

# Our Savior's Voice

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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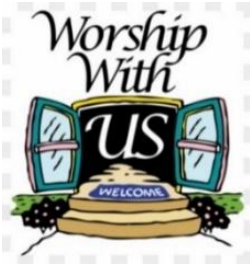
***We are a church centered in Christ,  
inviting all into a community of worship,  
nurturing all to be disciples of Jesus.  
Together we reach out to make a difference  
here and throughout the world.***

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## **March 2025**

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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](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) or directly to YouTube at [youtube.com/@techoslC/streams](https://youtube.com/@techoslC/streams). 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 just ...

He was “just” a guinea pig. But, “just” had a name, his name was Chubs (aka Gus). And he wasn't “just” a guinea pig ...



- He was a comfort in the midst of chaos and challenges.
- Something to look forward to when coming home after a trying day at work.
- Someone to watch over her when she was resting or sleeping.
- A purr or a wheek when he was content.
- A happy dance when he was awaiting his daily hay treat.
- He was her first love, her first pet (along with his brother) ... he was *my* first pet.

When she first wanted them, I was reluctant, not crazy about the idea, less than enthused, you name it, I wasn't a fan. But over time, somehow, he grew on me. He would fall asleep on my lap when I was watching TV. I could sit and watch him for the longest time. But he shed all over me, there was hair all over the place, there was poop everywhere (lucky for him it didn't smell!).

But he was hers, from the very beginning, from her checking out the humane society website, finding them on the site, making the phone call to ask about adopting, pushing us, promising to take care of them and being responsible. I wasn't a fan, I wasn't crazy about the idea. But they grew on me ...

She loved him unconditionally and felt the love back.

She was brave the day he died. She grieved passionately, the sobs wracked her body, but she was brave. She made phone calls and texted those who would bring her comfort with their words and love. She held him, caressed him, talked to him, and in her time, she was ready to let go, ready to let go of the physical body, ready to let the memories begin to bring her comfort, begin to ease the pain to a dull ache. She was brave and I was so proud of her.

It was “just” another day for everyone else. The routines of life go on. We don’t even notice. We don’t have time to notice.

It’s “just” a church thing.

It’s “just” dirt on our forehead, something to be washed off as soon as we get home. But that dirt is really a cross of ashes, a cross that cannot be washed away.



It’s “just” a cross. But that cross reminds us of another cross. In the waters of baptism, the cross is placed on our forehead with the words, “You are marked with the cross of Christ forever.”

It’s “just” a mark, but that mark tells us we are a beloved child of God. The mark that tells us Jesus loves us, and claims us as his own. The mark that ties us to the death and resurrection of Jesus.



It’s “just” another six weeks on the calendar. But it has a name, it’s called Lent. We are beginning the journey of Lent, a journey in the wilderness.

It’s “just” a wilderness. But it’s my own wildernesses – whether it’s loneliness, feeling

abandoned or betrayed, a diagnosis we hadn't expected, a broken relationship, a move to a new place, wondering where our next meal will come from, suddenly losing a job and wondering how we will provide for our family, living a life carrying the burden of a secret, looking over our shoulder every day wondering what might happen to us, or the death of a guinea pig.



It's "just" about us ... *not!* It's about Jesus. Jesus who begins a journey. And, not "just" any journey, but a journey that will lead him to the cross. And, not "just" any cross, but the cross upon which he will hang, having taken the sins and burdens of the whole world – *yours and mine* – upon his shoulders.

Let's not "*just*" through the season of Lent ... let's take to heart the mark of the cross we bear on our forehead, intentionally journeying through the wilderness with Jesus, walking to the foot of the cross together.

*Pastor Jean*





**Ash Wednesday  
Worship**

**March 5  
6:15 PM**

*Ashes and Holy Communion*

Ashes and message, music and hymns, and the  
Sacrament, as we begin the journey of Lent

**Midweek Lenten Worship**

Wednesdays, March 12 – April 9  
6:15 PM

Holden Evening Prayer

*Break the norms of Lent with God's gift of humor...  
sights and sounds ... and a take-home reminder.*

**All in the shadow  
of the cross!**

*And don't forget Lenten soup  
suppers at 5:30!*





We will have a simple meal, along with dessert, prior to the service each week on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM – March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9. We are looking for helpers to make the soups and desserts for about 60 people. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Gathering Area.



## **First Communion Instruction**

5<sup>th</sup> graders ... and any older kids who missed it ... First Communion instruction – **Sundays, March 16 and March 30** ... from 1:30- 3 PM. Learn about the Sacrament, create your own communion cup, and bake some “unleavened” bread. **Parents** are asked to join us! For more information see Pastor Jean or Pastor Jon. Our students will receive communion for the first time during worship on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7 PM.



# Faith Formation ...

## Sunday School



We have just finished up learning about Jesus, the light of the world, during the season of Epiphany. Each week we ended our time together placing the sign of the cross on our foreheads being reminded each one of us is a beloved child of God. We now move on to join Jesus on his journey to the cross during Lent, heading to his resurrection on Easter morning in April. The children are working hard on their music and will be joining the Senior Choir singing in worship on March 9<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to join us in worship that day to hear the kids!

### 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 *within \$100 of getting our cow!*





## Faith Formation ... Confirmation Ministry

It's March...and its Lent...and confirmation is on a bit of a break...but confirmands remain disciples of Jesus!

**6<sup>th</sup> grade** is off – and meets again on Wednesday, April 23.

**7<sup>th</sup> grade** is also off – but students can help with soup suppers and should continue to work on their worship notes. Wednesday worship counts! Regular class resumes on Wednesday, April 23.

**8<sup>th</sup> graders** have CLASS on March 12 and March 26 after worship (around 7 PM) to work on their Lenten art project. They also have CLASS on April 9 at 7 PM to complete their “Servant Leadership” portion of the program. Classes then resume on April 23 to get ready for confirmation (April 27).

See Pastor Jon for more information.

**Faith Formation ...**  
(Wendy Amundson)



A big thank you to Paul & Marilyn Ranum and Bev Bockenbauer for being such great hosts for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class. Thank you for sharing your life stories and serving a great supper. Everyone had a wonderful evening!



## **SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP - 2025**

It's not too early to start thinking about Summer Bible Camp!  
To find out more information about the summer schedule,  
check out their website at:

<http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/>

## **OUR SAVIOR'S CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE**

\$400 full week -- \$175 half week

**Request forms due in the church office  
NO LATER than Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

(Coming soon ... forms to be available in the church office,  
or on the website – [www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org))

Remember that camperships will be given to the campers in  
worship on May 10-11 and it is the responsibility of the family  
to get the checks to camp.

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: **Ella Janisch** (WTC), **Riley Wuensch** (WTC), **Regan Peterson** (UW-M), and **Keaton Linse** (UW-SP).



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, March 11**



**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!**





## **Hungry Jar Offering for March – Lutheran Campus Ministry**

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Common Ground is a Christ-centered community in the Lutheran tradition (ELCA) serving students at UW-L, Viterbo, and WTC. They ...

- ... believe that all people are created in God's image.
- ... are passionate about the radical hospitality that Jesus showed all people
- ... are committed to being a place of that same hospitality.
- ... welcome all people to our life and ministry together – in worship, at the font, at the table, and in our life together regardless of race, gender identities, sexual orientation or any other category society uses to differentiate between people.

*There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.* Galatians 3:28

LuMin is a ministry of the ELCA and the La Crosse Area Synod. They are a Reconciling in Christ ministry. Being RIC means that they are intentional in being a place of welcome and safety for lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, transgender, and questioning people.



- ♥ Thank you for your generous donations to the Hungry Jar ...
- ♥ January – Sugar Creek Bible Camp – \$855.17

## Special guest preacher ...

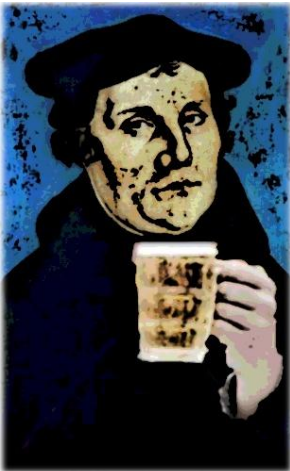
### Join us March 29-30

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.



## 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.

## 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 member **Berit Gilbertson!***

Berit is from Holmen and currently is a Freshman at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, studying Exercise Science with a minor in Psychology. She was one of our summer preachers in 2024 when Pastor Jon was on sabbatical.

Berit is eager to travel, but in the meantime is an avid reader, enjoying anything from fantasy to self-help books. She also loves to lift, and in high school powerlifted nationally. She hopes to continue at the college level. She loves time with family and her dog. Over the past few years she has dived deeper into faith and says she is very thankful to Our Savior's for helping her on this journey.

Welcome, Berit!





## College Scholarships

Each year graduating seniors from Our Savior's are eligible to receive a college scholarship for their Freshman year. Funded by generous gifts from the Michelson, Marking, and Piper families, these scholarships seek to support our young people as they use the talents and abilities that God has entrusted to them.

Scholarship applications are due **Monday, May 5**, to the office or to Pastor Jon. Scholarships awarded will be announced to the congregation at graduate recognition on Sunday, May 18.

Application forms and information about the scholarship program have been mailed out to high school seniors, or can be downloaded from our web site at:  
[www.oursaviorswestsaalem.org/forms/](http://www.oursaviorswestsaalem.org/forms/)

Two other scholarships are also available. Current college Freshmen who have been active in a campus ministry or church can apply for a second-year scholarship, made possible by gifts from the Meyer and Lewis families. That form and information is also available on our web site – see the web address above.

Finally, the Homer Moe Scholarship, funded by the Moe family is available to members of Our Savior's involved in non-traditional post-secondary education, new certifications, or additional education opportunities. For more information on the Homer Moe Scholarship contact Pastor Jon.



## **Norwegian Dinner 2025 Meeting Sunday, April 13**

The history of the Norwegian Dinner goes back more than 100 years and has provided food, fellowship, and the opportunity to do good in our greater community by serving together as a congregation.

Our long-time chairs, Lynette Ender, Bonny Goodenough, and Inger Michael, have decided to reduce their leadership role for this event, but wish for it to continue and will serve as mentors and workers. Because of this, we need to look at how we structure the event going forward. Jon and Maryrose Hetland have offered to assume more of a leadership role, but additional help will be needed.

If you are interested in seeing this long-time tradition continue, we invite you to join us **Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the library** for a discussion of how this might look. Also, if you have any questions, you can call Jon Hetland - 608-780-4125 or Lynette Ender – 608-386-5310. We think this event is an important link to the history and tradition of Our Savior's and we hope you do also!

# Generously Blessed, Called, and Sent

*We continue our exploration of disciples of Jesus who understand that they have been “generously blessed, called, and sent.” This month ... Jessalyn Hickey, a senior at West Salem High School, a student rep on the school board. She is also in her third year of teaching Sunday School.*



**What is generosity to you?** Generosity is putting others ahead of me, and considering how I can use what I have to help them. I have learned the gifts I have by experiencing them over the years. For example, I never thought public speaking was a gift that I could share, but I have discovered I can do it. I always had the gift, but not the confidence.

**How is your generosity nurtured?** My parents taught me to be generous. They have also been a part of a very good support system that helps me to be generous, along with my friends and my grandparents. Others too have shared generosity with me and nurtured my generosity. For example, Brenda Skittone has been a huge help in my Sunday school classroom over the years. She doesn't hesitate to jump in and help others out, even on short notice! I see her helping in other ways around the church as well, and I think she is a wonderful example of servant leadership.

**How does generosity connect with faith?** I see myself learning to be a servant leader, which was part of my confirmation classes. Jesus calls me to be a servant leader, and I discover that I am more fulfilled when I do that.

**A final thought...** A great way to be generous is to just listen to others. Everyone has a story, and listening allows me to hear their story and that is a gift to me and to them.

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

**Coming in April ...**

**Easter Breakfast –  
April 20!  
7:30-8:30 AM**



**Coffee & Juice  
Sausages + Fruit  
Sweet rolls**

A light breakfast as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and give thanks to God for the many gifts of life, including a simple meal, gathered together! Donation baskets to cover the expenses will be on each table.

**Easter Egg Hunt  
Sunday, April 13**

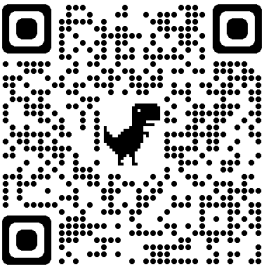


The Mom's Group will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 13 during Sunday School. *Parents are asked to help purchase the treats to fill the eggs.* Speak with Gretchen Eckland or Pastor Jean if you are able to help.

# Capital Fund Appeal



The Capital Fund Appeal continues! To date close to \$150,000 has been received. As we move into 2025 we are still a little over \$21,000 short 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/](https://oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving/).

Remember too that we have identified some other long-term needs, including the parking lot paving and the eventual replacement of our sanctuary air conditioning unit (it’s over 30 years old!) While these are not at the moment priorities or projects in which we are engaging, your gifts now get us closer to being able to meet these needs in the future.

For the moment, however, ***thank you all for your support and your sharing with us.*** For more information contact the office or speak with one of the pastors.



## *Thank you ...*

... to the February newsletter mailing crew – Connie & Larry Blunck, and Carol Thompson.

## *Received from others ...*

... Thank you so much for the gift of a Culver's gift card over Christmas! I will be sure to put that to good use. So far, school is going well to start the Spring semester ... Thanks,

*Nolan Langrehr*

## *Received from Mission Endowment Fund recipients ...*

... Thank you for the \$1,000 donation to the St. Clare Health Mission of Monroe County. We are honored by your steadfast support and generosity. The mission clinic strives to create a space where health, well-being and dignity thrive. Your gift helps to cultivate a compassionate, resilient, connected, and healthy community. Thank you!

*Annie Berendes*, Coordinator

*Michael Saunders, MD*, Medical Director

... Thank you for your generous contribution of \$1,000 ... to New Horizons! You are helping people like Lucy. "... I was damaged, lonely, hurt, confused and embarrassed when I arrived here, and I no longer knew my worth. Staff have played a major part in my life and especially in my children's life as well..." Thank you for making it possible to say YES to Lucy when she reached out for help. You made hope possible. Your gift is changing lives.

*Ann Kappauf*, Executive Director

# *In Loving Memory*

## *Memorial Gifts Received ...*

*In Memory of Don Miller for Building Fund from*

**Terry & Kathy Schams  
Larry & Linda Arentz**

**Jim Michelson**



## **Church Directory Photography**

*Schedule your appointment today!*



## **Thanks ...**

To everyone who had their pictures taken for the new directory. We look forward to seeing it completed. And, thanks to those who hosted the table, greeting people as they came to have their pictures taken.



## **Pastoral Acts:**

Funeral – David Meyer – February 3

Funeral – Eva Farris – February 21



## Congregation Officers

At its meeting on February 10, the Congregation Council elected its officers for the coming year. By constitution (C11.01) officers (other than the treasurer) must be members of the council and serve as officers of both the council and the congregation.

The following individuals were elected:

- President – Brenda Skittone
- Vice President – Jeff Haldeman
- Secretary – Tiffany Janisch
- Treasurer – Jill Iliff

Officers serve a term of one year (C11.02), and are limited to two consecutive terms, other than the treasurer for whom this is no limit on terms (C11.03).

We give thanks for and to these disciples of Jesus for offering their time, energy and insight to the work of this community. Once again God has always provided good and faithful leadership to Our Savior's!

## Audit Committee Report



The Audit Committee has completed an audit of the church's accounts and financial practices for 2024. The Committee did not discover any account irregularities and found that procedures and internal controls in place are generally adequate to protect the finances of the church. The Committee has no additional recommendations for Council's consideration. A copy of the full report is available in the office.





## Mission Endowment Fund

As the Mission Endowment Fund ministry continues into a new year, we welcome two new members to the committee – Jen Linse, elected by the annual meeting, and Karly Baganz, appointed by the council to fill Scott Thompson’s position (Scott has been elected to the Congregation Council.)

The Mission Endowment Fund Committee has several tasks:

- Tell the story of this exciting ministry and encourage your participation.
- Be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to this ministry.
- Develop good recommendations for the congregation as to which programs should be supported by this ministry.

As always, we encourage and solicit your interest, support, and conversation in the ways in which our endowment can do its work – to proclaim the gospel, heal broken lives, and make a difference in a difficult world.

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 one of the committee members – Karly Baganz, Katie Drury, Lee Friell, Jen Linse, and Jeff Rich.

# 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!

2025 Ministry at Work			
	Actual-Jan	Actual-YTD	Budget-YTD
Income	\$25,836.79	\$25,836.79	\$25,836.79
Prepaid		\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00
Expense	\$44,195.58	\$44,195.58	\$388,645.34
Net	(\$18,358.79)	(\$858.79)	
2025 Worship Life – Weekly average			
	In-building Actual	Online Estimate	TOTAL
January	172	44	216
Year to Date	172	44	216



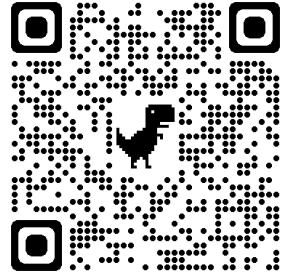
**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

## **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 the many ways we provide pastoral care to the both congregation and community around us in our funeral ministry. Most of the people attending a funeral aren't members – they are part of the community. In our funeral ministry we provide space for grieving, share the good news, and affirm the value of all of God's children. Your gifts 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.oursaviorswestsaalem.org/giving](http://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, February, President Jeff Haldeman called the meeting to order.

At this meeting the council:

- Welcomed new members – Trudy Drugg, Amy Rasmussen, and Scott Thompson, along with Jeff Haldeman beginning his second three-year term.
- Shared in devotions and installation of newly elected council members.
- Received an orientation on the council and its role in the congregation from Pastor Jon.
- Elected officers for the coming year:
  - President: Brenda Skittone
  - Vice President: Jeff Haldeman
  - Secretary: Tiffany Janisch
  - Treasurer: Jill Iliff

Following the election Brenda Skittone assumed the chair.

- Approved the minutes from the regular January meeting, the special meeting of January 19, and the annual meeting of the congregation on January 26. Also received financials for January and the pastors' reports.
- Directed the return of the \$60,000 transferred from the ELCA Endowment Pooled Trust – Parsonage back to that account.
- Heard reports on a number of congregational ministries including worship, audit, and the pictorial directory.
- Appointed Karly Baganz to serve Scott Thompson's term on the Mission Endowment Fund Committee until the 2026 annual meeting.
- Received Scott and Turena Gilbertson as new members via transfer from Holmen Lutheran Church

The council next meets on Monday, March 10 at 7 PM. If you have questions, or if you have ideas for enhancing the ministry of Our Savior's, contact Brenda Skittone or one of the pastors.

# Worship Leaders - March



## March 1-2

### 6 p.m.

Worship Assistant  
Communion Assistant  
Welcoming Team

Lexi Schulz  
Judy Gilbert  
Dan & Jan Wee

### 8 a.m.

Worship Assistant  
Communion Assistant  
Welcoming Team

Darrell Smith  
Lynette Ender  
M&J Larson

### 10:30 a.m.

Sophia Sprehn  
Carla Burkhardt  
Tracey Beckley

Home Communion  
Altar Guild March

Mariette Stefferud  
Jill Iliff/Susan Giblin

## Ash Wednesday- March 5 - 6:15 p.m.

Worship Assistant  
Communion Assistant  
Welcoming Team

Amy Stefferud  
Trudy Drugg  
Scott & Carol Thompson

## March 8-9

### 6 p.m.

Worship Assistant  
Communion Assistant  
Welcoming Team

Anna Vick  
Chad Vick  
K & J Goetzinger

### 8 a.m.

Worship Assistant  
Communion Assistant  
Welcoming Team

Camille Zarecki  
Naoko Giblin  
S & T Gilbertson

### 10:30 a.m.

Cole McNaughton  
D Baumgartner  
R & B Clements

Home Communion

Scott & Carol Thompson

## March 12 - Wednesday Lenten Worship – 6:15 p.m.

Welcoming Team

Max Langrehr Family

**March 15-16**

**6 p.m.**

Worship Assistant	Chloe Drury
Communion Assistant	Marjorie Anderson
Welcoming Team	Dennis & Ann Sprain

**8 a.m.**

Worship Assistant	Camille Godlewski
Communion Assistant	Carla Burkhardt
Welcoming Team	Janisch Family
Home Communion	Daryl Wermedal

**10:30 a.m.**

Claire Gross
D Baumgartner
Gross Family

**March 19 - Wednesday Lenten Worship – 6:15 p.m.**

Welcoming Team	Alana Steinke Family
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**March 22-23**

**6 p.m.**

Worship Assistant	Sophia Johnson
Communion Assistant	Bonnie Gensch
Welcoming Team	Todd & Inger Michael

**8 a.m.**

Worship Assistant	A Kendhammer
Communion Assistant	Bill Jensen
Welcoming Team	J & E Hansen
Home Communion	Dottie Baumgartner

**10:30 a.m.**

Max Langrehr
Melissa Haldeman
T & S Langrehr

**March 26 - Wednesday Lenten Worship – 6:15 p.m.**

Welcoming Team	Ariel Wuensch Family
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**March 29-30**

**6 p.m.**

Worship Assistant	Olivia Sprehn
Communion Assistant	Alison Hemker
Welcoming Team	Todd & Inger Michael

Worship Assistant  
Communion Assistant  
Welcoming Team  
Home Communion

**8 a.m.**  
Alana Steinke  
Wendy Amundson  
J & B Quamme  
Bev Bockenbauer

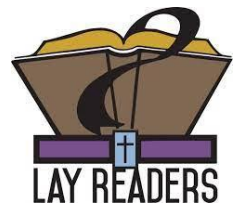
**10:30 a.m.**  
Addy Tlustosch  
Sue Ahles  
Giblin Family



## 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](http://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

Did you know each family who comes to the food pantry receives a coupon for milk, eggs, bread & \$10 for meat? We do not have the means to keep these items fresh. Each week we visit the Hunger Task Force to look

for fresh fruits & vegetables. One of our monetary donors is a farmer & asks that we provide dairy items with their donation. So each week we shop for cheese, sour cream & other dairy items. We use our monetary donations to help provide balanced & healthy items for our guests. Thank you for the donations of food & money that we receive. We try very hard to be good stewards of your gifts to us. The Care and Share Food Pantry is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon.



**QUILT TOPS** – Sewers needed for quilt tops. There are packages of quilt squares with simple instructions located in the coat room in the gathering area. Any help is appreciated.





## 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? In 2024 Thrivent Choice Dollars totaled \$1,350 – they make a difference! See Thrivent’s web site for more information or stop by the office and we will help you out.



- ♥ 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.



## **EASTER GARDEN**

Once again you will have the opportunity to fill the sanctuary with flowers in memory or honor of a loved one(s). The cost of the spring flowers will be \$24.

The money will be used to buy an assortment of spring flowers from Under the Rust for an Easter display.

Please fill out this form and submit the \$24 to the Church Office by April 7. These gifts and names will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Josh Corning, Custodian



**Monday, March 3**  
**8 am – 1:15 pm**  
**West Salem High School**

**Monday, March 24**  
**11:30 am – 5:30 pm**  
**WS Presbyterian Church**



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