

# The Messenger

## Hello and Happy Spring,

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The Gospel for May 5 is from John 15:9-17. In part this Gospel reads: <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

What a wonderful way to be sent into the world, knowing we are loved by God as much as he loved Jesus. We just need to keep God's commandments and believe Jesus is our Savior. Kade, Taylor, Brayden, and Travis, the commandments we discussed in class are a major part of the roadmap to your future lives with God. I pray that God continues to be the major guiding light in each of your lives and that you consult God before every major decision. (Just as all the adults who love God do.)

Life is full of twists and turns. Our faith is tested often and the good part of this lies in the fact that God knows we struggle and continues to have total faith in us. When we are sad or even angry, we can have a very personal discussion with God, even to the point of telling him we are upset with what has happened to us. We can rant and rave to get the issue out of us, share it with God, then maybe move on to the healing phase. It is not always that simple but as we have heard, "All things are possible with God".

In the month of May we will be hearing about the Ascension of Jesus, when he leaves the earth to return to his home in Heaven, then a short time later Pentecost when the Holy Spirit comes upon all of the Apostles. This is the promise Jesus gave for our help and salvation when he is gone, the Holy Spirit.

Jesus ministry has been one of mystery, as the Apostles tried to figure out what Jesus meant by his teachings. Often he had to explain. Recently we heard in the Gospel that Jesus opened the minds of the Apostles to the Gospel, God's Truth. Many days I wish I had total understanding like the Apostles. Alas, we are not meant to have that until we meet God. As humans we do the best we can, love our neighbors, talk to others about the love of God, and pray for forgiveness when we sin.

I hear stories about young people who have compassion beyond their years, and they do some wonderful helpful things for their neighbors. Often these children do not even know the people they help, they just want to help them. Isn't that what God would like us all to do? May we each find a little time each day to create a Holy Moment, and share our love and joy with someone who is a neighbor.

May you all find Joy in knowing Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

God Bless you all.  
Scott W. Brown, SAM

# Church News



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
April 3, 2024

**Board Members Present:** Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Marnie Anderson, Ellen Hauser, Kay Nelson, 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:** Meeting opened with devotions by Scott Brown
2. **Prayer Requests/Homebound:** Family of Jeramy Dunn
3. **Communication from Congregation:** Congregation members have expressed their enjoyment of the children's sermon at the Easter service.

**Communication/Action:**

1. **Secretary's Report:** Kay Nelson made a motion to approve minutes of March 5, 2024, with a second by Ellen Hauser. Motion carried.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Kris Dubiel presented the following fund balances per March 2024 financial reports: General Fund: \$83,700.34; On Going: \$11,971.05; Improvement: \$36,714.08. 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: No report.
- b) Music & Worship: March Noisy Offering of almost \$900.00 will go to solar powered wells in Malawi. April Noisy Offering will go to food pantry.
- c) WELCA: Next meeting is April 4<sup>th</sup> at Our Saviour's. Birthday box collection will start in April.
- d) Finance & Property: Search continues for congregation members to serve on Finance and Property.
- d) Lutheran Brotherhood: Membership dues as well as donations for World Hunger are being collected.

4. **Sharing from SAM:** Scott Brown shared details of his participation in the Synod's Dairyland Conference gathering and the Lenten Round Robin.

**Celebration/Affirmation:**

1. The next council meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
- 2.
3. The scheduling of confirmation service discussed.
- 4.

**Business Items:** Need to find someone to do the financial reports. Christy Moats has done it for quite some time and would like to step down.

**Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:**

Kay Nelson 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



# 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

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



**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

- \*Mary Harnisch Johnson    \*Arline Stuve
- \*Mavis Olson                \*Dawn Coburn                \*Lisa James
- \*Mavis Mitskogen    \*Mary Lou Beck                \*Norman Nordby

# More Church News



## Seniors Recognition

The Senior Recognition is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th. We will recognize and honor Whitehall High School Senior Tyanna Beck. Tyanna is the daughter of Daniel and Bambi Beck. Tyanna is planning to attend CVTC for Diesel Technology.



Congratulations  
&  
Best of Luck in  
your future  
endeavor!!



## Confirmation Sunday

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## Sunday School



Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, will be the final day of Sunday School Classes for the 2023/2024 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 21st See you all the first Tuesday in September!



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## Members in Service:

Alter Guild - Carol Byington and Karen Witte

Ushers - ?????? Volunteers Needed

Alter Flowers - Sharon Foss and Sharon Pederson

# MAY



Celebrate our Mothers on Sunday, May 12th



Home of the free, because of the brave



May 27, 2024

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## May Birthdays

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- 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



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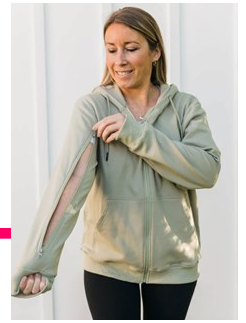
### NOISY OFFERING

**The Noisy Offering for April** went to the Whitehall Food Pantry. We raised \$318. with your generous donations. If you'd like to help further, you may send your donation to the Whitehall Food Pantry, P O Box 476, Whitehall, WI 54773. Thank you for helping out many families in our area.

**The Noisy Offering for May** will be designated for Our Saviour's Improvement Fund. Your contributions will help us prepare for repairs and replacements!!

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Are You Receiving IV or Infusion Treatments?  
or...

Do you know of someone who is?

Then you, or that person, can receive an

**IV HOODIE**

**(Free of Charge)**

to help make your treatments more comfortable.

HMMMmmm... What is an

**IV HOODIE?**

It's a hooded sweatshirt with a zipper sewn into the sleeve  
that you can unzip during your treatment.

There are also **IV HOODIES** that have zippers  
for those with ports!

If you'd like to learn more about how to receive one of these  
**COOL,**

**IV HOODIES,**

please call or text 715-797-4354.

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The RUTH Organization (RURAL UNITY THROUGH HOPE)  
of Trempealeau, Jackson, and Buffalo Counties  
is sponsoring this project.



# WELCA NEWS

**W-ELCA will meet** at Grace Lutheran in Pleasantville on **Thursday, May 2, at 1:30 pm.**

We will meet at 1 pm in our church parking lot to car pool. Scott Brown, our S.A.M., will lead Bible Study followed by coffee & dessert. Please join us!

## Birthday Box Collection

Thank you to all who donated to the Birthday Box collection for Head Start students in the surrounding area. Your generosity is appreciated.

# Our Saviour's *faith and* finances

### DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS April 1-April 30

Disbursements:			
Administration	\$1,939.56		
Physical Plant	\$1,918.24		
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,158.91		
Benevolence	\$0.00		
Parish Expense	\$0.00		
Dues and Fees	\$0.00		
Holiday Raffle Exp.	\$0.00		
<b>Total Disbursements =</b>	<b>\$8,016.71</b>		
Giving Receipts			
<b>Simply Giving Total =</b>	<b>\$2,918.00</b>	<b>General Fund Total =</b>	<b>\$13,121.20</b>
<b>On-Going Total =</b>	<b>\$1,698.00</b>	<b>Improvement Fund - Total =</b>	<b>\$1,174.00</b>
<b>April 2024 Giving Grand Total =</b>		<b>\$18,911.20</b>	



# May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<u>1</u> Bible Study 9:30PM Office Hours: 1-5pm Confirmation at 2:30 pm (Last class)	<u>2</u> WELCA Meeting at Grace 1:30pm	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> Sunday Worship 9:30 am Confirmation Sunday Sunday School Class at 10:30	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> Office Hours 8am-12pm Quilters 8:30 - Noon Our Saviour's Council 6:30 pm	<u>8</u> Bible Study 9:30PM Office Hours: 1-5pm	<u>9</u> 	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u> Sunday Worship 9:30 am Final Sunday School Class at 10:30 am 	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> Office Hours 8am-12pm	<u>15</u> Bible Study 9:30PM Office Hours: 1-5pm	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
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