



**Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church**

300 Logan Street
Merrill, WI 54452

Office:
715-536-5813
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Office Hours
Monday – Wednesday -
Friday,
9:00-1:00.
other times by appointment

Scrip is available during
office hours and first
weekend of the month
after worship.

Pastor:
Pastor@oslcelca.org

Youth & Family:
YouthandFamily@oslcelca.org

Staff

Pastor:

**Director of Youth &
Family Ministry:**
Katy Bailey

Business Administrator:
Carla Weisenfeld

Custodian:
Cindy Latzig

*Network articles are due
on or before the 20th
of the month*

How Can You Resist?

Steaming coffee,
Something sweet.
Stop in the lounge
For an after-church treat!

Chat with a friend,
Meet someone new.
Catch up on happenings
New to you!

The following committees take turns providing treats.
Many many thanks to them all.

Youth & Family & Christian Education (Week 1)
Property & Maintenance (Week 2)
Worship & Music (Week 3)
Outreach (Week 4)
Council (Week 5)

Sign up to help lead worship

A sign-up sheet is available outside the church office to sign up to be reader, or worship assistant. Thank you in advance for adding your name to the list!

If you are interested in leading the worship on the days without a Pastor, let the office or Greg know.

Financial Report 2023

Month of March 2023		TOTAL Jan – Mar 2023	
Income	\$ 20,508.09	Income	\$ 72,166.60
Expenses	\$ 20,237.90	Expenses	\$ 71,934.03
Net	\$ 270.19	Net	\$ 232.57

In case of Emergency:

Any questions or emergencies should be directed to Greg Latzig, Angela Bailey, or by calling the church office 715-536-5813. If no answer leave a message on the answering machine.

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Happy May, and May God continue to help and guide you this month! Hopefully the snow has melted by the time you see this and the flowers are blooming and the birds are singing again!

Youth and Family and Christian Education

- As a joint committee, the Youth and Family and Christian Education teams will now meet on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. The team is meeting on May 4th at 6:30pm!

FUN COLOR RUN/WALK/SLEEP IN FOR RELIEF

WHEN: Saturday, May 6th

TIME: 9am-12, registration begins at 8:30. If you are volunteering, please arrive at 8:15am.

WHERE: Start at the Agra Pavillion, River Bend Trail!

HOW: If you have not yet registered, please register on the Merrill Chamber of Commerce Website! If you would like to volunteer, please email [Katy Bailey YouthandFamily@OSLCELCA.org](mailto:Katy.Bailey.YouthandFamily@OSLCELCA.org)

Our Saviour's Kids End of Year Celebration

Sunday May 7th, following worship at 10am.

- Join us to make bird feeders, enjoy a snack, as well as to go on a fun scavenger hunt to celebrate the end of our Saviour's Kids



Vacation Bible School Coming Up This Summer!!!!

This year our curriculum for VBS will be....DRUMROLL PLEASE....The Tree of Healing VBS by the ELCA Lutheran Church. VBS will be from July 24, 25, 26, Time 12PM -4PM. There will be a cookout the evening of Wednesday the 26th.

*Please pay attention to the Weekly Word and other information that will be sent out and displayed about Vacation Bible School! We hope that you can be a part of Vacation Bible School this year!

Usher Scheduler

After two years of serving in the position of finding ushers for Sunday services, Brenda Mueller is stepping down and looking for a replacement.

Please prayerfully consider if this is a task you could take on. It involves making a few calls and/or sending out a few emails to fill the slots three or four Sundays each month. (Youth always usher the first Sunday.) Brenda has contact information to share and will answer any questions. Let the office know if you are interested.

Spring Cleaning and Sorting?!!

Remember the quilting closet will be happy to be the recipient of any fabrics, sheets, or mattress pads. We have nearly 100 quilts finished this year.

Thank you for your continued support of this mission!!

Wanted

Do you have a knack for picking out colors and enjoy coming up with new decorating ideas? Please consider joining a team that will be looking at ideas for designing the church lounge and library area. If interested or you have ideas contact Laurie Smith at 715-218-8252.

Prayer Chain

Did you know that there's a place for you on our Prayer Chain? Prayer Chain members have just two responsibilities: praying and calling the next person on the chain. If you would like to become a part of the chain, or have questions, please call Lee Ann Lindquist at 715-536-7925.

Miriam Circle

The Miriam Circle will meet for Bible study and Fellowship. Join us on May 1st at 1:00 pm. We welcome YOU!

Team Members

Have you been looking for a team to join? All teams are looking for members. Call the office for information.

Garden Recipe

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips:

Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another

We must have thyme:

Thyme for God
Thyme for study
Thyme for prayer

Water freely with patience, and cultivate with love.

Author Unknown

Monday Evening Bible Study

Breaking News!

A new class began April 10. Using the Book, "This Risen Existence, the Spirit of Easter" by Paula Gooder, as our guide, the group will study 42 (short) New Testament passages to discuss what the resurrection means to us and how we live it in our lives.

All are invited to join the study now through May 22, 2023 from 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm in the Church lounge.



Brenda Mueller from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church presented a check for \$4000 to Chief Executive Officer Kim Larsen and members of the Merrill Boys and Girls Club. The funds were part of the Gerald and Lorraine Muschinske memorial fund. The Boys and Girls Club located at Prairie River Middle School serves 75 students with plans of expanding. Also present were PRMS Principal Diane Goetsch and Our Saviour's Council members Bruce Schleif and Aimee Pederson.

Scrip

The profits from the scrip program will be split between the Diaper Closet and the Vacation Bible School. Please purchase Scrip cards for all you shopping needs and support these 2 projects.

Scrip will be available for purchase on the first weekend of the month before and after worship.

We will do more weekends if the demand is there. We want to thank Shirley E. and Dona Leitzke for stepping up to be in charge of selling on the weekends.

Ukrainian-born Youth Director at Our Saviour's organizes Color Fun Run to support Ukraine

BY TINA L. SCOTT

EDITOR (Copy of the article from the Foto News)



Katy Bailey, the Youth Director at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Merrill, is organizing a Color Fun Run to provide support to Ukraine and Eastern Europe during this time of war and crisis for so many people there.

The Color Fun Run will be held on May 6, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. at the Agra Pavilion and the River Bend Trail here in Merrill, and there are multiple ways to get involved. Participants can "Run, Walk, or Sleep in for Relief."

The cost to register is \$40 per person; participants should contact the Merrill Chamber of Commerce to register. Registration includes a t-shirt to wear if participants plan to run or walk the event and a pillowcase with the Color Run logo and sponsors printed on it if they opt to sleep in that day to support the cause instead.

All proceeds from registration will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief in direct response to the Eastern European Crisis.

Sponsors are also being sought for the event. Sponsorship of the event helps cover the costs associated with the run, the t-shirts, and the other amenities and necessities for the event. Several sponsors have already stepped forward to help, including Crystal Finishing Systems, the Community Foundation, Riverside Athletic, and some individual sponsors. Katy said it is "with immense gratitude" that she thanks the event sponsors for their generous gifts thus far, and she is hopeful others will also be inspired to help sponsor the event.

For Katy, helping support the people affected by the Eastern European Crisis, most specifically in Ukraine, is both personal and heartbreaking.

"The Eastern Europe Crisis has been ongoing for too long now," she said. "It is deeply heartbreaking to hear of the war in Ukraine."

"The lives of families have been destroyed. People have been ripped away from their homes, homeland, and all that they have ever known. Now the conflict is even moving its way into Poland where Ukrainians have found safety," Katy said. "It is impossible to even imagine what people in Eastern Europe have been going through. From the families who have left everything behind, to all of the families who have sent their loved ones to war, to all of the death and destruction."

"The Ukrainians are so incredibly proud of their country and are immensely strong," she said.

Katy was born in Ukraine and was adopted when she was four years old through Lutheran Family Services. She came to live in the United States with her new parents in Richmond, Virginia, where she was introduced to Epiphany Lutheran Church. There she was baptized, confirmed, and grew up, becoming very active in the Lutheran church. She attended a Lutheran college and moved to Wisconsin to become the Director of Youth and Family Ministry at Our Saviour's in Merrill. Due to her upbringing, Katy has a special place in her heart for the ELCA Lutheran Church, she said. But she also still has a very special place in her heart for Ukraine and more than it being her birthplace, the crisis there deeply affects her.

In Ukraine, Katy is known as Katya. She still has family in Ukraine. Her half sister, Anastasia, and Anastasia's son, Dan, had to escape Kiev while it was being bombed. Katy and her husband, Eric, stayed up all night long that night, waiting to hear they had made it out of Ukraine safely. Anastasia's ex-husband, Roman, who is Dan's father, had to go fight in the war.

After that long and restless night, Katy decided it was time to do something more than pray. While prayer is always enough, she said, she was also inspired to take action. And that desire inspired this Color Fun Run. Katy/Katya wants people from the Merrill community and beyond to know there is something they can do to provide relief for the Eastern Europe Crisis, and that something is participating in the Color Fun Run.

Already her new church family at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Merrill, Pastor Mike at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, Brandon from Riverside Athletic, Cheryl and Sarah from the Chamber of Commerce, the Foto News, and many others have been helping support the event, Katy said.

As a congregation, let us see how much we can raise to be a sponsor. We will have the cookie jar out for you to donate, or you can write a check and make a note in the memo line that it is for the Color Run.

Did You Know.....

- *The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) battery has been replaced*
- *Weekly Flowers are now from Victoria's*
 - o *There are still weeks you can sponsor the flowers*
- *Katy will be moving her office space*
- *Call Committee meets regularly*
- *OSLC will be starting a Diaper Closet in July*
- *Scrip Sales Profits will go to VBS and Diaper Closet*
- *Many people heard a "Clunk" on Thursday*
 - o *The window fell out, it has been replaced*
- *Prayer Chain*
 - o *Looking for more links*
 - o *Ready to pray as needed*
- *Church committees are supplying treats and coffee in the lounge each week after Sunday services.*

If you have information to share with your church family, please contact the office.

Our Saviour's Council

President - Greg Latzig *Vice-President* - Angela Bailey *Secretary* - Aimee Pederson
 Jackie Ackley Christa Lahti Brenda Mueller
 Jay Peterson Bruce Schleif Laurie Smith
Youth Representative – Ally Hooch

Call Committee

Bruce Schleif - Chairman
 Gene Bebel Carol Engebretson Julia Jannusch Mike Jirovec
 Sebastian Ollmann Greg Smith Maxine Tlusty

Membership Review

If you have been attending another church and would like to transfer your membership please let the office know. The people listed on the Birthday & Anniversary are still on our membership lists.

If you no longer want to receive this paper copy of the newsletter, Please let the office know by calling 715-536-5813 or email Office@OSLCELCA.org. The newsletter is available on the website, OSLCELCA.org or it can be emailed to you.

May 2023 – Birthday

Aaron Osness	May 1
Katie Pintens	May 1
Janet Thums	May 1
Lillian Busterud	May 2
Anthony Hanse	May 2
Erik Koch	May 2
Dale Lemon	May 2
Kathe Handlin	May 3
Sarah Willman	May 3
Bryce Athanasiou	May 4
Shirley Gagas	May 4
Derek Gervais	May 4
Samantha Krause	May 4
Jessica Coates	May 4
Linda Schotz	May 4
Joseph Tallman	May 4
Tanner Van Vuren	May 4
Jeff Block	May 5
Katie O'Malley	May 5
Chad Semling	May 5
Brad Van Der Geest	May 5
Molly Block	May 6
Daniel Grover	May 6
Brielle Thorson	May 6
Nancy Ackerman	May 7
Lisa Borchardt	May 7
Craig Brown	May 7
Gary Dietrich	May 7
Mike Marsceau	May 7
Aaron Meyer	May 7
Eric Russell	May 7
Lexie Karau	May 9
Darin Pagel	May 9
Torilynn Strand	May 9

Alicia Wienandt	May 9
Stephanie Zoellner	May 9
Andy Johnson	May 10
Toni McMenamin	May 10
Kristin Surk	May 10
Brandon Woller	May 10
Yvette Chieves	May 11
JoAnn Meyer	May 11
Mary Leyk	May 12
B.D. Lebal	May 13
Austin Gagas	May 14
Robin Krueger	May 14
Linda Mulford	May 14
Sandra Teske	May 14
Keith Woellner	May 14
Adam Yirkovsky	May 14
Alyssa Yirkovsky	May 14
Desiree Marvin	May 15
Dale Meyers	May 16
Meadow Stillings	May 16
Addelyn Ineichen	May 17
Sheryl Knospe	May 17
Melanie Lunda	May 17
Mike Lutzke	May 17
Matthew Schmidt	May 17
Anne Torkelson	May 17
Grey Colstad	May 18
Kelly Purmal	May 18
Heather Niede	May 19
Brian Rasmussen	May 19
Cody Rogers	May 19
Gail Abegglen	May 20
Bryce Brown	May 20
Patty Hagedorn	May 20
Patricia Hill	May 20
Rose Ford	May 21

Brittany Graap	May 21
Karla Lokemoen	May 21
Tina Luedtke	May 21
Nickolas Peterson	May 21
Ashley Dohm	May 22
Shonda Buhse	May 23
Susan Zembruski	May 23
Deidra Boyce	May 24
Zander Jaeger	May 24
Mary Peterson	May 24
Carl Torkelson	May 25
Allen Osness	May 26
Kathleen Purmal	May 26
Matthew Purmal	May 26
Jase Allen	May 27
Sophia Fabbri	May 27
Caylin McCarthy	May 27
Eric Bailey	May 28
Debra Engel	May 28
Aubrey Patton	May 28
Lois Ullman	May 28
Amy Marthaler	May 29
Mandi Schmidt	May 29
Lorann Erickson	May 30
Rhett Leyk	May 30
Bonnie Noonan	May 30
Reiley Rajek	May 30
Heather Wolff	May 30
Patrick Chieves	May 31
Marianne Dinges	May 31
Betty Severt	May 31
Karla Spoehr	May 31

May 2023 – Anniversary

Bill and Marianne Dinges	May 4
John and Audrey Johnson	May 7
DuWayne & Karen Hanneman	May 12
Jared and Jodie Semling	May 12
James and Cindy Leskey	May 13
Pat and Laura Beyer	May 15
Albert and Ruth Schumacher	May 17
Angela and Pat Bailey	May 18
Jackie and Jeff Arseneau	May 19
Kevin Hill and Melissa Klug	May 20
Lindy and Lee Ann Lindquist	May 20
Jay and Maxine Tlusty	May 20
Samantha and Joseph Allen	May 21
Ryan and Carri Leyk	May 21
Jeff and Joann Benedict	May 23
Jerry and Debbie Laak	May 24
Linda and Robert Schotz	May 28
Russ and Riesa Mungor	May 31

*If the names or dates are incorrect,
or if we are missing information let
the office know.*



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May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:00a TOPs 1:00p Miriam Circle 6:00p Busy Bees 4-H 6:00p Property & Maintenance 7:15p Bible Study	2 4:30p Worship & Music 5:00p Outreach	3 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade	4 8:30a Mission Sewing 6:30p Y & F / Christian Ed	5	6 9:00a AA Meeting 9:00a Color Fun Run for Ukraine 4:30p Worship
7 9:00a Worship (HC) 9:20a Our Saviour's Kid's 3:30p Youth Group	8 8:00a TOPs 10:15a Esther Circle 7:15p Bible Study	9 3:30p Finance	10	11 8:30a Mission Sewing 1:00p Ruth Circle	12	13 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
14 Mothers' Day 9:00a Worship 3:30p Youth Group	15 8:00a TOPs 7:15p Bible Study	16	17 6:00p Council	18 Ascension Day 8:30a Mission Sewing	19	20 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
21 9:00a Worship 3:30p Youth Group	22 8:00a TOPs 7:15p Bible Study	23	24	25 8:30a Mission Sewing	26	27 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship
28 Pentecost 9:00a Worship (HC) 3:30p Youth Group	29 Memorial Day 9:00a Office Closed	30	31			

Our Saviour's Scrip Order Form

Name _____

Date _____

ON HAND

Qty Total

GROCERIES

County Market - 3%	\$25		
County Market - 3%	\$50		
County Market - 3%	\$100		

RESTAURANTS

Arby's - 8%	\$10		
Chips - 10%	\$5		
Clark's Cup N Cone- 10%	\$10		
Culver's - 5%	\$10		
Culver's - 5%	\$25		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$10		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$20		
1st St. Coffee - 5%	\$5		
1st St. Coffee - 5%	\$10		
Hardee's - 5%	\$10		
Los Mezcales - 15%	\$10		
McDonald's - 5%	\$5		
McDonald's - 5%	\$10		
Pizza Hut - 8%	\$10		
Taco Bell - 5%	\$10		

FUEL

Kwik Trip - 4%	\$25		
Kwik Trip - 4%	\$50		
Kwik Trip - 4%	\$100		

MISCELLANEOUS

Cosmo Child/Sr- 10%	\$5		
Cosmo Adult - 10%	\$8		
Fleet Farm - 3.5%	\$25		
Kohl's - 4%	\$25		
Menards - 3%	\$25		
Walgreens - 5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$50		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$100		

SPECIAL ORDER LIST \$ Amt Qty Total

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

Most popular special orders - many others also

RESTAURANTS

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		
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)

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Check Amount _____

Cash Amount _____

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