



**Our Saviour's  
Lutheran Church**

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*Network articles are due on  
or before the 15th of each  
month*

**Musings from the Pastor**

*For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10-11*

What new seeds might God be watering in your personal life, in our life together as the church? What if we would take the entire month of June to intentionally practice dwelling together in God's word every day (or as close to every day as we can) to see what would happen, what God might show us, what new ideas or wonderings the Holy Spirit might stir up in us.

There is a prayer practice called Lectio Divina which means holy reading. Sometimes it's called dwelling in God's word. No previous experience reading and praying with scripture necessary! Basically, in Lectio Divina we read a short passage of scripture, listen for what word or phrase catches our attention and then with some guided questions and silence listen deeper and let that word reveal to us "the thing for which God sent it."

I'm going to record Lectio Divina session for every weekday in June and will guide you through the process. These recordings will be posted on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. For those of you who do not have online access or would like to meet in person, I'll have two sessions at the church, 10 a.m. on these Fridays: June 11 and 25. I'll have a Zoom evening discussion time set up for 7 p.m. on these Thursdays: June 10 and 24. Watch the weekly emails for the Zoom link. The list of readings is included in this newsletter with a description of the process.

What is it you need from God right now? In what ways do you need to be healed, challenged? Where do we want to see God's power happen? Let's dwell in God's Word together and let the Spirit open our eyes, ears and hearts to the surprising, abundant grace of God.

*Shalom, Pastor Pat*

**Financial Report 2021**

<u>Month of April 2021</u>		<u>TOTAL Jan – April 2021</u>	
INCOME	\$ 28,121.36	INCOME	\$ 95,015.90
EXPENSES	\$ 20,352.31	EXPENSES	\$ 68,745.98
NET	\$ 8,391.88	NET	\$ 26,268.92

## Pr Jess Retirement

On Sunday, June 27 Pr Jess will preach at his final First Presbyterian service at 10:45. After the service there will be a picnic and reception at Stange's Park in the new shelter area and members of OSLC are also invited to attend. If you are planning on attending, sign up on the table outside the narthex or let the office know by June 19<sup>th</sup>. If you want to bring something, bring a salad to share.

## Summer Story Time: Everybody Is Somebody Special

A small group of women from Our Saviour's have taken the inspiration for our Little Free Diverse Library one step further and have come together to plan a unique, six-week story time for Merrill children and families this summer. Volunteers have been gathered to read aloud stories that celebrate the rich diversity of people and cultures that grace our communities and the world. A short discussion time will follow and a snack will be provided at the end. Books will be geared toward preschool through age 12 and are not religious-oriented. All ages are welcome to attend and parents are encouraged to participate with their children.

**When:** Tuesday evenings, 6:30-7:00  
June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20 & 27

**Where:** Stange's Park, 209 W Third St, Merrill

Too often we let diversity divide us without taking time to get to really get to know people who are different from us. Stories are a wonderful way for children to learn to talk about and appreciate the ways we are all somebody special, especially because we are all different!

## Flowers For Worship

If you would like to donate flowers for a specific weekend, please call the office. The cost per weekend is \$35.

## Youth & Family

There will be a Youth and Family team meeting at 6pm on June 14<sup>th</sup>. First order of business is determining needs and hiring a youth and family director. Anyone willing and able to help encouraged to attend or contact Christa Lahti at 715-301-6470.



## Graduates

Congratulations to these members of Our Saviour's that have graduated this spring:

Merrill Sr High:

Brayton Brown Taylor Dinges Gary Miller  
Erin Murray Patrick O'Malley Kyle Semling

UW Oshkosh: Katie Pintens - Elementary Education and a minor in Social Studies.  
*May God bless you and guide you in your next endeavors.*

## A change in funeral meals at Our Saviour's.

The ladies of Our Saviour's have decided to prepare simple funeral meals, ie; sandwich / dessert. We will be honored to provide desserts and serve all catered funeral meals. If anyone is interested in chairing funeral meals as prepared in the past, please call Kathi P. 715-536-9324.

## Summer Lunch News

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with Summer Lunch for Kids! We have plenty of servers who have stepped up! And the monetary donations have been extremely generous! Our Saviour's comes through again!!

## Dwelling in the Word: Scriptures for June

Each weekday Pastor Pat will post a prayer session on our Facebook and YouTube pages with the daily reading. If you don't have internet, a description of this prayer practice is below. Rather than read for information or to figure out what the text means, the purpose is to listen deeply to scripture with an openness to being formed and transformed by an encounter with the Triune God of mystery.

Read the text slowly, aloud if you want. Listen for a word or phrase that catches your attention or surprises you. Breathe the word in and out. Listen. Now read the text again, slowly. Here are some possible questions to consider about the word(s) that strike you, or a larger portion of the reading:

How are you experiencing Jesus' presence?

What feelings does this stir up in you? Why?

What questions does this reading raise up for you?

What do you need from God right now? Do you find that in this reading?

Is the Spirit prompting you to make a change in your life in this reading?

What do you want to tell Jesus about what you're thinking, feeling right now?

What is God's invitation to you in this reading?

What is God's challenge to you in this reading?

What joy is the Spirit stirring up in your through this reading?

What have you found that you could you share with another person?

What is your prayer that arises out of this time, this Word of God? Carry the word or phrase with you into your day. The Spirit may have more to show and tell you.

June 1: Psalm 71:1-8

June 16: Ephesians 2:4-10

June 2: Isaiah 55:1-5

June 17: 1Peter 2:1-5

June 3: 2Corinthians 8:1-7

June 18: 2Thessalonians 3:1-5

June 4: Ephesians 1:1-8a

June 21: Isaiah 12:2-6

June 7: Psalm 143:5-10

June 22: Romans 5:1-5

June 8: Romans 14:17-19

June 23 Colossians 1:9-14

June 9: Romans 10:17; Hebrews 2:1

June 24: Luke 1:68-79

June 10: 1John 5:1-5

June 25: Psalm 91:4, 9-16

June 11: Luke 9:18-24

June 28: Galatians 5:16a, 22-6:2

June 14: Lamentations 3:22-26

June 29: Luke 5:12-13

June 15: Philippians 4:4-7

June 30: Philippians 3:7-14



Theme verse - "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit..."  
1 Corinthians 12:4

Judy Deckert, a pastor, tends to ordinary things in Kimberly, WI. She discovers extraordinary treasures in rosemaking, writing and exercising imagination. We welcome Pastor Judy as the featured retreat leader.

**See you at the fall retreat!**

**Are you a BAG Lady?**  
(BLESSED and GIFTED)

**East Central Synod of Wisconsin**  
Women of ELCA

**Fall Retreat at Imago Dei Village**  
(Crossways Camp near Clintonville, WI)  
**Saturday, September 18, 2021**  
Registration begins at 8:00a  
Fun filled program 8:45a-4p

**Register this summer!**  
Information in the June Open Door,  
on the Synod website or contact  
Carol Cleveland at  
[cacleveland50@gmail.com](mailto:cacleveland50@gmail.com)  
(Registration due by 9/7/2021)  
Like us on Facebook - East Central  
Synodical Women of ELCA

In 2021, the fall retreat will look and feel a little different as we worship and fellowship with our sisters in Christ. The main lodge at Imago Dei Village has been fully remodeled. Meals will be served with safety measures. Laughter will be heard. Scholarships will be available. An offering will be collected and split equally between Handbags for Hope, synod women's organization and the church wide Women of the ELCA. Prayers will be shared. Friendships will be formed.

A delicious continental breakfast and wonderful lunch will be served by camp staff. Plus, coffee and tea will be available all day.

You may bring a bag of snacks and your favorite beverage for yourself. Don't forget your water bottle and/or thermal mug.

**Handbags for Hope**  
Gently used handbags, purses, pocket books, and wallets will be collected for the Handbags of Hope project. Go through your closet, ask in your congregation.  
Bring a bag of handbags to the fall retreat.

**God's Work Our Hands**  
Optional Service Activities

**Silent Auction**  
A Silent Auction will be held to raise money for scholarships for future retreats.  
**Items are needed!**  
Start crafting and collecting now to have items ready to donate and bring to fall retreat.

for personal and feminine hygiene products for your local Women's shelter or food pantry. Make a bigger impact and apply for a Thrivent Action Team Grant to purchase items.  
**Please note!** These items are to be collected and distributed locally. Please **do not** bring these personal and feminine hygiene products to the fall retreat.

## June 2021 – Birthday

June Miller	Jun 1	Randall Olson	Jun 13
Katarina Kiefer	Jun 2	Jerry Laak	Jun 14
Stephanie Pagel	Jun 2	Daniel Lee	Jun 14
Matthew Steffen	Jun 2	Jordan Nelson	Jun 14
Casandra Blake	Jun 3	Albert Schumacher	Jun 14
Alfred Fox	Jun 3	Tera Neiter	Jun 15
Abby Jaeger	Jun 3	Eugene Bondioli	Jun 16
Mark Lemerande	Jun 3	Riley Young	Jun 16
Danielle Marsceau	Jun 3	Casey Block	Jun 17
Ryan Marsceau	Jun 3	Ava Steinke	Jun 17
Jay Van Der Geest	Jun 3	Travis Beyer	Jun 18
Cole Woellner	Jun 3	Andrea Dart	Jun 18
Wyatt Buttke	Jun 4	Evan Jaeger	Jun 18
Nicholas Hanke	Jun 4	Erica Linnell	Jun 18
Kathy Marsceau	Jun 4	Sheryl Berton	Jun 19
Dawn Pfungsten	Jun 4	Mary Kleinschmidt	Jun 19
Alexis Fehr	Jun 5	Liz Rogers	Jun 19
Glenn Raddatz	Jun 6	Hillary Johnson	Jun 20
Jake Spoehr	Jun 6	Riesa Mungor	Jun 20
Ana Thwaites	Jun 6	Mary Buttke	Jun 21
Linda Beebe	Jun 7	Audrey Johnson	Jun 21
Kathy Nutter	Jun 7	Nicholas Leskey	Jun 21
Marian Seidlitz	Jun 8	Jason Schotz	Jun 21
Christopher Klempke	Jun 9	Aiden Jaeger	Jun 22
Bethany Williams	Jun 11	Jeza Kleinschmidt	Jun 22
Brittany Williams	Jun 11	Andy Meier	Jun 22
Irv Bork	Jun 12	Brien Erickson	Jun 23
Richard Magray	Jun 12	Melanie Erickson	Jun 23
John Zattera	Jun 12	Dominic Rampart	Jun 23
Judy Doerr	Jun 13	Amy Severt	Jun 23
Aubrey Henkelman	Jun 13	Jacob Burbach	Jun 24
Allison Luedtke	Jun 13	Melissa Hanneman	Jun 24
		Amy Marvin	Jun 24

## June 2021 – Anniversary

Renee Semling	Jun 24	Steve and Helen Schlinkert	Jun 1
Jessica Streeter	Jun 24	Sarah and Micheal Willman	Jun 3
Dawn Zattera	Jun 24	Greg and Linda Kautza	Jun 5
Joanna O'Malley	Jun 25	Jessica and Andrew Rajek	Jun 5
Barb Peterson	Jun 25	Christine and Francis Kigozi	Jun 6
Jessica Rajek	Jun 25	Amber and Steve Athanasiou	Jun 9
Wendy Wolff	Jun 25	Megan and Dan Coffield	Jun 9
Kevin Blake	Jun 26	Larry and Donna Wolf	Jun 10
Kelby Krause	Jun 26	Mike and Marilyn Jirovec	Jun 11
Laurel Krueger	Jun 26	Amy and John Marthaler	Jun 11
Jay Marvin	Jun 26	Jeffrey and Barb Peterson	Jun 11
Louis Blum	Jun 27	Jeffery and Lisa Brown	Jun 13
Lincoln Brandner	Jun 27	Richard and Evelyn Bjorklund	Jun 15
Mazzi Gaedtke	Jun 27	Sara and Luke Marsolek	Jun 15
Linda Kalenske	Jun 27	Brian and Peggy Freund	Jun 16
April Prah	Jun 27	Jose and Joe Countryman	Jun 19
Landen Thomas	Jun 27	David and Ruth Scharbius	Jun 19
Sierra Jannusch	Jun 28	Brian and Tricia Heller	Jun 20
Amanda Leitzke	Jun 28	Russ and Mary Leyk	Jun 20
Jeffrey Peterson	Jun 28	Julie and Robert Baumann	Jun 21
Julie Thorson	Jun 28	Andy and Renee Semling	Jun 22
Dawson Wolff-Plautz	Jun 28	Randy & Jeanne Lambrecht	Jun 25
Mary Handlin	Jun 29	Jay and Amy Marvin	Jun 25
Matthew Kalenske	Jun 29	Jerry and Ann Wick	Jun 25
Karen Nocco	Jun 29	Tammy and Jerry Harmon	Jun 26
Kerry Olson	Jun 29	James and Jacquelyn Ackley	Jun 29
Shelly Storm	Jun 29	Jody Johnson & Brian Schiller	Jun 30
Paul Theorin	Jun 29		
David Thompson	Jun 29		
Andy Van Der Geest	Jun 29		
Landon Knospe	Jun 30		
Paul Peterson	Jun 30		

*This list contains members of Our Saviour's. If the names or dates are incorrect, or if we are missing information let the office know.*

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**June 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 6:00p Worship & Music	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing 6:30p NA Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
<b>6</b> 9:00a Worship (HC) 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	<b>7</b> 8:00a TOPs 1:00p Miriam Circle 6:00p Boy Scouts 599 6:00p Property & Maintenance	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:00p Finance	<b>10</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing 1:00p Ruth Circle 6:30p Christian Ed 6:30p NA Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
<b>13</b> 9:00a Worship (HC) 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	<b>14</b> 8:00a TOPs 10:15a Esther Circle 6:00p Boy Scouts 599 6:00p Youth & Family	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing 9:30a Fill the Gazebo Planning Meeting 6:30p NA Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
<b>20</b> Fathers' Day 9:00a Worship (HC) 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	<b>21</b> 6:15p Outreach	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00p Council	<b>24</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing 6:30p NA Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
<b>27</b> 9:00a Worship (HC) 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship 12:00p Pr Jess Retirement Picnic	<b>28</b> 6:00p Boy Scouts 599	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

## Our Saviour's Scrip Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### ON HAND

Qty    Total

#### GROCERIES

Cty Market - 5%	\$25		
Cty Market - 5%	\$50		
Cty Market - 5%	\$100		

#### RESTAURANTS

2510 - 7%	\$15		
Arby's - 8%	\$10		
Chips - 10%	\$5		
Clark's Cup N Cone- 10%	\$10		
Club 64 - 5%	\$10		
Culver's - 5%	\$10		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$10		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$20		
1st St. Coffee - 5%	\$5		
Friendship House - 10%	\$10		
Los Mezcales - 15%	\$10		
McDonald's - 5%	\$5		
McDonald's - 5%	\$10		
Pizza Hut - 8%	\$10		
Taco Bell - 5%	\$10		

#### FUEL

Kwik Trip - 9%	\$25		
Kwik Trip - 9%	\$50		
Kwik Trip - 9%	\$100		

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Cosmo Child/Sr- 10%	\$5		
Cosmo Adult - 10%	\$8		
Fleet Farm - 5%	\$25		
Fleet Farm - 5%	\$50	<i>Not Available</i>	
Hallmark - 4%	\$25		
Kohl's - 4%	\$25		
Walgreens - 5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$50		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$100		

### SPECIAL ORDER LIST

Qty    Total

*\*Other stores also be available - ask seller for details*


*Most popular special orders - many others also*

#### RESTAURANTS

Applebee's - 8%	\$25		
Chipotle - 10%	\$10		
Tex Roadhouse - 8%	\$25		

#### CLOTHING

Am. Eagle - 9%	\$25		
Gap/Old Navy - 14%	\$25		
Macy's - 10%	\$25		
TJ Maxx - 7%	\$25		

#### Miscellaneous

Barnes & Noble - 8%	\$10/25		
Bath N' Body Works- 12%	\$25		
Bed/Bath/Beyond - 7%	\$25		
Best Buy - 4%	\$25/100		
Home Depot - 4%	\$25/100		
Menard's - 3%	\$25/100		
Michael's - 4%	\$25		
Office Max - 5%	\$25		
Target - 2.5%	\$25		

*The following stores offer a check to Our Saviour's:*

Courtside Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)

Miller Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)

Central Carpet - 5% up to \$2000 (No installation or other discounts)

Hargrave Appliances - 3% (No Credit Card Purchases)

VIP & Merrill Radio Shack - 3% (No Credit Card Purchase)

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Cash Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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