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JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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JUNE 2016

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

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JUNE 2016

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

After a long and sometimes intentionally silent few months, it's time to update you on the situation with Childfirst, the day care in the lower level of the building. As discussed at the annual meeting, late last year Childfirst began to fall behind in rent payments. We attempted to contact them, but never received a reply, until finally we heard from their attorney. We hoped that they would develop a plan to repay the back rent, but that plan never materialized.

As a result, the council took the difficult step of initiating an eviction. We chose a date far in advance (almost three months) to give parents and staff time to adjust, and so the 4K program could finish the school year.

Then, just as we acted, a new possibility arose – Red Balloon Learning Centers would essentially “buy out” Childfirst.

In early April, our Executive Committee met with Red Balloon. We were impressed with their operation and their vision. They asked us to consider allowing them to stay in our building for a period of time so that they could maintain continuity while they sought out a new facility. As I write this (mid-May), the council has offered them a lease. We are awaiting their response.

The new lease with Red Balloon would run through June 30, 2017. Red Balloon has indicated their desire to find a better location for their operation. The lease could be extended beyond that date, but at this time, it

is neither their intention nor ours for that to happen.

What does this mean for us? It means that we have restored the day care rent to our expected income for the year, and that in 2017 we can expect essentially ½ year of rental income. We will, however, need to live without that income moving forward. We will need to dig a bit deeper!

But wait, this is not about making the budget. When Red Balloon leaves the building, we will have that space available to us. To that end, the council has asked the “Space and Vision Team” to begin considering what our options might be. I don't know what we will come up with, but I can dream – a youth room, a music room, maybe more space for food pantry, better storage for our sewing ladies, new classroom space...lots of possibilities!

But wait, this is not just about planning space. This is really *about our ministry and our mission*. This is about our figuring out just what Jesus is asking us to do.

So first, I'm going to ask the “Space and Vision Team” to think about our vision, to take what we heard at the “Congregational Conversation” in March of 2015, add to that what we have heard from various groups since then, and bring together what we believe God is saying to us. And then, we will bring it to you to hear what you have to say. How does the vision we present sound in light of the work of the Holy Spirit in YOU?

*And then...*we'll talk about how to make our vision real, and a lot of that will include space.

What that means is that we are about to enter a very exciting, dynamic, and busy year. Lots will happen as we consider our mission and ministry, and then as we bring our resources, including our space, to bear on the calling we have from God. As we do that, we will need your insights and your discernment.

And finally, sometime, maybe a year from now, we will give thanks to God for the years of day care in our building, the years of service to our community. We will rejoice in what was, and then we will embrace what God calls into being as we move forward as a community of faithful disciples.

As we move forward, I invite your questions, observations, and concerns. There will be moments when we will not be able to answer all you bring forth. Not all will always be crystal clear. But remember this is God's church, God's mission, and God will provide.

And hear again God's word, "I make all things new!" (Revelation 21:5)

Pastor Jon

Summer Worship Schedule

Through September 4...

Saturday 6 PM
Sunday 8 and 10 AM



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



Congratulations to our two college scholarship recipients from the high school class of 2016. Allison Rigotti will receive two scholarships – the Piper Scholarship and a Marking Scholarship. Raeann Rich is receiving the Michelson and Manthei scholarships. Both Allison and Raeann have been active in congregational life, and look to continue as disciples of Jesus as they go forth. Congratulations to them, and thanks to the Piper, Marking, Michelson and Manthei scholarships for their support of our young people!

JUNE DAIRY DAYS

Heading out to June Dairy Days? Check out the food booth, with folk from Our Savior's sharing the good stuff! Stop by for a chat, and bite to eat, as you enjoy the events of the day.



And...if you'd like to help there is still room for more helping hands. Sign up lists for the food booth and the fun run are in the Gathering Area. Come and be a part of the church community serving the West Salem community!

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING

A special congregation meeting has been called for Sunday, June 19, following the 10 a.m. service, to consider a proposal from the Congregation Council and the Property Committee to replace significant portions of the sidewalk around the church property and the parsonage that have deteriorated over time. These repairs are mandated by the village in order to maintain compliance with the ADA. The proposal is to replace sections at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Due to the dollar amount of the proposal, congregational approval is required. No other business will be in order at this meeting. See Jim Quamme or Pastor Jon for more information.



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.

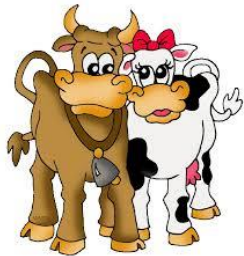
SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2016 Synod Assembly is set for June 10-12 at Luther College, in Decorah, Iowa. Along with Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean, Our Savior's will have Cathryn Bottem, Ilene Pavelko, Mike Larson, Megan Larson, and Pam Gressens in attendance. Please keep the assembly in your prayers as it travels, meets, and returns home!



Worship on Saturday, June 9, and Sunday, June 10 will be conducted by several members of Our Savior's, using materials from the synod, and a sermon written by Pastor Libby Howe.

MOO-VIN' ON OUT!



Thanks to all who supported the cow project, including the naming contest. At press time, the winners are not yet known, but we do know that at least five cows from Our Savior's will make a real difference in the lives of hungry people around the world. Our cows will join over a hundred other cows from around the La Crosse Area Synod, herding at Luther College during our upcoming synod assembly.

PEACHES

It's almost peach season! Orders for peaches have been sent out to those who ordered last year, and order forms are available in the office. The cost for peaches this year will be \$28 for a case of peaches, freshly picked and shipped right to us. Peaches arrive a bit firm, ready to ripen.



Proceeds from the sale go to support our youth ministry. Good peaches, good ministry!

Peaches are scheduled to arrive this year on August 16. We will be ordering some extra, *but not many*, so place your order for the peaches you want! See Pastor Jon for more information.

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP NEWS



The following youth will be attending Sugar Creek Bible Camp in June:

June 12-17

Elliott Sjoquist

June 19-24

Marissa Eckland
Emma Fortier
Ella Janisch

June 26-July 1

Mia Bahl
Reice Kammel
Kenzie Murphy
Brandon Wiese

FEED OUR CHILDREN-WEST SALEM



The Summer Lunch program will be starting on June 7 and running through August 18. Last year we added another day in the week, and another site and served on average

220 students a week with a nutritious lunch option. This year, our local sponsors have once again agreed to provide enough core meal components to serve 2 lunches a week. We will be serving at 2 sites this year, the Village Park and Anderson Mobile Home Park. We are so grateful for the generosity provided to make this program happen! You can get involved in the summer lunch program in the following ways:

Volunteer: We need volunteers to help package, transport, and serve the lunches. Team Leaders have volunteered to be responsible for the 11 weeks. They are listed here and also near the donation bins in the Gathering Area. Please look at your summer calendar and see if you can help them out by calling or emailing to see if they need help on their designated week.

Food Donations: We have a list of items we will need to fill in our lunches. See the list in the Gathering Area and in your weekly bulletin, as it changes and bring it along when you do your family's grocery shopping. All donations accepted!

Monetary Donations: Each week we supplement the donated items to complete the lunches with money from cash donations. You can write checks out to Our Savior's with "Summer Lunch" in the memo line. Drop it in the offering plate on Sunday, or turn it into the office anytime.

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity to make this program happen!

(See page 16 for list of Team Leaders)

WEST CONFERENCE SUMMER EVENT

POTLUCK SALAD LUNCHEON & HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

11:00am-3:30pm

Beginning at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
359 N. Leonard Street, West Salem, WI

Purchase tickets at Our Savior's \$5.00;
Brochure & Map Available

Please try to carpool from the church

Tour the 2 Octagon Homes 11:00am-Noon

Salad Luncheon Noon-1:30pm; Errol Kindschy
will speak on
"Why We're Proud to be from West Salem"

Tour the Hamlin Garland & Thomas Leonard
Homesteads 1:30pm-3:00pm

Return to Our Savior's for Strawberry
Shortcake

If you don't wish to tour in the afternoon,
bring handiwork or join Our Savior's Dorcas
ladies in cutting squares and tying mission
quilts.

Questions? Call Connie Blunck at
608.786.0684

*Women of Our Savior's Lutheran Church:
Would you please consider making a salad
for the Salad Luncheon on June 29? Thank
you!*

CONGREGATION COUNCIL REVIEW

The Congregation Council met on Monday, May 9, with President Jim Quamme calling the meeting to order. At this meeting the council:

- Shared devotions around the call to discipleship.
- Approved minutes from April, and received and reviewed financial reports and pastors' reports.
- Heard a report on discussions with Red Balloon to use our facility as Childfirst ceases to exist. Approved the lease with Red Balloon, pending their acceptance of the lease proposal.
- Asked the Vision and Space team to continue to work on a vision for mission, and use of space, now that we have some clarity regarding the day care's future.
- Voted to receive the 2016 confirmands as voting members.
- Authorized the purchase of two new amplifiers for the sanctuary.
- Affirmed a proposal from the Scholarship Committee to redefine the Lewis College Scholarship for second year college students who have been active in a campus ministry or congregation.
- Decided not to meet in July.
- Recommended to the congregation a proposal to replace sidewalks around the building, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Asked Pastor Jon and Jim Quamme to set the meeting date for a congregational meeting.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The council meets again on Monday, June 13. See Jim Quamme or one of the pastors if you have any questions.

NEW BOOKS & RECENT DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S:

Disney: Winnie the Pooh and
the Blustery Day
Minarik: Little Bear's Visit
Wells: McDuff Moves In
Wells: McDuff's Christmas

YOUTH:

Ferrell: A Horse for Kate
Ferrell: Silver Spurs



FICTION:

Eicher: Sarah
Eicher: Hannah's Dream
Fisher: The Letters
Kingsbury: Even Now
Kingsbury: Sunrise
Kingsbury: Summer
Kingsbury: Someday
Oke: Where Courage Calls

NONFICTION:

Deen: All of the Women of the Bible
Graham: The Reason For My Hope
Lucado: When Christ Comes

SALVATION ARMY DINNER SERVING



Salvation Army dinner serving continues through the summer. 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 up to 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Cathryn Bottem is a student at UW-L, and an active part of Lutheran Campus Ministry. She writes on students "making a difference."

News can come in many forms. Excitement of new life with a child being born, pride to find out a family member will graduate or even happiness to see that your child is going to get married. Sometimes, however, that news can be incredibly devastating.

At 16 years old, loving sports, dealing with school and enjoying life, he shouldn't have to be fighting cancer. Myles Knoble is a junior at Logan High, diagnosed with stage 4 Hodgkins lymphoma, who started chemo in March. Logan High pool staff, all certified and supervised by Myles' dad, decided that we needed to help this amazing family.

We decided that the best way is with a car wash. Make the car washes cheap so people will come, but also be inclined to donate a little more with all of the proceeds going to Myles. It was such a heartwarming experience to witness God and the Holy Spirit working through everyone to do such an amazing thing for such a sweet boy.

Meanwhile, UW-L was continuing to fundraise for St. Baldrick's foundation. On April 8, countless students shaved their head to honor those battling cancer. I was so inspired by the bravery of these students, and raising money for Myles I was compelled by the Holy Spirit to do some fundraising. I started my own account on St. Baldrick's, set my date to shave my head, and began searching for donors. Because Myles was my big inspiration, all of my cash donations went to him, while all of the electronic donations went to the children of St. Baldrick's. To see the smiles that all of these fundraisers have put on Myles's and his family's faces just melts you and you realize that the work put in is completely worth it.

No small deed goes unnoticed. One small act can determine a good outcome or not. I realized how close God was to me, and loved to witness Him care for Myles in using the Holy Spirit to aid his family by bringing them home cooked meals, and the countless fundraisers done for him. It's an experience I won't soon forget, but the feeling I have in my heart will always remind me that God does provide. Even in the smallest way, He provides.

Cathryn Bottem

SCRIP CARDS

Scrip Cards continue to be 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 support our ministries. You can fill up, eat up, and gift up – and make ministry happen all 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 can put their share to the summer lunch program. See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more information.

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	SUNDAY SCHOOL
April 30 & May 1	245	\$8,024	58
May 7 & 8	362	\$4,676	49
May 14 & 15	294	\$6,466	68
May 21 & 22	249		



- We thank the **MAILING CREW** for assembling the Newsletter. The members who helped this past month were Connie and Larry Blunck, Bev Bockenbauer, Saundra Holthaus, Inger Michael, Judy Morzinski, Carol Peterson, Mary and Rich Storandt.

- Thank you to Todd Michael for again tilling the garden plots; a weed free start to the planting season is always appreciated.

- Thank you to Bev Bockenbauer for the gift given in memory of Irene Fisher.

- Thank you to Ilene Pavelko for the gift in memory of Leona Gilbertson to the La Crosse Area Synod Cow project.

- Blessings and thanks to all who helped mark and sort 4,700 pounds of food collected during the US Postal Service food drive on May 14. All of the food will be distributed from the West Salem Community Care and Share Food Pantry. We had 70 volunteers and we were able to complete the project! Lunch was provided courtesy of a grant from Thrivent Financial.

Lynette Ender



Sunday, September 11 – Gospel on the Green & Rally Day @ Lions Shelter

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Cookies. Bars. Cake. Fruit. Cheese. Crackers. Coffee. Water. Juice. Any treats, homemade or store bought...! We eat them all! We love our coffee hour between services. (And by the way, samples of tea are available too.) We enjoy any contributions from you.

Thank you to these folks for your work these last 3 months (through mid-May):
Servers: Marsha and Bill Bateman, Emily Steele, Caryll Loughan, Dawn Fennigkoh, Eli Elsen, Naoko Aminaka, Heidi Krupicka, Ilene Pavelko, Jan Goetzinger, Bonny Goodenough, Jim Michelson, Connie Blunck, Shannon Wiese, Larry Blunck, and Jeff Haldeman.

Food providers: Rita Schmitz, Pam Willer, Marsha Bateman, Michelle Witte, Kay Osiecki, Emily Steele, Carla Burkhardt, Caryll Loughan, Ilene Pavelko, Connie Pinski, Pam Willer, Jim Michelson, Dawn Fennigkoh, Connie Pinski, Wendy Kane, Heidi Krupicka, Kami Kane, Lynette Ender, Ilene Pavelko, Lynette Ender, Jan Goetzinger, Bonny Goodenough, Lynette Ender, Jim Michelson, Eleanor Lee, Justin and Katie Drury, Connie Blunck, Pam Willer, Ilene Pavelko, Rita Schmitz, Marsha Bateman, Shannon Wiese, Rachael Quamme, and several members of the choir.

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS



Prayer Around the Cross will resume this fall. We will meet again at 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 11. In a world filled

with fear, much of it born out of terror, come and lift up prayers for peace and healing. More details in the September newsletter.

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.



PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

† **Brooke Lorraine Wittenberg** and **Bryce Liam Wittenberg**, children of Ben and Jaclyn Wittenberg, were baptized May 8. Their baptismal sponsors are Janelle and James Hammock.

† **Jace Robert Miller**, son of Stephanie Miller was baptized May 14. His baptismal sponsors are Brianna Miller and Emily Copus.

† **Jasper Roger Jensen**, son of Jeremy and Susan Jensen, was baptized May 22. His baptismal sponsors are Molly Jensen, William Gehrke, and Grady and Elisabeth Jensen.



Hungry Jar Offering for June – Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program

Our Pre-K Sunday School class has chosen Our Savior's Feed Our Children Summer Lunch program as the recipient of our Hungry Jar offerings for June. Feed Our Children is the summer lunch program that provides free meals for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Village Park and Anderson Mobile Home Park. Our Savior's seeks to meet the nutritional needs of students during the summer months. The meals will contain food from each of the food groups detailed in the National School Lunch Program. Lunches will be served from June 7 through August 18. Our Hungry Jar offerings will help purchase the food necessary to feed the children.

P.S. If you are interested in helping with those meals, please speak with Char Buelow.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation and After School are done for the year – we resume in early September, so watch the newsletter for more details later in the summer. And remember – there is ALWAYS room for more, so invite friends and neighbors to join us as we explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our children closed out their time in Sunday School singing in church on

Mother's Day and making a picture frame for their moms. On the last day of class, we thanked our teachers, sang songs, celebrated milestones, and had ice cream sundaes! Sweet deal!



We now take the summer months off from Sunday School classes, but we still look forward to seeing you each week in worship and sharing the children's message with you. Blessings for a safe and fun summer!

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

This year's Sunday School offerings were 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 out the bulletin board outside of Pastor Jean's office to see the final gardens**



Friendly competition ...
Attendance ...
Offering ...

The results are in ...

Our **Kindergarten** class ended the year with the most weeks of "near perfect" attendance at 13 weeks, followed by the **Pre-K** at 5.

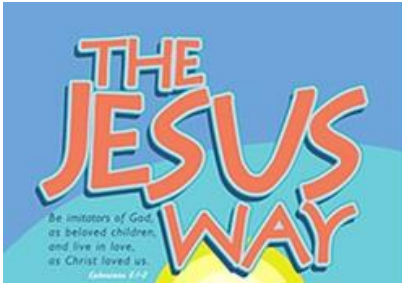


Jon Iliff (4th grade) was the only person with **perfect attendance** – he didn't miss a week! **Jesse Jothan** (K), **Lydia Jothan** (2nd), **Kaleb Kendhammer** (K), **Camdyn Lyga** (2nd), and **Casey Mathison** (K) **only missed twice!** Way to go kids!! Congratulations!!

Our **1st grade** ended up with the most offerings for *God's Global Garden* at \$186.75, followed closely by the **5th grade** at \$182.30 and the **4th grade** (Ms. Kane/Ms. Schmidt) at \$177.70!

The **congregation** plot ended up with all of its vegetables – maybe this summer we can finish off the rest of that garden.

Thank you to all who participated in our Sunday School offering project for this year! Many hungry people will be fed by your generosity!



“The Jesus Way”

Vacation Bible School

(with Counselors from Sugar Creek Bible Camp)

August 8-11

Children entering grades 1-5:

9 AM - 3 PM

\$25/child or \$50/family*

Children entering Pre-K &

Kindergarten:

9 AM - Noon

\$10/child or \$15/family*

Join us for Bible stories, singing, crafts, games, snacks, service, and more. Bring a sack lunch.

Counselors from Sugar Creek Bible Camp will be here at Our Savior's to lead us for a week of Vacation Bible School. Because we are working with Sugar Creek, the registration forms are more involved and thus will need to be completed ahead of time. Registration forms are available in the church office and on the website

([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org/resources/forms/Vacation Bible School registration](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org/resources/forms/Vacation%20Bible%20School%20registration)).

Completed registration forms are due to the church office by July 15.

*Note that scholarships are available if the cost would be a challenge for a family. Speak with Pastor Jean for assistance.



Ways you can help ...

- ❖ We will be looking for people to house our three Sugar Creek counselors either for all four nights (Sunday, August 7 – Wednesday, August 10) or split nights. We need to provide meals for the counselors, a place to sleep, and maybe a fun activity.
- ❖ Volunteers to assist with the activities each day.
- ❖ Adults and youth to help with the morning camp for the youngest ones.
- ❖ People to provide the food for the snacks or monetary donations to cover the cost of the snacks.

MAYBE YOUR BIG BREAK?



Looking ahead...we have a great opportunity for discipleship – sharing your faith as a confirmation guide with some of our seventh graders. Guides make a three-year commitment, working with a small group (4-5) kids. About 20 evenings during the school year are expected. See Pastor Jon for more information. Who knows...maybe this is your big break to make a HUGE difference in the lives of young people!

**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. Vernetta Moe graciously allowed us to share a glimpse into

her story. Vernetta, 80 years young, has been an active member of Our Savior’s attending weekly Bible study, and serving on various committees including the Council, Call Committee (*you can blame her for Pastor Jon & me being here!* ☺), OWLS, and Senior Ministry.

Vernetta’s advice to new disciples of Jesus

... It’s not always easy to see where your faith is, where Jesus does things in your life, until you look back on it and reflect on it. Vernetta says to remember that faith with God, faith with Jesus, happens because there is a relationship there. It’s not about religion, it’s about relationship. She also said it helps if you can find others who also have faith to share and make that your ‘crowd.’ We can learn from those others.

Vernetta’s favorite Bible passage ...

because ... “For I am convinced that ... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39) This is Vernetta’s favorite – what more could we ask for than the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Vernetta’s earliest memories of church ...

When Vernetta was in elementary school (possibly 3rd grade) they were getting ready for the Christmas program and the pastor

challenged her to recite the Lord’s Prayer for the program. She was full of anxiety ahead of time, but when it came time to say the prayer during the program, Vernetta did fine. This was the first time she had been asked to speak in front of church, and she knew it must have been God who had helped her through it.

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



**Communion
Bread ...**

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

Arentz for providing the bread in May and *Karen Tiber* in June.

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

Blood Drive



**American
Red Cross**

WEST SALEM BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, June 20
12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Church –
625 West Franklin Street
West Salem

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.



Breakfast & Bible Trivia
@ Salem Terrace
Monday, June 13 at 9:30 AM



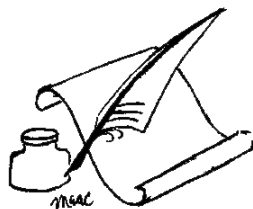
Before we take a break for
the summer, we invite you
to put on
your thinking

caps and join us for breakfast
and Bible trivia. We gather in
the small kitchenette room off
the parking lot between the
two buildings.



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.



ADULT STUDIES

Wednesday morning Bible study continues
through the summer to explore stories in the
gospel of Luke. We welcome you to join us –
we meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.
in the Library. You can jump in anytime, and
even if you can't be here every week, join us
when you can!

Sunday morning study is taking the summer
off – join us again in September, during the
Sunday School hour.

CIRCLE NEWS

RUTH CIRCLE

Monday, June 20, 9 a.m.

Leader: Vernetta Moe

Hostess:

SUMMER COFFEE SERVING SCHEDULE

Ruth Circle	June 5, 12, 19, 26
Miriam Circle	July 3
Rebecca Circle	July 10, 17, 24, 31

NURSING HOME SERVICES

Thursday, June 16: 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.

SCHOOL KIT PROJECT



Please think of our Lutheran World Relief school kit project as you see items on sale this summer. Each school kit contains the following:

- 4-70 sheet notebooks (no loose leaf paper)
- 1-30 cm ruler
- 1-pencil sharpener
- 1-blunt scissors
- 5-unsharpened pencils
- 5-blue or black ball point pens (no gel ink)
- 1-box 24 crayons
- 1-2½ inch eraser

More details will be forthcoming in the July newsletter. Thank you!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University is coming to Our Savior's in West Salem this fall. Plans are in the works to conduct our fourth Dave Ramsey FPU. FPU is a biblically based curriculum that teaches people how to handle money God's ways. You will learn about the "Seven Baby Steps" as part of this nine-week class. Locally you can listen to the Dave Ramsey radio show on WIZM 1410-week nights from 6 to 9 p.m. or you can check out his website at DaveRamsey.com. If you have questions see any member of the Stewardship Committee or Pastor Jon. As Dave says, "If you live like no one else, you can live like no one else." Watch for more information.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS



If you are a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans member, you may have "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to direct. You can direct these dollars to Our Savior's (or any other registered ministry) by going online, or contacting Thrivent. We have information in the office to assist you – see Pastor Jon.

SIMPLY GIVING

Simply Giving is an electronic transfer that makes your offerings to the work of Jesus through Our Savior's 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.

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Did you know that **111** people receive the newsletter by email instead of the **448** people who receive a paper copy?

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FAIR TRADE FEATURE

ORGANIC PROUD MAMA COFFEE Though it is not a flavored coffee, it has “notes of fresh caramel, chocolate and savory spice.” Your purchase of this product supports the Uganda Stove Project. These stoves reduce the amount of firewood needed to cook by 50%, saving money, labor, and time. Best of all, the stoves provide a warm smoke free home for families in Uganda.

ORGANIC CHOCOLATE BARS We have many flavors. If you are looking for healthful dark chocolate, some have 65% to 80% Cacao! Explore “Upworthy” online, and see their video about Fair Trade Cacao/Chocolate and you will be happy to spend a little more. You will not be supporting child labor (widely used on large plantations) and you will be helping the small farmers in equatorial countries. See our Fair Trade cart for this and other items in the Gathering Area.

“Simply Social”



Interested in getting together with other adults in our

congregation to build relationships and just have fun together?

June 24

4PM – Farmers Market in Cameron Park

6 PM – Big Al’s Pizza

(115 3rd St S.)

This month Simply Social will take us to downtown La Crosse to the Friday evening Farmers Market in Cameron Park. Shop locally and enjoy a late afternoon in the park. Meet up with friends, listen to music, and enjoy an evening out. The market opens at 4 pm and goes ‘til dusk, so come as you are able. We will then continue

with our downtown theme to Big Al’s for pizza and dessert at The Pearl. Eating ice cream as we stroll thru Riverside Park is truly summer!



Please sign up on the kiosk in the Gathering Area. If the weather is not ideal, we will still meet at Big Al’s for pizza at 6 pm. Please join us! Contact Judy Gilbert (608) 797-3001 for questions.

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.

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.
June 4-5	Maddie Haun	Madison Hass	Josh Iliff
June 11-12	Natalie Jeranek	Owen Johnson	Haley Jones
June 18-19	Everett Michael	Wesley Leren	Madisen Mueller
June 25-26	Kirin Linse	Autumn Pfaff	McKenna Riley

BASKET HOLDERS

		Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
June 5		Zach Fitzpatrick	Ben Fleckenstein
June 19		Emma Fortier	Eva Clements
June 26		Madeline Giblin	Jaden Hammes

READERS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
June 4-5	Bev Bockenbauer	Lynette Ender	Tim Bowman
June 11-12	Lee Fernstaedt	Naoko Aminaka	Dottie Baumgartner
June 18-19	Karen DeSchepper	Vernetta Moe	Corey Sjoquist
June 25-26	Karen DeSchepper	Carla Burkhardt	Michelle Witte

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
June 4-5	Allison Rigotti	Mark Hunter Kim Hunter	Jim Quamme Ken Spraetz
June 18-19	Scott Friell	Marty Frank Jane Frank	Bill Jensen Dori Jensen
June 25-26	Jennifer Iliff	Vicky Johnson Jason Stefferud	Wayne Affeldt Darlene Affeldt

OFFERINGS			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
June 4-5	Vernetta Moe	Steve Ahles	Ken Spraetz
June 11-12	Kay Niemeier	Linda Arentz	Jason Stefferud
June 18-19	Tracey Beckley	Vernetta Moe	Rich Clements
June 25-26	Wendy Kane	Jason Stefferud	Carlie Burkhardt

USHERS			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
June	June 4 Brian & Megan Haun June 11 Tracy & Alysha Hesse June 18 Eric & Deb Bauer June 25 Peter & Kim Arentz	June 5 Eric Ender Alison & Dagan Hemker June 12 Eric Ender Scott & Carrie Johnson June 19 Eric Ender Aaron & Aidan Hillyer June 26 Eric Ender Dawn & Ella Beal	June 5 & 19 Corey & Stacey Sjoquist Family Todd & Inger Michael Family June 12 Corey & Stacey Sjoquist Family John & Katie Jones June 26 Corey & Stacey Sjoquist Family Chris & Kim Riley

ALTAR GUILD Marie Root

HOME COMMUNION SERVERS

June 4-5 Pam Gresens
 June 18-19 Iliff Family
 June 25-26 Judy Gilbert

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