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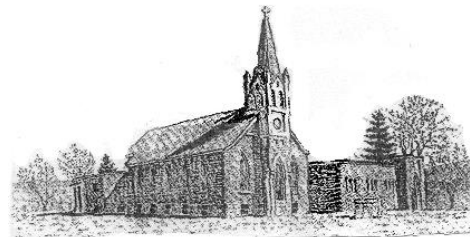
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July 2018

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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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JULY 2018

La Crosse Area Synod 2018 Assembly June 8-10

Thanks to Wendy Kane, Karen DeSchepper, Eric Sorenson, and Judy Gilbert, for sharing in the work of the La Crosse Area Synod Assembly, on behalf of Our Savior's, joining Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean at the assembly. We asked them for some reflections on the assembly; here is some of what they had to say:

Our Savior's was all over Synod Assembly! We were surrounded by 122 sheep which represented (\$500/sheep) our Synod's generosity and creativity... with one of ours grazing near the altar/stage! Eric and Wendy sang with the choir, Karen read a portion of the Gospel reading of Luke 24, Pastor Jean served communion, Judy lead a conga line, and Pastor Jon brought the herd back! It was a weekend of community and growth... . *Judy Gilbert*

Forward: Fearless and Faithful was the theme of the assembly. After a three-day weekend of prayer, singing, and workshops, I came away with a renewed respect for the pastors and leaders of the ELCA. I saw and heard courageous stances regarding social injustice, hunger, and poverty. But standing up and proclaiming is not the end for our synod. The proactive practices of the ELCA are a direct reflection of what I witness in our congregation. Our pastors and volunteers who give of their time, their generosity, and their talents to assist the hungry, the needy, and the despairing are examples of the calling by Jesus for us to look beyond our personal needs and do what we can for others. Lutherans aren't known for being "boastful", instead, we continue to do God's work with our hands, fearlessly, faithfully, and quietly. I am "proud" to be one of you..... *Eric Sorenson*

I was honored and humbled to be asked to be a part of this year's La Crosse Synod Assembly! It was a very informative, enlightening and Christ-filled weekend with fellow Christians. There was an abundance of fellowship time and networking, discussion, voting, getting to know my fellow Our Savior's reps a bit better and appreciating the "Holy Experiments" sprinkled throughout the weekend's activities. I particularly enjoyed seeing how other pastors process and think, and was especially honored to do part of the Gospel reading on Sunday. Some takeaways were that we need to help take care of each other, just as Jesus would do. We must feed the people – it's the Christian thing to do! We must make every effort to keep families intact and help people in need. My go-to mantra is/continues to be "WWJD-What Would Jesus Do." Your sister in Christ, who prays that she moves "Forward: Fearless and Faithful." ... *Karen DeSchepper*

For more information on the assembly, check out the synod web site at www.lacrosseareasynod.org, or chat with one of our voting members. And next year? How about YOU? June 14-16, 2019, in La Crosse. Think about it...pray about it...and then speak with one of the pastors. You won't regret it!



Worship July 14/15

Come join Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean as they lead worship with the group who attended the National Youth Gathering in Houston ... see pictures, sing songs, maybe even a video or two, hear reflections on how this Gathering impacted our youth, and communion "gathering style"!

Colorado Peaches



Our herbicide free peaches from Colorado will be delivered tentatively late July - early August and orders will be guaranteed through July 1. Order forms were 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 will 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.)

Back by popular demand ...

BEER & HYMNS, CAMPFIRE STYLE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

ERIC & JILL ILIFF'S HOME
(430 Olson Drive)

5:30 PM PICNIC

6:30 PM SINGALONG



We had such a good time last year so we're doing it again – a Campfire version of Beer & Hymns! Eric & Jill Iliff have graciously offered their backyard for a picnic, campfire, and singalong. Here's what you need to bring: a dish to pass, your own beverage, and lawn chairs. They'll provide the meat. Come for all of the evening or some of the evening, whatever works for you. **Be sure to sign up if you plan to eat so we can plan for food.** And, don't forget to invite your friends!



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

(Make checks payable to Our Savior's Lutheran Church.)

We will gather at church at 7:30 AM and return around 4 PM.

Parents and younger siblings are free and encouraged to attend.

Sign up on the Sunday School bulletin board by the Church Office

--- ALSO, be sure to fill out the registration form

and return it, along with your \$20, to the Church Office **by July 1st**.



Sugar Creek Bible Campers

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



July 1-3

Anya Tenner

July 8-13

Alena Donahue

Bennett Fennigkoh

Emma Fortier

Maddie Giblin

Ben Larson

Elliott Sjoquist

Graham Sjoquist

Dylan Wiese

July 15-17

Henry Bakkum

Jesse Jothen

July 15-20

Siri Anderson

Ben Bakkum

Liam Sjoquist

Brandon Wiese

July 29-31

Candace Drury

Chloe Drury

Adelyn Tlustosch

July 29-Aug 3

Marissa Eckland

Lydia Jothen

Emelia Tlustosch



Our Savior's T-Shirts & Cinch Sacks

Centered in Christ
Making a Difference

Show your church spirit! The cost is \$12.50 – and **proceeds go to World Hunger!** Shirts and bags are available in the office – Get yours today!

Summer Lunch Update ...

How you can help ...

Critical Needs: Rice Krispy treats, Chex mix, animal crackers, goldfish crackers, fruit cups or pudding cups, sandwich & snack size Ziploc bags, brown paper lunch bags – *items can be dropped off in the box by the Nursery.* (Just so you know, we now have enough peanut butter, jelly, and ranch dressing.)



Helpers: July 3 & 5 (team leader – Connie Pinski)
July 10 & 12 (team leader – Tracy Hesse)
July 17 & 19 (team leader – Angie Hemker)
July 24 & 26 (team leader – Tracy Skrentny)
July 31 & Aug 2 (team leader – Mrs. Lang from St. Leo's)

Volunteers – for details on how you can help and to be on the list, email *Angie Hemker* (hemker.angie@wsalem.k12.wi.us) or contact a team leader.

From Angie: "I'm so overwhelmed with the amount of donations – it is heartwarming!"

Thank you all! ... and thank you to Angie and her crew, too!



advocating against domestic & sexual abuse

Hungry Jar Offering for July 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.

**you
make it
happen**

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers

We are in need of team teachers for our Kindergarten and 2nd grade classes. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, we would love to have you! No previous experience



necessary – and don't feel intimidated that you might not know *all* of the answers! The lessons are self-explanatory. And, ***the most important qualification is a love for children!*** The rest will come! Please speak with Pastor Jean.

Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project

Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future.



Once again, we will collect items to fill school bags for this ministry. You may find more information at www.lwr.org/getinvolved/schoolkits

Sales will soon begin for school supplies. Please take this list with you when you shop, as the list of needed items is quite specific. We are unable to send items that are not on the list! There will be a basket in the Gathering Area for your donations.

Each School kit contains the following:

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

Thank you in advance for your support. Anyone who would like to volunteer for other aspects of this project (organizing, counting, etc.), please call Jim Michelson (786-1236) or Marsha Bateman (786-2727).

Corn Roast



It's coming – the annual corn roast. With the difficult weather this spring, we are not yet certain of the harvest, and so a date has not been set, but early to mid- August is the target, so watch for details. The corn roast is a great gift to the community around us, so come and join us as we serve the people with a small gift of life! See a member of the Outreach Committee, or one of the pastors, if you have questions, or want to join in.

Salvation Army Serving – Can You Help Out?



Each month Our Savior's takes one evening (second Friday) to serve the meals at the Salvation Army in La Crosse. We work from 4:15 to 5:15, serving the evening meal to very grateful folk. There is no food prep or clean up involved; just serve, wear a smile, and engage a bit of conversation as we fill the trays. There is a signup sheet on the youth bulletin board outside the Koinonia Room. Adults and kids over ten are welcome – a great family ministry! *But...no one has yet signed up for July 13! Can you help out?* See Pastor Jon, Pastor Jean, or Cat Bottem for more information.

Thank You!



... to the June newsletter mailing crew - Judy Morzinski and Carol Peterson.
... to Dana Roemhild for making bread for worship in June.

A thank you ... and a request ... from Norma Piper and our Quilting Ladies

The quilters want to thank everyone who sewed quilt tops this winter so our quilt project could continue. We are happy to report that we have completed almost 150 quilts to send out in October. But we aren't ready to be done yet! *So ...* We're hoping you might find a little time this summer to do a few more quilt tops for us. Ministry is happening in this place that continues to touch the lives of people far beyond West Salem! *Thank you all so very much!*



Share your knowledge ...



We are looking to develop a list of veterans in the congregation. If you or someone you know is a veteran or currently active in the service, please contact the church office.

Pastoral Acts:



- Funeral – Gaylord Gruen – May 30
- Funeral – Jim Gums – June 16
- Baptism – Serenity Grace Bayer-Grant – June 3
- Baptism – Kiera Hana Giblin – June 24
- Baptism – Leo Jeffrey Hafner – June 24
- Baptism – Carter Lee Herman – June 24
- Wedding – Jill Manske & Andrew Beckstrom – June 16



Coming in September – watch for more information, or speak with one of the pastors. A great way to get your finances under control, and to learn to be a better steward of God’s gifts!

2018 Ministry at Work			
	Actual for May	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Income	\$23,578.57	\$135,618.80	\$150,405.83
Expense	\$30,512.21	\$151,499.92	\$150,551.67
Net	(\$6933.64)	(\$15,881.12)	

Vacation

Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean will be on vacation after attending the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston, returning July 13. 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!



BASKET HOLDERS			
		Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
June 30 – July 1		No Communion	
July 7-8		No Communion	
July 14-15		Mallory Long	Rylee Lyga
July 21-22		Carter Quackenbush	Will Stefferud
July 28-29		Eve Twite	Lauren Zarecki

ACOLYTES			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
June 30- July 1	Madelyn England	Blaine Wheeler	Justin Hennessey
July 7-8	Madeline Janisch	Ryan Nickles	Megan Marcou
July 14-15	CJ McConkey	Elsa Mitchell	Zachary Long
July 21-22	Ed Schmitz	Bennett Turnipseed	Kylee Gander
July 28-29	Maxwell Williams	Ella Beal	Lauren Bell

HOME COMMUNION SERVERS

July 1 No Communion
 July 8 No Communion
 July 15 Iliff Family
 July 22 Ilene Pavelko
 July 29 Daryl Wermedal

COMMUNION BREAD (*July 21/22*) – Stacey Sjoquist

ALTAR GUILD Marie Root

USHERS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
June 30 - July 1	Hetland Family	Eric Ender	
July 7-8			
July 14-15			
July 21-22		Jim & Ruby Kerkman	
July 28-29			

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
June 30-July 1	No Communion		
July 7-8	No Communion		
July 14-15	Judy Gilbert	Eric Ender Larry Blunck	Tracey Beckley Dottie Baumgartner
July 21-22	Karen DeSchepper	Sharon Olson Wendy Kane	Vicky Johnson Kristin Tschumper
July 28-29	Jon Hetland	Justin Drury Steve Ahles	Jaime Fortier Denise Jones

READERS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
June 30-July 1	Errol Kindschy	Naoko Giblin	Stephanie Subjek
July 7-8	Kay Niemeier	Lynette Ender	Dottie Baumgartner
July 14-15	Youth Group Houston	Youth Group Houston	Youth Group Houston
July 21-22	Karen DeSchepper	Jim Kerkman	Kyle Twite
July 28-29	Angie Hemker	Marsha Bateman	Kristin Tschumper

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Summer Worship
Saturday 6 PM
Sunday 8 and 10 AM