

Our Savior's Voice

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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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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Worship Opportunities

Saturday 6 PM
Sunday 8 & 10:30 AM



Livestreaming of 10:30AM worship!

Find the Livestreaming link on the home page of our web site (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) or at youtube.com/@techoslcl. Click on “live” to access the livestream.

Livestreams remain on the YouTube page for later viewing (see below!).

YouTube Changes!

For the past years Our Savior’s has been posting our worship videos on YouTube – and we even have 171 subscribers!



However, videos are now posted each week to our new YouTube channel. You can access the channel at: [**youtube.com/@techoslcl**](https://youtube.com/@techoslcl) Click on “live” to see the recordings of past worship services.

This is the same channel as the Livestream – each week’s Livestream is automatically recorded and posted there.

We invite you to subscribe to the new channel to keep up to date with our online worship. Thank you for your understanding and your support of our virtual ministry!



Pastor's Reflections ...

God at work ...

Been a while since I've written a Pastor's Page. Being on sabbatical for the summer months, I missed a bunch of stuff. Now, however, back to it!

For those who haven't heard, it was a good sabbatical. Thank you for that time to refresh and renew, and thanks to Pastor Jean for holding down the fort. But I didn't just take an extra nap here and there. I had a plan for the sabbatical, and for the most part, it worked.



My plan was to increase my skills in photography by learning more about "macro" photography. "Macro" sounds big, but it's really about small stuff. Taking pictures of smaller items, or larger items in smaller detail. That included learning to use a "macro" lens for my camera. In order to keep myself disciplined I decided I would try to take a picture a day. I didn't want to suddenly realize there were only a few weeks left and I hadn't started yet!



To give me some focus (no pun intended) in taking pictures, I decided I would look for where I could see "God at work," especially in the little things around me.

But then, what to do with the pictures, and how to connect back to the congregation? For that, we created a new Facebook page where I could post a picture a day, with a short explanation. You can find it by looking for "Our Savior's ELCA – West Salem." (Thanks for Jaime Fortier

and Carla Burkhardt for help with that, and to Jessalyn Hickey for connecting it to a new Instagram page as well.)

So, how did it work? Fairly well, actually. To be honest, I did not take a picture a day. I did, however, post a picture every day on Facebook. Every day, for 90 days in a row. Like clockwork. And all the pictures were from my sabbatical. No cheating with older pictures!

More importantly, I really worked to keep my eye on where God is at work in our world. That led me to some variety in pictures, but also to some creativity in thought. After all, where can we see God at work in a Japanese beetle or someone wearing a Kermit the Frog shirt, while eating dinner in a place called “Space Aliens” in Bismarck, North Dakota!

And posting on Facebook? I don’t know who looked at them, but the “likes” included regular folk, several non-members checking it out, and even a few people we have not seen very much. Yet, on the Facebook page, still connecting with us.



So, as I ponder how I sought out and shared “God at work,” maybe God was at work in the project itself. Maybe.

But that’s all behind us now. Now what? What’s next?

Silly question...God at work in the past, over the summer, to be sure. But God is always at work. Past, present, and future.



And so, it’s not really “what’s next,” but instead, “where next.” Where do we see God at work now? No longer in Japanese beetles, or dinners in Bismarck. Not in an intricate spider web or a bumblebee drawing nectar

from a plant. Now it's the harvest about to be gathered and the colors just beginning to burst around us.

God at work, indeed. But also, God at work in...

- the Norwegian Dinner, soon upon us, with all the proceeds going to programs that change lives...
- Bishop Malpica joining us October 19/20, reminding us of our connectedness to others in the body of Christ...
- the organ concert October 13, sharing the joy and wonder of music through instruments and musicians...
- lots of quilts and school kits beginning their journey to meet human needs around the world...
- Bibles already handed to PreK kids in September, and now in October to 3rd graders...

And then, God at work in the many ways we see people connecting with people, in health care and schools, food pantries and homeless shelters, and even in just the simple day to day tasks we carry out as part of our jobs and our routines. We touch other lives, and in that touching...God is at work...today and in the days to come!



And that's what drives us. The hope that God is still at work, even though sometimes the world seems to be coming apart at the seams.

The coming months will be very uneasy, especially with a tense and contested election coming up. Yet, God is at work. In the midst of the tension, uncertainty, even conflict, we remember and we hold on to the conviction that God is still at work. Even in the most difficult of times. The difficult times in the world around us, and the difficult times in our own journey of life.



Moreover, the God who is at work invites and calls us to join in the work. Remember? God's work, our hands? We do God's work when we reach across the divisions and build relationships with those who are on the other

side. And we do God's work when we proclaim all to be of value, even those who seem to be value-less. And we do God's work when we reach out to uplift the broken and vulnerable. And we do God's work when, in humility, we "let go and let God."

In short, we do God's work when we see how God is at work in our world, we see how we are a part of that work, and we let the crucified Christ work through us. In the big moments that dramatically change the world, and in the small ways that change our little corner of God's creation.

Pastor Jon

Check it out ...

We have a new Facebook page and Instagram page thanks to Jessalyn Hickey, Jaime Fortier, and Carla Burkhardt.



New Facebook Page –
Our Savior's ELCA – West Salem

New Instagram Page –
oursaviors_ws



*Sunday
vibes*

Sundays in October ...

October 6 ... ***Peru all over again ...***

Missy Erickson, from Trinity in Sparta, returns to share a follow up on the synod trip to the Lutheran Church in Peru. Learn more on page 18

October 13 ... ***Organ Concert ...***

Join us at 3:30 PM (after the Packer game!) to experience our new organ in all its fullness – along with other music too! More information on page 19.

October 19/20 ... ***Bishop Malpica joins us ...***

We welcome Bishop Felix Malpica as he joins us and shares the message in worship ... and leads a “Q&A” during coffee hour. Check out page 19 for more info.

October 27 ... ***Word and Sacrament Refresher ...***

Pastor Jon leads a two-session refresher on the Word and the Sacraments during coffee hour. See more on page 9.

New Member Class

If you are interested in joining Our Savior's...or if you are just looking to brush up on faith and church...come and join Pastor Jon's new member class in October!



**October 13-20-27
November 3**

*Between services @ 9:15 AM
Koinonia room – bring your coffee and goodies!*

We will...

- Learn about church and Church (there is a difference!)
- Get to hear from Bishop Malpica and even ask a question or two!
- Ponder what the Word (capital “W”) is.
- Explore the Sacraments.
- Reflect on Reformation and All Saints.

Contact Pastor Jon for more details!

And then a bit more...

If you are itching to learn a bit more about Word and Sacraments, join us for the last two sessions of our new member class as we learn about ... Word and Sacraments! This will be a refresher on how we understand God's Word ... and how God works in us through the Sacraments – Baptism and Holy Communion.

October 27 & November 3

*Between services @ 9:15 AM
Koinonia room – bring your coffee and goodies!*

Faith Formation ...

Sunday School



Sunday School got off to a great start with Rally Day on September 8. We welcomed several new teachers, classroom grandparents, and students, and reconnected with our “old” friends. The place was buzzing with energy and excitement.

We continue to use the *Whirl* lectionary-based curriculum, which allows the children to share conversations with parents as they are hearing the same stories we have in worship that day. Also, a part of our time together is music. The kids will be singing in church Sunday, October 20 at 10:30 AM when the Bishop is here – *let’s show him what we’ve got!!* They are also beginning to work on their Christmas program – YIKES!! *Any student interested in a speaking part or musical solo, please speak with Mr. Iliff by October 6.*

Thank you to our Sunday School teachers –



PreK/Kindergarten – Olivia Maki
Helpers – Kaelyn Hebrink, Niko Schnittger
Sub – Brian Vike
1st Grade – Jen Evenson & Audrey Schlifer
2nd Grade – Jessalyn Hickey
3rd Grade – Lydia Jothan & Emelia Tlustosch
Sub – Erin Hebrink
4th Grade – Lindsey Gilberts
5th Grade – Eric Iliff

Music – Linda Berg & Naoko Giblin
General Sub – Brenda Skittone

Important Dates

Sunday, October 6 - 1-2:30 PM - 3rd Grade Bible Workshop

Sunday, October 20 - Kids sing at 10:30 am worship & 3rd graders receive Bibles in worship

Sunday, December 15 - Christmas Program - 10:30



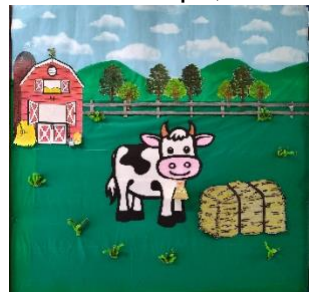
Sunday School Offering for 2024-2025

Generation Zero-Hunger Together we can be the generation that ends hunger

More than 2 billion people around the world aren't sure where their next meal will come from, and for as many as 828 million people, that next meal won't come at all.

The story of God at work through us and ELCA World Hunger around the world is a story that has been unfolding for the last 50 years through our church as we work together to create sustainable, lasting change. It is a story of caring for the environment, new fields being planted with crops, and wells bubbling with clean water.

The Sunday school children will be working to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of ELCA World Hunger with our offerings this year to help eliminate hunger in our world.



Check out the bulletin board by Pastor Jean's office and watch the hay bales grow on our way to getting a cow!

3rd Grade Bible Workshop

Sunday, October 6

1:00-2:30 PM

Parents and students gather for class.
Students will receive their Bibles in
worship on Sunday, October 20



Faith Formation ...

Confirmation Ministry

Confirmation ministry is cruising! For October...

6th grade meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM, continuing to work through the Old Testament.

7th grade meets October 2-16-23 at 6 PM, learning about the Sacraments and Servant Leadership. They will head to the La Crosse Area Synod's ConFest on October 9. **NO CLASS** on October 30 ... **BUT** ... meet at the firepit at **6 PM** for conversation (see page 15 for details).

8th grade meets October 2-16 at 7 PM, exploring prayer and pondering "Jesus, Monsters, and Me." They will also prepare for and host the Halloween Party on October 30 (6 PM). They will also head to the ConFest on October 9.

See Pastor Jon for more information – and remember, there is always room for new students!

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation Schedule - October

October 2

- 6 PM – 6th Grade – Class
- 6 PM – 7th Grade – Class
- 7 PM – 8th Grade – Class

October 9

- 6 PM – 6th Grade – Class
- 4:15 PM – 7th & 8th Grade – ConFest

October 16

- 6 PM – 6th Grade – Class
- 6 PM – 7th Grade – Class
- 7 PM – 8th Grade – Class

October 23

- 6 PM – 6th Grade – Class
- 6 PM – 7th Grade – Class
- 7 PM – 8th Grade – Class

October 30

- 6 PM – 6th Grade – Class
- 6 PM – 7th Grade – NO Class – Gathering at firepit
- 6 PM – 8th Grade – Host Halloween party

It's almost time...

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Pre-K to 3rd Grade



**Wednesday, October 30
6-7 PM in the church fellowship hall**

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

Come in your costume - a "best costume contest"
is part of the evening.

Parents are encouraged to join us!

Sponsored by the 8th grade confirmation class.



Faith Formation ...



7th Graders

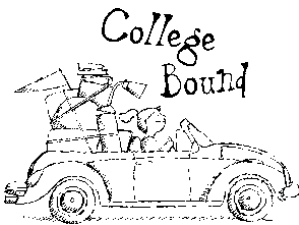
October 30 at 6 PM

Outdoor firepit gathering



There has been talk that the confirmation kids miss the outdoor firepit gatherings. So, here's the plan for the first gathering ... 7th graders are invited to meet Wendy Amundson at the firepit to have hot dogs and smores, along with some reflective talk about your favorite Bible passage. We know that you have the night off from class, but this will give us some one-on-one time to get to know each other better and see where God is leading you.

Please bring a chair and we'll see you at the firepit!



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connection

Last Call! Whether you're going to WTC and living at home or traveling to the far ends of the country, 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



Adult Bible Study is Back!

*Wednesdays 9:30-11 AM
In the Library – or join us by Zoom*

Open the Bible and ... so much Word to hear ... so much insight to gain ... so much grace to be given ... and always, so much to learn! Come and join us as we study the coming Sunday's gospel reading, ponder God's message to us, and have some time for good conversation and fellowship.

See Pastor Jon for more information, or to get the Zoom link.

**Coffee & Conversation
at Linda's Bakery
9:30 AM on Tuesday, October 8**



Pastoral Acts:

Funeral	Kay Osiecki – August 30
Baptism	Parker Peterson – September 1
Baptism	Ingrid Balboa – September 22

Join us for a Fall Hike



Sunday, October 27 at 2 PM
Veteran's Memorial Park

Meet in the parking lot by the dog park, near the bike trail

We will hike for about an hour ... get some exercise, share in conversation, and discover where God is at work in creation.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area to help us get a feel for how many people may be coming.



Cookies for LuMin

Lutheran Campus Ministry of the LaCrosse Area Synod traditionally shares cookies

in the square on the campus of UW-L every Wednesday during the school year. Congregations of the Synod are asked to sign up for a week to provide these cookies – 500 (42 dozen)!!

We are signed up for Wednesday, October 23rd. We are inviting members of the congregation to

- ♥ bake a batch (or two) of your favorite cookies
- ♥ put them in plastic bags with a dozen in each bag
- ♥ and bring them to church (there's a box in the Gathering Area) **no later than Sunday, October 20.**

We will make sure the cookies get down to campus.



Peru trip follow up

Join us Sunday, October 6 between services to hear all about the LaCrosse Area Synod delegation's trip to Peru. It was an exciting and meaningful time for the group. Hear about the relationships that were formed not only with the people of Peru, but also with our companions from Texas who also were on the trip, the ministry of the IL-P, and an exciting new opportunity for ministry.

Missy Erickson will be back with us to share a short update during each worship service October 5-6 and then spend more time between services on Sunday to share a more in-depth report.



When in Our Music God is Glorified Concert

Sunday, October 13 at 3:30 PM

Join us as we pull out all the stops and hear what our new organ can do. In addition to the organ, the senior choir and handbell choir will also share music. Stay after for refreshments and a time of fellowship!

Worship with the Bishop

LaCrosse Area Synod Bishop Felix Malpica will join us for worship on October 19-20. Stay for coffee fellowship between services for a chance to chat with the Bishop!

SOS will lead worship ... the Senior Choir sings at 8 and the Sunday School children sing at 10:30 AM!





Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program

We are once again all cleaned up for the season. I want to send out a huge thank you to all of the members of our congregation who have made this season's Summer Lunch Program possible. Many of you volunteered your time preparing, serving or delivering. Many of our most needed item donations came from our congregation and that really helps keep our overall costs down quite a bit. As we all know, prices for many things are much higher than they have been in the past.

Large donations came from Hansen's IGA, West Salem Schools, Linda's Bakery, Compeer Financial, Marine Credit Union, and many memorials and individuals. We also applied for and received a significant grant from Kwik Trip this year which was milk for lunches and breakfasts for several weeks. The Community Care and Share Food Pantry, and a Thrivent grant written by Lynette Ender provided bags of meal items for all of our pickups and deliveries.

This year we had eight weekly leaders: from Our Savior's – Lynette Ender (also representing the West Salem Lions), Carla Burkhardt, Judy & Phil Gilbert, and Tracy Hesse and myself (also representing the School District of West Salem) ... from St. Teresa's of Kolkata – Cheryl Lang ... from Prince of Peace – Sherie Brunk ... and from West Salem Presbyterian Church – Nick Miller. Their help in organizing a week or two of volunteers is very helpful. Connie Pinski shared her Thrivent grant with us and shopped for produce several weeks in a row.

I was invited to attend a spring LaCrosse County food insecurity meeting again this year. Various organizations were represented at that meeting including the Food Pantry – West Salem was well represented. One of the goals of this year was making sure that fresh fruits and vegetables are offered for every meal. We did our part and were able to do this through various donations and our amazing volunteers. It was also highlighted at this meeting that one of the ways that we specifically make a big difference is by partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of West Salem. They provide structured and supervised activities throughout the summer. Nothing that we send there is wasted ... if there are ever any leftovers, they are used the next day.

Thank you for your support in providing this service.

Angie Hemker

This year in numbers:

- 11 weeks
- 20 serving days
- 8 weekly leaders
- 57+ hours HS student hours logged (NHS and others)
- 2,506 lunches served. And many breakfasts



else that needed to be done!

THANK YOU to Angie Hemker for (once again) pulling this all together! For all of your work organizing, cleaning, connecting, serving, and everything



Hungry Jar Offering for October – Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

From wildfires on the Hawaiian Island of Maui, to flooding in the northeastern United States, to tornadoes, hurricanes, and severe storms ... people's lives have been forever changed and LDR is there to help them rebuild.

LDR also works with international partners in times of crisis including the Middle East crisis, South Sudan relief, Eastern Europe crisis response, the Horn of Africa drought, and protecting migrant families through AMMPARO.



Thank you for your generous donations to the Hungry Jar ...

♥ August – LWR School Kits – \$489.03



Norwegian Dinner & Bake Sale
November 2, 2024
3:30 to 6:30 pm

Ticket sales start at 3 pm

Cost: Lutefisk and Meatballs – \$20

Meatballs only – \$16

Children 4-12 – \$8

Children under 4 – free

Plated meal serving lutefisk, meatballs, lefse, boiled potatoes, rutabagas, cranberry sauce, sweet treats coffee, milk, and water

All proceeds given to missions

WE NEED YOU!
TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

To make this work ... **we need your help!** Sign-up in the Gathering Area. Be sure to sign-up early to get your favorite job.

Why sign up to help? To make a difference! Remember, all the profits go to support ministries and programs that change people's lives – a great way to live out your calling as a disciple of Jesus.

Building Projects Update

The building work and projects ... are done!
But ... your support is still needed to finish it
off ...

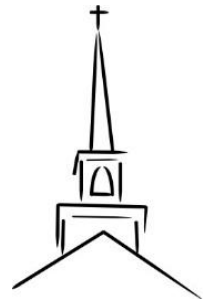
Leonard St entrance lighting ... completed last fall! *The new lighting allows for safe entry and exit when it's dark.*

Tuckpointing and caulking ... completed in May! *Can't really see it, but it's critical to maintain the health of the building.*



Flat roof ... completed in June! *A new roof to keep us dry for the next 20+ years. No more leaks to watch for!*

Pitched roof and siding storm damage ... completed in July! *The pitched roof, siding on the steeple, and the skylights, have all been repaired. A new roof for the next 30+ years.*



New organ ... completed in May! *Great sound and flexibility. This organ allows for remote operation, and can be tailored to the abilities of the musician. We'll show it off at the concert on October 13. Join us!*

Ceiling tiles ... completed in August! No more stains – and a new bright white feel to the Gathering Area. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the tile promotion – and to the work crew that installed the tiles – we did this job by ourselves! We'll acknowledge memorials in the future!

Parking lot ... re-graveling completed in July! We're not ready to pave the new and repave the old parking lot, but for the moment a new and greatly improved gravel job puts the parking lot in good shape.

Coming next month ...

an update on the capital campaign which is making these improvements possible.

Meanwhile ... **Your continued support** is vital – the work is done, but we still have to “pay the bills.”

And ... **thank you** for the support you have already shared with us! We are grateful for your gifts. Your gifts, with those of many others, is making a difference in our building and in our ministry in the world as we “renew this place for the sake of all God's people!”



For more information on these projects, or our Capital Campaign, see Jeff Haldeman or one of the pastors.



Tech Invite

As we continue to roll out our new tech in the sanctuary, we are looking for folk who are interested in “working the system.” If you might be one of

them, Dean Olson invites you to join him during worship and see how it all comes together – and maybe discover that it isn’t as overwhelming as it looks! See Dean or Pastor Jon for more information.



World Hunger

By, Lynette Ender

50
years



ELCA World Hunger focuses

on international and domestic hunger challenges. As a church, Our Savior’s is a strong supporter of this ministry. As a family, Eric and I wondered how we could help. Our focus has been shopping at Woodman’s with gift cards purchased through Our Savior’s. In the past 12 months, we have purchased \$5,400 in gift cards. 5% of the gift card total is given to ELCA World Hunger. Without much effort, Eric and I donated \$270 to World Hunger!



Please consider purchasing gift cards for groceries at Woodman’s (or gas at Kwik Trip or treats at Culver’s) and ask for the percentage to be used for World Hunger! Gift cards can be purchased between services or from the office.

Thank you ...



... to the September newsletter mailing crew – Connie & Larry Blunck, Bev Bockenbauer, Carolyn Karl, and Carol Thompson.

... to Rich Westpfahl for installing the ceiling tiles in the Sacristy and Annex.

... to Kris (& Ron) Seeger for creating the really cool Sunday School offering bulletin board! (Check it out!!)

Received from others ...

... Thank you so much for creating scholarships to support youth in our church. Also, thank you for supporting me these past 18 years and playing a big role in my faith journey. I cannot wait to see where God takes me in the future!

With Gratitude,

Elliott Sjoquist

In Loving Memory

Memorial Gifts Received ...

In Memory of Bill Martel for Building Fund from

Dan & Jan Wee

Roger & Carolyn Anderson

Frederick & Jena Casper

Kathy Trussoni

Richard Jacobs



In Memory of Kay Osiecki for Mission Endowment Fund from

Eric & Lynette Ender

By the numbers...



Ministry is not a numbers game, but numbers can help us get a feel for what is happening as we carry out our part of God’s work in the world! Numbers help us

measure our faithful response to God’s call, both in our financial support and our worship life. So ... here is a snapshot of our ministry ... by the numbers!

2024 Ministry at Work			
	Actual-Aug	Actual-YTD	Budget-YTD
Income	\$25,488.54	\$204,889.65	\$246,900.00
Prepaid		\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Expense	\$29,497.20	\$241,260.05	\$255,582.80
Net	(\$4,008.66)	(\$27,370.04)	
2024 Worship Life – Weekly average			
	In-building Actual	Online Estimate	TOTAL
May-August	131	41	172
Year to Date	177	64	241

Mission Endowment Fund



A continuing series of articles on endowments, what they are, what they do, and how they can support the ministry of Our Savior's Mission Endowment Fund in ways that work for you.

U.S. Bonds

Deferred Charitable Gift Annuities are a way for middle-aged and older persons to plan gifts to ministries, including Our Savior's, while providing themselves with a future life income. The longer one can defer the payout from a gift annuity, the higher the resulting income percent for the life of the donor(s). Further, an income tax deduction is received when the deferred gift annuity is entered, and a significant portion of the annual income from the annuity is received tax-free when payments begin. If the intent to make a gift exists, when compared with the historical rates of return of fixed investments (and indeed the current fixed investment rates), deferred gift annuities represent a significant opportunity for future life income.

As always, consult a tax professional to understand the opportunities and implications of any financial tool.

For more information speak with one of the pastors, or with a member of Our Savior's Mission Endowment Team – Jeff Rich, Lee Friell, Katie Drury, Melody Schmitz, and Scott Thompson.



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Financial Support Ministry

THANK YOU!!! *Thank you for your continued financial support of our ministry together!*

Like ... providing space and resources for quilting and school kits. As we create quilts and assemble kits we make a real, tangible difference in the lives of those who otherwise would be forgotten and overlooked. As Jesus calls us to care for even “the least of these” (Matthew 25:31-46), empowered by the Holy Spirit we respond – and your support helps make that ministry happen!



Financial gifts can be shared in worship, by mail, or placed in our locked mailbox. You can also make gifts electronically. Go to www.oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving or use our QR code.

***Thank you for your support.
We are grateful for your partnership as
we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ!***



Congregation Council

The Congregation Council met on Monday, September 9, with President Jeff Haldeman presiding.

At this meeting the council:

- Heard about Pastor Jon's sabbatical and reflected on where we see God at work in our world, using Job 12:7-10.
- Approved minutes from the July meeting, and received financial reports and pastors' reports.
- Received updates on the building projects and the new building signage.
- Discussed the stewardship emphasis for the fall.
- Discussed the upcoming visit of Bishop Malpica, and decided to invite him to join the council for lunch on Sunday.
- Received Shirley Schoenfeld as a new member from Holmen Lutheran.
- Discussed recruiting additional counters, and preparing a training for new counters.
- Noted that a change in property insurance carrier is being explored.
- Received proposed revisions to the Youth Director job description.
- Affirmed re-hiring Wendy Amundson as Youth Director.

The council next meets on Monday, October 14 at 7 PM. If you have questions, or if you have ideas for enhancing the ministry of Our Savior's, contact Jeff Haldeman or one of the pastors.

Worship Leaders - October



October 5-6

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Layla Kneifl
Judy Gilbert
Jon & Maryrose Hetland

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Quinn Maki
Lynette Ender
Maki Family

10:30 a.m.

Easton Massman
Gillian Twite
Stugen Family

Home Communion

Ilene Pavelko

Altar Guild October

Cindy Averbeck/Jaime Fortier

October 12-13

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Cole McNaughton
Kim Arentz
Dennis & Ann Sprain

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Claire Gross
Jim Quamme
Mitchell Family

10:30 a.m.

K Rasmussen
B Goodenough
Beckley Family

Home Communion

Rasmussen Family

October 19-20

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Darrell Smith
Jill Iliff
Dan & Jan Wee

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Sophia Sprehn
Melody Schmitz
L & C Blunck

10:30 a.m.

Amy Stefferud
Corey Sjoquist
Baganz Family

Home Communion

Mariette Stefferud

October 26-27

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant Anna Vick
Communion Assistant Judy Morzinski
Welcoming Team Todd & Inger Michael

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant Camille Zarecki
Communion Assistant Sharon Olson
Welcoming Team Twite Family
Home Communion Carol & Scott Thompson

10:30 a.m.

Paige Christianson
Tracey Beckley
Sjoquist Family



- ♥ Jesus is Lord and Savior.
- ♥ All are welcome, and we are intentional about that welcome.
- ♥ God gifts and calls every one of every age to be a difference maker in the world.
- ♥ We treasure the gift of creation and embrace the call to protect God's world.
- ♥ We value the gathering of God's people in worship and all our ministries.
- ♥ We seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in a world that has changed dramatically.

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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. A number of Our Savior’s folk direct their choice dollars – do you? See Thrivent’s web site for more information or stop by the office and we will help you out.



Care and Share Food Pantry

The Care and Share Food Pantry is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon. We are thankful for all the donations we have recently received. Many local families have benefited from your generosity. Monetary, food, and personal items are always appreciated.

Scrip Cards Available

Scrip cards make great gifts and help support Our Savior’s Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships and World Hunger! You can’t beat that!!

KWIK TRIP

WOODMAN'S



Culver’s, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, Woodman’s.

Available after worship services and in the office during the week.

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Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

Karen DeSchepper, Financial Secretary

Josh Corning, Custodian



Newsletter Deadline – October 15

Keeping up with life at Our Savior's

Check out the photo gallery on our website (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org/photo-galleries/) to see what's been happening, including:

- ♥ Sunday School Rally Day
- ♥ Confirmation Scavenger Hunt



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