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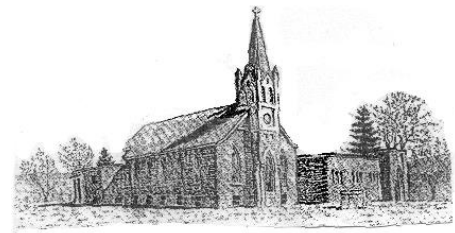
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OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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- 🍁 Education Opportunities for All Ages
- 🍁 Stewardship Emphasis, October 23
- 🍁 Halloween Party, October 26
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- 🍁 Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner, November 5



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

OUR SAVIOR'S VOICE

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PASTOR'S PAGE

It has been said that, contrary to popular belief, the church does NOT have a mission. Rather, GOD has a mission, and WE get to be a part of that mission.

I like that. Our work is not our work – it is God's work, and we are privileged – even blessed – to be a part of what God is doing.

But just what is our part? That's a question we ask as disciples of Jesus, pondering where our journey will take us. Each of us, in our own way, seeking to be faithful to our calling.

It's also the question we ask as a community of faith, as a congregation. What is our role in God's work in West Salem and beyond? What is God up to, and what part in that work has God called us to embrace?

That's what we want to know. Day in and day out, we want to be faithful to the tasks that God has entrusted to us. But entering October, and our fall stewardship emphasis, we *really* want to figure out what God is calling us to be and to do.

Our stewardship is what empowers our response to God's call. Our stewardship, our faithful use of the money, time, and abilities that God has entrusted to us, enables us to engage in the work with which God has tasked us. Or, in other words, if we are to be faithful disciples, we need to be faithful stewards of our money – and all else that God has placed in our hands.

So what is our role? That's always part of our discernment, but lately we've been thinking a bit more intentionally about that. The "Congregation Conversation" on September 18 noted that we have an opportunity in the next year to expand our use of the space in our building as Red Balloon seeks out a better location in West Salem. The increase in space will allow ministries to expand and flourish as they have new space to do their work better. We think that also means we can more fully embrace the work God has given to us.

We also considered the importance of youth ministry, and what we may need to make our youth ministry happen the way we believe God wants it to be. That's always been a challenge, but even more so in a rapidly changing world.

Both are ways to embrace the role God has given to us. But both also requiring us to step forward in our stewardship, sharing the time and talent God has entrusted to us, and yes, sharing the money too. Assets we have, not for ourselves, but as instruments for faithful discipleship and faithful living – and for carrying out God's mission.

The reality is that reclaiming space will cost us the rental income, dollars we need to replace. But also dollars that will enable us to more fully embrace God's call to us, to make our ministry happen, and to make a difference in the world. As will funding our youth ministry. Resources of time and talent, but also resources of dollars. All to be faithful, and all to make a difference.

So, here's the plan. On Sunday, October 23, we begin our fall stewardship emphasis. Teams will head out to deliver to each home a stewardship packet, one that will remind you of the many "kisses" of grace we receive from God. We will also invite you to join us in making a difference, both as we reclaim our space, and as we continue to nurture young people as disciples of Jesus.

That invitation includes a request – can you *increase* your support of the ministries we carry out together? Can you *increase* your giving, making it possible to reclaim space, continue youth ministry, and carry out *all* the ministries of this congregation?

But don't just read my words. *Listen carefully* to God's call to you. What is GOD calling YOU to do with the resources God has entrusted to your use? And how is GOD calling YOU to be faithful in your discipleship?

Finally, as you do all this, remember what you are called to do, but also remember the "kisses" God has laid upon you. From home and family, to wealth and possessions, to life itself – and most of all, to our new life in the work of Jesus! God has blessed you (and me) immensely with a multitude of gifts we hardly have earned. Can we now embrace the calling to be a part of God's work?

Pastor Jon

NEW MEMBERS



If you are new to Our Savior's, but have not joined the congregation, we welcome you to consider membership with us. While

EVERYONE is welcome in worship, and our ministry involves ALL of God's children, members help us by making a commitment to this community of faith, and by taking a role in leading our ministry. Regardless of where you are coming from, we would love to have you,

and to partner with you in your journey of discipleship. See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean, and we'll get you set.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

✠ **Hallie Lynn Hart**, daughter of Cody Hart and Tayler Swenson was baptized September 3. Her baptismal sponsors are Bobbi Swenson and Bruce Opprecht.

✠ **Adrianna Josephine Bayer-Grant**, daughter of Christine Bayer and Eric Grant was baptized September 18. Her baptismal sponsors are Brittany and Kyle Slaby.

✠ **Adriana Rae Thill**, daughter of Jessika Troyanek and Ross Thill was baptized September 24. Her baptismal sponsors are Dennis Richard and Larissa Barr.

✠ **Holden Paul Foreman**, son of Jeremy and Ashley Foreman was baptized September 25. His baptismal sponsors are Ericka Higdon, MacKenzie Higdon, Trenton Foreman and John Schrader.



✦ 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, Judy Morzinski, Carol Peterson, Mary and Rich Storandt, and Betty Whitlock.

✦ **SCHOOL KIT PROJECT**

By the time you read this, the third grade Sunday School class will have put together the school kits, and we will be packing them for shipment! We are so close to our goal of 200 that we feel confident it will be reached! A huge thank you to all who have helped with this large project. Look for final tallies soon!

CONGREGATION COUNCIL REVIEW

The Congregation Council met on Monday, September 12, with President Jim Quamme calling the meeting to order. At this meeting the council:

- Shared in devotions and prayer.
- Approved minutes from the August council meeting. Also received and reviewed financial reports and pastors' reports.
- Heard that the congregation will receive a bequest from the estate of Clyde Pierce.
- Discussed the upcoming "Congregational Conversation" on September 18.
- Heard an update on the sidewalk work.
- Reviewed constitutional changes requested by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The council meets again on Monday, October 10. See Jim Quamme or one of the pastors if you have any questions.

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

October and November mean "stewardship emphasis." While our faithful stewardship and our stewardship ministries are year round, in fall, we get ready for next year, and that includes our financial stewardship planning. On October 23, teams will head out from church to deliver a small packet with materials, including a reminder of God's many "kisses." We ask you to return the estimate of giving card to worship on November 12 or 13. The estimates are just that – estimates, but they allow us to consider more wisely the budget that we will build for 2017.



As you return your estimates, we ask you to consider an increase in your giving. Why? See the "Pastor's Page." God is at work in us and our community, and your support of our work together makes our faithful response possible – and changes lives around us!

MISSION DISCERNMENT UPDATE

Just over 20 folk gathered on Sunday, September 18, to continue the "congregation conversation" as part of our mission discernment. We discussed at length our space possibilities, and considered what our youth ministry might look like, and what it would take to make it look that way. The Space and Vision Teams will be looking carefully at the input of those who participated. We hope that what we have collected can help us to both plan our use of space carefully, but also to craft a mission plan for the next few years. For more on the gathering, check out Pastor Jon's "Pastor's Page." We will keep you posted!



Communion *Bread ...*

We thank *Sharon Olson* for providing the homemade bread for Holy Communion in September and *Linda Arentz* in October.



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

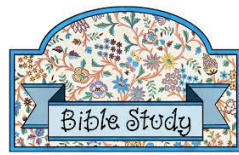
**Lutherans
yesterday,
today, and
October 10th
@Salem
Terrace – 10 am**



The year 2017 marks the beginning of the Protestant Reformation – highlighted by Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Join us as we explore what that means using the book "Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans". We meet in the small kitchenette off the parking lot between Salem Terrace & Mill Street Manor. The coffee pot will be on and there are always yummy treats. Feel free to invite your friends.

ADULT STUDIES

- Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM - *we study Luke!*
- Sunday mornings during Sunday School – *we explore skills for building healthy relationships*
- Senior study - Monday, October 10, at Salem Terrace, at 9:30 AM



CIRCLE NEWS

RUTH CIRCLE

Monday, October 17, 9 a.m.
Leader: Carol Stekel
Hostess: Velma Schmidt



W-ELCA FALL RENEWAL GATHERING
Saturday, October 15, 8:30 am - 2 pm
Our Redeemer Lutheran, La Crosse

Theme: "Serving Our Neighbors, Together" from Matt. 25:40 - "...just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me."

Workshops will be from agencies the WELCA units participate in, followed by officer workshops and the sharing of Triennial info. Watch for registration forms in the Crosswinds newsletter.

QUILTS READY TO ROLL!



Our Savior's sewing group has been REALLY busy this year, with almost 250 quilts ready to go forth. Our quilts stay local and go global as they are sent to ministries around the world, and in our own backyard. The sewing

group meets on Wednesdays from 1-3 PM. You are welcome to join in the work – and the fellowship (they share some really good treats when they are done!)

Meanwhile, we will dedicate and ask God's blessings on the quilts, the makers, and those who help ship them. During worship on October 1 and 2, we will lift up our sewing ministry. Come and give thanks for these faithful servants, their hard work, and the gifts of God that make this ministry possible!

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sept. 3 & 4	202	\$3958	
Sept. 10 & 11	264	\$5846	92
Sept. 17 & 18	258	\$3010	74
Sept. 24 & 25	290		

SHEETS NEEDED FOR QUILTS

Okay ladies—fall is here. Do you have any old sheets from summer that you would rather not use any more? The quilters would be happy to get them. We will be sending over 200 quilts to missions and every one of them needs an old sheet in the middle! If you have any fabric you won't be using we would be thrilled to take that, too. Thanks so much.



simply SOCIAL

“Simply Social”


Join us for dinner and conversation
Friday, October 21 at 6 PM at Westview
(174 Leonard St. S)

Interested in getting together with other adults in our congregation to build relationships and just have fun together? Join us for Simply Social!

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.oursaviorswestsaalem.org – to see the service.



OWLS



“Temari” means “hand ball” in Japanese and on October 27 at 1:30 p.m. Cindy Jacobson will display and explain her collection of threaded Temari balls.

Also, LaVerne Paulson will display her painted glass blocks, barn pictures and teach a one stroke painting technique. Bring a friend and mark your calendar.



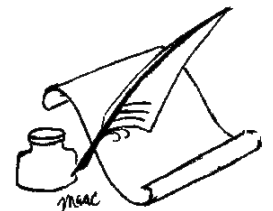
SALVATION ARMY MEALS

The Salvation Army continues to provide an evening meal for the hungry in La Crosse, and you can join in that ministry by serving the meal. Our Savior's takes 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.



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. You really do make a difference in the lives of those who cannot be with us.



**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. Jim Gums graciously allowed us to share a glimpse into his

story. Jim, 95 years young, grew up Roman Catholic, was Methodist for 60 years, and in the last 13 years he became Lutheran after he married Alice.

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

Faith is important; we need all the help we can get. Jim noted when he was younger his faith slipped away because it was the thing to do; but he then realized how important faith is, and his faith has grown stronger ever since. Jim knows there is a divine presence, even though we don’t always understand it. He reads his Bible every day, noting he has a better understanding of the New Testament, and there are some scary parts in the Old Testament. Jim said it is important to be active in church; don’t “just go.” He said you meet good people at church, and God’s presence is stronger in a group rather than being a loner. He always feels better when he has been able to get to church. Jim also recommends prayer to get that extra help, especially on sad days.

Jim’s favorite Bible passage ... because ...

Narrowing it down to a specific passage was challenging as Jim has favorite stories. Jim finds the story of Job interesting; his favorite story is the Prodigal Son; and he also likes the story in Luke when the shepherd leaves the 99 sheep to go looking for the lost one. Jim also

shared that his favorite hymn is “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” played on the clarinet.

Jim’s earliest memories of church ... Jim remembers going to the Catholic Church as a small child in rural Minnesota and living next door to the priest. He remembers having friends who were from religious families. His mother was Catholic, but his father wasn’t interested in organized religion.

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

**PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS
SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR HEALING
OCTOBER 9, 7 PM**



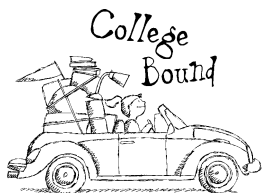
“Prayer around the Cross” provides a quiet, contemplative worship opportunity, lasting about

25 minutes. 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 October 9, at 7 PM, 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 (you don’t need your “Sunday best”), regardless of where you are in life, and share in times of silence, prayer, and music.

college+ connection

Reminder...



College students we need your **campus address** and your **email address!** You are important to us and we want to keep in touch.

Parents or students, please get the information to the office or to Pastor Jean.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

*Sunday morning
"Breakfast Club" –*

Sunday mornings, during Sunday School, join us in the kitchen for a few breakfast goodies, good talk about God and life, and time to be kids. Cathryn Bottem (UW-L junior) will facilitate the conversation and the treats! Rumor has it – pancakes on October 2!



Sounds Like Love rehearsals begin October 9, at 6 PM. The "Sounds Like Love" weekend is in Mahtomedi, MN,

November 11-13. The cost is \$100. Sounds Like Love is a great weekend of music and fun, with hundreds of kids from around the Midwest. See Pastor Jon, Pastor Jean or Linda Berg for info on this very special opportunity!

CLOTHING MINISTRIES

SOLES 4 SOULS

RIGHT NOW... Ellie Slotten is collecting new and gently used shoes for Soles 4 Souls. They are a non-profit global institution dedicated to fighting poverty. Your shoe donation helps people in the U.S. and around the world. She is also fundraising to collect for the shipping costs. The shoe drive will run from September 21st through December 8th. A box will be located in the Gathering Area during the duration of the shoe drive. Your old shoes could change a life!

AND SOON... Our Savior's is going to be starting a *clothes shelf run by the church's youth!* We will be looking for donations that match the season (sunscreen and baseball caps in the spring/summer and hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves in the fall/winter.) If you have any questions, please contact Tayler Jones at (608) 790-8264, or speak with Pastor Jon.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes are underway, but there is always room for more. If you know someone interested in our confirmation ministry, see Pastor Jon.



Confirmation students should remember that After School is rolling – Wednesday, "after school," come join us for hang out time, homework, occasional activities, and dinner too! See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean if you have any questions.



HALLOWEEN PARTY PRE-K TO 3RD GRADE

Wednesday, October 26
6-7 PM in the church fellowship hall

Games, activities, stories, candy...and yes, *even Jesus!*

Come in your costume – a “best costume contest” is part of the evening. Parents are encouraged to join us!

Sponsored by the 9th grade confirmation class.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

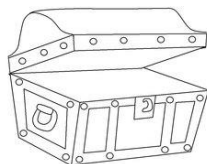
Sunday School is off to an enthusiastic start! The sanctuary was filled on Rally Day as over 90

children and their parents gathered to hear about our new year of learning, they sang songs, and met with their teachers.

Afterwards many headed over to the Lion’s Shelter for Gospel on the Green worship, followed by a potluck lunch, activities, and a bounce house. We are looking forward to finding out what our friends from *Whirl* will be up to this year.

Want to know what’s in the Sunday School Treasure Box?

Again this year we will have a “friendly competition” between our classes for attendance and offering. We always like to see your smiling faces ... and don’t forget your offering when you come! Last year we had one student who had perfect attendance ... anyone want to join him this year?



Important Dates

- ➔ Sunday, October 23 – Grades 3-5 sing at 10:30 am worship
- ➔ Sunday, November 13 – Grades 4K-2 sing at 10:30 am worship
- ➔ Sunday, December 11 – Christmas Program – Grades 4K-2 during 10:30 am worship
- ➔ Saturday, December 17 – Christmas Program – Grades 3-5 during 6 pm worship

And the winner is ...

Brooke Gander (4th grade) guessed that there were 400 goldfish crackers in our jar at Gospel on the Green ... there were actually 422!

Way to go Brooke! Brooke was the first to select a prize from the new Sunday School Treasure Box.



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Did you know that **111** people receive the newsletter by email instead of the **435** 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING ...

This year our Sunday School offerings will be collected for the Sembrando project

which is a program our La Crosse Area Synod supports as part of our companion relationship with the Lutheran Church of Peru. Your offerings will make a difference in the lives of children just like you! If you need envelopes, speak with Pastor Jean.



Sembrando para el Futuro

“Sowing seeds for the future” is a program that La Iglesia Luterana del Perú maintains in response to the incredible need faced daily by families in Peru. With one in three families living in poverty, one in five children malnourished, and nearly half of the toddlers under three suffering anemia, the need is great.

Sembrando was designed to provide children with:

- a healthy daily meal in a clean space
- school materials, tutoring and space for studying
- access to books and other printed materials
- safe and healthy recreational environment
- support and counseling by pastors for faith education and family dynamics
- support and family education for the children’s parents

Hungry Jar Offering** for October Flooding in our Synod – Buffalo County

On August 11, our area suffered flooding the likes of which had not been seen before – 8-12 inches of rain in less than 6 hours.

Roads were impassible for several days. Many rural dwellings in that area have their own bridges as part of their driveway structure. Because of moving earth and debris, many of those bridges failed or the approaches to them



were washed away while the bridge remained intact. Along with the water, the moving earth and debris also caused significant



damage to homes. Insurance does not cover much of these repairs and losses. The people have also suffered gut wrenching losses of photos and family heirlooms. Although the waters have receded, the needs remain. St. John’s Lutheran Church in Alma (Pastor Joel Bacon) has a disaster relief fund that is being used to help those affected by the flooding in that area. God calls us to compassionately respond and serve. The October hungry jar offerings will be sent through the La Crosse Area Synod to help those in Buffalo County who have lost so much.

**** Remember, the hungry jar isn’t just for kids ... “adult size bills” and checks are also welcome (note on the check “flood relief”). Thank you for your care and concern for our brothers and sisters in need.**

“... place in their hands the holy scriptures ...”



As we welcome our **Pre-K class** to discover the stories of Jesus, we will be gifting them with a *Whirl Story Bible* to help them begin their journey. We invite parents and students to join us in worship the weekend of **October 1 & 2** when these young children will receive their Bibles.

Our **3rd graders** will continue their journey through the scriptures as they receive a *Whirl NRSV Bible* that will be used these next years of Sunday School and into Confirmation. Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean will gather with parents and students *either Sunday, October 2 OR Sunday, October 9 from 1:30 - 3:00 PM* for a time to discover your Bible. The Bibles will be presented to the students in worship the weekend of **October 15 & 16**.



DRIFTLESS DEVOTIONS

A new devotional resource written by one of our members is now available! These devotions are inspired by images and experiences in our driftless region. Each devotion takes an element of our surroundings and draws out the spiritual truth found in each one. All of creation is made by God, so everything we see and experience is a witness to our creator or the human condition we live in. Here is an intro from the latest post. Find more at www.DriftlessDevotions.com or follow it on Facebook, or Instagram.

Hidden Roots

The true working parts of a tree's root system are invisible to naked eye. The life sustaining work of the roots is not for public display. God intends for our roots of faith to operate in much the same way. Visit www.DriftlessDevotions.com to find out more about how our roots of faith are created and sustained.

FALL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE



Pastor Jon will be attending the La Crosse Area Synod's Fall Theological Conference October 16-19. Pastor Jean will be available for pastoral care and emergencies.

What's on tap at the conference? Conversation about the 500th anniversary of Lutheranism during 2017. Watch for ways in which we can reflect on our heritage, give thanks to God for so many blessings, and be challenged to continued faithful living as disciples of Jesus!

LOOKING AHEAD...



Pastor Jim Holmberg, from Lutheran Social Services (LSS), will join us on November 6 to help us understand the ministry of LSS. Pastor Jim is a longtime friend of Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean, and they are looking forward to having him with us. Pastor Jim will preach, and will lead an adult forum between services. He might even show up at the Norwegian Dinner the night before! Come and learn more about this important partnership ministry.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Mary and Martha Prayer Shawl Ministry began in February of 2006. We've been knitting for over ten years. How that time has flown!

The membership changes periodically as personal needs and commitments arise. There is no formality for being a member. It's simply come when you are able and stay as long as your schedule allows. When we began, we met weekly, late in the afternoon, due to some members work requirements. Now we meet the first and third Tuesday of the month from 1-3 in the Our Savior's Gathering Area or the Koinonia Room.

We are a small group (currently 5-7 members) and are always happy to welcome more hands regardless of expertise. We use simple, basic patterns, knit and/or crochet, and are always happy to answer questions. If you want to contribute but do not want to work on a large project, the food pantry would appreciate hats and scarves to give to food pantry patrons as they are needed,

When we began, we primarily knit shawls for Our Savior's members encountering personal issues (illness, death, tragedies, etc.) In a short time, we discovered Lakeview and the dialysis units at both local hospitals also welcomed our shawls. With our new pastors, Jon and Jean, two new areas of need were introduced – child size shawls for older Baptism recipients and the families of Our Savior's high school graduates as they were honored at a Sunday worship service. To date we have donated approximately 605 shawls.

Donations of yarn (leftover or purchased new) and memorial money is always welcome. Small amounts of yarn are incorporated with other complementary yarn to create multi-color shawls; memorial money is always used to purchase new yarn when it is on sale locally. All donations are welcome!

The Mary and Martha Prayer Shawl Ministry is a fun, interactive group always encouraging new crafters. Please join us.



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.

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 or Pastor Jean.



MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

Pastor Jon shares an occasional "midweek reflection," sent out by e-mail, and posted on the "pastor's blog" on the web site (<http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org/category/pastors-blog/>). You can always check the site, but if you'd like to get the e-mail version just let him know, or send him an e-mail at pastorjon@oursaviorswestsalem.org. Over 200 folk are on the list – you can be too!

ANNUAL MEATBALL AND LUTEFISK DINNER

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Serving begins at 3:30 p.m.

It's been a longtime tradition for Our Savior's Lutheran Church to share its Norwegian heritage by hosting a meatball and lutefisk dinner for our families, friends, and neighbors. All members of our congregation are encouraged to volunteer their time and donations to this event, which supports several mission projects.

We have a sign-up board in the Gathering Area. You are asked to indicate on these sheets your donations and your work time. (We do not call everyone on our membership list; so we ask you to sign up at church or call Lynette Ender at 786-0723, or Bonny Goodenough at 769-0758, or Inger Michael at 786-1707, Chairpersons.)

You have the choice of these donations:

1. Three dozen Norwegian baking or Non-Norwegian baking for the dinner plus one dozen for the bake sale.
2. Three pounds of butter plus something for the bake sale.
3. Three pounds (4-12 oz. bags) of sweetened, cooked cranberries (recipe is on the bag) and something for the bake sale.
4. Two pounds of decaffeinated coffee and something for the bake sale.
5. 50# potatoes (whites, NOT reds)
6. Cash or check donation to cover the cost of the lutefisk and meatballs.

A bake sale will be held in the Gathering Area. The most popular items are Norwegian bakings, nut breads, yeast breads, cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, pies, brownies, and candy. Please bring your baked goods pre-packaged and labeled as to contents.

Homemade craft items may be donated to be sold (a "suggested" price is helpful.) Several quilts will be available to purchase.

Your talents can also be shared by volunteering to work in one or more areas on Friday or Saturday.

1. Cook rutabagas. (Friday a.m.)
2. Clean out day care area and bathrooms. (Friday 5 p.m.)
3. Peel potatoes, make meatballs, cut-up fish. (Saturday a.m.)
4. Wash cooking pots and pans. (Friday or Saturday 10:30 a.m.)
5. Set up dining room. (Saturday 8:30 a.m.)
6. Cooks—potatoes, coffee, and fish (Saturday afternoon/evening)
7. Table servers, waiters/waitresses, table bussers, ticket sellers, dishwashers, after dinner clean up, or workers in the bake sale, or in the "sweet" room. (Saturday)

Please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Area.

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.

ACOLYTES

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
Oct. 1 – 2	Katie Murphy	Autumn Pfaff	McKenna Riley
Oct. 8 – 9	Ellie Slotten	Angela Vick	Skyler Williams
Oct. 15 – 16	Cody Anderson	Allison Arentz	Cassidy Bores
Oct. 22 - 23	Hannah Brenengen	Aidan Donahue	Mahlivanh Fleckenstein
Oct. 29 - 30	Zach Friell	Kara Gavaghan	Lexi Giblin

BASKET HOLDERS

		Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
Oct. 2		Ed Schmitz	Marina Thompson
Oct. 9		Bennett Turnipseed	Blaine Wheeler
Oct. 16		Maxwell Williams	Ella Beal
Oct. 23		Lauren Bell	Eva Clements
Oct. 30		Alena Donahue	Zach Fitzpatrick

READERS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
Oct. 1 – 2	Joyce Schultz	Eric Iliff	Todd Michael
Oct. 8 – 9	Kathy Brisson	Lynette Ender	Ilene Pavelko
Oct. 15 – 16	Bev Bockenbauer	Lynette Ender	Jaime Fortier
Oct. 22 - 23	Sharon Olson	Naoko Aminaka	Dottie Baumgartner
Oct. 29 - 30	Karen DeSchepper	Bonny Goodenough	Fran Noffke

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
Oct. 1 - 2	Bonny Goodenough	Marty Frank Jane Frank	Steve Ahles Tracey Beckley
Oct. 8 - 9	Judy Morzinski	Pam Gresens Peggy Trautman	Scott Friell Tracy Hesse
Oct. 15 - 16	Marjorie Anderson	Sharon Olson Melody Schmitz	Jeff Haldeman Melissa Haldeman
Oct. 22 - 23	Lee Fernstaedt	Bonny Goodenough Shannon Wiese	Rich Clements Denise Jones
Oct. 29 - 30	Jill Iliff	Wendy Kane Vernetta Moe	Stacey Sjoquist Char Buelow

USHERS			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30/10 a.m.
OCTOBER	October 1 Kevin & Becki Murphy Family October 8 Scott & Carrie Johnson Family October 15 Dale & Kathy Anderson October 22 Chad & Carla Long Family October 29 Dave & Angie Hemker	October 2 Eric Ender Paulette & Delaney Schomberg October 9, 16, 23, & 30 Eric Ender Jim Quamme Jon Quamme	October 2 Wendy & Kamryn Kane October 9 Tim & Denise Jones Family October 16 Jason & Mariette Stefferdud Family October 23 Rich & Beth Clements Family October 30 Tim & Denise Jones Family

ALTAR GUILD Karen Rich

HOME COMMUNION SERVERS

Oct. 1 - 2 Daryl Wermedal
Oct. 8 - 9 Betty Whitlock & Diane McClintock
Oct. 15 - 16 Marjorie Anderson
Oct. 22 - 23 Ilene Pavelko
Oct. 29 - 30 Dottie Baumgartner

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Karen DeSchepper, Counter		
Sherri Neal and Garrett Hazlett, Custodians		