

Our Savior's Voice

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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.***

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Across the Pond



We have returned from our adventure (for the moment) of a lifetime ... our trip to Germany via Iceland. It is good to be home, but there is so much more we could have seen and done ... another time, perhaps.

Germany is full of history – you’ll have to ask Pastor Jon about that “stuff” because history is not my forte and he lives and breathes it! Despite my lack of enthusiasm for “history” I will say that their history goes back hundreds and hundreds of years (remember, we celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017!), and to be in those places that are so old is mind boggling. Many don’t “show” their age, many have stood the test of time, many show the struggles and strife they endured centuries ago, there is beauty in their stories, there is sadness in their stories, there is tragedy and horror, there is tenderness and peace.

When I was in Germany 26 years ago, I remember heavy, dirty air from the pollution of diesel cars and trucks. I did not see that this time. Our tour guide talked about how they emphasize nature and keeping things natural. We were surprised to see so many solar panel fields as we drove through the countryside.

Things are compact there – the cars are small, their homes are mostly apartments and are thus small, they do not have lavish, expansive yards by their homes, the buildings are very close together, farms are small and appear to be family farms where the barn is attached to the home (the living space).

Bicycles are everywhere! Women in skirts and dresses, men in business suits, small children sitting in boxes attached to the front of the bicycle being transported by their mothers, wheelchairs with a bicycle tire in the front, racks upon racks of bicycles in front of office buildings, bicycles obeying the traffic signals of the automobiles, taking their place in the lanes of traffic amongst the cars and trucks, maneuvering around stopped busses picking up passengers, being transported on the trains from one city to another. Even in a thunderstorm, they don their rain jackets and ponchos, fighting the wind and blowing rain on their commute home – it is a sight to see!

Everywhere we went the cathedrals were huge and ornately decorated with paintings on the ceilings and walls, with gold accents throughout. It gave me goosebumps standing in the Town Church in Wittenberg where Martin Luther preached and in the Castle Church where he nailed the 95 theses on the door 500+ years ago. Can you imagine being in that space, walking down the same streets, past the same buildings that he did? A highlight for us was being able to attend an English language worship service at the Castle Church, singing “A Mighty Fortress” only feet away from Martin Luther’s grave. And, Pastor Jon was asked to read the lesson from Romans for the service, his voice echoing throughout the mass structure ... now how cool was that!! Goosebumps!

We met nice people, not only in our tour group, but the local people in general were friendly and welcoming. Most spoke English or could understand enough to engage in conversation or sell their product. The food was good, we were introduced to specialties in various regions of the country (ask Rebecca about schneeballen from Rothenburg), and of course the beer couldn’t be better!

As I reflect on the trip, I am struck by all that we saw; so much, that at times it was overwhelming. There are so many stories to tell, so many memories to cherish. Pastor Jon is

busy sorting through the 2,500 pictures he took, organizing them, researching things that piqued his interest, getting them ready to share with anyone who may want to learn more about the cathedrals or sights of Germany.

God is present across the back fence, across the street, and across the pond.

Feeling blessed to have had the opportunity to travel, and now to be back home with you,

Pastor Jean



Pastor Jon’s sabbatical continues through August 19. To see what he’s been up to, check out his blog on our web site

(www.oursaviorswestsalem.org/category/pastors-blog). Blog entries are posted back to the beginning of his sabbatical (and even, long before that!) Or, to receive his blogs as an e-mail, send your request to communications@oursaviorswestsalem.org.



Pastoral Acts:

Baptism – Reese Nicole Campbell – July 14

Summer Worship
through September 2

Saturday 6 PM
Sunday 8 and **10 AM**



Sunday, August 25th
10:00 AM
Gospel on the Green
@ the Lion's Shelter

Join us as the S.O.S. Band leads us in worship, we hear God's Word, and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the great outdoors!

Following worship, you are invited to join us for the potluck lunch – the church will provide sandwiches and beverages. If you are able, we would appreciate you bringing a dish to pass as follows – last names beginning A-K – salads; L-T – main dish; U-Z – desserts. And even if you can't bring a dish (or if you forget), join us anyway ... there is always plenty and you are always welcome!



Intergenerational Vacation Bible School *(that means Parents are invited too!)*

July 29 - August 1
5:30-7:30 PM

**We will begin with a family
meal at 5:30 PM**

Activities from 6-7:30 PM



If you haven't filled out a registration form yet, they're on the website, or call the church office and let us know you're coming! All are welcome!

***There are still places for you to help ...
check out the sign ups in the
Gathering Area.***



You're Invited!

The congregation is invited ...

to join us in worship on Sunday, August
4th at 10 AM to hear about our week of
VBS through skits and music.



Sunday School News

September is not that far away ...

First Time in Sunday School?

Please remember that your child needs to be 4 years of age by September 1, 2019 in order to attend the Pre-Kindergarten Sunday School class. If your child is attending Sunday School for the first time this year, please call or email the church office so that we can make sure that he/she is included on the roster. (786-0030 or office@oursaviorswestsalem.org)



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

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers

We will have a **teacher/helper orientation** on **Sunday, August 18** following the 10 a.m. worship service.

**you
make it
happen**

We are still in need of team teachers. 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.



Share God's Word

It's almost time ...

Rally Day!

Sunday, September 8th

We will gather in the Sanctuary at 9:15 AM

We will be inviting our Sunday School

Classroom Grandparents to join us, too ...

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



Note: Sunday School registration forms for all grades are available on the church website (www.oursaviorswestsaalem.org). It's not too early to sign up!

Backpack Blessing - September 7-8

If you are a **student (of any age!)** attending school, bring your backpacks, laptop bags, or whatever else you use. We will share a blessing and a reminder of God's love and presence as we begin another year of learning.



Confirmation

Confirmation classes for 2019-2020 are just on the horizon!



- 6th graders:
 - September 4 – 6 PM – parents and students’ orientation
 - September 11 – 6 PM – classes begin

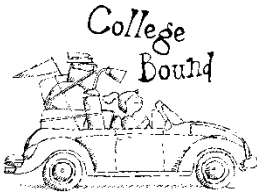
- 7th/8th graders:
 - September 4 – 6 PM guides meeting
 - September 4 – 7 PM – parents and students’ orientation
 - September 11 – 6 PM – classes begin
 - September 18 – 6 PM Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt

- 9th graders:
 - September 11 – 7 PM – parents and students’ orientation
 - September 18 – 7 PM – classes begin

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.

College-bound students ...

college
connection



It's that time of year again ... already!
We need your **Campus address** and
your **email address!**

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

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

Prayer Labyrinth

Don't forget about our prayer labyrinth across the street (on East Avenue) from the church. This was Kessler Goodenough's high school senior exit project – and he did a



great job. Bonny Goodenough's confirmation small group planted flowers this spring at the back of the labyrinth to make it more inviting. There are scripture passages along the path to help you center yourself as you enter the space. Sometime yet this summer we hope to have a bench placed in the center so you can sit and reflect once you've entered, before you retrace your steps back out into the "real world."



Sugar Creek Bible Campers

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

Siri Anderson
Mia Bahl
Marissa Eckland
Reice Kammel

August 4-9

Andrew Larson
Benjamin Larson
Brandon Wiese



Hungry Jar Offering for August - Lutheran World Relief School Kits

It's that time of year when we are getting things ready for school – including school supplies. There are children in the world for whom going to school may not be possible because they can't afford the school supplies. Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. Lutheran World Relief 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. Money raised in the Hungry Jar will be used to purchase supplies to complete school kits.



It's time ...

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. As the summer rolls along, sales will 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!

Each School kit contains the following:

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

Thank you in advance for your support.

SENIOR

CONNECTION

**Coffee & Conversation at Linda's Bakery
9:15 AM on Tuesday, August**

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Check out the Senior Connection bulletin board (outside of the Koinonia Room) for additional opportunities.

Reminder ...

Thursday, August 1st

**La Crosse Queen Paddleboat tour
and lunch at the Blue's Lounge (Piggy's)**



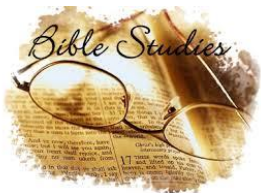
We will gather at church at 10 AM to carpool downtown.

The cruise begins at 11 AM and is 90 minutes long.

Following the cruise we will head over for lunch.

The cost is \$8 for the cruise, *plus* your lunch.

Final reservation must be made by July 22nd. Check with the office for details.



Adult studies

Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 9:30 in the Library. Each week through the summer we will explore the gospel reading for the coming Sunday. Our study includes sharing, reflection, and lots of conversation. No previous knowledge or experience required!



Forward: Fearless and Faithful!

The Forward: Fearless and Faithful team continues to meet with our coach (Carla Stanton, from First Lutheran, Onalaska), to talk about community connections and relationships, service and helping others. Please keep our team in your prayers as we are moving “forward, fearless and faithful.” *In the coming weeks, don’t be surprised if someone comes up to you and asks you where you’ve felt most spiritually alive lately – where have you seen God.*

BEER & HYMNS
CAMPFIRE STYLE!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4
ERIC & JILL ILIFF'S HOME
(430 Olson Drive)
5:30 PM PICNIC
6:30 PM SINGALONG



The Iliff's have once again 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!



Colorado Peaches ...
Coming in early August

Order forms are available in the church office! It's not too late to get your order in, but we will order some extra in case you forgot! We are anticipating delivery in early August – we will let you know as soon as we do!

Middle school and high school youth who are able to help when the peaches arrive, please speak with Wendy Kane or Pastor Jean. The time you spend helps you raise funds for upcoming mission trips and/or for Sugar Creek Camp registration fees.



Corn Roast & Car Show - It's Coming ... August 7th



The annual corn roast is right around the corner! Despite the weather this spring, we are hopeful that a crop of corn will be available in time. The Corn Roast date has been set for Wednesday, August 7. We will serve from 4:30 - 6:30 PM. As always, we will need some help with prep, serving, and bar-making, so look for the signups at church.



Also, the annual Car Show will return, so contact Bud Ewing and Wayne Affeldt for information.

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 (*Carla Burkhardt, Judy Gilbert, Karen DeSchepper, Julie Arentz, Bridget Peterson, Sara Jeranek, Kim Hansen, Steve Ahles*) or Pastor Jean if you have questions.



Our Savior's T-Shirts

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



Summer Lunch Update

Serving Tuesdays and Thursdays
through August 22
at 3 locations

At the end of week two, we had already served almost 600 meals to children in our community. We have had volunteers from the West Salem (WS) National Honor Society, 1st CCU staff, OSLC members, UW-L students, School District of WS staff, 1st grade-12th grade students, to grandmas and grandpas, and all ages in between, just to name a few. Thank you to all who have served and have signed up for the coming weeks. If you are interested in helping, there are still some slots open in the month of August.

Contact the lunch leader of the week if you are free:

July 23 & 25 – Connie Pinski (486-4400)

July 30 & August 1 – Tracy Hesse (317-4804)

August 6 & 8 – Cheryl Lang & St. Leo's (780-7598)

August 13 & 15 – Cheryl Lang & St. Leo's (780-7598)

August 20 & 22 – Angie Hemker (780-9172)

Also - the only donations that we currently need are fruit or applesauce cups and snack items like goldfish, Chex mix, animal crackers, sandwich cookies etc.

Angie Hemker



Our Savior's Loves New Members!

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!

This month we welcome the **Maki Family – Erick and Jennifer, along with Olivia and Quinn.**

Erick is originally from Mishicot WI and Jen is from Waseca MN. They met in college at Winona State University, then moved to the Twin Cities area where they established their careers and completed their MBA degrees, finally settling in Farmington MN. In 2017 Erick transferred with Bremer Bank as the Market President for southern WI. Jen works for Nexstar Media Group as a Regional Business Manager.

Olivia (5th grade) and Quinn (1st grade) attend school in West Salem. Olivia enjoys horseback riding, running, soccer, socializing with friends, and you will likely see her break out in gymnastics at any given time. Quinn enjoys bike riding, rock/gems, soccer, socializing with friends and possibly just a few video games. He is excited to learn to play the guitar.

As a family they enjoy the outdoors, camping, meals on the deck, a walk in the woods, bike riding, down-hill skiing, traveling, games, and family movie nights.

Please welcome the Maki family!

Synod Assembly

The La Crosse Area Synod Assembly was held June 14-19, in La Crosse. Wendy Kane, Eric & Lynette Ender, and Nancy DeYoung served as voting members to the assembly. The following are their reflections on the assembly ...



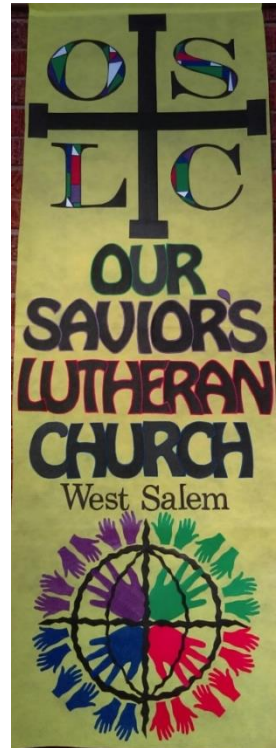
From Nancy ...

In June I had the privilege to represent Our Savior's by attending the Synod Assembly with several other members of our church. Since it was my first time to attend I really was looking forward to the experience.

The first gathering was at Our Saviors on Division St. in La Crosse. Each church in our synod had made a banner representing their church and these had been hung from the cathedral ceiling in the church. It was a stunning display of talent and devotion to our work as a church body, beautiful to see. Jane Frank had made the banner for our church and it was beautiful. We need to thank her for sharing her talent.

Each day was filled with beautiful music, meaningful devotions and a first-hand look of everything that goes into the workings of keeping our church communities running effectively and keeping Christ Jesus at the center of it. After all that is what the assembly is all about, God's work, our hands.

I learned much from participating in this, enjoyed it and would do it again. I ran into several people from other towns and congregations that I knew, which was fun and interesting, getting to share ideas with them and hear their views. It is a large world but then isn't when you get out



there and meet others you already know and they share your beliefs, it makes you feel connected to something much larger than yourself and your church.

If you get the opportunity to attend, do so. You will get to share your beliefs on a much larger scale and it is well worth it. I thank Our Savior's for giving me the opportunity to experience this first hand.

From Eric & Lynette ...

The 2019 LaCrosse Area Synod Assembly was held June 14-16 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church La Crosse and UW-La Crosse Student Union.

The theme of the Assembly was Walk.Love.Do. The theme was centered around the bible passage from Micah 6:1-8.

The music was led by Felix Malpica, an ELCA pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Janesville, Wisconsin. At the age of 14, he began assisting with music at Synod Assemblies and later served as a counselor at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. The music was multicultural, full of energy and joy of the Spirit.

Reverend Dr. Craig Nesson, Professor, Wartburg Theological Seminary, was the keynote speaker. His messages were thought provoking and intriguing.

Several offerings of workshops were held. I attended a workshop regarding homeless teenagers in Holmen Wisconsin. Journey Lutheran members shared that the Lutheran Churches in Holmen had joined together to provide personal care supplies for those in need. They continue to work with the schools to aid these students.

A workshop regarding the work of the Coulee Council on Addiction and personal experiences with addiction were shared. Narcotic prescription writing has changed in La Crosse County due to the coalitions from the Coulee Council. The change is decreasing the amount of narcotics patients are receiving after procedures to three days of medication instead of 30. This is decreasing the amount of narcotics left in homes able to be obtained by those addicted. Police are also accompanying meals-

on-wheels delivery volunteers in hopes of collecting expired medications and medications no longer being used.

A La Crosse police officer spoke about his work as a community servant and how being a Christian influences that work.

From Wendy ...

I very much enjoyed the Assembly this year, it gave me a chance to have another experience to compare it with from last year.

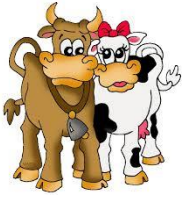
I took away from this Assembly that we strive to have an all is welcome church, how our churches reach out to the community for support and help each other out. We heard about the donations and the intergenerational giving. We do have a long way to go but we are moving in the right direction, but we need to keep the motivation going. I do know we can't help everyone but one person at a time is great.

I also very much enjoyed the music that was provided, it was all about the variety to experience the differences of languages and how it can move you to greatness. I learned that we have a lot of English words to mean the same of other languages and how few they have.

I can say I enjoyed it more this year than last year. I walked away feeling motivated to help with the changes. Thank you for allowing me to go again this year.

God's Work Our Hands...

The **Green Thumb Committee** is looking for more volunteers! This group is responsible for watering the plants inside the building, changing out the plants seasonally, potting the planters outside, watering and weeding them. If you have a "green thumb" and would like to share your gifts with us, please speak to Vicky Johnson or Pastor Jean.



50th June Dairy Days

We appreciate all of you who volunteered with the June Dairy Days Fun Run and the Food Stand. The weather was questionable with storms to the north and south during course set up but West Salem had perfect weather by race time! The weather scared a few so our runner numbers were about half. We appreciate the work of those helping set up, assist along the route, and clean up. Also, thank you to the grillers, servers, cashiers, and window workers who volunteered their time in the Food Tent. Helping with June Dairy Days is a great way to be present in the community.

From the Outreach Committee (we thank them also for all of their hard work and time commitment for this!)



Highlights of the Las Mates, Dominican Republic Medical Mission, March 2019

26 volunteers from La Crosse (1 MD was an OB-GYN from Washington State) went on this mission. Dr. Ben Jarman,

General Surgeon at Gundersen, was our team leader/Medical Director. There were 8 MDs and 4 RNs, 3 anesthetists, 2 OR techs, 1 pharmacist, and 1 spiritual leader.

We sang in Spanish "Alabare" (all praise and glory to God) in front of the hospital with patients and staff before starting work every day at 8am. We got to work in air conditioning at the hospital which was a blessing. Every day the surgery area was without water and flushing toilets from mid-morning 'til quitting time. A lot of antibacterial gel for hands was used. IV solution left over and soap was used, if available. The surgical team did a total of 111 procedures. Some were minor excisions and others were done in the operating room. 22 were gynecological surgeries. I and 2 other RNs did all the pre op and post op care of the surgical patients. The medical team went out to rural areas by bus with their supplies and saw a total 357 adults and children. The dental team saw 106 adult patients. A total of 148 eye patients were seen for exams or glasses. The patients were so thankful for everything that was done for them. Often surgical patients went home on a motor cycle. These people have to be tough to do that. Some patients arrived very early in the morning and were not seen 'til 4:30 PM and they never complained.

Days were warm but cooled down at night when you usually only needed a sheet for covering. We ate breakfast and supper at the camp. At the hospital, lunch was a sandwich eaten when you could find time. There were prayer group times before breakfast and in the evening. Prayers were before each meal and anyone could volunteer to do the prayer. Before supper, we usually sang a short hymn. Every morning Paco would play "One Day at a Time Sweet

Jesus" on his boom box to make sure we were up and ready for the day. A rooster started crowing at 2:30 AM every day and that got dogs barking so I did not sleep very well.

The camp had dorm rooms with bunk beds 3-4 beds to a very small room. Mosquito netting was over all the beds or cots. The male volunteers slept on cots or in tents on a balcony. We did not have hot water for bathing very often and no paper in the toilets or there was overflow of sewage. Yikes!

It was an enlightening experience making me very thankful for our healthcare in America. I especially appreciated the conveniences of home such as flushing toilets and hot water for bathing.

A special "Thank You" goes out to members of OSLC who donated money, hygiene items, crayons and coloring books, etc. All donations were so appreciated.

Thank you for all the prayers sent my way on this mission.
Fondly, *Bonnie Gensch*

Calling all quilters (or quilter wannabes) ...



The quilting ladies (a.k.a. Dorcas Circle) are busy all summer creating quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief in the fall. If you can find a little time to sew a quilt top or two as you are enjoying summer, the ladies would love it! Grab a package of squares in the coat closet by the sanctuary to sew at home, or join them on Wednesdays from 1-3 PM. Stay for the yummy treats and conversation! Remember they are always on the look-out for fabric as you are cleaning your closets or out shopping.



Thank you ...

... to the June/July newsletter mailing crew – Connie & Larry Blunck, Sandra Holthaus, Carol Peterson, Velma Schmidt, Mary & Rich Storandt, and Betty Whitlock.

... to Jerry Willer for making the communion bread for June and Linda Arentz in July.

... to Dean Olson and Josh Corning for removing the two dead bushes in front of the church.

... to all who donated socks and underwear for Synod Assembly. Our Savior's brought 267 pairs of socks and 268 pairs of underwear – in all over 30,000 pairs were collected! An amazing response!

From others ...

Scholarship Committee ... Thank you so much for awarding me the Clifford Michelson Scholarship. I plan to use the scholarship at Western Technical College in La Crosse as I study Respiratory Therapy. Thanks again & God's blessings!

Jordyn Schurhammer

Thank you for helping send me to camp. I was a Wagoneer this year. Some of the things that I enjoyed, were ... going to the pool, frog catching, gaga ball, sugar ball, and waking the boys up at 5:30 AM with pots and pans! (You can ask Bennett about that). I had a really fun time, and can't wait for next summer! THANKS AGAIN,

Baylee Faucett!

Hi Pastor Jean! I wanted to thank you for the gift card and very nice card for finals! I am very grateful to be a part of such an amazing church community! My freshman year flew by, now onto sophomore year! Thank you again,

Emily Steele

Dear Pastor Jean, Thank you so much for thinking of me and for the gift of a gas card (it was a great pick-me-up as I'm nearing the end of my sophomore year!) I'll be staying in St. Paul this summer, but will be home often to visit. I have recently found a church up in the cities that I go to weekly with some friends (although it can't replace home). It's great to have that sense of faith community back & continue to build my relationship with God throughout the semester and not just when I come home to visit. I ... look forward to seeing you all this summer as well! Thanks again,

Molly Hunter

In Loving Memory

Memorial Gifts Received ...

*In Memory of Joan Marker for
choir, summer lunch & WELCA
from*

Jane Hesselberg	Karen Rolandi
Doris Michelson	Jim Michelson
Don & Joanne Miller	Kathy Anderson
Judith Hauser	Family & Friends





Our Savior's Mission in the World

*God's Work... Our Hands...
Lutheran Campus Ministry*

Another in a series of ministries in which we are engaged as part of our faithful stewardship and discipleship.

Lutheran Campus Ministry-La Crosse (LCM) serves the campuses of UW-L,



common ground
campus ministry

Western Technical College, and Viterbo University. Partnering with United Campus Ministry, sharing the facilities of Common Ground, and under the leadership of Pastor Ben Morris, LCM seeks to engage young adults in the midst of some of the most challenging and chaotic years they will encounter – college life!

Our Savior's supports LCM financially. Through our support we make a real difference in the lives of young adults. Some are life-long Lutherans, some come from other traditions, and some are new to the faith. For all, LCM is a place of both challenge and safety. They discover God's call to faithful living, but also God's gifts of grace in Jesus Christ. All of this is experienced in the context of a community that seeks to nurture and grow faith and faithful living.

Students at LCM worship together every Sunday evening, gather for Bible study and reflection, reach out to other students who are searching and sometimes hurting, and explore the world through mission trips. Most of all, they seek to be a voice of welcome and healing in a very broken world!

And then – when their years are done, these young adults go out into the world to be the next generation of leaders in the church of Jesus Christ! ***Thank you for your financial support that makes this all happen.***

For more information, check out www.laxcg.org.

Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Remember that if you are a Thrivent member you may have “Thrivent Choice Dollars” to direct. Our Savior’s is one of the many potential recipients of your choice dollars, but your direction needs to be made each time. See Thrivent’s web site for more information or stop by the office and we will help you out.

amazonsmile

Shopping Online?

Our Savior’s now has an account with “Amazon Smile.” If you shop with Amazon, you can support our work together by designating your “Amazon Smile” contribution to Our Savior’s.



Don't Take
a **Vacation**
from **Church**

Don't take a vacation from church ...

*As you are out and about this summer,
know that we will keep you in our prayers.
Also remember the work of Jesus*

*continues here in this place and we rely on your offering to
keep ministry alive and well. If you're not around, we invite
you to make use of our new electronic giving opportunities
that can be accessed wherever you are and whenever you
think about it! See page 24 for more details.*

New! Electronic giving options!

Giving via electronic transfer...

- At oursaviorswestsaalem.org, click the “Give” tab at the top.
- Click *Give Online*.
- Your contribution is made directly from your financial institution, and is protected by secure software.
- When making your first gift, set up a GivePlus account.
- You can make a one-time gift, or set up recurring gifts.
- Recurring gifts can be changed at any time.
- Bank transfers have the lowest fees for Our Savior’s, allowing for the greatest amount of your gift to go toward the ministries of Jesus Christ!

Giving via mobile app...

- Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church” to download the app for free.
- Select Our Savior’s as your default church.
- Tap *Donate Now*.
- Enter your payment information.
- Review & complete your donation.
- Easily create an account to set up recurring donations and review your giving history.

Giving via text...

- Text to 608-471-7267
- Enter amount
- Send
- The first time you use texting, you will be asked to register your payment information; after that, enter the amount and send the text.

Give in confidence!

At Our Savior’s we take seriously the need for integrity in our financial practices, and we strive to make certain that our resources make a difference in the world. Periodic audits and public reports ensure that we are good stewards of your gifts! And ***thank you for your support!***

Mission Support



As this year unfolds, God continues to bless us, invite us into the mission of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit, make good things happen. *Thank you for your continued support of our mission and ministry, here in West Salem and around the world.* Your gifts really do make a difference in the lives of people!

2019 Ministry at Work			
	Actual – June	Actual - YTD	Budget - YTD
Income	\$25,144.91	\$155,541.45	\$162,623.46
Prepaid 2018		\$25,547.07	\$25,547.07
Expense	\$24,096.25	\$175,276.53	\$179,190.99
Net	\$1,048.66	\$5,811.99	



Widow’s Mite Club

The Widow’s Mite Club continues to grow – up to 13 – can you join us? We invite you to give up 2 quarters a day to restore our mission support from our budget for this year. Two quarters, or \$180 for the year can go a long way to empowering the ministry to which we are called. Make your gift once, or spread it out over the year. Let us know you are on board, and we will add your “quarters” to the display in the Gathering Area. See Pastor Jean for more information!



Congregation Council Review

The Congregation Council met on July 8, with President Lynette Ender presiding. At this meeting, the council:

- Began with discussion of The Agile Church book.
- Received and approved the minutes from the May meeting, and received and reviewed the financial reports and pastoral reports from May and June.
- Heard an update on Pastor Jon's sabbatical.
- Received updates on Forward: Fearless and Faithful and Stewardship for All Seasons (SAS).
- Discussed the future direction of the Youth Director position and filling the position on an interim basis.
- Heard an update on the status of the renter at 345 Leonard Street – the rent has been paid and he has moved out. Discussed the future of the house. Decided to rent for one more year while discerning the long-term future. Authorized the verbiage for a new lease and the expectations for a new tenant.
- Heard about the insurance inspection report for the church and house next door, and the steps being taken to resolve several issues.
- Heard about the fire inspection report.
- Learned the WELCA checking account will now be part of the church accounting procedures and authorized new signers on the account.
- Heard an update on the landscaping in front of the church.
- Learned the coffee maker in the kitchenette is no longer functioning and authorized the purchase of a new one.
- Decided to meet in August for a goal setting/SAS planning session and to have a council "picnic" at the Enders' in September.

The council meets again on August 12. See Pastor Jean or Lynette Ender if you have any questions.

WORSHIP LEADERS August 3-4



6 p.m.

Acolyte Mya Koudelka
Reader _____
Communion Assistant Lee Fernstaedt
Ushers Jon & Maryrose Hetland

8 a.m.

Acolytes Nolan Langrehr
Readers Kathy Wehrs
Communion Assistants
Melody Schmitz
Naoko Giblin
Bonny Goodenough
Baskets Madison Elsen
Ushers Karl & Kathy Wehrs

10:00 a.m.

Keaton Linse

Jaime Fortier
Kyle Twite
Kristin Tschumper
Baylee Faucett

Home Communion Iliff Family
Altar Guild Cindy Averbeck / Jaime Fortier

WORSHIP LEADERS August 10-11

6 p.m.

Acolyte Celia Mitchell
Reader _____
Communion Assistant Judy Gilbert
Ushers Jon & Maryrose Hetland

8 a.m.

Acolytes Kenzie Murphy
Readers Lynette Ender
Communion Assistants
Pam Gresens
Gillian Twite
Lee Fernstaedt
Baskets Bennett Fennigkoh
Ushers Kevin & Becky Murphy

10:00 a.m.

Ian Nickles
Carla Burkhardt
Bill Jensen
Wendy Kane
Kim Arentz
Aidan Hillyer

Home Communion Ilene Pavelko
Altar Guild Cindy Averbeck / Jaime Fortier

WORSHIP LEADERS August 17-18

6 p.m.

Acolyte Sydney Niemeier
Reader _____
Communion Assistant Paula Heilman
Ushers Jon & Maryrose Hetland

8 a.m.

Acolytes Elliott Sjoquist
Readers _____
Communion Assistants
Jim Quamme
Marty Frank
Shannon Wiese
Baskets Parker Hundt
Ushers _____

10:00 a.m.

Amanda Vick

Stacey Sjoquist
Susan Giblin
Rich Clements
Erin Jones

Communion Bread Tonya Chandler
Home Communion Daryl Wermedal
Altar Guild Cindy Averbeck / Jaime Fortier

WORSHIP LEADERS August 24-25

6 p.m.

Acolyte Brandon Wiese
Reader Karen DeSchepper
Communion Assistant Judy Morzinski
Ushers Keith & Jan Goetzinger

8 a.m.

Acolytes Sam Williams
Readers _____
Communion Assistants
Judy Long
Marjorie Anderson
Baskets Lydia Jothen
Ushers _____

10:00 a.m.

Jack Witte

Wendy Kane
Jen Linse
Spencer Kammel

Home Communion Betty Whitlock / Diane McClintock
Altar Guild Cindy Averbeck / Jaime Fortier

WORSHIP LEADERS August 31/September 1

6 p.m.

Acolyte Riley Wuensch

Reader _____

Communion Assistant Bonny Goodenough

Ushers Keith & Jan Goetzinger

8 a.m.

Acolytes Ella Beal

Readers _____

Communion Assistants

Wendy Kane

Baskets

Ushers _____

10:00 a.m.

Lauren Bell

Home Communion Marjorie Anderson

Altar Guild Cindy Averbeck / Jaime Fortier

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