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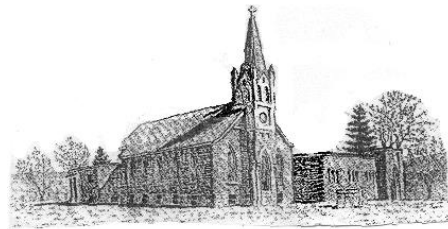
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June 2018

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**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.***

# Our Savior's Voice

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## JUNE 2018

### *Pastor's Reflections ...*

This Pastor's Reflections also serves as our monthly "Stewardship Corner," but it's not an article I really want to write. Normally, I love stewardship. Stewardship and discipleship – really the same thing – using wisely what God has entrusted to me, and being generous with all I have. That's exciting stuff, especially when that allows me to do "God's work with my hands." When it allows me the privilege of being a part of God's mission in the world. What could be greater than that?

But this month I'm addressing money, and that's a bit challenging. Not that I don't think it's important to talk money – money is a vital part of our stewardship, and we even include that in our 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation curriculum. It's just the last thing we want to do is to beg and plead for money for the sake of keeping the doors open. Remember? Stewardship is about mission, not keeping the organization alive. In other words, seek financial support, but for the right reason – for the sake of the good news of Jesus!

Still, our budget right now is a bit tight. This is our first year without any income from the day care, and while many have increased their financial support, others, for whatever reason, perhaps even very good ones, have remained steady, or reduced their support. Sometimes that happens when we aren't in worship – we miss a Sunday or two, and that drops our giving. Or maybe there are other circumstances in life – bills are up, other challenges arise. And then...sometimes we just don't remember – happens to all of us!

So, don't take this as a plea to save the church, or a sign that we are in big trouble. We're not. We're just a bit flat.

Yet, at the same time there are some things you need to know. Like the impact of not having the day care. Some of that is money. The dollars are shorter, to be sure.

But there's more. The space! Consider the ministries that have been impacted, in one way or another by our new space: *Confirmation, Sunday School, funeral lunches, Youth Ministry, Music Ministry, Food Pantry, quilting, men's ministry, and Frolic*. Every one of these ministries has benefitted in real and tangible ways from our new and flexible space. Yes, that space has a cost (the loss of rental income), but ministry is happening better than ever because we have it.

But it's not just space. Look at what else is happening these days:

- New ministries – like Frolic for 0-3 year olds, and a new men's group.
- We had a large number of new confirmation students this year across all four grades, with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class up to 34 kids.
- In 2017, in our synod, we were the second largest supporter of campus ministry (where young adults are changed!), and the fourth largest in world hunger offerings (and that doesn't include support for the Food Pantry or the summer lunch program).
- We discovered only weeks ago that the school did not get a grant to take on the summer lunch program. No matter – we know what to do, and we are mobilizing to make that ministry happen again – for the sake of children, and for the sake of Jesus.

But what about numbers? Doesn't it seem like worship is down this year? It is (I think), and it is (I know) in most congregations. That's one of the changes in our society these days. More mobile, more diversions, more challenging. But consider this: while our attendance is a bit down, the number of people involved in our ministries is up – over the first four months from 817 to 831. Not down, up!

The reality is that our budget is tighter, tighter than usual, and a bit behind, but it's tight and behind because we are reaching out, making a difference, and changing lives. And isn't that what we are to be about?

For that reason, I can be bold to ask you to continue, and even consider increasing your financial support. Not to keep the doors open, or keep us afloat. Instead, to invite you to be a part of God's work, and to be what God has formed and fashioned us to be: *a church centered in Christ, inviting all into a community of worship, nurturing all to be disciples of Jesus, and together reaching out to make a difference here and throughout the world.*

But as I ask, please hear this too - *thank you – THANK YOU!* – *for the support you have already shared with us!* Not for us, but for our ministry, our calling. We make things happen as, gathered by the Holy Spirit, we work together. For the sake of the world; for the sake of Jesus!

*Pastor Jon*



## Synod Assembly

The La Crosse Area Synod Assembly will be held June 8-10, in La Crosse. Wendy Kane, Karen DeSchepper, Judy Gilbert, and Eric Sorensen have been appointed as voting members to the assembly, along with Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean. They will be joined by our six (or maybe more?) “sheep.”



The assembly will feature worship, reports, and business. Attending the assembly will be voting members from the 74 congregations of the La Crosse Area Synod, along with their sheep (the plywood kind) – each one, representing \$500 in gifts to the World Hunger Appeal. We expect to see over 100 of them, so our sheep will have plenty of company! Please keep all the voting members of the assembly in your prayers as they consider how we can work in partnership to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ!



## Summer Worship

*Beginning May 26/27 through September 1/2*

**Saturday 6 PM**

**Sunday 8 and 10 AM**

## Membership at Our Savior's

We love to welcome new partners in our life and work as disciples of Jesus! If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining Our Savior's, please contact one of the pastors. We'll get you set!



Meanwhile, **join us on Saturday/Sunday, June 16/17**, as we recognize and welcome new members received over the past months. As the community gathered by the Holy Spirit, we rejoice in the partnership we have with new brothers and sisters in Christ.

**They're here again!**

## Colorado Peaches

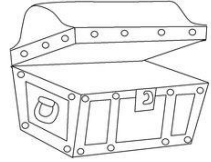


Our herbicide free peaches from Colorado will be delivered tentatively July 16 and orders will be guaranteed through July 1. Order forms are being sent out to those who requested being on the mailing list last year, but order forms are also available in the *Gathering Area* here at the church. We are going to be selling full and half cases this year! Full cases will be \$30 with about 30-40 peaches (roughly 18-22 lbs.) and the half case will be \$17 with about 15-20 peaches (9-12 lbs.)



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We had a great finish to our Sunday School year! We celebrated with our “adopted grandparents” and the next week we had an ice cream social as we celebrated a fun year of learning and singing. At worship that day the kids sang their hearts out for all of our families who were there. We pray for a safe summer of relaxing, playing, and remembering that Jesus loves us and is with us always. See you in church!



## *Sunday School Treasure Box ...*

**We made one last trip to the treasure box as we ended our time together. Congratulations to all who celebrated these milestones! Way to go!**

### **Perfect Attendance in April & May:**

**Pre-K: Kiryah Eckland, Addyson Knebes, Mason Knebes, Mabel Sjoquist**

**Kindergarten: Anna Vick**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Alana Steinke**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Henry Bakkum, Casey Mathison**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Gunnar Eckland, Graham Sjoquist**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Marissa Eckland**

### **Missed Once in April & May:**

**Pre-K: Noah Evenson, Max Twite**

**Kindergarten: Owen Draxler, Laney Kneifl, Layla Kneifl**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Addison Kendhammer**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Briauna Mathison, Lily Twite**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Bennet Fennigkoh**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Owen Kendhammer, Eve Twite**

### **We had special prizes for:**

- ❖ the class who arrived first for our video time the most weeks: **Pre-K (15 times)**
- ❖ the class who brought the most offering for Hurricane Relief: **Pre-K with \$248.35**
- ❖ the 14 students & 8 teachers who braved the ice and snow on April 15

### **Those who only MISSED TWICE all year received a \$10 gift card to Barnes & Noble:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Henry Bakkum**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Gunnar Eckland, Briauna Mathison, Graham Sjoquist**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Bennett Fennigkoh**

### **Those who only MISSED ONCE all year received a \$15 gift card to Barnes & Noble:**

**Pre-K: Kiryah Eckland, Noah Evenson, Mabel Sjoquist**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Marissa Eckland**

### **Those with PERFECT attendance all year received a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble:**

**Kindergarten: Anna Vick**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Casey Mathison**

## Sunday School Offering ...

We thank our Sunday School children for sharing their offerings during this past school year for Hurricane Relief. We collected a total of \$984.90 that will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief to help those who are still trying to clean up and get their lives back in order in the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria last summer. Check out the bulletin board by Pastor Jean's office to see our final totals.



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## Monday, July 23

Students entering Grades 1 through 5

We will head down to Sugar Creek Bible Camp for an **Explorer Day Camp** experience

**Bible study, singing, horseback riding, and swimming**

Cost is \$20 which includes lunch

Sign up on the Sunday School bulletin board by the Church Office and be sure to fill out the registration form **by June 30<sup>th</sup>** and return it to the Church Office.

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## Important Dates

It's not too early to mark your calendars for Rally Day and Gospel on the Green - Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>!



## Frolic! –

For parents and their children 0-3 years old!

We are taking the summer off and will start up again in September with our monthly gatherings – watch for details.

**Save the date** – Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> we will kick off Frolic as part of the festivities of Gospel on the Green at the Lion's Shelter. Watch for details coming late summer!





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

We learned in early May that the school did not receive the grant for summer lunches that they had hoped to get, so ... we will once again be rallying the troops to serve lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition to your monetary donations, we will be seeking your help to prepare the lunches and serve them. Angie Hemker is heading up the project this year - please contact her if you are able to help. In the meantime, our Hungry Jar offerings for June will help support this ministry to feed the children of our community this summer with nutritious meals.

### Summer Lunch Update ...

#### How you can help ...

**Critical Needs:** peanut butter, jelly, sandwich & snack size Ziploc bags, ranch dressing, fruit cups, paper lunch bags – *items can be dropped off in the box by the Nursery*

**Helpers:** June 12 & 14 (team leader – Angie Hemker)  
June 19 & 21 (team leader – Mrs. Lang from St. Leo's)  
June 26 & 28 (team leader – Tracy Hesse)

**Team Leaders:** needed for Aug 7 & 9 and Aug 14 & 16 – *talk to Angie Hemker for details.*



### Sugar Creek Bible Campers

Please keep the following youth who will be attending Camp in June in your prayers:



**June 10-15**  
Baylee Faucett

**June 24-29**  
Carter Quackenbush  
Megan Goede



### Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project

Do you appreciate the school kit project? Would you like to be more involved, and perhaps be a part of this along with your children? We are looking for a couple of people to become project coordinators. Jim Michelson and Marsha Bateman will work with you this year. It isn't too much work, it is a fun project, and it has a short time frame of August to early October. Interested even a little bit? Please contact Jim (786-1236) or Marsha (786-2727) for details without obligation!



Before we know it, school supply sales will begin again! Please look for the list of needed items in the July newsletter. As always, thank you for your support of this project.



## Graduates and Scholarships

Our Savior's Scholarship Committee is excited to announce the scholarship recipients for 2018. Scholarships come from gifts from several sources including the Marking Scholarship Fund, the Clifford Michelson Scholarship Fund, and Norma & Ken Piper. We thank these families for nurturing our young people in their journey of discipleship.

For 2018 the following high school seniors have been awarded a scholarship:

Marking Scholarship – Alea Fortier and Aubrey Johnson  
Michelson Scholarship – Jacob Iliff, Tayler Jones, Justine Rich, Emily Steele  
Ken & Norma Piper Scholarship – Abbey Vick

Meanwhile, a sampling of some of our graduates and their plans for the future (those that we know):

*David Aleckson* – will attend UW-Milwaukee, majoring in Business-Finance.  
*Ethan Beal* – will attend Western Technical College, then UW-Platteville, majoring in Engineering.  
*Jarron Beckley* – will attend Viterbo University majoring in Music Education.  
*Alea Fortier* – will attend Lakeland University majoring in Business Administration.  
*Alana Gavaghan* – will attend UW-Eau Claire majoring in Speech Pathology.  
*Alysha Hesse* – will work at Fun Fur Pets while attending Western Technical College majoring in Biology.  
*Jacob Iliff* – will attend UW-LaCrosse majoring in History Education.  
*Aubrey Johnson* – will attend Western Technical College majoring in Animal Science.  
*Tayler Jones* – will attend UW-Whitewater majoring in Public Policy & Administration.  
*Rebecca Michael* – will attend UW-Madison majoring in Astrophysics.  
*McKenah Olson* – will attend UW-Eau Claire.  
*Drew Peterson* – will attend University of Minnesota-Duluth majoring in Industrial Engineering.  
*Justine Rich* – will attend Minnesota State University-Mankato majoring in Dental Hygiene.  
*Delaney Schomberg* – will attend UW-LaCrosse majoring in Business.  
*Nathan Selck* – will enter the Marines.  
*Emily Steele* – will attend UW-Eau Claire majoring in Nursing.  
*Abbey Vick* – will attend Western Technical College majoring in Medical Assistant.

Finally, a couple of “special” recognitions:

- *Cathryn Bottem*, our Director of Youth Ministry graduated from UW-L. Cat plans to do graduate work at Winona State University.
- *Tim Bowman*, our former Director of Youth Ministry graduated from Luther Seminary and is now approved for ordination. He has begun the call process.

We are proud of these young people – and of all our 2018 graduates. Please keep them in your prayers as they move forward into new ventures in life!





**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING in HOUSTON** – We are counting down the days when over 30,000 youth from across the country will converge on Houston under the theme “**This Changes Everything.**” We will worship, go out into the local community and help with the continued clean-up efforts from last summer’s hurricanes, meet new people, gather with others from our synod, have time for fun activities, hear the faith stories of speakers, and dig deeper into our own personal faith stories. ***Plan to be in worship on July 14-15 to hear how our lives have been changed by this experience!***

**BLAST OFF  
FOR BOOKS**

The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering  
Houston Literacy Campaign



**We are inviting the congregation** to be a part of our fundraising opportunities to collect funds for the **Houston Literacy Campaign** (the goal is to collect 100,000 books for the children in Houston). You can use one of the envelopes on the board in the Gathering Area to help purchase books that we will take to Houston to share with the children.



**PRAY** – Please keep the Our Savior’s youth and adults – Mahli vanh Fleckenstein, Kylee Gander, Jake Iliff, Rebecca Schmidt, Cat Bottem, Pastors Jon & Jean – who will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston June 26 – July 2 in your prayers. Pray also for all 30,000 who will be traveling and gathering to worship God and do his work with our hands. Pray for those in Houston whose lives will be touched by our presence in their communities. ***May we all be changed by the Holy Spirit through this experience!***



## What's going on in the Youth World!?



Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to World Vision's 30 Hour Famine! We were able to raise **\$563** because of everyone who helped! This will feed **fifteen children for an entire month!** Because of your generosity and willingness to participate, we impacted so many families. Thank you for that! If you see these students, please be sure to congratulate them on completing the famine and being willing to go hungry so others could be hunger free!

Ben Bakkum  
Scarlett Fullwood  
Lily Giblin  
Maddie Giblin

Lizzie Hesse  
Reice Kammel  
Colton Kneifl  
Mya Koudelka

Celia Mitchell  
Kenzie Murphy  
Sydney Niemeier  
Elliott Sjoquist

Elizabeth Stavlo  
Amanda Vick  
Brandon Wiese  
Dylan Wiese

Thank you for doing God's work with your hands! If this is something that sounds like fun, please consider doing it next year!

### Attention Youth ...



**Peaches will be coming in mid-July ...**

**We need your help ...**

... unloading the truck when the peaches are delivered

... sitting at the table while people pick up their peaches



If you are willing and able to help, please talk to Cat to sign up. Remember this will help your "family account" if you plan to go on any future mission trips.

### Houston, here we come!

We leave Tuesday, June 26 at 8:30 a.m. for Houston, TX and will be back around 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 2. Please keep Mahli Fleckenstein, Kylee Gander, Jake Iliff, and Rebecca Schmidt in your prayers as we travel and participate in 2018's Youth Gathering! *Thank you to everyone who has aided in the fundraisers! We could not have gotten this far without you!*



### Speaking of fundraisers!

We raised \$84.69 from Dairy Queen and \$150 from Features. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their nights to go to these restaurants for dinner to support the fundraisers.

## Confirmation



Confirmation classes are now complete for the year. We are already looking ahead and planning for the 2018-19 year. Orientation for parents and students is set for Wednesday, **September 3 – 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders at 6 PM, 9<sup>th</sup> graders at 7 PM.** Watch for details. And remember that we always have room for more, so if you have family/friends/neighbors who want in, we want them! Membership at Our Savior's is not necessary – just a desire to learn about Jesus and grow as a disciple! See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more info.

## Men's Group

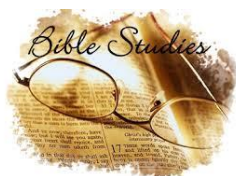
In March of this year we started a Men's group at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Our plans were to meet between services during Sunday School time from 9:15 AM- 10:15 AM every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, in the Koinonia Room. The goals of this group are to grow men's relationships within the church and to build up men in our church to be better husbands, leaders, and fathers.



We are planning to start up our regular meetings again in September. We may have a couple of informal meetings, as in a grill out, this summer. It has been a lot of fun and as an added side bonus it has made our spouses slightly uncomfortable, because they think we may be planning something devious. I hope you will find time to join our group.

For more information see Andy Bakkum or Pastor Jon.

## Adult studies



**Wednesday morning Bible study** is finishing 1 Corinthians, and then? We'll see! We welcome you to join us – we meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the Library. Coffee and fellowship provided – no experience necessary – just come and enjoy! *Note – no class June 27 through July 11. We will resume July 18.*

## Watching the Grass Grow...

Really, we are! The lot across from the parking lot has now been seeded – thanks to Tim Jones! So we are watching the grass grow. But soon, we will watch an SEP (Senior Exit Project) unfold, and a prayer labyrinth come into focus. Kessler Goodenough will take on the task, and we hope that by the end of the summer there will be a place for you – and anyone else to go to find a place of prayer and meditation. So, thanks Tim...and Kessler for making our ministries happen!





# Lutherans yesterday, today, and June 11<sup>th</sup>

@ Salem Terrace – 9:30 am

Join us for breakfast & trivia



We conclude our year together with a friendly game of trivia and a time of sharing. We meet in the small kitchenette off of the parking lot between Salem Terrace & Mill Street Manor. Feel free to invite your friends. Please note we will take the months of *July and August off* and reconnect in September – watch for details.



**Let's go to the movies** ...Sparta Theater ... \$5 matinee includes popcorn!

Save the dates ... June 8, July 20

Don't forget the Adult Jazz Band concert in Village Park on July 26.

Check out the Senior Ministry bulletin board for details and other upcoming opportunities!

## CHECK IT OUT ...

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



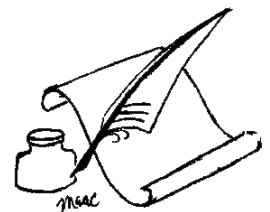
**Can't hear the worship service** ... we have a hearing assist device

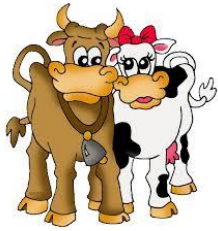
**Missed worship** ... check out the website – [www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) – to see the service.



## Cards for shut-ins

Don't forget to stop by the "Card Ministry" table (located outside of the Pre-K classroom) 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.





## June Dairy Days

June Dairy Days is June 1, 2 and 3. OSLC is particularly active in two areas and we need your help! The Fun Run is held Saturday, June 2, and volunteers are needed to help with registration, set-up, and serving as crossing guards from 6:30 - 9:30 on Saturday morning. Sign-ups are in the Gathering Area.

AND, there are LOTS of opportunities to help at the Food Stand (at Village Park) which serves food all weekend. Grillers, servers, ticket workers, window workers, and shift leaders are needed. Youth and their families are especially encouraged to help out on all shifts. Signup sheets for helping will be available at church and online at [signup.com/go/ESPSZPO](http://signup.com/go/ESPSZPO). [A note about using the online link - it requires each person to insert an email address. If you are a family signing up for several spots on the same shift but don't have separate emails, you can add a comment with the family member's name.]

## Our Savior's T-Shirts



By the time you read this, we should have received our T-shirts! You, too, can show your church spirit! The cost is **\$12.50** – and **\$5** of every shirt sale goes to *World Hunger!* Watch for details and get yours today!



## Coffee Hour Changes

Recently, it's been difficult recruiting members to serve coffee on Sunday mornings between services. So, with summer upon us, and the kitchenette being modestly remodeled, this seems a good time to take a pause in the Sunday morning coffee hour, starting Memorial Day weekend.

We are hopeful that with the help of new volunteers, this important hospitality ministry will return in the fall. For that to happen, we need YOU to step forward, and now is the time! We'd like to develop a list of members who could be called upon to serve and bake for Sunday morning coffee. A sign-up list is on the table as you leave worship. With questions, you may contact Lynette Ender 786-0723 (Church Council Social Committee), or speak with one of the pastors.





## Pastoral Acts:



Funeral – Jeffrey Semlar – April 25  
Funeral – Nancy Stenberg – April 27  
Funeral – Stella Wee – May 5  
Baptism – Samuel Taysom Roemhild – April 22  
Baptism – Blakelee Lynn Schlifer – May 20  
Wedding – Naoko Aminaka & Shawn Giblin – May 19  
Wedding – Lindsey Korth & Bradley Gilberts – May 26

## *In Loving Memory*

### *Memorial Gifts Received ...*

#### *In Memory of Marie Seibert*

To Endowment Fund from Judy Long  
From Bill & Marsha Bateman

#### *In Memory of Stella Wee from ...*

Karl & Bonnie Gilbertson	Wayne & Darlene Affeldt
Russ & Diane McClintock	Barb Schomburg
Larry & Linda Arentz	Eric & Lynette Ender
Ilene Pavelko	Jim & Marjorie Anderson
Arlan & Sandra Holthaus	Steve & Fran Noffke
Carl & Jennifer Wallace	Family & Friends
To Endowment Fund from Judy Long	



## Thank You



... to the May newsletter mailing crew – Connie & Larry Blunck, Bev Bockenbauer, Sandra Holthaus, Judy Morzinski, Carol Peterson, Velma Schmidt, Barb Schomburg, Mary & Rich Storandt and Betty Whitlock.

... to Sharon Olson for making bread for worship in May.

... to Todd Michael for again taking time to till the church garden plots. Despite a late spring the fresh tillage will give the gardens an early boost.

### *For college care packages ...*

... Thank you so much for the gift card to Kwik Trip and your kindhearted words. It will definitely come in use! I look forward to being home this summer as well as being a part of the congregation again! My first year has been a great experience, and I have a couple more weeks of school before I take my finals and move back home. Thanks again for keeping me in your thoughts the past year!

*Molly Hunter*

... Thank you for the Kwik Trip gift card. I appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness as it is always a blessing to be thought of and kept in prayer when away from home. Thank you again,

*Emily Ungerer*

## Congregation Council Review



The Congregation Council met on Monday, May 14, with Vice President Dan Roemhild calling the meeting to order. At this meeting the council:

- Began with devotions based on 1 Corinthians 13:13.
- Approved the minutes from the April council meeting. Received and reviewed financial reports and reports from the pastors.
- Discussed same gender marriages and the recent congregational conversations. Adopted a resolution noting that Our Savior's and its pastors only preside at weddings with valid licenses, provided the participants have had consultation and counseling with the pastor(s).
- Heard an update on the membership review.
- Heard about an upcoming synod sponsored congregational renewal ministry. Directed the pastors to order copies of The Agile Church for each council member, and decided to use the book as the basis for study and reflection beginning in September.
- Heard an update on Johnson South and the change in tenants.
- Discussed some changes in the confirmation program being considered for next year, including gifting students with copies of a contemporary translation of the Bible.
- Affirmed the confirmation class of 2018 as voting members of the congregation.
- Decided to use \$1,000 from the Fair Trade Coffee Fund to "fund" two sheep for the synod assembly.
- Received Douglas and Kim Sloan as members by transfer from Trinity/La Crosse.
- Added Judy Gilbert and Eric Sorensen as voting members of the 2018 La Crosse Area Synod Assembly.

The council meets again on Monday, June 11. See Steve Ahles or one of the pastors if you have any questions.



## Same Gender Marriage Conversation

After much conversation on the council and in the congregation, the Congregation Council has adopted the following:

“To affirm that weddings at Our Savior's, either inside the building or in other locations, are performed for persons with a valid marriage license, and with the appropriate consultation and counseling of the pastors.”

Based on conversations with other congregations in our area, the Congregation Council does not believe that this will substantially change our ministry. It does, however, reaffirm our mission statement that Our Savior's intends to be a place of welcome and outreach to all of God's creation.

We thank all who were a part of the process of discerning God's call. As a community we remain committed to faithful living as disciples of Jesus, and to living in care for one another. If you have any concerns or reflections we invite you to contact one of the pastors.



# Benefit for Wendy Knudtson

*Saturday, June 16*

*Lion's Shelter 2-10 PM*

For more information, see the poster on the kiosk in the Gathering Area.

Wendy's Warriors bracelets available in the church office for \$5.

You are invited to make treats for the bake sale.

Contact Kathy (608/317-9112) to find out how YOU can help!

<b>2018 Ministry at Work</b>			
	Actual for April	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Income	\$33,669.11	\$112,040.22	\$120,324.66
Expense	\$32,122.49	\$120,987.71	\$120,441.33
Net	\$1,546.62	(\$8,947.49)	

## Vacation



Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean will be on vacation and attending the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston, from June 25 through July 12. After the gathering they will explore Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado, ending with a tour of Pastor Jean's "sacred ground" – the Nebraska Cornhusker's stadium!

Worship on June30/July 1 will be led by our Synod School of Theology students – Dori Jensen, Vernetta Moe, and Nancy DeYoung. Cat Bottem will lead worship on July 7/8. We thank them for their leadership.

If you have need of pastoral care during their absence, contact the church office. Several pastors are lined up to pinch hit!

<b>BASKET HOLDERS</b>			
		<b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 10 a.m.</b>
June 2-3		Jayden Hansen	Emma Haun
June 9-10		No Communion	
June 16-17		Owen Kendhammer	Aubrey Langrehr
June 23-24		Andrew Larson	Leah Leren
June 30 - July 1		No Communion	

<b>ACOLYTES</b>			
	<b>Saturday 6 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 10 a.m.</b>
June 2-3	Ben Larson	Tyler Leren	Dylan Wiese
June 9-10	Adrianna Massman	Tyler Mathison	Anna McConkey
June 16-17	Brent McConkey	Regan Peterson	Morgan Quackenbush
June 23-24	Brandon Riley	Sophia Taylor	Dylan Wiese
June 30 - July 1	Noelle Zarecki	Adam Chandler	Delaney Christianson

### **HOME COMMUNION SERVERS**

June 3                   Dottie Baumgartner  
 June 10                 No Communion  
 June 17                 Judy Gilbert  
 June 24                 Pam Gresens  
 June 30/July 1        No Communion

**COMMUNION BREAD** (*June 16/17*) – Dana Roemhild

**ALTAR GUILD**       Nancy DeYoung

## USHERS

	<b>Saturday 6 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 10 a.m.</b>
June 2-3	Hetland Family	Eric Ender Karl & Kathy Wehrs	Sjoquist Family
June 9-10	Hetland Family	Eric Ender Scott & Zach Friell	Sjoquist Family
June 16-17	Hetland Family	Eric Ender Scott & Zach Friell	Sjoquist Family
June 23-24	Hetland Family	Karl & Kathy Wehrs	Sjoquist Family
June 30 - July 1	Hetland Family	Eric Ender	

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

	<b>Saturday 6 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 10 a.m.</b>
June 2-3	Bonny Goodenough	Mark & Kim Hunter	Stacey Sjoquist Dottie Baumgartner
June 9-10	No Communion		
June 16-17	Eric Iliff	Cat Bottem Pam Gresens	Rich Clements Jaime Fortier
June 23-24	Paula Heilman	Judy Long Carolyn Herried	Jeff & Melissa Haldeman
June 30 - July 1	No Communion		



