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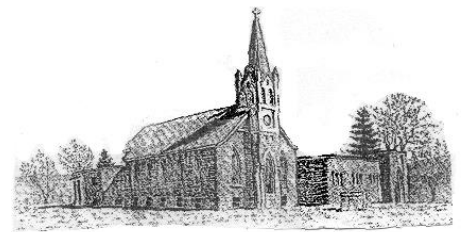
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APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

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WEST SALEM, WISCONSIN
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- First Communion Participants
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- "Simply Social"—April 15
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Mission Statement:
To reach toward God
and to each other
for the sake of the world

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Now or never. Time to make it happen. That's my world, right about now. I need to get this last newsletter piece done.

Now, understand that I am not in this bind because I wasted my time, or didn't stay focused. I had something thought out. And then...the details aren't important, but things changed. They changed in ways that I did not expect, and so what I almost wrote yesterday isn't going to work. I need something new.

Kind of like Easter. Remember the stories we have heard? On Good Friday, we heard the story of the crucifixion. Jesus said, "It is finished," and bowed his head and died. That's it, all done!

And then, Easter morning? The women, coming down to the tomb to complete the task of embalming the dead, because he is dead. They have it planned out. They know what they need to do because they have a grasp of reality. The women harbor no false hopes, no foolish dreams, and no misguided notions.

Except, things have changed! As they walk the path they are unaware of what is about to unfold before them. Yes, the tomb will be empty, without a body to embalm. And yes, the angel will give them an extraordinary message. And yes, they will even meet the resurrected Jesus. All of this will surprise them.

But most of all, they will be changed. The power of the resurrected Christ changes the women. Taken from the shadow of death, they experience life they could never imagine. They experience nothing more and nothing less than God's gift of life right in the midst of death. That is to say, death is not cast aside – death is encountered, embraced, and overcome, all at the same time! And that is not what they expected!

It's not what we expect either. Of course, we know the line. We know that someday we will be in heaven, that death will be overcome, etc. But I'm not sure we really grasp what that means, and I'm not totally sure that in the end, we really buy it.

As we walk our daily path, do we join the women, walking to the tomb, knowing what life is really about, yet then, discovering the gift of life in the midst of death? Or...do we just nod our heads, and then go back to real life, where death is real?

Our reality is that we live in days that are stressed and threatening. The world is ever so smaller, the environment is threatening, the economy is shaky, and politics is uglier than we've seen in generations. These are tough times for people, and especially for disciples of Jesus.

At the same time, our culture is changing, creating new challenges for us as a faith community, challenges for which answers are difficult to find. How do we best craft our ministries to meet the needs of a changing

world? And how do we ensure we have the resources to do what we believe we are called to do?

But remember (*and I write these words to myself as much as I write them to you*), we are on the path with the women. We are headed to the tomb. We know the reality of a changing world, with ugly politics and all sorts of fears around us. We are, it seems, slowly dying.

And the tomb? It's full of death too. There will be no help there. No help at all, until...until we get there and we discover that God is at work. Until we discover that in the crucified and risen Jesus, embraced by a loving God, we walk right through death into the gift of life. Until we realize that we have been changed!

So as disciples of Jesus, this day (and every day) we walk with the women to the tomb, only to discover that all has changed. Even though our lives continue to confound us, we know that God is at work in our midst. And day in and day out, God makes you a new creation.

The same for us as a community of faith. We walk a path in the midst of a changing, challenging world, certain sometimes that the threats are more than we can handle. Yet, in the risen Jesus, God embraces us. And in God's embrace, we have all we can ever need.

And beyond all our expectations, we are made new and alive again!

Pastor Jon

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR HEALING



"Prayer around the Cross" continues on as a new, Sunday evening worship we offer once a month, giving us a quiet, contemplative worship opportunity. We gather to reflect on the darkness around us, and on the light that shines through Jesus, with each month having a different theme.

Our next "prayer around the cross" will be on April 10, at 7 p.m., and will include a Service of the Word for Healing. We bring our need for healing of body, mind, and spirit before a gracious God. We pray for God's presence and receive a blessing, with an anointing of oil. We meet in the sanctuary – come as you are, regardless of where you are in life, and share in times of silence, prayer, and music.



FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

We celebrate with the following young people who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion in worship on Maundy Thursday (March 24): Ella Beal, Lauren Bell, Hunter Berg, Lily Berg, Eva Clements, Alena Donahue, Zachary Fitzpatrick, Emma Fortier, Scarlet Fullwood, Madeline Giblin, Elly Goodenough, Jaden Hammes, Jacob Helgeson, Amalia Hemker, Jacob Hickey, Kendra Hillyer, Morgan Kammel, Brennan Kennedy, Ben Larson, Tyler Leren, Clayton Lyga, Tyler Mathison, Morgan Quackenbush, Dylan Wiese, and Noelle Zarecki.

Thank you – to the students for baking the bread we used for communion.



Thank you – to Angie Hemker for working with the students to make the cups their families used to receive communion.



Communion Bread ...

You may have noticed we are now using homemade bread for Holy Communion on the third weekend of each month. We thank *Sharon Olson*

(January), the *Sjoquist Family* (February), our *First Communion students* (Maundy Thursday), and *Norma Piper* (Easter) for providing the bread so far this year.

After several decades of making bread for our special services on Christmas and Easter, *Norma Piper* has decided to hang up her apron and “retire.” We thank Norma for her years of dedicated service and for sharing the gift of bread (and her recipe!☺).

If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please speak with Pastor Jean. Recipes are available.



My Offering

From the counters ...

Please remember to use your offering envelopes if you have them. If you need some, let Kay know in the office.

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Lent, March 2	156		
March 5 & 6	268	\$8,130	59
Lent, March 9	153		
March 12 & 13	237	\$3,637	64
Lent, March 16	157		
March 19 & 20	376	\$8,125	59
Holy Thursday	227		
Good Friday	142		
Easter Sunday	679		

Thank You

- We thank the **MAILING CREW** for assembling the Newsletter. The members who helped this past month were Connie and Larry Blunck, Bev Bockenbauer, Bonnie Ender, Sandra Holthaus, Inger Michael, Judy Morzinski, Carol Noel, Carol Peterson and Betty Whitlock.

- THANK YOU to Mike Alumbaugh for years of service as the chair of the Rental Management Committee and the Property Committee, and for being the general “go to guy” for property concerns. After many projects and accomplishments, Mike has stepped down from these posts. We are grateful for the time and energy he has shared with us. So, “Thanks, Mike!”

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

† **Lincoln John Hafner**, son of Bradley and Amie Hafner was baptized February 28. His baptismal sponsors are Adam Kamla, Tony Reinhart, and Jessica McAlear.

† **Breanna Marie Smith**, daughter of Darrel and Brenda Smith was baptized March 5. Her baptismal sponsors are Betty and Brad Pfaff.

† **Darrell Keith Smith, Jr.**, son of Darrel and Brenda Smith was baptized March 5. His baptismal sponsors are Ralph and Julie Lounsbrough.

Funerals

† We express our sympathy to the family of **Irene J. Fisher** who died February 26. Services were held March 3 with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

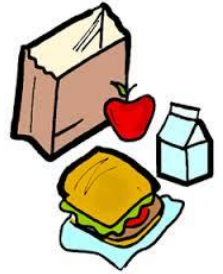
† We express our sympathy to the family of **Dorothy Bahan** who died March 14. Services were held March 19 with burial in Hamilton Cemetery.

† We express our sympathy to the family of **Leona Gilbertson** who died March 18. Services were held March 24 with burial in Neshonoc Cemetery.

FEED THE CHILDREN

SUMMER LUNCH 2016

Plans are underway to once again provide lunch twice a week at the Village Park and Anderson Mobile Home Park in West Salem. Lunches will be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays at these sites from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Linda's Bakery, Hansen's IGA, and the La Crosse County Dairy Producers have all agreed to help again with donations.



We also need your help.

We will provide a list each week with items needed. Please check your bulletin and drop off items in the designated area in the Gathering Area. Monetary donations are also welcome.

We need volunteers to cover the 11 weeks from June 7th through August 18th. Each week we will need a team leader and 4-6 volunteers to cover the 2 days.

Please consider being a part of this wonderful mission serving our own community. If you have questions or would like to help, please call Char Buelow 780-9150.

Our first list of needed items includes the following:

- Brown paper sandwich bags
- Snack size zip lock bags
- Waxtex sandwich bags
- Boxes of plastic spoons

GARDEN PLOTS



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Garden plots remain available for the 2016 season for any congregation members interested in growing flowers or vegetables. The land is easily accessed off highway M one mile north of the fairgrounds. Call Jim at 786-1236 for details.

JUNE DAIRY DAYS

June Dairy Days is June 3, 4 and 5. We will need your help to work in the Food Stand and the Run/Walk.



We are also looking for people to be the lead person or persons for the Food Stand and Run/Walk.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS

We are still seeking two persons to join us as voting members to the 2016 La Crosse Area Synod Assembly. The assembly is in Decorah June 10-12. Expenses are covered. Assemblies involve business, fellowship, worship, and a lot of learning about the work of God's people! See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean if you are interested.

2016 MINISTRIES HANDBOOK



The Ministries Handbook for 2016 is available in the Gathering Area. The resource includes a listing of the Staff, Church Council, Committees, Altar Guild, Circles and WELCA information. The Ushers, Readers, Communion Assistants and Basket Holders are not listed in the handbook because the scheduling for these groups is done on a three-month rotation.

OF COWS AND HORSES!

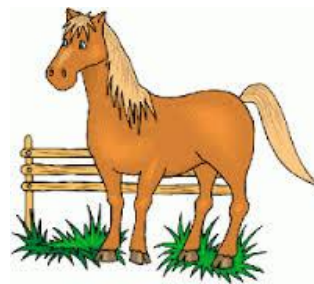
The herds are running, and you can be a part of changing lives! Two projects are under way...

The La Crosse Area Synod invites us to buy a cow (or two, or three) for God's Global Barnyard. Each cow costs \$500, and congregations are asked to bring their wooden cutout cows to the synod assembly in June, so we can "herd" them together!



Cows make a huge difference in the lives of the hungry, providing milk, butter, and maybe a bit of fertilizer! You can be a part of our cow project by putting "cow project" on the memo line of your check, or placing it in an envelope labeled "cow project."

Meanwhile, Sugar Creek Bible Camp again seeks our support through their "horse"



project. Two horses are in the Gathering Area, with the request that we mark off the squares for \$20 apiece. Put your name in a square, and make your gift – make sure you

note "horse project" on your check or envelope, and include your name.

Thank you for your support of ministries that change many lives in many ways!

CONGREGATION COUNCIL REVIEW

The Congregation Council met on Monday, March 14, with President Jim Quamme calling the meeting to order. At this meeting the council:

- Reviewed council duties during worship.
- Approved the February minutes, and received the treasurer's report, along with reports from the pastors.
- Continued to discuss issues regarding Childfirst. Decided to seek more information.
- Reviewed committee memberships.
- Appointed Megan Larson, Pam Gresens, and Ilene Pavelko as voting members to the 2016 La Crosse Area Synod Assembly, with one more to be appointed.
- Decided to convert the Lewis Student Loan Fund to a scholarship fund, under the same basic parameters as the other scholarship funds.
- Received into membership Justin and Katie Drury, along with children Candace and Chloe through Affirmation of Baptism, and Pam and Jerry Willer through transfer from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, pending receipt of transfer.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The council meets again on Monday, April 11. See Jim Quamme or one of the pastors if you have any questions.

college connection

As our students are either away from home or studying in challenging environments, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.



This month please pray for **Anne Wermedal** (Luther College, Decorah) and **Katelyn Rigotti** (UW-L).



Remembering those who serve in the military ...

This month we pray for **Sam Fellom** (Navy) studying in Pensacola, FL.

6-9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION AND AFTER SCHOOL APRIL SCHEDULE

6th graders have classes on Wednesday at 6 p.m.



7-8th graders have a core class on April 6, electives on April 13 and 27 at 6 p.m. and the scavenger hunt for the food pantry on April 20.

After School begins again on April 6.

The 9th grade confirmation class is in its home stretch! One class left – April 6 at 7 p.m., followed by a small group opportunity on April 13. A brunch for students and group guides is set for Sunday, April 17 at 11:45 a.m. We will wrap up our time together and make sure we are ready for the Affirmation of Baptism.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM



Confirmation Class Affirmation of Baptism is set for Sunday, April 24, at the 10:30 a.m. service. Families are asked to take only one pew for immediate family. Additional seating will be available in the balcony and the Gathering Area. Please hold all our confirmands in your prayers as they move into a new stage of their calling as disciples of Jesus.

Alayna Aleckson
 Hannah Anderson
 Thor Anderson
 Ashlyn Arneson
 Elizabeth Averbeck
 Brianna Bores
 Mitchell Dunham
 Madison Dutton
 Eli Elsen
 Sydney Fitzpatrick
 Trenton Foreman
 Kessler Goodenough
 Olivia Haun
 Dagan Hemker
 Anna Johnson
 Dalton Johnson

Kamryn Kane
 Alayna Kennedy
 Joshua Knudtson
 Hannah Kolve
 Megan Larson
 Ashlie Lockington
 Dylan Mann
 Tyler Marcou
 Andrew Murphy
 Dalton Peters
 Jonathan Quamme
 Jordyn Schurhammer
 Connor Strainis
 Samantha Thompson
 Stephanie Tiber
 Jared Witte

CONFIRMATION SCAVENGER HUNT

Wednesday, April 20, the 7-8th graders head out on their annual "scavenger hunt" for the food pantry, going through the neighborhood to collect for those who are in need. If they end up at your door, please be generous! Groups will compete to see who can collect the highest point total per person. But most of all, they are making a difference in the lives of others!



And if you want to contribute, but they don't make it to your door...bring your contribution here and we'll get it to the food pantry!

SCRIP CARDS



Scrip Cards are now available for Kwik Trip, Woodman's, and Festival. Cards are generally available before and after Saturday worship, and between services on Sunday. Cards make great gifts, and at the same time, a percentage goes to our youth ministry or to support the Summer Lunch program. You can fill up, eat up, and gift up – and support our kids at the same time!

A sign up is outside Pastor Jon's office if you would be willing to sell cards. Kids need a parent present, and their "cut" goes into their account for future mission trips. Adults are also welcome to sell cards – their portion will go toward the Summer Lunch account. See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more information.



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP - 2016 "The Jesus Way"

Check out the brochures for camp on the kiosk in the Gathering Area!

OUR SAVIOR'S CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE

\$100 full week – \$50 half week

Request forms due in the office **NO LATER than April 28th**



(Forms available in the church office, on the kiosk in the Gathering Area, or on the website – www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)

Camperships distributed in **Worship May 7 & 8**

(You send the campership to Sugar Creek directly.)

SALVATION ARMY DINNER SERVING

Our Savior's continues to take the second Friday of the month to serve the meal at the Salvation Army in La Crosse. We are there from 4:15-5:15 p.m. – no preparation or clean up, just serving and being the presence of Jesus as we do "God's work with our hands." We look to have six servers, and families are welcome, including children as young as ten. A sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board outside Pastor Jon's office.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

***Alleluia! Christ is risen! Jesus is alive!
Alleluia!
Happy Easter! Amen!***

Come and celebrate the season of Easter with us! Join us and our friends from *Whirl* as they share stories to help us learn about the seasons of the church year and about Jesus' life. We are always eager to welcome new students - it's never too late - come join us!



Hungry Jar Offering for April – Red Cross

American Red Cross

Our 2nd grade Sunday School class has chosen the American Red Cross as the recipients of our April Hungry Jar offering. For more than 100 years, the American Red Cross in Wisconsin has been there to offer aid and resources to others to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies through immediate assistance, education, outreach, and training. Today, in addition to domestic disaster relief, the American Red Cross offers educational programs that promote health and safety; support and comfort for military members and their families; the collection, processing, and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products; and international relief and development programs. Please be generous as we support this important ministry in our community.



Sunday, May 8 – Kids sing in worship at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 15 – Last day of Sunday School

Sunday School Offering

Sunday School offerings are being collected for **God's Global Garden** through the work of the



ELCA. Start with a large plot of land, add special drought-resistant seeds, and top it off with tools and training for all. The result – plenty of fruits and vegetables to go around! Extra produce and seeds are shared with neighbors in need. **Check it out!** We now have two garden plots filled with carrots, cabbage, beans, and melons; plus fruit tree saplings, and all of the tools to tend the garden. How about another plot?



June Dairy Days Parade June 4th

Floats

Help us build it! Walk with us!
Watch for details

Friendly competition ...

Attendance ...
Offering ...



We are beginning the home stretch. After 22 weeks (mid-March) ...

Our **Kindergarten** class has the most weeks of "near perfect" attendance at 8 weeks, followed by the **Pre-K** at 5. We still have **1 child who has perfect attendance** and another **3 who only missed once!** Way to go kids!! Keep it up!

Our **1st grade** has taken over the lead with \$149.75, followed by the **5th grade** at \$137.30 and the **4th grade (Ms. Kane/Ms. Schmidt)** at \$135.70! We now have two garden plots completed! Check out the bulletin board outside of Pastor Jean's office to watch as our third garden is growing. The congregation plot has all of its vegetables, and now just needs the tools to tend the garden.



Save the dates ...
Vacation Bible School
Sugar Creek Counselors
August 8-11



“Simply Social”

Interested in getting together

with other adults in our congregation to build relationships and just have fun together?

Join us for our first event – dinner ...

Friday, April 15th
6 PM

Grizzly's Wood Fired Grill
(3039 Medco Ct, La Crosse)

Check out the poster on the kiosk in the Gathering Area for more information and to sign up (please RSVP by April 10th). For more details, contact Beth Quamme (786-2419) or Pastor Jean.

We will have dinner and talk about other fun things we can do together!

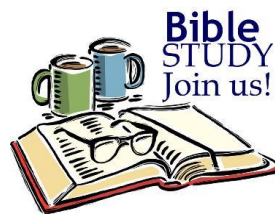
CHECK IT OUT ...

Can't see the bulletin ...
we have large print bulletins



Can't hear the worship service ... we have a hearing assist device

Missed worship ... check out the website –
www.oursaviorswestsalem.org – to see the service.



Bible Study @ Salem Terrace Monday, April 11th at 10 AM

Join us in the small kitchenette room off the parking lot between the two buildings. The coffee pot will be on and there are always yummy treats!

NURSING HOME SERVICES

Thursday, April 21: 10:30 a.m. – Lakeview
1 p.m. – Salem Terrace
2:45 p.m. – Mulder's

Sunday, April 24: 1:30 p.m. – Lakeview

Come and join us as we share the good news with faithful folk around our community! See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more information.

CIRCLE NEWS

RUTH CIRCLE

Monday, April 18, 9 a.m.
Leader: Velma Schmidt
Hostess: Vernetta Moe

ADULT STUDIES

Wednesday Bible study – 9:30-11 a.m.
Meets in the Library
Currently studying stories from Luke

Sunday morning study – 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Meets in classroom next to bathrooms on lower level
Exploring faith and life through the Nooma video series

Salem Terrace study and WELCA Circle studies
check the calendar for details!

**Senior
Spotlight!
Celebrating
our Resident Theologians...**



Disciples come in all shapes and sizes. We have much to learn from our “elders” as these resident theologians have insights and stories to share. Harriet Skrade graciously allowed us to share a glimpse into

her story. Harriet, 93 years young, was welcomed, along with her husband, to Our Savior’s in the early sixties.

Harriet’s advice to new disciples of Jesus

... As we pray the Lord’s Prayer, learn to accept “Thy will be done” and truly trust the Lord to give us the strength and the wisdom to abide by what he has in store for us. It is important to understand the power of prayer, to realize how much prayer helps us. As we mature, we find ourselves praying more for others rather than our own wants.

As Harriet talked about the power of prayer, she shared this story ... when Harriet would rock her son at night she would be saying her prayers out loud. One day when Jeff was a young child, after reciting several poems to his Grandmother, he proceeded to recite the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed. Harriet had no idea he knew those prayers, but he picked them up from hearing her say them all the time. A family member told her ... Christian mother [parents], Christian child.

Harriet’s favorite Bible passage ... because

... “Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1). These words are on a plaque that Harriet received as a Christmas gift from her husband’s younger brother early in their

marriage. The plaque has been on her bedside table for over 60 years!

Harriet’s earliest memories of church ...

Harriet remembers going to Sunday School, confirmation, and youth programs as a child at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Prairie du Chien. The same pastor who confirmed Harriet also confirmed her son, Jeff!

As a “senior,” Harriet would like to encourage the idea of sharing a ride to worship. Harriet never learned to drive and after her husband passed away and she no longer lived within walking distance of the church she couldn’t get here. Through the years, Loretta Fritsch had become a “worship partner” with Harriet and when she realized Harriet was no longer able to get to church, Loretta (who lives in Onalaska) offered her a ride. Because of this “connection,” Harriet has been able to attend worship regularly for more than eight years. Harriet says what a gift of commitment and Christian deed! Thank you, Loretta!

Thank you for sharing, Harriet! Please keep Harriet and all of our “senior” members (and “resident theologians”) in your prayers.

Cards for shut-ins

Don’t forget to stop by the “Card Ministry” table (located outside of the Church Office) each weekend when you are at worship to sign the cards for our shut-ins.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

One of our newer programs at Our Savior's is "Senior Ministry." Webster defines senior as "elder, higher in rank, longer in service" and ministry as "serving or server." Who are these people? In many instances, our elderly were the foundation of our congregation as we know it today – the leaders sharing their knowledge, experience, life of faith and beautiful spirit of the Lord to us in Sunday School, Confirmation, Choirs, Council leadership, Sunday Worship, and they sacrificed to pay our debts!

It is our committee's goal to now serve these members, who many of them can no longer get to church, by bringing Bible study, friendship and social hour to Salem Terrace residents and others, home communion, and DVD's of our worship services to shut-ins, offer rides, and have exciting and informative programs at OWLS each month.

But are we really serving them, or are they serving us? It's a mutual sharing with each other, I believe! Their hard work and accomplishments without all the modern conveniences are admirable indeed and they trusted in the Lord for guidance and answers. Think about it, do we pray for answers and wait or do we turn to instant acknowledgement from Google? Maybe it is faster, but where are we speeding off to?

A glimpse of our past gives me insight and strength for our future. I can't help but think we see God every day in the faces of our elderly.

I asked Alice Gums the other day what she thought about Senior Ministry and she simply said, "I think we do a good job of serving every age group in our congregation. I love our church!"

There are many opportunities to serve and share our time right here in West Salem and it is such a rewarding experience for everyone involved. Would you like to join us?

Bev Bockenbauer



Safe Driving for

Seniors (those 55+)

April 28

12:30 PM-

4:30 PM



Gary Varcone, a volunteer from AARP, will present a class on safe driving for seniors. At the end, you will receive a card saying you have completed the class. You are encouraged to take that to your insurance agent to see if you might qualify for a discount on your premium.

Class size is limited to 20-24 participants and **registration is required**. Watch for a **registration table** in the Gathering Area the weekends of **April 9 & 10 and 16 & 17**. The **cost for the class is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members**. Note that scholarships are available to help with the cost - talk to Pastor Jean.

As always, coffee and treats will be provided!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS



The La Crosse Area W-ELCA Synod Spring Convention will be on April 16, 2016, at Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church, 500 S. Main Street, Westby. The theme, following the triennial theme of "many generations," will be "Grandma, I've grown up," focusing on the ministry of our generation and future generations. Keynote speaker will be Bishop Emerita April Larson.

All Thrivent members – don't forget to check and see if you have "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to direct. Our Savior's is one of the many potential charitable recipients of your choice dollars, but your direction needs to be made each time. A number of Our Savior's folk direct their choice dollars – do you? See Thrivent's web site for more information or stop by the office and we will help you out.

Offices to be elected at the Spring Convention are Vice President, Secretary, Representatives from the East and West Conferences. Names may be submitted to the nominating committee, Ruth Scholze, chair.

E-COMMUNICATIONS OR PAPER COPY



Did you know that **112** people receive the newsletter by email instead of the **448** people who receive a paper copy?

Interested in helping us save paper and postage? One way we can do that is to send you an email each time we post the newsletter on our website. Give us your email address, let us know you don't want a paper copy of the newsletter, and we'll do the rest. You can find the website at www.oursaviorswestsalem.org

2016 FLOWER CHART



We're deeply appreciative of the donations of flowers for our worship center throughout the year. You can sign your name for a particular Sunday. We'll send you a note reminding you that you have signed up to provide flowers.

You can order flowers from a flower shop or at some times of the year provide your own flowers. The world around us gives God glory!

HOSPITAL REMINDER

Being hospitalized is never easy. Our goal is to visit each member during this difficult time.



At Gundersen, please be sure to alert the hospital of your church affiliation when they ask and they will then release your name to us when we call. At Mayo Clinic Health System/Franciscan Healthcare, it is important that you or a family member contact the church office to notify us of your stay. Mayo is no longer able to give out that information.

SIMPLY GIVING

What is "Simply Giving?" Simply speaking, "Simply Giving" is a direct payment service that allows you, at no additional cost, to have your support for our ministry made automatically, in whatever amount you choose. Signing up...changing your giving...or discontinuing is easy. For more information, contact the office or speak with one of the pastors.

ACOLYTES

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
April 2 & 3	Allison Arentz	Cody Anderson	Hannah Brenengen
April 9 & 10	Mahlivanh Fleckenstein	Kara Gavaghan	Taylor Hennessey
April 16 & 17	Aidan Donahue	Meghan Hansen	Zach Friell
April 23 & 24	Hallie Halverson	Lexi Giblin	WyndSOR Goodenough
April 30 & May 1	Cassidy Bores		

BASKET HOLDERS

		Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
April 3		Kylee Gander	Ashlee Garbers
April 10		Justin Hennessey	Madeline Janisch
April 17		Zachary Long	Megan Marcou
April 24		Mallory Matheny	Ryan Nickles

READERS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
April 2 & 3	Phil Gilbert	Lee Fernstaedt	Michelle Witte
April 9 & 10	Bonnie Gensch	Melody Schmitz	Dottie Baumgartner
April 16 & 17	Kay Niemeier	Carol Stekel	Jeff Haldeman
April 23 & 24	Bev Bockenbauer	Sharon Olson	Confirmation Students
April 30 & May 1	Angie Hemker	Jenny Leren	Eric Iliff

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
April 2 & 3	Allison Rigotti	Larry Blunck Cathryn Bottem	Jason Stefferud Tracey Beckley
April 9 & 10	Bev Bockenbauer	Eric & Lynette Ender	Dottie Baumgartner Jaime Fortier
April 16 & 17	Karen DeSchepper	Judy Long Sandy Novak	Scott Friell Stacey Sjoquist
April 23 & 24	Ken Spraezt	Melody Schmitz Tim Tiber	Tracy Hesse Denise Jones
April 30 & May 1	Lee Fernstaedt	Shannon Wiese Paula Heilman	Marty & Jane Frank

OFFERINGS			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
April 2 & 3	Steve Ahles	Linda Arentz	Jason Stefferud
April 9 & 10	Steve Ahles	Vernetta Moe	Jason Stefferud
April 16 & 17		Carlie Burkhardt	Jason Stefferud
April 23 & 24	Ken Spraezt	Steve Ahles	Jason Stefferud
April 30 & May 1	Carol Wittenberg	Steve Ahles	Carlie Burkhardt

USHERS			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
APRIL	April 2 & 9 Steve & Sue Ahles April 16 Phil & Judy Gilbert April 23 Tony & Ami Fullwood April 30 Dawn & Ella Beal	Lee Fernstaedt Leon Herried Eric Iliff Tim Tiber	Tim, Cindy & Lizzie Averbeck Mark Hunter

ALTAR GUILD Nancy DeYoung

HOME COMMUNION SERVERS

April 2/3	Daryl Wermedal	April 23/24	Marjorie Anderson
April 9/10	Betty Whitlock & Diane McClintock	April 30/May 1	Linda Arentz
April 16/17	Kristy Alumbaugh		

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