

Our Savior's Voice

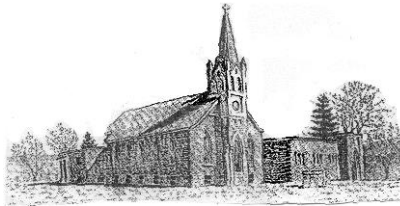
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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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

10:30AM worship livestreamed!

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

Livestreams remain on the YouTube page as recordings for later viewing.



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

YouTube

Check it out ...



Facebook Page –
Our Savior’s ELCA – West Salem



Instagram Page –
[oursaviors_ws](https://www.instagram.com/oursaviors_ws)



Pastor's Reflections ...

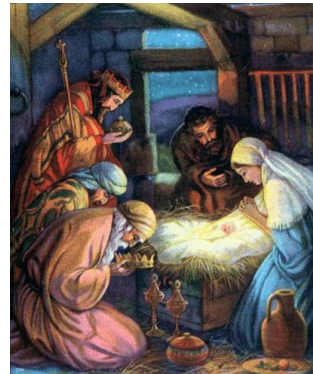
It's been a long winter already. Even without the snow, the late-November, then mid-January cold snaps have taken their toll. We are ready for spring!

Well, let's see ... spring ... sometime in March ... or is it April? I know, Easter. That's what we are looking for! A nice, warm, sunny, Easter morning. And this year that just might happen. Easter is late this year – really late. Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring. That means Easter can fall between March 22 and April 25.

This year? Pretty close! April 20!

A late Easter also means a late Lent. Ash Wednesday is not until March 5. And a late Lent means a long Epiphany season. I guess the wise men just get to hang around a bit longer this year!

Seriously, Epiphany is more than a bunch of wise men on a journey of gift-giving. Those guys were out-of-towners, from a distant land, and the story (Matthew 2:1-12) is about their visit to gift, but also to worship, the Christ child. The first from outside the homeland, but not the last. In fact, one of the big issues in the early church was what to do with “Gentiles” (like Norwegians, Germans, Swedes, Italians, Africans, Japanese, Chinese, and all the rest.) Did they need to become Jewish first?



The answer of the early Church (Galatians 2, Acts 11) ... NO! The gospel is for all God's people, not just Jews. And not just Northern Europeans either. People like us and

people not like us. Makes no difference. The gospel is gifted to all, and all are called to discipleship.

That fits with the season of Epiphany, in part because we start with the wise men, who are not Jews or Northern Europeans. But also, because Epiphany, on the larger scale, is about God's revelation of glory through Jesus. Glory that shines beyond the boundaries and across the world. Beyond the boundaries of Palestine, but also the boundaries of West Salem. Glory that shines to folk just like us ... and folk who aren't even close to being like us.

That became one of the defining characteristics of the early Christian community – it was, it is, and it should always be, “cross-cultural.” Because in the end, the Christian community is the embodiment of the Body of Christ. And the Body of Christ is all of us – or as Paul says in Galatians 3:28:



*There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither slave nor free,
there is neither male nor female;
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Or in other words, there are no distinctions. Just as nothing separates us from God's love in Jesus (Romans 8:38-39), nothing separates us from each other in the Body of Christ. Politics, skin color, cultural background, language, sports teams ... all of that is overcome by our togetherness in the Body of Christ!

But back to the boundaries, nationalities, and cultural expressions. None of that separates us, but all of it is a gift. How so? Think of the richness of cultural background ... Norwegians and their sweaters, lefse, even lutefisk ... or Germans and their music, brats, and pretzels ... or Russians and more music, architecture, and spirituality in worship ... or Africans and the rhythms in music, storytelling, and wood carving ... or Japanese and their respect, hard work, and

importance of etiquette. All part of the richness of God's creation, and while some of these may seem odd to us, they are critical to people's sense of identity and belonging – and they become God's gifts, not only to them, but to all of us in the Body of Christ.

As Norwegians, Germans, Russians, Africans, Japanese, and more share the richness of their culture, we are enriched. I'm a good German, but I love Norwegian sweaters and lefse (sorry, no lutefisk for me!), I love the music of the Russian masters (Tchaikovsky, Borodin, and Rachmaninoff), I enjoy the rhythms of some of our African hymns, and I admire the Japanese insistence on respect and hard work. All of those things, from beyond my German cultural background, make my life experience so much richer. And so, I thank God for all those "foreigners" and the wonderful gifts they share with me.

And that too is part of the Epiphany experience. For as I celebrate that cultural diversity, I am reminded that the glory of God through Jesus shines on them ... and that those gifts from other cultures are part of the glory of God through Jesus shining on me!

But ... remember where I started ... this is a LONG Epiphany, and Easter, spring, warmth are still a long way off! So ... we can either hunker down, curl up in a ball, and wait it out ... or we can embrace the season, celebrate the glory of God shining on and through all of God's people, and ... throw a party!

And that is exactly what we are going to do!

Check out page 20 of this newsletter. Sunday, March 2, beginning at 3 pm and running until 5 pm ... it's MARDI GRAS (a few days early!).



Bring a dish ... wear a costume ... decorate a table ... celebrate your culture and heritage, as you share those gifts with others. Let's give thanks for the diversity and richness of God's people as we come to the end of Epiphany.

And then together, as hurting, broken, vulnerable, and yes, even sinful people, we will enter the journey of Lent, to the cross, to the empty tomb, and beyond!

Pastor Jon



Pastoral Acts:

- Baptism – Nolan Erickson – January 19
- Baptism – Leo Kaiser & Lainey Kaiser – January 25
- Baptism – Brody Beckstrom – January 26
- Funeral – Donald Miller – January 11

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.



Hungry Jar Offering for February – Lutheran Disaster Relief California Fires



CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES **YOUR LOVE IS NEEDED**

The needs of our neighbors in California are growing every hour as wildfires completely destroy homes and communities. Houses, schools, churches, grocery stores, businesses ... all reduced to ashes.

Our partners at Lutheran World Relief are already preparing a response, including sending LWR Quilts and Kits to affected families. The destruction and need are overwhelming.

Right now, the number one need is financial gifts so that the team at Lutheran World Relief can reach our neighbors as quickly as possible.

As Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton said in her statement about the wildfires, "The prophet Isaiah writes that even when fires rage, the final word is faith, not fear. God redeems us and calls us by name to be agents of healing and hope, even amid staggering loss. In faith, we respond through prayer, accompaniment and action."



♥ Thank you for your generous donations to the Hungry Jar ... December – LaCrosse Warming Center – \$1,356.23

Faith Formation ...

Sunday School



It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the season of Epiphany on our way to Lent and Easter. The children are learning about Jesus, the light of the world, and they are reminded each week that they are beloved children of God! They are working hard on their music and will be joining the Senior Choir singing in worship on March 9th. The 5th graders are getting anxious to have first communion classes so they can partake in the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday (watch for information in March). We love seeing the kids each week and experiencing all of the energy. It's never too late to join us!

Important Dates

Sunday, March 9 - Children sing at 10:30 AM

Sunday, April 20 - Easter - Children sing at 10:30 AM

Sunday School Offering

ELCA World Hunger is a story of caring for the environment, new fields being planted with crops, and wells bubbling with clean water. This year the Sunday School students are sharing their offering for World Hunger to buy a cow that can be used in many ways to help sustain a family.



Check out the bulletin board by Pastor Jean's office – watch the hay bales grow – *we are over halfway to getting our cow!*



Faith Formation ...

Confirmation Ministry

Confirmation in February is still moving ahead!

6th grade meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM, continuing their study of the New Testament.

7th grade has class on February 5-19-26 at 6 PM, finishing the Ten Commandments and then looking ahead to Holy Week and Easter. No class on February 12.

8th graders have class on February 12-19-26 as we take a deeper dive into the Word of God, and how it speaks to us. February 5 the class will share a meal with two very strong witnesses of faith. Check with Wendy for details!

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

Faith Formation ...

(Wendy Amundson)



On February 5th the 8th Graders will be having supper with their “adopted classroom grandparents” (Paul & Marilyn Ranum). The meal has been planned and it will be a joy to hear their stories of life.

Plus: If you attend, you can get credit for one sermon note.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation Schedule - February

February 5 – **NO AFTER SCHOOL**

6 PM – 6th and 7th Grade – Class

– 8th Grade – NO Class

February 12

6 PM – 6th Grade – Class

7th Grade – NO Class

7 PM – 8th Grade – Class

February 19

6 PM – 6th and 7th Grade – Class

7 PM – 8th Grade – Class

February 26

6 PM – 6th and 7th Grade – Class

7 PM – 8th Grade – Class

As our college students are studying in challenging

environments at

home or on campus, we keep them in our

thoughts and prayers. This month please pray

for: **Lizzie Hesse** (UW-L), **Amanda Vick** (UW-L),

Ben Larson (WTC), **Sophia Clements** (WTC),

and **Brandon Riley** (WTC).



college+
connection



Adult Bible Study

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

Bible study continues to meet – and we are always digging away to find new nuggets and hear God speak anew to us. YOU are always welcome. NO prior knowledge expected, just a bit of curiosity and excitement to encounter God's word ... and live as faithful disciples.

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

**Coffee & Conversation
at Linda's Bakery
9:30 AM on Tuesday, February 11**



Sugar Creek Bible Camp Bus Trip

Fireside Dinner Theater, Fort Atkinson WI
Thursday, June 5
Cost: \$110

Deadline to register – March 5



See information on the kiosk in the Gathering Area or speak to Wendy Amundson for more information.

New Members

Everyone (and we mean, *everyone!*) is welcome at Our Savior's, and welcome to our ministries and activities, even if you are not a member. But if you are interested in joining Our Savior's, speak with one of the pastors.



*Meanwhile, welcome to new members
Rich and Carol Westpfahl!*

Rich was born and raised on the family farm near Tomah. He received a diploma from Western, and later a Bachelor and a Master's degree from UW-Stout. Rich taught at Western and became head of the Graphics Department. Later, he served as Dean of the Industrial Technologies Division, retiring in 2012.

Carol is from Viroqua. She graduated from Western as an LPN and worked in several facilities, including Gundersen. Along the way she achieved an RN degree, serving in dialysis, chemical dependency, and physical rehab.

Rich enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, guitar (he's joined the guitar group!), and any "projects" he can find. Carol enjoys boating, Brewers baseball, and exercising at the "Y." They share three children, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Welcome, Rich and Carol!

Mark your calendars now & Sign Up... New date added!!



We will be doing a new pictorial directory in the new year! Pictures will be taken **Wednesday, February 26 through Saturday, March 1.**

And ***just added* Tuesday, March 4!** You can sign up on line (see below), between worship services, or call the church office and we'll help you. The link to on-line scheduling is also available on the home page of the church website (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org).

Even if you're not a member, if you're involved in the life of our community, we invite you to be included in this new directory.

We HOPE to have EVERYONE included!

Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to **www.ucdir.com**, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **wi378** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**

LaCrosse Area Synod presents ...

Music Fest

Sunday, February 16 at 4 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church

(1010 Sill St., LaCrosse)



Come listen to our Senior Choir and Handbell Choir perform at Music Fest.

There will also be a Synod-wide mass choir under the direction of our own Eric Sorenson.

Hear musicians and choirs from congregations throughout the LaCrosse Area Synod.



Freewill donation for our companion synod – La Iglesia Luterana del Perú (IL-P) and



Property Committee

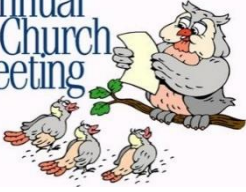
First of all, the property committee would like to thank Steve Ahles for his dedication and hard work as a member of the property committee. Steve has elected to step down from the property committee as a member but has assured us he will continue to assist in various projects whenever he can.

The current property committee members are Maryrose Hetland and Rich Westpfahl. Pastor Jon Schmidt and Jeff Haldeman (congregation president) also attend the meetings as members-at-large.

The property committee meets the **third Wednesday of every other month at 4:30 pm** in the Library. The committee has established a **“To Do”** list of needed repairs/maintenance of the church facilities and property. These items have been identified from various members of the congregation, pastors and other church staff. It is an active list meaning new items can be added as other items are removed from the list when completed. **This does not mean the property committee members do all of the repairs/maintenance;** but the committee is instrumental in working with other members of the congregation, church council, and pastors to identify property/facilities needs and the most efficient way to fund and/or complete the tasks at hand.

We are currently looking for additional people to join this committee. If you might have an interest in serving on the property committee, you may contact Kris (administrative assistant) in the church office and she can connect you with someone from the property committee who would be happy to have further conversation with you.

Annual Church Meeting



Annual Meeting Review

Our Savior's 2025 Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 26, chaired by President Jeff Haldeman. After opening devotions led by Pastor Jean, the congregation took the following actions:

- Reviewed reports from various ministries and financial reports from 2024.
- Elected positions of leadership including:
 - *Congregation Council (three-year term)*
 - Trudy Drugg, Jeff Haldeman, Amy Rasmussen, Scott Thompson
 - *Mission Endowment Fund Committee (three-year term)*
 - Jen Linse, Jeff Rich
 - *Synod Assembly (one-year term)*
 - Berit Gilbertson, Carolyn Karl, Corey Sjoquist, Graham Sjoquist, Brenda Skittone
 - *Sugar Creek Camp (one-year term)*
 - Jeff Haldeman, Brenda Skittone
 - *Eagle Crest Communities (one-year term)*
 - Carolyn Karl, Eric Ender

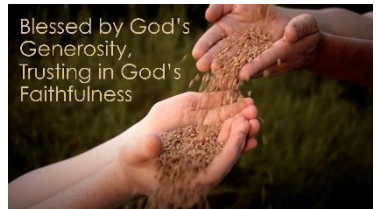
In other business, the meeting:

- Adopted the 2025 budget in the amount of \$388,645.34 as recommended by the Congregation Council.
- Affirmed a distribution of \$19,843.20 from the Mission Endowment Fund as recommended by the committee.

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer by Pastor Jon. Thank you to all who joined us as we looked at last year, and set our directions for 2025!

Generously Blessed, Called, and Sent

This month we begin an exploration of disciples of Jesus who understand that they have been “generously blessed, called, and sent.” This month we hear from Judy Long.



What is generosity to you? It is giving to others. Monetary, physical, emotional, community based, church, world based. Everything we have comes from the Lord. Hard things that happen in life are to teach us lessons. People that can't afford to tithe can be very generous with time and ideas, not just monetary contributions.

How do you experience receiving generosity? That's much harder. You've been blessed, God's reward for doing God's work. It is hard to accept praise from others.

How do you share your gifts? Through Church, community, food pantry. [Judy shared an example of involvement in the community to install a traffic light at Hwy 16 and Garland Street.] People can help in the school system too.

How has generosity touched you? I have many friends, respect for others, appreciative for what I have, possessions that aren't important. I appreciate others in the community, help with the elderly, learning about the past which can relate to the future. People sharing their stories with me.

Who taught you to be generous? My parents, I am teaching my grandkids. Start teaching this early on that it all comes from God anyway. I was blessed with good parents and good grandparents. They were very hard working, and had a deep faith.

Ways to share? Good Gifts through the ELCA, the church, or if someone at the school knows if there are people that need help, finding out if someone in the community needs help, and helping them with support financially with food, clothing or emotional help.

A final thought... We are blessed. We have a roof over our heads, food to eat, people to love and care for.

Watch for next month's story of a disciple of Jesus "generously blessed, called, and sent."

Capital Fund Appeal

The Capital Fund Appeal continues! To date over \$140,000 has been received. As of the end of 2024 we are about \$25,000 shy of our goal, about half way through our three-year appeal. THANK YOU to all who have stepped forward to help maintain our building and facilities as we move into the future.



We continue to invite gifts to meet these needs. Remember that gifts can be made by marking your envelope "building fund," or you can make an electronic gift. Use the QR code or go to our giving page at oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving/.

Thank you all for your support and your sharing with us. For more information contact the office or speak with one of the pastors.

Coming in March ...

Shake off the winter blahs and join us ... bring a dish to share or just come and enjoy the treats ...



Third annual
Mardi Gras fest
"Passport of food"
Sunday, March 2
3 - 5 PM

Join us for ...

Food ... music ... activities for kids ...

We all come from various ethnic backgrounds with our own traditions, customs, and foods. Let's learn about them!

Cook up a batch of your favorite ethnic recipe and bring it to church, along with a copy of the recipe. Maybe also ... share a fun fact about your country ... wear traditional clothes ... decorate your table space. We'll serve small samples, and see what countries are the favorites! Talk to Pastor Jean for more details. Sign up in the Gathering Area!

Sample the food ... get your passport stamped ... and vote for your favorites!



Special guest preacher ...

Join us March 29-30

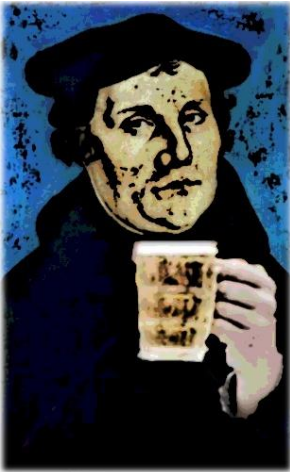
Pastor Kathryn Thompson, LuMin Campus Pastor, will join us in worship to share the message



Join us during coffee fellowship time to learn what's new at Lutheran Campus Ministry at UW-L, Viterbo, and WTC.

Our March Hungry Jar offerings will help support the ministry at LuMin.

Mark your calendar...



Beer & Hymns

Sunday, March 23

6~7 pm

Hunter's Last Chance Bar & Grill

(140 Leonard Street S)

Join us for an evening of singing and fellowship! We provide the songbooks, you provide whatever you'd like to eat and drink.



Thank you ...

... to the January newsletter mailing crew – Connie Blunck, Bev Bockenbauer, Nancy Steigerwald, and Carol Thompson.

... to Jeff & Melissa Haldeman, Andrea & Addie LaFleur, and Pastor Jon for taking down the Christmas trees/decorations.

Received from others ...

... Thank you very much for the Kwik Trip gift card! It is very much appreciated, for I stop by Kwik Trip probably too often. Thanks also for thinking of me and helping me out. With lots of appreciation,

Brett McConkey

... I wanted to write a thank you for the card and gift card. It means a lot to hear I am in your prayers. This year I have started to grow in my faith and strengthen my relationship with God. Even though I am in Rochester I still watch the 10:30 broadcast! Thank you again for the card and gift card. I love being able to come to church when I am home and hope to continue to embrace God in my life. Sincerely,

Mya Koudelka

... Thank you all so much for the beautiful shawl. It can be used on my lap or around my shoulders. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Betty Schomberg

... Thank you for thinking of me during finals week and this holiday season! This semester went well, but I am definitely ready for winter break! The Kwik Trip gift card was put to good use! Thank you again,

Lauren Bell

... Thank you so much for hosting our family, friends and loved ones as we remember our husband, father, brother and friend. Your support and help during this time has been invaluable to our family and we are blessed that we are able to host services in this place Don called home.

The family of Don Miller

... Thank you for providing delicious, home-baked cookies for LuMin's Free Cookie Wednesday on Oct. 30. Your generosity is much appreciated! As students pass by the clock tower on the UW-L campus, the LuMin table filled with cookies elicits broad smiles. ... Every Wednesday, there are several students who exclaim, "Wednesday is my favorite day because of LuMin!" ... Many thanks!

Naomi Stennes-Spidahl, Chair LuMin Board
(See the full letter on the kiosk in the gathering area)

... Thank you so much for your generous gifts for the residents at Lakeview Health Center. They enjoyed opening their gifts at their party. You made the season brighter for them.

Kari Coaty, Household Coordinator

In Loving Memory

Memorial Gifts Received ...

In Memory of Don Miller for Building Fund from

**Larry & Connie Blunck
Larson Cousins**

**Wilbur Johnson
Family & Friends**



*In Memory of John Reynolds for Quilting from
Ann Reynolds*

Mission Endowment Fund



Can you believe it? For over 20 years the Mission Endowment Fund has provided resources for a variety of missions, ministries, and programs that meet people’s need and change lives.

And that continues into 2025! At the annual meeting the congregation adopted the recommendation of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee to disburse \$19,843.20 to the following ministries that WILL change lives!

+ Clothes Closet (Our Savior’s, La Crosse)	\$500.00
+ Care and Share Food Pantry	\$750.00
+ New Horizons	\$1,000.00
+ La Crosse Warming Center	\$2,000.00
+ Sleep In Heavenly Peace	\$1,000.00
+ Sleep In Heavenly Peace (build support)	\$143.20
+ St Claire Health Mission	\$1,000.00
+ St Claire Health Mission Mobile Clinic	\$1,000.00
+ ELCA World Hunger	\$2,000.00
+ Sugar Creek Bible Camp	\$2,000.00
+ Sugar Creek Camperships (for OSLC kids)	\$1,000.00
+ LaCrosse Area Synod support for ILC/Peru	\$750.00
+ West Salem BGC Snack Fund	\$700.00
+ OSLC Capital Improvements	\$6,000.00

We give thanks to God for gifts which enable us to support these causes, and we give thanks to God for those who over the years have created this ministry through their planned giving.

For more information on the ministry of the Endowment Fund, or on how you can make this ministry happen through your gifts, speak with one of the pastors, or with a member of Our Savior’s Mission Endowment Team – Jeff Rich, Lee Friell, Katie Drury, Jen Linse, Scott Thompson.

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-Dec	Actual-YTD	Budget-YTD
Income	\$65,367.86	\$356,539.19	\$370,350.00
Prepaid		\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Expense	\$31,479.99	\$369,045.80	\$383,374.18
Net	\$33,887.87	(\$3,506.61)	
2024 Worship Life – Weekly average			
	In-building Actual	Online Estimate	TOTAL
December	192	49	241
Year to Date	180	55	235



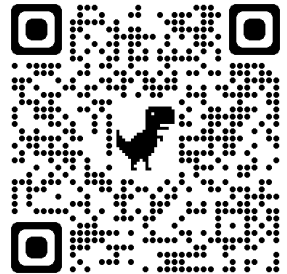
**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Financial Support Ministry

THANK YOU!!! *Thank you for your continued financial support of our ministry together!* You make a difference in the lives of children and adults, in those across the globe, and those right here in our midst.

Like our music ministries...from the choir to the Sunday School choir, the SOS band to occasional instruments added to worship, the organ to the piano in weekly worship, and of course, the voices lifted up by the worshiping community. Martin Luther said, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." That ministry is cherished by Our Savior's, and your gifts make it happen!

We invite your support of Our Savior's in our work together! Financial gifts can be shared in worship, by mail, or placed in our locked mailbox. You can also make gifts electronically. Go to www.oursaviorswestsaalem.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, January 13, with President Jeff Haldeman presiding.

At this meeting the council:

- Approved the minutes from the December meeting, and received financials for December and the pastors' reports.
- Heard reports on a number of congregational ministries including property, worship, and the pictorial directory.
- Heard that we are still awaiting insurance quotes from other insurers, but budgeting for a large increase in premiums.
- Discussed nominations for council and other positions.
- Reviewed the budget proposal for 2025 and recommended the proposal to the 2025 annual meeting.
- Received Rich and Carol Westpfahl as new members.
- Expressed thanks to Jen Linse, Alison Hemker, and Naoko Giblin for many years of service on the council as their terms end and they are not eligible for re-election. Expressed thanks to Jeff Haldeman for completing his first term, and his second year as president.

The council also met in special session on Sunday, January 19, to address two issues:

- Approved a move from Hastings to Church Mutual for property, liability, and workman's comp insurance due to a much lower premium for comparable coverage.
- Received Berit Gilbertson as a member pending receipt of a transfer from Holmen Lutheran Church.

The council next meets on Monday, February 10 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 - February



February 1-2

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.
Shiloh Gullickson
Chad Vick
Chad & Carla Long

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

8 a.m.
Bennett Ihle
Wendy Amundson
E & L Ender

10:30 a.m.
Quinn Maki
Naoko Giblin
Sjoquist Family

Home Communion
Altar Guild February

Judy Gilbert
Cindy Averbeck / Jaime Fortier

February 8-9

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.
Layla Kneifl
Jon Hetland
Stugen Family

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

8 a.m.
Chase Koudelka
Eric Iliff
Koudelka Family

10:30 a.m.
Lyriq Kumbier
Sue Ahles
W & D Affeldt

Home Communion

Carolyn Karl

February 15-16

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.
Laney Kneifl
Kim Arentz
Jim & Marjorie Anderson

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

8 a.m.
Easton Massman
Jen Linse
Twite Family

10:30 a.m.
Cole McNaughton
Michelle Witte

Home Communion

Ilene Pavelko

February 22-23

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Kylie Nelson
Judy Morzinski
Vick Family

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Harper Niemeier
Scott Gilbertson
Karl & Kathy Wehrs

10:30 a.m.

K Rasmussen
Rich Clements
Rasmussen Family

Home Communion

Rasmussen Family

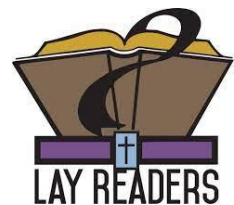


Readers

If you would like to read lessons during worship, we would love to have you. Use the SignUpGenius link to sign up:

www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044CA5A629A7F85-reader

or call the church office (608-786-0030) and we'll help.



Scrip Cards

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

KWIK TRIP



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

WOODMAN'S

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



Feeding the Community

Care and Share Food Pantry

Thank you for all of the donations of food and money we have received over the holidays. We continue to be busy, adding 1-2 families each month. Personal care items (shampoos, body wash etc.) are always in need. Thank

you to all our wonderful volunteers who help our pantry run smoothly. We are so grateful for you. Want to volunteer? Contact Melody Schmitz 608-786-1521.



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.

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