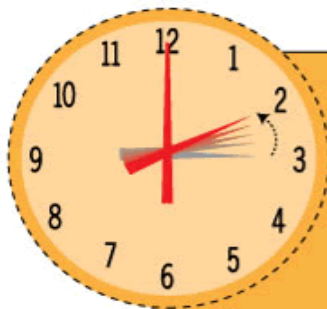


Church Finances



DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS - Oct. 1st, 2024 THRU Oct. 31st 2024

Disbursements:			
Administration	\$118.27		
Physical Plant	\$625.93		
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,027.58		
Benevolence	\$0.00		
Parish Expense	\$0.00		
Dues and Fees	\$0.00		
Harvest Dinner	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements =	\$4,771.78		
Giving Receipts			
Simply Giving Total =	\$3,190.80	General Fund Total =	\$3,649.26
On-Going Total =	\$361.45	Improvement Fund - Total =	\$298.00
October 2024 Giving Grand Total =		\$7,499.51	



Change your
CLOCKS and smoke
BATTERIES!



Reminder....
Daylight Savings
Time will be
ending in the
early morning
hours of
Sunday,
November 3rd

WELCA



Christmas donation boxes will be in the church narthex starting **Oct. 27 through November for Pajamma Gramma & TCHCC**. Those groups need the donations by the beginning of December so they know what they still need to purchase so no one is forgotten this holiday season. There will be donation boxes at Ritter's Hardware also.

Gift ideas include playing cards, crossword & word find book, socks, sugar free candy, winter hats, gloves, scarves, calendars, adult coloring books, boxes of crayons, colored pencils & etc.

Other ideas are posted by the box in the narthex.

Gift cards or checks can be given to New Horizons. Our WELCA has already donated \$100 to each of these groups.

THE MITTEN TREE WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX IN December FOR DONATIONS TO BE GIVEN TO THE Whitehall Elementary School.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness & generosity.

Our Saviour's WELCA will host *Grace WELCA* for our **Thursday, November 7, meeting which will begin at 1:30 pm** in OSL fellowship hall. Scott Brown, S.A.M. will lead the Bible study. We will also have a short business meeting followed by refreshments & great fellowship. Come join us!

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,
- * pancake mix, or
- * boxed potatoes.

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<u>3</u> Sunday Worship- 9:30am Sunday School - 10:30	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Church office open 8am-12pm 	<u>6.</u> Church Office open 1-5pm 3:30pm Confirmation class	<u>7</u> 1:30pm WELCA Meeting at OSL	<u>8</u> !	<u>9.</u>
<u>10</u> Sunday Worship- 9:30am Sunday School - 10:30	<u>11</u> 	<u>12</u> Church office open 8am-12pm Council Meeting – 6:30 pm	<u>13.</u> Church Office open 1-5pm 3:30pm Confirmation class	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> Sunday Worship- 9:30am – Sunday School - 10:30	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> Church office open 8am-12pm Quilters - 8:30 - Noon 6pm Parish Board at OSL	<u>20</u> Church Office open 1-5pm 3:30pm Confirmation class	<u>21</u> !	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> Sunday Worship- 9:30am – No Sunday School	<u>25</u> 4pm Christmas Decorating 	<u>26</u> Church office open 8am-12pm Thanksgiving Eve Service at Grace - 6 pm	<u>27.</u> Church Office open 1-5pm Food Pantry 11: - 1:00 pm No Confirmation	<u>28</u> 	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>

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All"***

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