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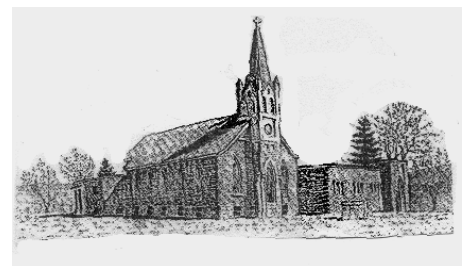


September 2017 Newsletter

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WEST SALEM, WISCONSIN

September 2017

- Sunday School Rally Day
- Gospel on the Green
- Building Blessing & Open House
- Fall Worship Schedule



Vision Statement:

***We are a church centered in Christ,
inviting all into a community of worship,
nurturing all to be disciples of Jesus.
Together we reach out to make a difference
here and throughout the world.***

Sunday, September 10th

9:15 a.m.

Rally Day!



Kids:

- ❖ We are excited to welcome you back to Sunday School!

Parents:

- ❖ Join your child(ren) in the Sanctuary and accompany them to class the first day

What to Bring:

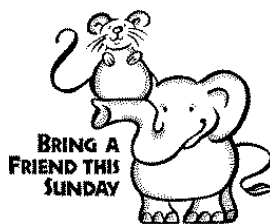
- ❖ Registration and Photo Permission forms - can be found on the website (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) or on the table outside of the Nursery. They will also be available the first day of class.
- ❖ Picture of student

What we will do:

- ❖ Gather in the Sanctuary for opening
- ❖ Sing
- ❖ Meet your teachers and explore the new classrooms

After:

- ❖ You are invited to join us across the street at the Lion's Shelter at 10:30 a.m. for Gospel on the Green Worship with the SOS Band, followed by a potluck and games





Outdoor
Worship
Service

Gospel on the Green!
Sunday, September 10
Lion's Shelter at 10:30 AM
Worship with the SOS Band and
Senior Choir ...

partake in a potluck meal ...

(bring a dish to pass - last names beginning with
A-K - salads (side dish) ... L-R - dessert ... S-Z - main dish ... Drinks and
utensils provided)



All Church Picnic

followed by games and activities ...

Mark your calendars ... invite a friend ... and join us!



Blessing and Open House
September 16 & 17

Come and join us on Sunday, September 17 as we "open our doors" and show off our new "digs!" From 11:45 to 1:30 PM, come and explore the building, check out the new rooms, and see what we've done to the place. Enjoy a few treats, and as you explore, take the "church building challenge" - a scavenger hunt to discover the ministries in this place. Prizes will be awarded including a box of peaches next summer, two tickets to this fall's Norwegian Dinner, and a fully paid Flamingo insurance policy.

But first...at worship on Saturday and Sunday we will offer thanks to God for the ministry of the parsonage, which was sold in late July, and ask God's blessings on the new resources in our building, and the ministries which happen in those spaces. Come and celebrate the past, the present, and the promise of the future!



Our Savior's Voice

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September 2017

Pastor's Reflections ...

New Beginnings ... coming of age

As I write this, I am sitting in a hotel room in Madison while my daughter is off shopping with her aunt. When my sister's nieces turn Sweet 16, they have a girl's shopping "date." Now that Rebecca has "come of age", it is her turn. She left Mom behind and is off spending my sister's money instead of mine! ☺ Some changes aren't so bad!?

Changes are all around us ... new beginnings and the coming of a new age for us here in the church. This has definitely been the summer that wasn't! So much going on. So much chaos. So much uncertainty. So much disruption. If you haven't been around church lately, you have missed being in the midst of the changes. As you come back this fall, you will be greeted by these changes ... a fresh coat of paint, new carpet, and more leg room between the pews in the sanctuary ... during the week, you will be greeted by a new administrative assistant (Kris), in the new church office, which is now down the hall from the pastors' new offices (stop in sometime!)... our Sunday School children will be greeted by new classrooms, with new paint jobs, in new spaces ... our 6th grade confirmation students will have more space – which is a good thing since there will be 34 of them in that space! ... our teens will have their own space to hang out in, and Cat will have an office to call her own ... those involved with music ministry also now have their own space to practice bells, rehearse, and gather music and instruments ... our littlest ones have a new space to go along with a new ministry opportunity ... adults will have a space to gather on Sunday mornings for adult forums and discussions ... the "cry room" is now closer to the sanctuary for those young ones who need a break from the worship service ... the food pantry guests and volunteers are enjoying much needed additional space.

As I have reflected on the repurposing that has happened over the summer and the chaos it created, the inconveniences we experienced, the sense of being unsettled that it caused, the disruption of routine that we felt, I was struck by a comment Troy Gunderson made in his Superintendent's letter in the latest West Salem School District newsletter. He was sharing about all of the construction that is going on within the district, especially the work being done at the middle school – work that will continue for the entire upcoming school year. My heart goes out to all who will be effected by that construction work – the students and staff – as I think about all we endured for a mere six weeks, and they will be affected for a whole year! Mr. Gunderson said, "The 2017-2018 school year will be 'one for the books.' Rather than fall back to the old adage of 'someday we will look back at this and laugh,' I offer soon we will look back and smile with a sense of accomplishment for a job well done." And I would say, this summer has been "one for the books" here at Our Savior's, and as we begin Fall, we can now "look back and smile with a sense of accomplishment for a job well done." Here's to the changes and the coming of a new age! Well done, good and faithful servants!

Celebrating new beginnings with you ...

Pastor Jean



Reformation Reflection

Another installment in a yearlong reflection on the Reformation, what it was, and what it means to us today.

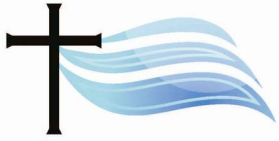
Wittenberg was a small provincial town on the edge of the empire when professor and pastor Martin Luther lit an evangelical spark that illuminated God's grace and prompted reform in the Western church. Over the next five hundred years the good news spread far beyond Saxony and Europe. Today the family of Lutheran churches includes both the Lutheran World Federation (with 72 million congregants in 145 church bodies in ninety-eight nations) and the International Lutheran Council (with thirty-five member bodies in over thirty nations).

People, printing, and politics—all played a part in this process. Students from across Europe and Scandinavia, such as the Swedish brothers Olaus and Laurentius Petri, were drawn to Wittenberg. They participated in lively theological debates and were influenced by Luther and his colleagues. Returning home, these students carried new gospel insight and the movement for reform. They also carried books and soon were producing more, including translations of the Bible and Luther's works into their own languages. Lutheran ideas and practices were established and endured where those gained support from powerful persons, such as Christian III. Having witnessed Luther's defense at the Diet of Worms, he introduced Lutheran reforms in his duchy in the 1520s and then into the whole of his realm when he became king of Denmark.

Lutheranism was also spread by migration as Lutherans joined in the global movements of commerce and colonization that followed the so-called age of discovery. With few, but notable, exceptions, religion was not the motivation for Lutheran migration to North America. Rather, the promise of better "daily bread" drew them from northern Europe and Scandinavia, from pre-Revolutionary time into the early twentieth century. Nonetheless, Lutheran migrants packed their Bibles, catechisms, and hymnbooks in their trunks. Upon arrival, they formed congregations, established institutions of mercy and education, and organized synods. Among the oldest congregations in the Western hemisphere is Frederick Lutheran in Charlotte Amalie on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Other Lutherans migrated to Australia, Brazil, Argentina, and southern Africa. In each place they adapted to unfamiliar customs, a new language, and being a minority denomination without government support.

Other Lutheran churches have their origin in missionary work begun in the early eighteenth century. Pietists' concern for holistic, personal faith generated both inner mission work close to home and the impulse to carry the gospel to people who had not heard it. First in south India, then around the world, the Bible and the catechism, translation and schools, were among missionaries' primary evangelical tools. As the churches have matured, local Lutherans take responsibility to articulate the gospel and address their own social concerns. In the twenty-first century, these growing Lutheran churches are providing leadership to and enriching the global communion.

Next month: The Lutheran tradition of caring for the poor and needy



“Water of Life” Vacation Bible School

We had a successful week of VBS with 24 children joining us. They learned, sang, ate, and created! Oh to have their energy! It was fun watching them!

Thank you to all who helped make it a memorable week – Allison Rigotti, Tina Nelson, and Indiana Houser, our Sugar Creek counselors, with help from Lisa Lee and Kamryn Kane; Cat Bottem who taught our PreK/Kindergarten class with help from Janna Seeger, Justin Kettner, and Rebecca Schmidt; Ellie Sloten who coordinated our snack time (and helped with the kids wherever we needed her), along with Dylan Wiese and Ben Bakkum (who also provided extra hands during craft time).

Thank you to ... those who provided nutritious snacks for the kids ... to Wendy Kane and Eric Iliff for scooping up the ice cream following our program on Thursday night ... to Jon & Holly Rigotti for sharing your home with the team ... and to the Iliff family, Judy & Phil Gilbert, and Wendy & Kamryn Kane for feeding the team dinner each night.

Thank you to Officer Meyers and Officer Donley for teaching the kids about what police officers do, explaining all of the “things” an officer has to carry with him every day, and letting them explore the police cruiser. **Thank you to** the staff and residents at Mulders for letting us come to sing a few songs, share a small gift, and spend time visiting. **Thank you to** all who came to the closing program on Thursday to hear what the children learned about during VBS and to watch them enthusiastically sing their songs for us!

Thank you to our parents for sharing your children with us – we had a great time with them. And, **THANK YOU KIDS** for coming to learn about Jesus, for sharing your smiles and your enthusiasm – *we look forward to seeing you next year!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



First Time in Sunday School?

Please remember that your child needs to be 4 years of age by the beginning of September in order to attend the Pre-Kindergarten Sunday School class.

Please note: As the year progresses and the kids have their 4th birthday, feel free to join the class any time!

Sunday School Teacher/Helper Installation

Sunday, October 1
8 AM and 10:30 AM

We thank the following individuals who will be sharing their love of Jesus with our children this coming year in Sunday School:

Pre K - Heidi Krupicka & Kamryn Kane

Kindergarten - Danielle Schultz & Candice Tlustosch

1st Grade - Mandy Bahl & Katie Drury - along with Mia Bahl

2nd Grade - Kim Foglia & Tayler Jones - along with Lily Berg

3rd Grade - Stacey Sjoquist & Mariette Stefferud

4th Grade - Wendy Kane

5th Grade - Eric Iliff

Additional teachers/helpers - Megan Larson & Abby Vick

Substitutes - Marjorie Anderson, Beth Clements, Rita Schmitz

Music - Linda Berg, Mike Larson, Ilene Pavelko, Shannon Vick



Share God's Word

“... 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 **September 23 & 24** 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 1 OR Sunday, October 8 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 14 & 15**.





Confirmation Rolling Again!

Confirmation classes begin again for grades 6-9 on Wednesday, September 13. Our confirmation ministry at Our Savior's involves a variety of activities to help prepare young people for a life as disciples of Jesus. Class work, service projects, and group building time all contribute to our confirmation ministry. *A special thanks to group guides who work with 7th-9th graders, and to Corey Sjoquist, 6th grade instructor!*

Orientation for parents and students will be on September 6:

6th grade - 6-7 PM

7/8th grade - 6-7 PM (8th grade will meet until 7:15)

9th grade - 7-8:15 PM

We ALWAYS have room for more. See Pastor Jon for more information

Teens: We Want You!

We need helpers to prepare the Youth Room for Open House by filling it with decorations. Bring your creativity and join us on Wednesdays September 6th and 13th from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided.



School of Theology

The La Crosse Area Synod sponsors the "School of Theology." The School of Theology is an opportunity to engage more deeply in Biblical study, theological reflection, and develop new skills to be a more effective disciple of Jesus in your everyday life. The curriculum for the school covers a two-year cycle, but classes may be taken individually as well. Instructors for the school are pastors from around the La Crosse Area Synod.



The school meets right here at Our Savior's, on Thursday evenings, from 5:30-9 PM. The next semester begins with a new student intro on September 14, and concludes October 26. Cost is \$50 for the session, or \$20 for an individual class, plus any books needed.

The fall semester includes Introduction to the Biblical Story (Pastor Len Liptack), Christian Theology III (Pastor Anne Hokenstad), Care of God's People (Pastor Julie Wollman), and Old Testament I (Dr. Jacob Sorenson). This is a great time to jump in and start your journey!

For more information see Pastor Jon, or check out the synod web site at:
www.lacrosseareasynod.org/synod-school-of-theology

Hungry Jar Offering for September – New Horizons



New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers, a shelter for individuals and families who have experienced domestic violence, was organized in 1978 through the cooperative efforts of an informal group of citizens in the La Crosse area who recognized the need for services to victims of domestic abuse. New Horizons Shelter is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to provide emergency shelter and food to victims of domestic violence and their children. The shelter's Crisis Advocates provide support and advocacy for women and children throughout their shelter stay. Often, when women come into the shelter, they are forced to flee their homes quickly and under great stress, leaving most of their belongings behind. Through community donations, New Horizons is able to provide families with clothing and personal care items. We thank you for your support and care for those who are hurting.

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

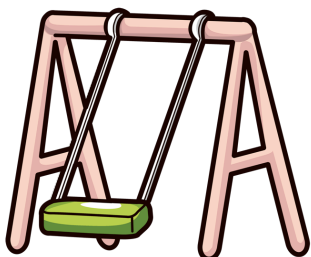
Thanks for your donations for the school kits, whether you brought school supplies to the basket in the gathering area, gave to the Hungry Jar or contributed through Vacation Bible School! As of this writing, we can fill nearly 80 kits with everything but rulers. We will continue to take donations through the end of September. Last year we were able to send 230 kits, and we know that some of those kits were sent to Iraq. Can we challenge ourselves to fill the same or more school kits this year?

Each kit contains the following (listed in order of need!):

- 1 – 30 cm ruler
- 1 – BLUNT scissors
- 5 – blue or black ball point pens (no gel ink)
- 4 – 70 count notebooks (no loose leaf paper)
- 1 – pencil sharpener
- 1 – box of 24 crayons
- 5 – unsharpened pencils
- 1 – 2 ½ inch eraser



We are looking for someone to assist with transporting the kits to the boxcar on October 14. There is assistance with loading and unloading the kits. Thanks!



Playground Equipment and Fence Available

We are looking to dispose of the old day care playground equipment and the chain link fence across East Avenue from the church. Make an offer on any piece, or on the fence – really, *we're in a "dealing mood!"* All we ask is that you remove the equipment in a timely fashion. See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more information, or contact the church office to make an offer.

Worship Schedule

starting September 9-10

Saturday 6 PM
Sunday 8 and 10:30 AM



Building Project Update

We are done! Our building project is finished. After over a year of planning, and several months of work we have completed the updates to our facility. Among other things, we:

- Re-carpeted and painted the sanctuary.
- Painted the fellowship hall and kitchen.
- Moved the offices, and increased security.
- Created office space for the Director of Youth Ministry
- Installed a new phone system.
- Created several new classrooms, including space for a new ministry to toddlers and their families, and an adult study room.
- Created a youth room and a music room.
- Increased space for worship items and supplies.
- Increased food pantry space.
- Increased storage space.

Thank you to ALL who made this project possible...

- To those who planned the work over the past two years.
- To Jason Stefferud and DBS Group for their assistance in coordinating the project.
- To all the contractors and trades who participated in the various parts of the project.
- To those who helped move things around, again and again (we noticed you and we are grateful for your hard work!)
- And...thanks to you all for your patience and support over the past months.

Now, come and see at the Open House!

Congregation Council Review

Due to the moving of the offices, the summary of the council meeting for August was not available at press time. The summary will be included in the October newsletter.



Make a Joyful Noise

Senior Choir and the Bells of Joy rehearsals begin again Wednesday, September 6. Senior choir has a lot of fun singing praises to the Lord, and we invite you to join us! They rehearse at 7:00 p.m. in the balcony.



Bells of Joy is always looking for more ding-a-lings; we rehearse at 6:00 p.m. in the Music Room in the basement. Talk to Eric Sorenson or Linda Berg about becoming a part of either of these groups.

The 35th Anniversary Celebration of Sounds Like Love: God Is On The Move

On the weekend of November 10-12 more than 200 high school youth from around the country will be lifting their voices in praise and song at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, Minnesota. Sounds Like Love is open to high school students (grades 9-12). We meet for several weeks on Sunday nights prior to the Celebration to learn the music, and then travel to St. Andrew's and spend Friday night and Saturday adding creative choreography. On Sunday the group sings for two worship services in the morning, presents a concert at 1:30, then travels home from an unforgettable, one-of-a-kind experience. Registration forms and payment of \$90 is due by Monday, September 25. Please see Linda Berg or Pastor Jean with questions and registration forms.



Pastoral Acts:

Baptisms – Alaina Jayne Elsen – August 19

Kaden Kal Goetzke – August 20

Marriages – Kinsey Freitag and Blake Shepherd – August 11

Funerals – Blanche Knutson – August 11

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Our Savior's Annual Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner and Bake Sale is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2017. Reserve this date on your calendar, watch for sign-up sheets at church coming later, and say "YES" when asked to help with this event.





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. Roy & Alice Hesselberg graciously allowed us to share a glimpse into their story. Alice, 88 years young, grew up in a German home. As the youngest child they weren’t speaking German as much anymore at home. Roy, 92 years young, has been Norwegian Lutheran since birth. And he is proud of that heritage. He still has his father’s catechism book (in Norwegian). Alice & Roy met at the Avalon Ballroom in La Crosse and will be married 69 years in December.



Roy’s advice to new disciples of Jesus ... Faith has been important ever since he was born. It is always on his mind wherever he goes, especially Sunday morning.

Alice’s advice to new disciples of Jesus ... Faith is important in life; without it we wouldn’t have much help. When you feel you need help or throughout life, you need faith. Jesus is there for you. We all need help. Alice believes Jesus has helped her many times.

Roy’s favorite Bible passage ... because ... “There are so many.” Roy mentioned that the story of the birth of Christ makes you believe.

Alice’s favorite Bible passage ... because ... Psalm 23. It covers everything you think about your whole life. It is a passage that stands out.

Roy’s earliest memories of church ... Roy attended Fish Creek Ridge Lutheran Church (south of Rockland) growing up where the services were in Norwegian. He attended Sunday school and confirmation there. Roy looked forward to Sundays because it was the only time the family went out someplace – to church. At church he would meet friends and extended family who lived in the area near the church. Roy recited a prayer in Norwegian from Sunday school that he still remembers that talked about the food we receive in Jesus’ name.

Alice’s earliest memories of church ... Alice grew up in a Lutheran church in Minnesota where the men sat on one side of the church and the women on the other. Some of the services were in German. In winter she remembers bundling up behind the team of horses going to church, although there wasn’t always church because it was too cold, and Sunday school didn’t meet in winter. Alice told about receiving a picture of a farm (mostly the fields) in Sunday school, and every time the kids attended class, they got a lamb to put in the picture.

Thank you for sharing, Roy & Alice! Please keep the Hesselbergs 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.



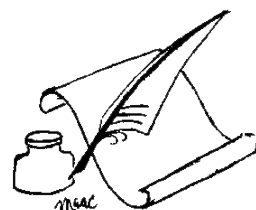
Lutherans yesterday, today, & September 11th @ Salem Terrace

The coffee is perking and breakfast is being dished up. Join us on Monday, September 11 at 9:30 AM as we begin another year of study and fellowship. We meet in the small kitchenette off of the parking lot between Salem Terrace & Mill Street Manor. Feel free to invite your friends.



Cards for shut-ins

Don't forget to stop by the "Card Ministry" table (located outside of the Nursery) each weekend when you are at worship to sign the cards for our shut-ins. The pastors hear from many of our shut-ins how much they appreciate receiving these cards with your notes. You really do make a difference in the lives of those who cannot be with us.



Do you like chocolate or coffee or maybe you're looking for a special gift? Take a look at our fair trade cart. There's good treats for everyone. The Lutheran World Relief has ended its partnership with Equal Exchange so, here's your last chance to support fair trade at Our Saviors. Prices are wholesale – no markup.





Stewardship
a way of life

Stewardship Corner

This one's pretty timely - these are "school kit" days. Each year, we gather materials for school kits, to send to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to Jim Michaelson and Marsha Bateman, this ministry has continued for many years. School kits contain a variety of school supplies, gathered, then assembled into kits.

Why now? Hey, have you seen the prices on school supplies? A notebook for \$0.25 might cost \$1.25 in another two months. It's that time ... and we can take advantage of that!

School supplies assembled into kits are shipped along with our quilts (you'll hear about them next month), arriving at the LWR warehouse in Minnesota. From there the kits are shipped around the world.

So, what's the big deal about a school kit? Education has always been the key to improving life and lifestyle. Educated children grow up to be more productive, successful, and independent. The single biggest, long-term difference we can make in a child's life is to give that child an education. School supplies help make teaching more effective.

But here's the rub - children in areas where supplies are limited don't have that luxury. Or ... a child who is forced to leave his or her home as a refugee, who needs to quickly escape danger, doesn't grab school supplies before rushing out the door. As a result, they end up in a refugee camp with nothing.

That's where your contributions to school kits begin to make a real, tangible difference. You, while out shopping, can connect with a very real and basic need for a child you will never meet, but a child of God nonetheless. A child whom God is watching over, right now.

Just for the record - last year Our Savior's sent close to 250 kits. Thank you for your generosity in providing supplies for the kits. And thanks to Jim and Marsha for making this happen!

Looking Ahead...

The first four Sundays in October will be time for our stewardship emphasis and reflection. This year we think about "abundance" - all the abundant gifts of a gracious God! Each week, a different reflection, and a different gift. Really! A weekly gift - so, plan to join us, not for a weekly gift, but to reflect on all of God's gifts of life!



Salvation Army Meals



Salvation Army dinner serving continues. Our Savior's takes the second Friday of the month - **September 8**. 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 the Koinonia Room.

Being “Wise as Serpents” or... Supporting the Work of Jesus “Smartly”

Several times in Scripture Jesus calls on his followers to be as wise as those of the world around us. How so? Read on!

Shares of Common Stock (and mutual funds) are often used to make gifts to ELCA ministries, and even to congregations. In the past few years Our Savior’s has received several gifts of stock or stock funds. Why? Most often the donors avoid paying capital gains taxes on appreciated shares of stock while receiving a charitable income tax deduction for the full value of the stock. Even though capital gains rates have been reduced, significant tax savings from the gift of common stock or mutual funds may be available to you while you benefit your favorite ELCA ministry.



Maybe this would work for you? A gift to the congregation, or a gift to the Endowment Fund, via stock or stock funds might be a way to maximize your giving.

For more information: Contact Timothy Knutson, ELCA Foundation at (414) 477-9979 or timothy.knutson@elca.org, or Pastor Larry Westfield, ELCA Foundation at (262) 224-9574 or larry.westfield@elca.org.

We are intentional about keeping in contact with our college students – sending emails periodically, as well as remembering them during final exam week. We are also interested in hearing about life away from home and encourage them to share with us.

college+
connection

College-bound students



We need your *campus address* and your *email address*!

You are important to us and we want to keep in touch –

You may be “*out of sight*”

but you are certainly not “*out of mind.*”

Please get the information to the office or to Pastor Jean.

Thank You ...



... to the August newsletter mailing crew –Lizzie Hesse, Sandra Holthaus, Judy Morzinski, Rich & Mary Storandt, Bev Bockenbauer, Carol Peterson, and Betty Whitlock.

...a HUGE thank you to our musicians providing summer music: Eric and Lynette Ender, Naoko Aminaka, Marty Frank, Ben Ba

kkum, Andrew Bakkum, the Men's Choir, and the SOS Band (Dan Backhaus, Jon Hetland, Ken Isler, and Dean Olson). These people willingly dedicated their time to prepare and perform music that really enhance the church services for the rest of us, and we thank them for sharing their talents with us.

... to Wendy Kane for making the Communion bread in August.

... Our Savior's Lutheran, Thank you so much for inviting Sugar Creek to your church to lead VBS. Your youth were truly a joy to work with and we can see God working through everyone there. You made us feel welcome in all we did and we really appreciate our week spent with you!

Love, *Tina, Indi, Allison*

... Dear Our Savior's Church, Thank you for the money for me to go to Sugar Creek. I loved going to Sugar Creek for my first time.

From, *Graham (Sjoquist)*

... Dear Our Savior's Church, Thank you so very much for the donation to help me go to Sugar Creek Bible Camp. I love Sugar Creek so much. It's a great way to strengthen my relationship with God.

From, *Elliot Sjoquist*

To Our Savior's, Thank you for giving me money to go to Sugar Creek Bible Camp. I had so much fun. We went creek stumping, swimming, hiking, canoeing, camping, and so much more. I made so many new friends not just in my cabin but in other camps too.

From, *Emma Fortier*

To Our Savior's Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thank you very much for the beautiful green prayer shawl you made for my dad. He was recently admitted to a memory care unit at Lakeview. My family is touched by your thoughtfulness during this difficult time. We sincerely appreciate your talent and generosity.

Barb & Eric Sorenson



The Dorcas quilters want to thank everyone who gave fabric to us and also all those people who sewed a quilt top. You are greatly appreciated. Our goal in 2017 is to send 200 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. We are in need of old sheets. Every quilt needs an old sheet in the middle (even twin size fitted and flannel), so please check your closets and think of us. We will always have bags of squares in the gathering area for you to sew. You can put your finished squares there too. Thank you so much!

ACOLYTES			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 / **10 a.m.
Sept 2-3	Kylee Gander	Justin Hennessey	** Madeline Janisch
Sept 9-10	Zachary Long	Megan Marcou	Elsa Mitchell
Sept 16-17	Ryan Nickles	Ed Schmitz	Marina Thompson
Sept 23-24	Bennett Turnipseed	Blaine Wheeler	Maxwell Williams
Sept 30 – Oct 1	Alan Campbell	Mallory Farr	Audrey Godlewski

BASKET HOLDERS			
		Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 / **10 a.m.
Sept 3		Kenzie Murphy	**Ian Nickles
Sept 10		Elliott Sjoquist	Amanda Vick
Sept 17		Carter Walter	Brandon Wiese
Sept 24		Sam Williams	Jack Witte

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 / ** 10 a.m.
Sept 2-3	Jon Hetland	Eric Ender Bill Jensen	**Dottie Baumgartner **Scott Friell
Sept 9-10	Judy Morzinski	Mark & Kim Hunter	Tracey Beckley Jaime Fortier
Sept 16-17	Bonny Goodenough	Steve Ahles Jason Stefferud	Jane Frank Tracy Hesse
Sept 23-24	Lee Fernstaedt	Naoka Aminaka Vernetta Moe	Michelle Witte Susan Giblin
Sept 30–Oct 1	Karen DeSchepper	Jill Iliff Wendy Kane	Justin Drury Char Buelow

HOME COMMUNION SERVERS

Sept 2-3	Judy Gilbert	Sept 23-24	Ilene Pavelko
Sept 9-10	Pam Gresens	Sept 30-Oct 1	Daryl Wermedal
Sept 16-17	Iliff Family		

COMMUNION BREAD Katie Drury – (Note Sept 16-17)

ALTAR GUILD Nancy DeYoung

READERS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 / **10 a.m.
Sept 2-3	Bonnie Gensch	Joe Stekel	Heidi Krupicka
Sept 9-10	Angie Hemker	Sharon Olson	Naoko Aminaka
Sept 16-17	Kathy Brisson	Jim Quamme	Kristin Tschumper
Sept 23-24	Lisa Lee	Kathy Wehrs	Kathy Wehrs
Sept 30-Oct 1	Karen DeSchepper	Melody Schmitz	Heidi Krupicka

USHERS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 / **10 a.m.
Sept 2-3			Tim & Denise Jones Family
Sept 9-10	Phil & Judy Gilbert	Lee Fernstaedt Eric Ender	Bill & Dawn Beal Judy Gilbert
Sept 16-17	Wheeler Family	Lee Fernstaedt Eric Ender	Dennis Baumgartner Jeff Haldeman Steve Noffke
Sept 23-24		Lee Fernstaedt Eric Ender	Dennis Baumgartner Jeff Haldeman Steve Noffke
Sept 30-Oct 1			

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