

"THE LOG"

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
OF OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BUNDY, WI

October, 2012

Our Savior's Council Meeting Sept. 11, 2012

Chairman Tom Fredrick opened our meeting at 6:40 p.m. with 9 council members attending. Pastor Al led us with a devotion on Mathew 6 and a prayer.

The minutes from the July 10 meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Total giving for July was \$6,846.28 and expenses were \$5,286.66. August giving \$2,717.19 and expenses were \$4,688.13. As of September 1st we have \$3,127.39 in checking. Report accepted as given prior to audit.

Financial Secretary: Same as treasurer's report. Accepted as reported.

Trustees: Brace put on front steps railing, kitchen floor patched and repainted. Report accepted.

Education: 14 letters will be sent to the parents of kids who are old enough to start Sunday School. It starts on September 23rd. Report accepted.

Pastor's Report: 7 office calls, 1 hospital visit, 1 wedding and 1 funeral. Myron Wanty passed away July 30th. 2 people transferred to St. Mark and 1 peaceful release. As of September, we have 86 active baptized members and 67 active communicants. Report accepted.

No reports from Elders, Discipleship, Youth and Social Concerns.

Old Business: We have 2 estimates for the new roof, \$9,870 and \$16,941. Jim will bet one more yet. Bea will order new green paraments for \$1400. The money will come out of the Memorial Fund. Hopefully we can sell our old ones on Craig's List. The council decided not to buy a propane tank and leave things as is with Draeger.

New Business: St. Lukes at Wis. Rapids is getting new cushions for their pews and giving their old ones away. We will donate \$100 for enough cushions for our church. Will donate \$100 to St. Mark for the use of their church for confirmation class. The pedals and a few of the stops on the organ need to be fixed. We're looking for someone to repair it. Concordia asked us to declare that Pastor Al works 30 hours or more a week between us and Grace Lutheran at Three Lakes. We have one Elder and need more plus we need more volunteers to help with communion on Sunday mornings. In October there will be a basket in the back of the church for those who want to

give for Pastor Appreciation month.

We adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Krueger
Council Secretary

MANY THANKS

for the beautiful bouquet of roses
for our 50th anniversary party
and to the people that were able
to attend.



Pastor Al & Bea

Highway Cleanup

Highway Cleanup needs to be done as soon as possible. If you are unable to do the same area as you have done in the past, please let Lynn Houle know at 715-362-4757.



October Birthday

6th Tia Fredrick
10th Ben Zeske
Troy Gerdes
12th Tyler Olson

20th Austin Danielczek
21st Helen Engstrom
22nd Lee Rahlf
24th Ethan Thompson

If I have missed your birthday, or know of someone I have missed, give Bea a call at 715-362-7605.



Mission Statement: To make Jesus known within and beyond the church through worship, study, fellowship and service.

Vision Statement: To avail the kingdom of God by developing a community of Christian faith and fellowship through education, communication, growth and unity.

considerations

With elections coming up next month, let's *consider* what Scripture has to say about government.

In various ways and places, God says, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." When Paul quotes this in Romans 13:9, he connects it to a neighbor we do not often think about loving: our government. This love for the government turns out to be a reflection of our love for God (13:2), since these authorities are established by God as His "servant to do you good. But [the government is also] an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer" (Romans 13:1, 4). This being an election year when both parties say they have the answers to change and fix a broken Washington, the temptation to hate certain political leaders is great. In fact, their campaigns try to influence your vote by encouraging your hatred of the other side. But the Lord's command still stands: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

That love does not mean you must not criticize the government, especially when leaders serve themselves rather than seeking the good of all people: old and young, poor and rich, and everybody in between. When the government fails to protect the innocent and punish evildoers, we must "speak up for

those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute" (Proverbs 31:8), to remind the authorities of their God-given duty to do justice.

While we can go too far in criticizing the government and slide into hatred, we also are in danger of going too far the other way - loving the government so much that we see it as the answer to all our problems, the source of all good things in our life. The Bible says this is nothing other than a rejection of God (1 Samuel 8:7). God warns us, "Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save" (Psalm 146:3). Their strength dries up when they die. But in His death, the Lord Almighty is strong to save you. The Lord Jesus perfectly loved you, His neighbor, as He loves Himself. He died to pay for your hatred, and rose to life again to declare you innocent of your ungodly love. Politicians may practically promise you heaven on earth, but only the Triune God can deliver you to the new heavens and the new earth, the real home of righteousness.

†In His Service, †

Pastor Al

"Thanks" to Many for 13 Years of Youth Campership Success!



A big "Thank You" to all who so generously contributed through the Ladies Society free will offerings this past summer for Our Savior's youth camperships to Camp Luther. The campership program required many helping hands.

Similar thanks go to those who provided our treats and served them at our Ash Wednesday soup meal, Easter breakfast and our summer coffee and fellowship hours. And finally, our appreciation goes out to those who provided \$10 and \$20 contributions to buy the coffee and supplies on which to serve the treats.

Sierra and Sydni Scarcelli received camperships this past summer and when you read their reports elsewhere in this issue, one will know how special a week at Camp Luther can be for our young members. Several who have been in the program in past years have expressed interest in becoming camp counselors—to be able to help others enjoy their camp experiences and increase their faith in a healthy setting.

Your generosity this past year brought our campership fund up to \$1,024.70, enough to help cover five weeklong experiences in 2013.

Our Ladies Society began the campership program in 1999 and has made 36 awards in the following 13 years. A weekend campership at Camp Luther that year was \$50 and the weeklong session \$100. Today, \$100 was awarded to help pay the weekend fee and \$200 was given towards an entire week.

Written by Joyce Krahn

**Every Saint has a Past.....
Every Sinner, has a Future!**

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil...It has no point!

Our Savior's LWML History

Over the years, Our Savior's Ladies Society has supported many organization from their Christmas Auctions and Parties. From 1969 through 2012, we have received \$5,000.56. Some of the organizations they have supported are: Boys Ranch, Bible Translators, Bethesda, Tri-County Council, Camp Luther, Food Pantry, Campership Fund, Personal Essentials Pantry, plus many more.

Big Contributions Received

- \$150 helped purchase organ
- \$173.17 Chairs & Tables
- \$149.86 & \$434.32 Cupboards & kitchen Counter
- \$300 Copy machine donation
- Sink, stove & refrigerator
- \$138.78 vacuum cleaner (1/22/81)
- \$103.92 tapes & cases (3/4/98)
- \$103.92 Microwave (12/18/99)
- \$121.52 Building Fund; \$100 paint
- \$239 organ fund

Have Received financial support from:

AAL Branch 4693; church membership; Thrivent matching funds; Lutheran Brotherhood.

We have supported many activities— Friendly Village at Christmas; flowers for alter; baskets of food for shut-ins. For a complete list see Joyce or Bea.

Started formal Our Savior's Ladies Society with By laws & constitution June 30, 1065

Ladies Society Activities: Sold cards, calendar towels, decorated towels, stationary, Bibles, cutlery, calendars, napkins, Adrienne products, calendar planners, bake sales, ice cream socials, Walkins party.

Meals: Wedding, funeral, hunter, chili suppers, Summer coffees, mother/daughter banquet, Ash Wednesday soup supper, Lenten suppers, ham suppers circuit Pastor meets, Easter breakfasts, treats for special events, evening with Pastor Christmas Party 1968 exchange gifts, decorate tree & lunch.

Supported (Joined LWML in Nov. 1968) LWML Mites, LWML conventions, *many, many* other things.

47 years ago history meeting notes—too numerous to mention. For a complete list—copies can be made available if interested.

Many, many thanks to Joyce Krahn for all the work and hours she put in preparing this report. *There is much more information not listed.*



Fall Church Cleaning

is set for
Saturday, October 6th.

Bring your buckets and rags and lend a helping hand. This is NOT just for the ladies – men and youth are also welcome.



If you are not able to come Saturday, come during the week and leave a note on the

Pastor's Appreciation Month



OCTOBER
CLERGY
APPRECIATION
MONTH

The council has voted to put a basket out each Sunday during October for Pastor appreciation month since they were unable to give him a raise again this year.

Pastor Al has served this congregation for 22 years.

L.O.S.S. - Loss of Spouse Support Group

Death ends a life, but not a relationship. Losing a spouse may be something one can never get over, but can learn to live with. LOSS attempts to help people aged 60 and over realize that while life has changed dramatically, the survivor can still a contented life.

This support group will be held

Wednesdays October 3—Nov. 7, 2012, 2-4 p.m.
at Ministry Home Care,
2600 Stewart Ave., Suite 160, Wausau.
Call 715-843-9006 to register. Free of charge.

Our Savior's Choir

Do you love music? Have you always enjoyed singing? Do you enjoy being part of a Team?



Here is your opportunity to be part of a great team by singing with the Adult Choir.

We will be preparing songs for this fall and winter, plus Christmas.

New voices are welcome. We especially need men's voices.

For more information on start date and time, call Linda or Joyce.

Zone 5 Rally

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 11, 2012**

at

*Rock of Ages Lutheran Church
Minocqua*

Bible Study: "This is my Father's World"

Musical Entertainment by:
Jeane Julseth Heinrick

Hearts of Love will be the Abuse Shelter in Lac du Flambeau.

Suggested items are:

Shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes, hand soap, body soap, body lotions, q-tips disposable razors, mouth wash, toothpaste, tooth brushes, sanitary items, deodorant.

Cash donations are always welcome.

The North Wisconsin District LWML Convention was held June 14-16, 2012

The \$150,000 Mission Grant Goal was passed. The Missions that will be receiving grant monies are:

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| 1. Walking with Victory, Gwinn, MI | \$20,000 |
| 2. NWD Professional Church work Student Grant | \$25,000 |
| 3. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN | \$10,000 |
| 4. Every Kid to Camp (Camp Luther) | \$10,000 |
| 5. Lutheran Blind Mission, Gresham, WI | \$ 4,000 |
| 6. Deaf Ministry needs to North Wisconsin, Minnesota North & North Dakota Districts | \$15,000 |
| 7. Shipping Medical Supplies, Global Health Ministries, Minneapolis, MN | \$12,000 |
| 8. Special Times of Need Program—LCFS | \$10,000 |
| 9. Orphan Grain Train | \$ 9,000 |
| 10. N.E.W. Lutheran High School Tuition Assist. | \$10,000 |
| 11. Bethesda Lutheran Hospital Nursing School Ambur, India | \$15,000 |
| 12. Trinity/Home, Haitian Feeding Program for School Children | \$ 5,000 |
| 13. Dream Catcher Youth Group, Lutheran Indian Ministries | \$ 2,500 |
| 14. Reaching the Unreached Kazakhs of Mongolia | \$ 2,500 |

Please continue to pray for our mission grants and for the missions they fund.

(Please Note) Missions already paid are number 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7.