

OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Albert City, IA
A. Pete Petersen, Interim Pastor

January

2009

HOLY COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES IN JANUARY

Sunday, January 4, 10:15 A.M. Worship Service
Tuesday, January 20, 1:30 P.M. Pleasant View Home



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2009
11:15 A.M. FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

AGENDA INCLUDES:

Things to be voted on

- * Election of church council, auditors, nominating committee & assembly delegates.
- * Changes in the constitution regarding C11.01, C11.02, C12.01. The changes proposed are posted on the bulletin board.
- * Christmas Eve worship time.
- * Installation of sanctuary ceiling fans
- * Adoption of 2009 budget

Items for discussion and information

- * Reports concerning 2008
- * Purchasing the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnals
- * Plans for setting up an Endowment Fund for Our Saviors
- * Expectation of both financial secretary and treasurer to attend council meetings with rights of voice.

What to do regarding all the church pianos.

If you are a confirmed member of Our Savior's, it is your right and responsibility to attend.

The LYO will be serving a noon lunch in the fellowship hall following the meeting.

FROM THE PASTOR

Read Matthew 6: 19-34

Well folk, here we are at the end of 2008 and at the threshold of 2009. Most of us will make some type of comment about how fast the year has gone. Time does not really ever go any faster or slower. However, our perception of time changes according to what and how much we try to do in the awake hours of our days.

About this time of year every year, we begin to evaluate our priorities regarding what we want to change in our lives. It has to do with something called "New Years Resolutions". As each of us take our inventories and look over our priorities, some words from Matthew's Gospel can help us gain new perspective as we cross over the threshold of 2009. I want to encourage you to read Matthew 6: 19-34. For now I want to put a few verses in your mind.

"Don't store up treasures on earth! You cannot serve both God and money. I tell you don't worry about your life. Can worry make you live longer? Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well.
(Matt. 6:19a, 24c,25a, 27, 32a, 33 CEV).

May the light of Jesus Christ shine forth on your journey in 2009.
God Bless you and yours.

A. Pete Petersen I.I. Pastor





Our Savior's Potpourri

Women of the ELCA News

There will be no General meeting
In January.

The Executive Committee met on
Sunday, December 28 after
morning Worship for the annual
task of distributing funds from our
treasury. After reserving an amount
for upcoming expenses the
remaining funds were distributed;

- \$100. To the WELCA Action
Committee (for quilting materials).
- \$100. To OSLC Library
- \$100. To OSLC Sunday School
- \$200. To Lutheran Service Disaster
Relief (for ongoing help to Iowa
flood victims.)

Bible Study

It's not too late to join Pastor
Peterson's Bible study on the book
of Colossians. We meet in the
lounge at 9:00 A.M. Bring your
Bibles.

LYO SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 3: LYO lock-in at the
church 8:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 18: LYO New
Orleans Fundraiser: Baked Potato
Bar dinner following church.



Lost & Found

A camera in a case was found in the
kitchen after St. Lucia. It can be
claimed in the church office.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,931.03
Income	\$16,042.85
Expenses	\$12,257.69
Balance	\$ 8,718.97

SERVICE WORKSHOP

The January service workshop will be
on January 14 at 1:00 P.M.

Come and help whenever you can!

Bring your Bible!

Pastor Petersen has requested that
everyone bring their Bible to the
worship service on January 4 for a
special Bible study that day.

Word has been received from Lois
Anderson that former Pastor Don is now
in a nursing home and in poor health.
Please keep him in your prayers.

Mail will reach them at;
1020 E. 17th St. #435
Minneapolis, MN 55404

UNAPPROVED CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES, DECEMBER 17TH, 2008

Pastor Peterson opened the meeting with devotions & prayer. President Merle Hogrefe called the meeting to order. Those present were Gary Balder, Scott Johnson, Sue Gnewuch, Luke Peterson, Tom Wessman, Brad Heuton, Merle Hogrefe, Phil Roberts, Tom Aronson, Cindy Herrig, treasurer Brad Hyde, Nola Josephson, and Pastor Peterson.

Brad Hyde went over the treasure's & financial secretary's reports. He will purchase chamber buck to be handed out to show our appreciation for jobs done this past year. It was MSC'D to approve his reports.

It was MSC'D to approve the secretary's report for the November meeting.

Nola read a letter that was received from the Sundholm Foundation. They suggested that the money that we receive from the trust be used in assisting us with repair & maintenance projects. A check from the Citizen's Bank, for \$4,600 was enclosed with the letter. It was suggested that we send a "Thank You" note to the Sundholm trust at the end of the year.

Pastor's Report - from November 20th - December 17th : shut-in visits/calls - 5, nursing home visits/calls - 26, home visits/calls - 22, holy communion/sp circumstances - 16 & non members - 16, meetings - 15, funerals - 1, office visits/calls - 16, total miles - 166, total pastoral acts - 117. Pastor Pete also commented that the confirmation class has finished their studies of The 10 Commandments.

Education - the Sunday School Christmas program and St. Lucia Festival was held on Sunday, December 14th, at 9:00 am during our church service. It was well attended and received many wonderful comments. We appreciate the hard work of director, Judy Clausen, and all of the many others that had a part in it.

Operations - Sue reported on the progress of our "Pass the Buck" project. We are still waiting for 2 packets to be returned. Cindy has been tallying the "Time & Talent" sheets. We hope that all of the packets will have been returned by our next meeting.

Property - Tom W reported that Tom Clausen has fixed the light in the parking lot. The Coop has put 150 gallons of fuel in our tank. Merle plans to have the estimated cost of tuck pointing our steeple by spring. Gary will contact a man from Rockwell City, to get an estimate from him.

Old Business - Phil reported on our web page. Colorize, from Storm Lake, will have it up and running by the end of the year. Phil is working on the design. They charge by the hour, and bill by the month. There is a \$17 a month hosting fee. They charge \$55.00 for extras. Phil also reported on his review of our constitution. He made his recommendations for chapters that he felt needed amended. It was MSC'D that we amend chapters 11.01, 11.02, and 12.01. Phil will write up these amendments and they will be posted. They need to be posted for 10 days before the congregation votes on them, which will be at our annual meeting. - The comments that were heard about the new Lutheran Book of Worship and the pros and cons of purchasing them were discussed. It

was decided that we would give the congregation 1 more month to check them out and voice their opinion of them. The first Saturday morning of the men's breakfast in November, was not well attended. We will talk about it again in January and decide if we want to try it again. Cindy reviewed our funeral duties and handed out instructions to all of the council members. She will also post them in the janitor's closet by the switch for the toll bell, and in the sound system room. The cordless mic should always be returned to the sound system room so everyone knows where to find it.

New Business - It was MSC'D that the loose offering at our Christmas Eve Service will be given to Pastor Pete. Those that will not be able to attend the service, may give their offering to Nola. It was MSC'D that Sunday, February 1st will be the day of our annual meeting. Al Romo and Diann Peterson are auditors for 2008. Those on the nominating committee are Randy Heuton, Twila Lange, Lori Romo, Dave Aronson, Keith Moe & Paula Balder. Merle will notify them. Pleasant View Home serves their noon meal at 11:30 and would like to have their residents and the independent living residents at their tables by that time on Sunday morning. Pastor Pete suggested that we have a clock at the back of the church so he could keep track of the time. Tom W will purchase a clock and hang it in the balcony. Merle suggested that we extend an invitation to St. John's members to join us for worship for the months of January, February and March. This would help to save them on their winter heating costs, snow removal and their supply pastors. It was agreed that Merle would contact Rae Jean Nehring, St. John's council president. It was MSC'D that we give the approval to the LYO for them to have a lock in at our church on January 3rd.

It was MSC'D to adjourn. The next meeting will be on January 21st, 2009


Cindy Herrig, church council secretary

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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USHERS: Tom Wesaman, Phil Roberts, Arnie Dahlstrom, Tim Dahlstrom
GREETERS: 4), 11) John Langes, 18) Paul Lindgrens, 25) Dick Aronsone
LECTORS: 4) Theresa Dahlstrom, 11) 18) Karen Hyde 25)
ACOLYTE: Anthony Eberle
ALTAR GUILD: Rosalinda Nehring, Jasmine Nehring

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9:00A.M.SCS 4) Adult Bible Study 10:15 Holy Communion & Worship Bring your Bible	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00A.M. SCS & Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship			4:15 P.M. Confirmation			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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LYO lock-in
8:00 P.M. to
7:00 A.M.