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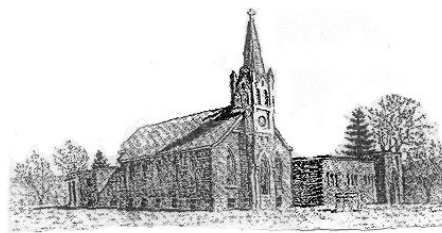
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MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2016

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Mission Statement:
To reach toward God
and to each other
for the sake of the world

OUR SAVIOR'S VOICE

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MAY 2016

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

NEW LIFE

We are in the midst of the Easter season. A season of abundance. Easter is not about absence, or Jesus going away, it is about presence and fullness. Throughout the season of Easter, we hear about the crucified and risen Jesus coming among the disciples and promising peace. That same Jesus comes among us bringing the same promises. In Christ's death and resurrection, we are given new life.



I was reminded of that new life as I left the hospital the other day after meeting the newest child of God here in this place. It is in the miracle of the birth of children that new life is obvious.

Later in May we will be baptizing three infants. They will find new life in the water and the Word, claimed as God's precious children, marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Every few days my husband drags me out into the yard to look at the trees and the bushes. We have watched the buds forming and now the leaves are bursting forth ... even the flowering crab is ready to bloom, giving us the assurance that it is still alive and well. We see new growth and new life in these trees and bushes that lay dormant all winter.

New life comes in less obvious ways, too. We had an IEP at school for Rebecca recently, making plans to transition to high school in the fall. My nephew graduates from college this month and will continue with graduate studies, while other graduates will enter the workforce or military service. In April, thirty-two young people affirmed the promises their parents made for them at their baptism, and now they go forth making their own promises to live lives that are faithful. Friends of ours are moving to a new home, in a new community, to pursue new jobs. We grieve the loss of loved ones, yet there is new life to be found even in the face of death. Those who have died find new life with the resurrected Jesus. Those left here on this earth, find new life in new routines, in new experiences.

New life can be found in the transitions of our lives.

Sometimes we step outside of our comfort zones, sometimes we find ourselves in challenging situations, sometimes we seek change ... and in each one of those situations, we find new life, that which renews us. As we go forth, we are not alone ... we feel the presence and fullness of the resurrected and risen Jesus. In the light of Christ, we find new life.

Where do you see new life? What brings you new life?

Walking in the new life of Christ with you,

Pastor Jean

CHILDFIRST UPDATE

Over the past months there has been considerable concern regarding the tenancy of Childfirst and their failure to stay up to date in rental payments. The Congregation Council and its Executive Committee have spent considerable time considering a variety of options, while seeking to resolve the issue. We believe that we are approaching a resolution, perhaps even as you read this. We continue to hold the mission of this congregation as our highest priority, while also keeping in mind that any changes affect many lives in our community. If you have questions or concerns, please speak with Jim Quamme or Pastor Jon.

Prayer Around the Cross



“Prayer around the Cross” continues 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 May 8, at 7 p.m., and will be a time to reflect on mothers and caregivers. We all have mothers who have given us life and caregivers who have nurtured us along the way. Whether we celebrate their presence in our lives, or grieve their absence; whether we provide that role for others, or yearn to be there; we give thanks to our God for those who mother and those who care.

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.

CONFIRMATION AND AFTER SCHOOL



9th grade...done! 9th graders affirmed their baptisms on April 24, and now...they keep doing what they have already been doing – living out their

baptism as disciples of Jesus!

7th/8th graders...class on May 4, electives on May 11, and then small groups...and off for the summer!

6th graders...classes end on May 11.

After School meets May 4.

Thank you to parents and meal providers for After School, small group guides, and all who helped make this year a success!



(See page 15 for Confirmation Staff.)

POSTAL FOOD DRIVE

Opportunity for service—Come Join the Fun!

The Postal Food Drive is May 14, 2016. The Community Care and Share Food Pantry Board is seeking volunteers on May 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 359 N Leonard Street. Any amount of time you might have to help is welcome. Any age is welcome. We will be marking and sorting food donated from the annual US Postal Service Food Drive. Approximately 4,000 pounds is donated to the pantry that day. It takes many hands to complete the job. We hope you will join us. If you have questions, call Lynette Ender 786-0723 or 386-5310.



CAMPUS MINISTRY HOT DOG BOOTH



Tuesday, May 10, beginning at 11 a.m., Our Savior's will staff the "finals week hot dog booth" at Common Ground, the campus ministry building in La Crosse.

Lutheran Campus Ministry continues to be a place where our ministry with young adults is happening, happening well, and happening big! Our Savior's is a major supporter of campus ministry, and we make a difference in our partnership there. Now, we can do it again!

What will we need? 400 hot dogs and buns, along with chips, and folk to grill and serve. Maybe you? Can you join us as we share with students during a high stress time?

Or...can you contribute toward the dogs, buns and chips? To contribute, mark your envelope "hot dogs."

A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in the Gathering Area, or speak with Pastor Jon.

SALVATION ARMY DINNER SERVING



Don't miss the opportunity to live out your baptism in faithful discipleship assisting in the meal

serving at the Salvation Army in La Crosse. Our Savior's continues to take the second Friday of the month. 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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Graduate recognition for Our Savior's will be held on Sunday, May 22, at the 10:30 a.m. service. We will recognize the work of our High School grads, ask God's blessings upon them, and publicly announce scholarship recipients.



This year's graduates include:

Allie Alumbaugh
Laura Anderson
Stephanie Bigley
Allyson Bottem
Sydney Dunham
Haley Dutton
Allison Elliott
Makensie Farr
Abigail Friell
Leah Galstad
Mitch Hansen
Jennifer Iliff
Mitchell Lehmann
Chris Nelson

Jared Novak
Jacey Olson
Jillian Olson
Riley Olson
Samantha Peterson
Raeann Rich
Allison Rigotti
Jack Schwartz
Alison Servais
Samantha Servais
Noah Severson
Jackson Stauffer
Emma Strainis
Drew Tschumper

Following worship, we will have a fellowship time with cake and punch in their honor. Come and celebrate what they have accomplished, and send them forth to new ventures as faithful disciples of Jesus!

Summer Worship

*Beginning May 28
through September 4*

**Saturday 6 PM
Sunday 8 and
10 AM**



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

As you read this, we are in the midst of recognition season – confirmation for 9th graders just happened, and we recognize seniors May 22. For me, it's gotten personal as Rebecca (8th grade) is approaching those milestones. Wow – next year I am the parent!

The recognition, however, is more than we think. To be sure, confirmands and seniors have worked hard. But that's not really what's been going on. What's been going on is the power and presence of a faithful God, in the lives of faithful disciples.

For confirmands, it began with parents who took their baptismal promises seriously, and empowered by God's Holy Spirit, witnessed their faith. They made certain that their child(ren) would experience God's work in the church. That is faithful living by mom and dad – that is stewardship!

Then, for seniors, the same thing! Parents received the gift of a child, and worked to nurture the life of that child, again, empowered by the Holy Spirit. A child who now is ready to take another step in becoming independent, using the gifts God has entrusted to them, and continuing the journey of faithful discipleship. More stewardship!

As I write this, I am looking at a picture of my daughter. Long ago God entrusted her to me, not to keep, but to nurture. My job, my most important responsibility, is to help her to grow as a faithful disciple of Jesus. I want her to be able to use the gifts God has given her, in part to live a good and productive life, but most of all to make a difference in the world.

Our calling to be faithful in our stewardship means raising kids in a tough world. But while the task is challenging, God is good. So please, pray for me, and pray for all our parents. And remember, we are never alone.

Pastor Jon

JUNE DAIRY DAYS



June Dairy Days are fast approaching, including the food stand and the Fun Run, two activities traditionally supported by Our Savior's. Our participation includes receiving support for our youth ministries. Sign-up sheets will be out shortly, so join in the fun, in community building, and in supporting our ministry as a congregation.



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!



FOURTH ANNUAL CHOIR FAVORITES SUNDAY!

Join us Sunday, May 15 as the choir sings their favorite anthems from the past months. They've sung a real variety of anthems this year; which ones will they reprise? The handbells will play during the prelude, and it's Pentecost, so come and hear the Holy Spirit alive in our church!

SUMMER MUSIC



During the summer months we give the choir some much deserved time off and have individuals or small groups provide special music for church services. If you would like to play or sing for services over the summer, you are invited to share your talents with us! Talk to Linda Berg or one of the pastors for more information.

HEY, MUSICIANS...

Each month on the third Thursday, a small crew brings the Word and Sacrament out from Our Savior's to people who live "under the big roofs" in West Salem—Lakeview, Salem Terrace, and Mulders. Pastors Jon and Jean, along with pianist/organists Ann Sprain, Connie Pinski, and I arrive at our designated times for worship. The hymns are familiar and voices, strong or weak, chime in. The scripture is familiar, too, and Pastor Jon has a knack for tailoring the same message to the three different audiences.



It is at Lakeview where I am especially touched by the variety of residents who attend. Many are in wheelchairs, having been guided by the calm and caring staff. Some seem hardly aware of their surroundings and yet we trust the Spirit is ministering to them. Last year at Pentecost time, it seemed as though some of these folks were speaking in tongues of their own during Pastor's message. In December, however, those voices were in vibrant unison singing "Away in the Manger" and "Joy to the World."

Down the dirt road past the water tower is Lakeview's cemetery and on its marker are words that ring so true: "Each person is a tribute to a miracle...a living note in the song of life." It is a blessing to experience these third Thursdays.

Why am I writing this? Summer is coming. Do we have student pianists who could share their gifts? Hymn playing usually involves 3 to 4 fingers striking the keyboard at once, but the key signatures are manageable—no more than 2 sharps or 3 flats. We can find simpler arrangements for some of the hymns if needed. Would our young musicians—or musicians of any age—please come forward? A wonderful community service opportunity awaits you!

Ilene Pavelko



Communion Bread ...

We are now using homemade bread for Holy Communion on the third weekend of each month. We thank *Dana*

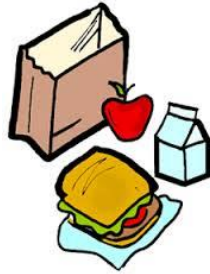
Roemhild for providing the bread in April.

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

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.

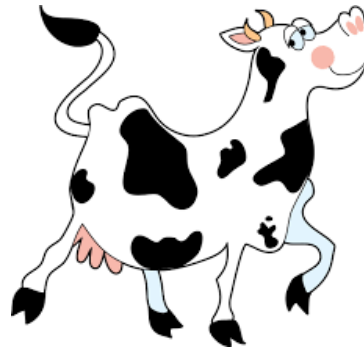
Please consider being a part of this wonderful mission serving our own community. If you have questions or would like to help, please call Char Buelow 780-9150.

Our first list of needed items includes the following:

Snack size zip lock bags
Waxtex sandwich bags
Creamy Peanut Butter
Ranch Dressing
Jelly
Fruit Cups
Pudding Cups

(See page 16 for list of Team Leaders.)

NAME THE COWS!



We are collecting cows for Synod Assembly. The La Crosse Area Synod has challenged congregations to raise \$500 for each cow, with the proceeds going to

the ELCA Global Barnyard, a ministry that works to end hunger in the world. Thank you for all who have contributed, including the one family that bought a whole cow! So far, we have four cows – and we have until June 10, so maybe we can get one or two more – your contributions continue to be accepted!

In the meantime, we need to “name” our cows. Eight names have been “nominated” – time to pick the winners. In the Gathering Area is a display, with the names and collection boxes – you vote with your donations – the names with the most “dollar votes” are the winners. ALL the proceeds will go toward another cow (or more?)

The nominees are:

Ring-a-ling
Harmony
Vernie
Lullabell

Butterscotch
Honey Moo Moo
Chocolate Chip
Charity

Voting continues until Sunday, May 22. In late May or early June, we will have a “cow decorating” party. Cows will be herded with other cows from around the synod, and displayed in the yard outside the synod assembly at Luther College.

See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more information.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2016 Synod Assembly is set for June 10-12 at Luther College, in Decorah, Iowa. Our Savior's has room for one more voting member – if you would like to join us, participate in the work of the larger church, and share in great fellowship and worship, speak with one of the pastors. Expenses are covered – you contribute your time, energy, and insights!



Interested in getting together

with other adults in our congregation to build relationships and just have fun together? We gathered in April for our inaugural event and fun was had by all. Watch the bulletin in the weeks to come for details about our next gathering. We welcome you to join us!

PASTORAL ACT

Memorial Service

✝ We express our sympathy to the family of **Bob Gullickson** who died April 3. Services were held April 11 with burial in Neshonoc Cemetery.

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	SUNDAY SCHOOL
April 2 & 3	260	\$5,601	58
April 9 & 10	272	\$6,454	61
April 16 & 17	291	\$5,239	50
April 23 & 24	551		



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, Judy Morzinski, Carol Noel, Carol Peterson, Mary and Rich Storandt and Betty Whitlock.
- Thank you to the family of Dorothy Bahan for the Memorial gift.
- Thank you to Gurine Eggen for the gift in memory of Dorothy Bahan given to the Seminary Fund.
- Thank you to ALL who helped make the recent Lenten suppers happen. Lots of soup and breads were served, fellowship shared, and most of all, a difference made in the world around us. Just over \$1,000 was raised towards the La Crosse Area Synod cow project, a ministry designed to fight hunger around the world.
- Thank you to the family and friends of Leona Gilbertson for the monetary gifts to be used for ministries that involve youth.

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.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL REVIEW

The Congregation Council met on Monday, April 11, with President Jim Quamme calling the meeting to order. At this meeting the council:

- Entered into executive session to discuss relationship with Childfirst.
- Formulated a plan to move forward in resolving back rent issues with Childfirst.
- Approved minutes from March, received and reviewed financial reports and pastors' reports.
- Received Julie Tenner into active membership.
- Reappointed the audit team of Wayne Affeldt, Jim Anderson, and Andy Bakkum.
- Heard an update on a number of property projects.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The council meets again on Monday, May 9. 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 all students who are finishing up their semesters during exam time and for those who will be graduating and moving on to jobs or further education.



Dear Pastor Jon & Jean and the great people I call friends at Our Savior's Lutheran*,

First off, what an intro*. Just goes to show how much love I have felt from

Thank you

this congregation through all these years! I am writing to say thank you for all the support

through the Kwik Trip gift cards you give to me! I honestly feel so blessed that I have been kept in your prayers and I can't wait to see you all this Easter Sunday! Much love,

Asher Carlson



Remembering those who serve in the military ...

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

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.

Hungry Jar Offering for May – ELCA Malaria Nets

Our 1st grade Sunday School class has chosen the ELCA Malaria Net campaign as the recipient of our



Hungry Jar offerings for May. To most of us in the United States, mosquitoes are nothing more than a nuisance. But in many countries, especially in Africa, **just one bite from an infected mosquito could transmit malaria and lead to death.** A mosquito net treated with long-lasting insecticide, coupled with instruction and education on how it is used, helps ensure that families are protected from this life-threatening disease each night as they sleep. \$10 buys one net. How many nets can we provide?



- Sunday, May 1** – Teacher/Helper Appreciation Recognition
- Saturday/Sunday, May 7/8** – Sugar Creek Camperships distributed during worship
- Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day)** – Children sing in worship at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, May 15** – Last day of Sunday School ... let's party together!



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP - 2016 "The Jesus Way"

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

OUR SAVIOR'S CAMPSHIP DISTRIBUTION

During worship May 7 & 8



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It doesn't seem possible our Sunday School year is coming to a close. We have treasured having your kids join us as we heard about Jesus' love from our *Whirl* friends, dug deeper into the scriptures with our teachers, and sang praises to God during music time. The congregation always looked forward to hearing the kids sing in worship once a month. Thank you to parents who shared their time hanging out with our kids during class time. We hope your children brought home their worksheets and together as a family, you shared the message and during the week lived out the lessons taught.



We look forward to seeing you in worship this summer and to sharing the children's message with you. Blessings for a safe and fun summer.

Joining the herd ...

As a reward for the most weeks of "near perfect" attendance (Kindergarten), the most offerings collected (1st grade), and individual perfect attendance (Jon Iliff), these kids got to submit a name for our "name the cows" competition. We will have fun the next few weeks paying with our dollars to see what names will be chosen for our cows and then decorating them!



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. We have another garden growing – can we finish it before the end of Sunday School?



Friendly competition

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Attendance ...
Offering ...

Only a few more weeks left. After 29 weeks (mid-April) ...

Our **Kindergarten** class has the most weeks of "near perfect" attendance at 11 weeks, followed by the **Pre-K** at 5. We still have **1 child who has perfect attendance** and another **5 who only missed twice!** Way to go kids!! Keep it up!

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

Sunday School Teacher & Helper



Appreciation Recognition Sunday, May 1st

We thank our teachers and helpers for sharing their time and faith with our Sunday School students this year. We have been blessed by their presence among us.



Thank you to:

Pre-K – Michelle Witte, Kim Arentz – helpers: Jared Witte, Kirin Linse
Kindergarten – Molly Hunter, Emily Trautman
1st Grade – Ann Donahue, Cathryn Bottem – helper: Rebecca Schmidt
2nd Grade – Allison Rigotti, Tayler Jones – helper: Kamryn Kane
3rd Grade – Stacey Sjoquist, Megan Larson
4th Grade – Wendy Kane, Kim Schmidt
4th Grade – Jaime Fortier, Kim Witte
5th Grade – Eric Iliff, Rita Schmitz
Music – Mike Larson, Shannon Vick, Ilene Pavelko, Linda Berg, Courtney Koepf
Substitutes – Marjorie Anderson, Beth Clements

JUNE DAIRY DAYS

Parade June 4th

Come one, come all ...

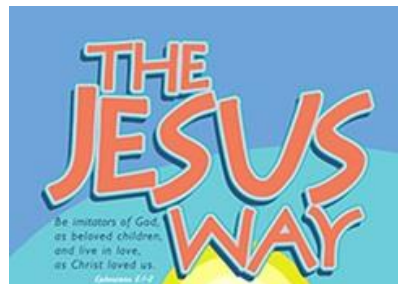
Join with us as we make our way through West Salem sharing about “The Jesus Way” – our 2016 VBS experience ...

If you can walk in the parade with us, let Pastor Jean know.

We are also looking for people to help put our float together. Talk to Pastor Jean for details.



Save the dates ...



Vacation Bible School
(with Counselors from Sugar Creek Bible Camp)

August 8-11

Pre-K and K – 9 am – noon

1st – 5th grade – 9 am – 3 pm

**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. Velma Schmidt graciously allowed us to share a glimpse into her

story. Velma, 81 years young, has church in her blood as she is the daughter of a pastor, sister of two pastors, sister-in-law of a pastor, wife of a pastor, mother of a pastor, mother-in-law of a pastor, aunt to two pastors ... and if things has been different years ago, she herself may have been a pastor, too! ☺

Velma’s advice to new disciples of Jesus ...

open your heart to hear God, be willing to let God talk to you because he has a lot to tell us! We don’t think about God talking to us, but he is. Velma said God can do anything; but he chooses to let us do things too – serving other people, being his hands in the world.

Velma’s favorite Bible passage ... because

... “For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith...” (Romans 1:16) This was Velma’s confirmation verse. She thinks her dad (the pastor) chose this verse for her because she had the head knowledge about her faith, but she had to not be ashamed to share it; it is important to share.

Velma’s earliest memories of church ...

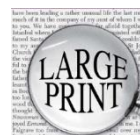
Church was always there, always a part of her life. She remembers the story of when she was a small child and the first time she realized in church that her father was the pastor. She blurted out loudly during a quiet time in worship, “ist dass mine pappaa?” (*German for ‘Is that my daddy?’*) She didn’t think her

mother appreciated the timing of her revelation! ☺ Velma also remembers Christmas Eve services being a special time because that was when the children had their program. She started playing the organ in worship periodically when she was in 6th grade, and by the time she was in high school, she was playing permanently at their church in Hewitt, WI. When she was younger, Velma also played hymns during worship at the parochial school she attended.

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

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.



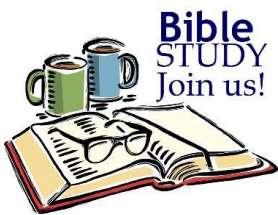
SIMPLY GIVING

Eager to make a difference in the world? Want to make certain you don’t forget to support God’s work through Our Savior’s? Consider “Simply Giving.” Simply Giving is an electronic transfer that makes your offerings automatically at the amount and frequency you desire. It’s easy to set up, easy to change, and can be discontinued at any time. See Kay in the office or one of the pastors to learn more.

ADULT STUDIES

Wednesday morning Bible study continues to explore stories in the gospel of Luke. We welcome you to join us – we meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the Library. Coffee and fellowship provided – no experience necessary – just come and enjoy!

Sunday morning study meets on May 1, during Sunday School time, and then prepares to take some time off for the summer. Class will resume in September.



**Bible Study @
Salem Terrace
Monday, May 9
at 10 a.m.**

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!

CIRCLE NEWS

RUTH CIRCLE

Monday, May 16, 9 a.m.
Leader: Caryll Loughan
Hostess: Sandra Holthaus

NURSING HOME SERVICES

Thursday, May 19: 10:30 a.m. – Lakeview
1 p.m. – Salem Terrace
2:45 p.m. – Mulder's

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.

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.



OWLS

Did you know that one in every three people over the age of 65 will fall this year? Did you know that falls are the leading cause of injury-related deaths in that age group?



But falls are inevitable as we age, right? Wrong!!

Please join us on Thursday, May 26 at 1:30 p.m. to find out what we can do to decrease our risk of falling. Marsha Bateman, Physical Therapist and instructor in the Stepping On program, will share some information to help us stay on our feet!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS



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.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to our confirmation staff. They have worked with our young people, walking the journey with them, and sharing their faith. We are grateful for their time and energy, and we give thanks to God for their presence in our midst. They have been faithful disciples as they have made a real difference in the lives of our children.

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Joyce Larson
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BOOK FAIR

Book Fair – May 15-28

Do you have what you need to keep your kids busy this summer? Stop by our Book Fair and shop award-winning Bibles, books, and videos for babies to ten-year-olds. Save up to 15% plus free shipping on all Book Fair titles.



The Book Fair is sponsored by Sparkhouse Family – the publisher we use for our Sunday School curriculum. They are committed to telling stories that help parents instill an open-hearted, transformational, lifelong

Christian faith in their children at every age and stage. The books will include some Sparkhouse Family favorite titles, as well as books and Bibles from their much-anticipated *Frolic* series, which combines child development principles and faith concepts to help little ones take their first steps in faith.

Check out the display in the Gathering Area to get faith-filled books and videos for your kids.

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SUMMER LUNCH TEAM LEADERS

THANKS to the following for agreeing to be Team Leaders for the Summer Lunch Program—Feed Our Children—West Salem, for 2016. If you are willing and able to help them out, their contact information is listed. They will be looking for 4-6 volunteers for each of their days. We still have the drop off box at church with a list of needed items. Thank you to all who have already donated. We will keep you updated as to what we might continue to need.

June 7 & 9	Char Buelow Angie Hemker	charbuelow@gmail.com hemker.angie@wsalem.k12.wi.us	780-9150 780-9172
June 14 & 16	Connie Pinski Kathy Brisson	cpinski@yahoo.com	799-0830 786-1958
June 21 & 23	Angie Hemker		
June 28 & 30	Cheryl Lang	mnclang92@gmail.com	780-7598
July 5 & 7	Cindy Averbek	cindyaverbeck@hotmail.com	769-0819
July 12 & 14	Cindy Averbek		
July 19 & 21	Darlene Affeldt Wayne Affeldt Jim Michelson	darway@centurytel.net	780-3094
July 26 & 28	Tracy Skrentny	tskrentny@charter.net	786-4669
August 2 & 4	Tracy Hesse	hesse.tracy@wsalem.k12.wi.us	786-4205
August 9 & 11	Mandy Bahl	mandybahl2@gmail.com	498-3906
August 16 & 18	Bridget Peterson Julie Arentz	peterson.bridget@wsalem.k12.wi.us	386-0937



ACOLYTES

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
April 30-May 1	Cassidy Bores	Rebecca Schmidt	Justin Kettner
May 7-8	Kirin Linse	Julia Russell	Everett Michael
May 14-15	Samara Wheeler	McKenna Stadtler	Liam Sjoquist
May 21-22	Jade Turnipseed	Alyssa VanRiper	Kara Gavaghan
May 28-29	Mallory Farr	Audrey Godlewski	10 a.m. Sydney Hammes

BASKET HOLDERS

		Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
May 1		Elsa Mitchell	Ed Schmitz
May 8		Marina Thompson	Noelle Zarecki
May 15		Blaine Wheeler	Mali Hemker
May 22		Ella Beal	Lauren Bell
May 29		Eva Clements	10 a.m. Alena Donahue

READERS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
April 30-May 1	Angie Hemker	Jenny Leren	Eric Iliff
May 7-8	Bev Bockenbauer	Ilene Pavelko	Naoko Aminaka
May 14-15	Karen DeSchepper	Eric Ender	Michelle Witte
May 21-22	Marjorie Anderson	Connie Blunck	Allison Rigotti
May 28-29	Bonnie Gensch	Tim Bowman	10 a.m. Carla Burkhardt

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
April 30-May 1	Lee Fernstaedt	Shannon Wiese Paula Heilman	Marty & Jane Frank
May 7-8	Judy Gilbert	Linda Arentz Pam Gresens	Dana Roemhild Jeff Haldeman
May 14-15	Scott Friell	Lee Fernstaedt Carlie Burkhardt	Eric Iliff Tim Bowman
May 21-22	Marjorie Anderson	Sharon Olson Char Buelow	Rich Clements Michelle Witte
May 28-29	Judy Morzinski	_____ Bonny Goodenough	10 a.m. Wendy Kane 10 a.m. Melissa Thompson

OFFERINGS			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
April 30-May 1	Carol Wittenberg	Steve Ahles	Carlie Burkhardt
May 7-8	Vernetta Moe	Linda Arentz	Jason Stefferud
May 14-15	Wendy Kane	Tracey Beckley	Jason Stefferud
May 21-22	Ken Spraetz	Carlie Burkhardt	Rich Clements
May 28-29	Wendy Kane	Steve Ahles	10 a.m. Carlie Burkhardt

USHERS			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
May	May 7 Tony & Jennifer Bell Family May 14 Bob & Judy Vick May 21 Dawn & Ella Beal May 28 Larry & Bonnie Gensch	Layne Anderson Stuart Anderson Byron Buelow Gib Wee	May 1 Al & Cristi Johnson Marc & Ann Donahue Family May 8 & 22 Scott & Heather Campbell Kristen Schoenfeld & Trenton Foreman May 15 Kyle & Tracey Helgeson Family May 29 (10 a.m.) Jason & Michelle Witte Family

ALTAR GUILD Linda Arentz

HOME COMMUNION SERVERS

April 30-May 1	Linda Arentz	May 21-22	Char Buelow
May 7-8	Dottie Baumgartner	May 28-29	Judy Gilbert
May 14-15	Bev Bockenbauer		

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