

September 2025



SEPTEMBER



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI

Messenger

Hello Everyone,

Please join me in praying for our children going back to school. They should not have to worry about their safety in any setting, however, we know that bad things can happen. Let us pray that all their days are free from any type of harm, mental or physical, as they travel to, participate in, and travel home from school each day. May there be total respect from everyone and toward everyone from students, parents, teachers, administration, coaches, school staff, and bus drivers.

Jesus told a lawyer and consequently all of us, that our most important Commandment is Matthew 22:37-40. 37He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38This is the greatest and the first commandment. 39And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ It would be very difficult to harm someone if you truly love them as you love yourself”.

We will continue to follow along with Jesus and his disciples as he continues his journey to the cross. We will learn that the cost of discipleship in Luke 14:25-33 is a lot! Jesus tells those around him that they must give up everything to follow him. They must think hard and long about what it will mean to be true followers of Jesus. They will have to give up family, friends, neighbors, and their current lives, to be able to give of themselves to God. We will have to really ponder what all this means for our current lives with Jesus. Come see if I figured it out, with a lot of help!

The second Sunday in September happens to fall on Holy Cross Day the 14th, which is not a big Lutheran Church Holiday but the Gospel is John 3:13-17. I mention verse 16 every time we have communion so we will get to talk even more in depth that Sunday. Or there is a totally different option of Luke 15:1- 10, Parables of the lost sheep and lost coin. I am thinking you may hear a bit of all of the above, “more bang for your buck”.

The third Sunday we will learn about the Parable of the Dishonest Manager Luke 16:1-13. The long and short of this Parable is that we “cannot serve God and wealth”. If we put all of our thought processes and our physical energy into accumulating wealth, we have nothing left for God. We do need some financial cushion in order to live here on earth, however, our treasure should be in heaven because that is where we hope/plan to spend eternity.

The final Sunday we will continue to talk about wealth and how it affects our potential in heaven when we hear the story about The Rich Man and Lazarus, Luke 16:19-31. This Lazarus is not the same man who was a friend of Jesus and was raised from the dead. This Lazarus was a very poor man in both wealth and health. He sat/laid at the gate of the rich man and would long for scraps from the table of the rich man who didn’t pay much attention to his “neighbor” until he died and went to Hades and Lazarus went to Heaven. Then he wanted help from Lazarus. I will shorten the story a little so that you will come hear the rest during the service! We discover that someone who has wealth and no faith in God, probably will end up in Hades and not be able to work his or her way up to Heaven. Too often humans do not understand that worshiping wealth is not going to get us to eternal life with God. Although, ultimately who makes the final decision about destination into eternity? God.

Go into the Church (our community) and love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Scott W. Brown, Synod Authorized Minister

Our Saviour's Members in Nursing Homes

Pigeon Falls Nursing Care Center-P.O. Box 310-Pigeon Falls, WI 54760

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

MaryJane Hernes

Milestone Senior Care, 5510 Renee Dr # 23, Eau Claire - 54701

Clarice Henrickson

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

Francis Hilgart

Caretta Senior Center-4650 Keystone Crossing-Eau Claire 54701

Ralph Johnson

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:



Mavis Olson, Mary Lou Beck, Lisa James, Mavis Mitskogen, Norman Nordby, Dennis Dubiel, Francis Hilgart, Eric Jordahl, Roger Oelrich, Leo Bork, Georgia Hughes, Clarice Henrickson, Reynolds Tomter, Wally Swenson, Marcus Shepherd and Natalie Everson

In Christian Sympathy

We pray for the family and friends of: Joyce Lyga and Ruth Keck.

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

Church News



"Stitches of Love/Quilters"

Our Saviour's quilting group will be resuming **Tuesday, September 2nd**. Anyone that can iron, tie a knot, pin, measure or cut fabric (sewing is not necessary) is welcome to join the quilters on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from fall through to spring. Bring a snack, bring a friend, and come join the fun! Everyone is welcome!



Members in Service

Altar Guild: Sharon Foss & Karen Witte
Altar Flowers: Karen Witte & Sharon Foss

⇒ *September* ⇐

Our Saviour's *faith and* finances

DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS July 1-July 31				
Disbursements:				
Administration	\$0.00			
Physical Plant	\$946.37			
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,815.60			
Benevolence	\$0.00			
Parish Expense	\$0.00			
Dues and Fees	\$0.00			
Holiday Raffle Exp.	\$0.00			
Total Disbursements = \$5,761.97				
Giving Receipts				
Simply Giving Total =	\$2,685.00		General Fund Total =	\$2,532.00
On-Going Total =	\$0.00		Improvement Fund - Total =	\$4,815.60
July 2025 Giving Grand Total = \$10,032.60				

More Church News



Sunday School

No date had been set for Sunday School kick-off and registration. Please watch for updated information. Thank you!

Confirmation

Confirmation orientation will be held on **Wednesday, September 24th at 5pm.** If you have any questions, please contact Scott Brown at 715-538-4334. The first day of confirmation class will be held on **Wednesday, October 1st 3:30pm.**

Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering for August was designated for Our Saviour's Improvement Fund. Your contributions of \$259.65 will help us prepare for repairs and replacements!

September's Noisy Offering will go towards the shipping expense of approximately 100 Mission Kits prepared by Our Saviour's WELCA. Our members prepare School Kits, Baby Kits, and Health Kits to be sent throughout the world. Each kit costs approximately \$2.00 to ship. Your generosity will make it possible for many in need to receive these life giving supplies. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Noisy Offering for July was sent to the Tri-County Memorial Foundation. Our donation of \$225.60 was designated for a new ambulance.



More Church News



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Minutes August 5, 2025

Board Members Present: Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Marnie Anderson, Karen Witte, Kris Dubiel, Ellen Hauser, 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:** Family of Josh Sendelbach
3. **Communication from Congregation:** The church needs a deep cleaning. Scott will check with other churches and council will research companies. Discussion will be added to the agenda for next council meeting.

Communication/Action:

1. **Secretary's Report:** Karen Witte made a motion to approve minutes of July 1, 2025, with a second by Marnie Anderson. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Fund balances as of July 31, 2025, were presented as follows:
General Fund: \$98,841.56
On Going Fund: \$9,969.98
Improvement Fund: \$83,262.01
Ellen Hauser made a motion to approve the fund balances as presented with a second by Marnie Anderson. Motion carried.

3. Ministry Teams Updates:

- a) Music & Worship:
 1. Noisy Offering of \$225.60 for July went to Tri County Ambulance. August will go to Improvement Fund and September will go to help with the shipping costs for mission kits.
 2. The Beef & Dairy Days Community Service is on August 17th .
- b) WELCA: Meeting will be held at Grace Lutheran on August 7th .

Sharing from Scott Brown (SAM):

1. Parish board meeting is scheduled for August 21st .
2. Scott will be in Rhinelander August 22nd and 23 rd. He will be leaving after service on August 24 th for a fall ministry retreat and return on August 26th .
3. SAM zoom meeting discussed the CASTLE Project which supports rural and small congregations and provides grants to pay for lay school.
4. Scott will be attending a workshop on suicide prevention at UWL in September.

Celebration/Affirmation: The date of the next council meeting is September 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Business Items:

1. Scott will be meeting with a group of 4 congregation members to discuss combining committees and amending the constitution.
2. There has been some movement addressing the AC unit that is not working. Estimates received were between \$7,000 and \$8,000. Since both AC units are the same age, it may be better to consider replacing both AC units.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:

Karen Witte made a motion to adjourn with a second by Kris Dubiel. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Paulson, Council Secretary

September Birthdays

- 1 - Kurt Johnson, Jason Pronschinske
- 2 - Kristina Laehn
- 5 - Terry Brekke, Ellen Hauser, Audrey Holtan
- 6 - Charles Kastad
- 7 - Paula Hentges, Karen Witte
- 8 - Brinley Utecht, Brooks Vitse
- 9 - Emily Granlund
- 10 - Lori Paulson
- 11 - Kye Foss
- 12 - Charlotte Beck, Joanne Jacobson
- 13 - Blake Herman, Debbie Larson, Sarah Toraason
- 14 - Lori Paulson
- 15 - Scott Waldera
- 16 - Brandon Foss, Jerry Leque Jr., Cassidy Przybilla
- 17 - Bradley Ivers, Renee Radke
- 18 - Brody Jenson, Eric Jordahl
- 19 - Tracy Warner
- 20 - Sharon Engen, Ross Sygulla
- 21 - Ellen Koxlien, Anita Semb, Aime Stendahl, Tyler Vitse
- 22 - Bonnie Johnson, Cashton Kulig
- 24 - Charles Gauger, Ella LaBar
- 26 - Andrew Engen, Maddison Webster
- 27 - Renee Hegge
- 28 - Mark Johnson, Randi Lindberg,
- 29 - Nancy Lyngen





WELCA CORNER

Mystery Meal Trip

Women-ELCA will be enjoying a Mystery Meal Trip on Thursday, September 4th. We will meet in the OSL parking lot at 12pm for our Mystery destination. Please contact Marnie Anderson 715-538-2255 so we can make the correct reservations & plan for car pooling. Come join us for good conversation & fellowship.

Our Saviour's Mission Kits:

Dear Friends;

Thanks to all who have already donated to our Mission Kits. Several donations have come in but a few of these items is still needed. We will take \$ donations if you prefer we do the shopping.

Thank you and God Bless,

Marnie, WELCA Missions Coordinators

Food Pantry Needs

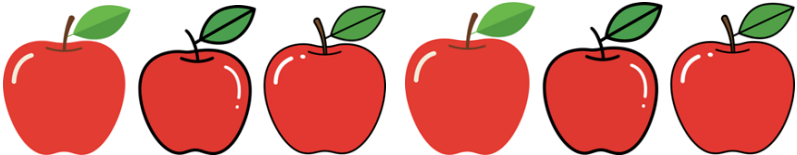
The Whitehall Food Pantry is seeing a rise in families in need and is short on the following items:

- *Cereal
- *Baked Beans
- *Green Beans

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
	<u>1</u> 	<u>2</u> Office Hours 8am-12pm Quilting 8:30 am OSL Council Meeting at 6:30pm	<u>3</u> Bible study 9:30am Office Hours 1-5pm	<u>4</u> WELCA Mystery Meal Carpool at OSL at 12pm	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> Sunday Worship 9:30 am	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> Office Hours 8am-12pm	<u>10</u> Bible study 9:30am Office Hours 1-5pm	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> Sunday Worship 9:30 am	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> Office Hours 8am-12pm Quilting 8:30 am	<u>17</u> Bible study 9:30am Office Hours 1-5pm	<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 Office Hours 1-5pm Food Pantry - 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Confirmation orientation at 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				

"Sharing God's Love With All"

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