

Our Savior's Voice

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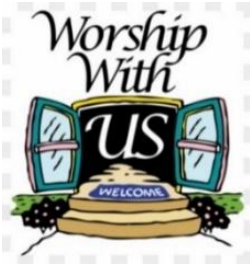
***We are a church centered in Christ,
inviting all into a community of worship,
nurturing all to be disciples of Jesus.
Together we reach out to make a difference
here and throughout the world.***

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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 ...

In case you hadn't noticed, Easter is late this year. Really late. Easter can range from March 22 to April 25. Why? Because Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the equinox, and all those moving parts make the date a matter of astronomical calculation, in more ways than one. Best to just Google it and let someone else figure it out!

By the way, the rarest Easter is March 22, and we are currently in the midst of the biggest dry spell for that date. 1818 was the last "March 22 Easter" – and the next one won't be until 2285. Don't wait up for that!

Easter 2024	March 31, 2024
Easter 2025	April 20, 2025
Easter 2026	April 5, 2026
Easter 2027	March 28, 2027
Easter 2028	April 16, 2028
Easter 2029	April 1, 2029
Easter 2030	April 21, 2030

But back to the "late Easter." This year Easter falls on April 20, really pushing that last possible date thing. It's almost as if Jesus just isn't quite ready to pop out of the tomb. And to be honest, I'm not sure I blame him. Would you be eager to show your face in the world we are in right now?

Of course, the world is pretty messed up these days. Now, truth be told, the world has always been pretty messed up – sin does that to us. But this year seems more than most. And in a messed up world, what's in it for Jesus? With all the strife, conflict, challenges, and denial (of Jesus) going on, why bother? Better perhaps to sleep it off a bit. Maybe next year will be better?

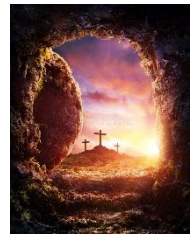
And then ... if Jesus does show his face, in this crazy, upside down world, how much of the blame will he get? How many folk, church folk and non-church folk alike, will turn to Jesus and say, "How come," and "So, what are you going to do about it all?"

The smart play, the strategic play, is to just lay low for a while. Wait a bit until the heat is off.

Like I said, maybe next year will be better!

Makes sense to me. But Jesus has never done the sensible thing. From the first days of ministry in Galilee to his journey to Jerusalem. From his entry on a donkey to his dinner with his rather feckless group of disciples. From his chewing out of those who draw the sword to defend him to his silence before Pontius Pilate as he is sentenced to death. From his willingness to forgive those who crucified him to his embrace of all humanity as he dies on the cross. Again and again, not sensible things to do!

Even the Apostle Paul figured out this was pretty un-sensible. He proclaims that “we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to some, and foolishness to others” (1 Corinthians 1:23).



So, with all that un-sensible behavior, what's Jesus going to do? He's coming out, that's what he's going to do. For better or worse, Jesus is both literally and figuratively (if you will forgive the language) hell-bent on emerging from the tomb and re-engaging a really broken and messed up world.

And in the end, that shouldn't really be much of a surprise. Non-sensible, to be sure. But this isn't really about “crazy Jesus” doing that “crazy Jesus thing.” In the end, it's really about Jesus simply being Jesus.

Long before all this, Jesus was labeled. In Matthew even before Jesus was born, an angel spilled the beans to Joseph. “You will call him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (1:21). And then in Luke, an angel (maybe the same one), backed up by a whole chorus of angels, tipped off the shepherds about the baby in a manger who just, by the way, happens to be the savior.

So it is that this “crazy Jesus thing” is what Jesus is about, all the way back to the very beginning. It wasn’t merely his destiny. It is what he is!

And what he is, is all about renewing and restoring life. And you can’t do that hiding in a tomb!

So out he comes, out into our cold, broken, hurting world. Out to be in our midst, to walk our paths, and to share in our brokenness. That’s what it means to be “incarnate” (remember from Christmas, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” John 1:14?).

And that’s the really crazy part about Jesus – and the God who sends Jesus to us. The crazy desire to actually share with us in the world that we have so royally messed up. What a gift of grace to be willing to walk the walk we have to walk. And to do so, not with some sense of righteous anger, but instead with care, love, nurture, and forgiveness. The care, love, nurture and forgiveness born of the cross.

And to do so actively. Jesus doesn’t just emerge from the tomb to stretch his legs a bit and take a stroll. He comes out, the risen one, ready to engage, embrace, and renew a world that’s really short on hope and life.



Jesus comes forth as the savior, but doesn’t look about for a cheering crowd. He comes forth seeking out the hurting, the broken, the vulnerable, the sinful, in order to restore life. Life in you ... and in me.

So yes, we have to wait a bit longer. Last year Easter was so early it was in March (March 31). This year, weeks later.



But hey, it’s worth the wait!

Pastor Jon

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays, April 2 & 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 – April 2 & 9.



Holy Week Worship Easter Worship

Palm Sunday – April 13

Saturday/6 PM & Sunday/8 + 10:30 AM

Holy Communion worship

Hearing the story of passion, sacrifice, and death ...

Maundy Thursday – April 17

Livestream – use link on homepage

7 PM Holy Communion with the

Stripping of the Altar as all is barren ...

Good Friday – April 18

1:30 PM Service of the Word

Pondering the Seven Last Words ...

8 PM Service of Tenebrae

Livestream – use link on homepage

The story ... as light descends into darkness ...



Easter Sunday

Festive Celebration of Holy
Communion

6:30 + 8:30 + 10:30 AM
(NO Saturday worship)

Easter breakfast 7:30-8:30 AM

Surprise! New life in absolute abundance!



Come and join us...

Easter Breakfast!

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 encouraged to join their children at 10 AM.



First Communion Instruction

Please keep the following students in your prayers as they receive Holy Communion for the first time during worship on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7 PM.

Brynnleigh Baganz
Lily Cooper
Makynlee Crankshaw
Kirya Eckland
Camden Gullickson

Alise Jothen
Mason Knebes
Macy Peterson
Lainey Steinke
Jaxon Stugen

Max Twite

Faith Formation ...

Sunday School



Lent is in full swing as we head to the cross with Jesus and then the empty tomb on Easter morning. During these weeks, we end our video time together saying the Lord's Prayer. Why not ask your child to pray with you! The children are working hard on their music and will be singing in worship on Easter (4/20). They will also have their annual Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday (4/13) around 10 AM. Parents are invited to join the kids at that time.

Important Dates

Sunday, April 20 - Easter - Children sing at 10:30 AM
Sunday, May 11 - 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 close to getting our cow!* If we get more than \$500 in these next weeks, the kids will get to pick additional animals for World Hunger.





Faith Formation ...

Confirmation Ministry

April brings Holy Week ...
Easter ... and confirmation gets
back in high gear! Classes resume after Easter, 8th
graders get ready for the Affirmation of Baptism.

6th grade resumes studying the New Testament,
meeting April 23 and 30.

7th grade explores the next steps after Easter,
and then they learn more about servant
leadership. Easter **elective April 9** (for those
signed up) following Lenten worship. Regular
classes meet April 23 and 30.

8th graders are almost there!

Servant leadership class on **April 9** following
Lenten worship, and then one final class with all
the “tying up of loose ends” on April 23.
Affirmation of Baptism for 8th graders is Sunday,
April 27, at 10:30 AM.

After School also resumes on April 23. See Pastor
Jon for more information.



Affirmation of Baptism

Aka “Confirmation”

The **Rite of Affirmation Baptism** for our 8th graders is fast approaching and **YOU** are invited to join us!

April 27

10:30 AM worship

Please keep our young people in your prayers as they affirm their baptism and move on into a life of faithful discipleship!

Paige Christianson
Chloe Drury
Camille Godlewski
Claire Gross
Sophia Johnson
Addison Kendhammer

Max Langrehr
Olivia Sprehn
Alana Steinke
Addy Tlustosch
Ariel Wuensch

Faith Formation ...

(Wendy Amundson)



Join us for

ENTANGLED

a Multi-Synod High School Youth Gathering

JULY 8-11, 2025
UW River Falls

**Inspiring Guest Speakers + Strengthen Faith
Service Learning + Meeting New People
Meaningful Conversations
Great Music + Worship**

Open to youth who have completed 8th-12th grades
in the six ELCA synods of Wisconsin and Upper MI!

\$325 per participant
All-inclusive fee includes housing, meals, programming & materials, last day
activity, service learning, and event shirt.
Registration open Feb 1 - June 10

Parents of 8th graders

please be sure to check your email for communications from the church, especially from Wendy. You recently received information about the Tri-Synodical Youth Gathering at UW-River Falls coming in July.

High school students are

also invited to participate in this gathering with youth from our LaCrosse Area Synod, as well as kids from Northern Great Lakes Synod (upper peninsula of MI), and Northwest Wisconsin Synod. Contact Wendy Amundson for more information.



A big thank you to “Grandpa” Errol (Kindschy) and Pam Stetzer for being such great hosts for the 6th grade confirmation class. Grandpa Errol was the adopted classroom

grandpa for this class starting back when they were in Pre-K Sunday School. He has followed them all these years and wanted a chance to connect with them in person. Thank you for sharing your personal story and stories about the history of West Salem, letting us tour your home, and treating us to a great supper. We will have fun reading your book that we were each gifted. Everyone had a great time!



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP - 2025

“God’s Word Comes Near”

It’s getting closer ... 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 1st**

(Coming soon ... forms to be available in the church office,
or on the website – 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.

CAMP COUNSELOR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

If you are a college student looking to work as a counselor at Sugar Creek this summer, we also have a scholarship for you! Talk to one of the pastors for more information!



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 were mailed out to high school seniors, or can be downloaded from our web site at:
www.oursaviorswestsalem.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.

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: **Lauren Bell** (UW-M), **Delaney Christianson** (Viterbo), **Bailey Peterson** (UW-M), and **Mali Hemker** (UW-L).



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 a way 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, April 8**





Hungry Jar Offering for April – Feed Our Children – Summer Lunch Program

It's hard to believe, but we are already thinking ahead to summer and getting ready to serve lunch to the children in the community. Our April Hungry Jar offerings will help support this ministry to feed the children nutritious meals.

Last year (with lots of community help and support), we served over 2,500 lunches, plus occasional breakfasts. Lunches were provided twice a week, many going to the Boys & Girls Club, others picked up, and yet others delivered to their homes.

Watch for more information as it gets closer to see how you, too, can be a part of this important ministry by sharing of your time and resources to help prepare and serve the lunches, and provide specific items that will be included in the meals.



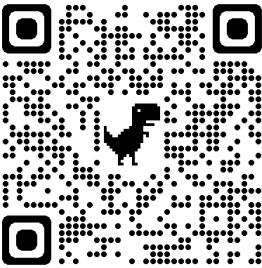
♥ Thank you for your generous donations to the Hungry Jar ...

♥ February – LWR California Fires – \$951.11

Capital Fund Appeal



Halfway there ... and we are grateful to all who have contributed to the Capital Fund Appeal. With generous gifts, support from the Mission Endowment Fund, funds already on hand, and insurance proceeds we are closing in on our goal. Only about \$15,000 to go! You can help us close out this stage of the appeal. And THANK YOU for all the gifts we have already received!



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/.

But ... we have also 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 engaged, 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 March newsletter mailing crew – Bev Bockenbauer, Carolyn Karl, and Carol Thompson.

... to all who helped with the pictorial directory: making phone calls (*Jeff Haldeman, Brenda Skittone, Bonnie Gensch, Carla Burkhardt, Ilene Pavelko*) and greeting people the day of the pictures (*Carolyn Karl, Carla Burkhardt, Kay Niemeier, Brenda Skittone, Barb Schomburg, Inger Michael, Jim Kerkman, Chad Vick, Kathy Wehrs, Lynette Ender, Bonnie Gensch, Judy Gilbert, Jane Reini, Jane Henricks, Ilene Pavelko, Judy Sterba*). Thank you to Kris Seeger in the office for fielding phone calls and signing people up. Thank you to all who had their pictures taken!

... to all who participated in our Mardi Gras Event: making food to sample (*Wendy Amundson, Melissa Haldeman, Carolyn Karl, Naoko Giblin, Carla Burkhardt, Rebecca Schmidt, Ann Sprain, Bonnie Gensch, Carol Thompson, Norma Piper, Connie Blunck, Brenda Skittone*), decorating the space (*Kris Seeger, Josh Corning*), greeting people (*Rebecca Schmidt*), and doing crafts with the kids (*Wendy Amundson*). Thank you to those who came to sample our foods and learn about our various heritages and traditions.

Received from Mission Endowment Fund recipients ...

... Thank you for your donation towards our food supply at our BGC in West Salem. Your continued support is extremely appreciated by our members, staff and families. With your donation, we are able to continue to provide snack, breakfast, and lunch to our over 200 youth in our community we have the privilege to serve on a daily basis. Our West Salem community is a better place with you in it.

Maggie Solberg, West Salem Area Director, Boys & Girls Club

In Loving Memory



Memorial Gifts Received ...

*In Memory of Eva Farris for Building
Fund & Food Pantry from*

Family

*In Memory of Eva Farris for World Hunger
from*

Jim Michelson

*In Memory of Eva Farris for Mission
Endowment Fund from*

Ilene Pavelko



Pastoral Acts:

Baptism – Jordan Perz – March 23

Baptism – Crew Wiedemann – March 23

Baptism – Violet Boudry – March 29

Baptism – Lainey Steinke – March 29

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-Feb	Actual-YTD	Budget-YTD
Income	\$21,691.98	\$47,528.77	\$61,608.34
Prepaid		\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00
Expense	\$29,160.30	\$73,355.88	\$64,774.22
Net	(\$7,468.32)	(\$8,327.11)	
2025 Worship Life – Weekly average			
	In-building Actual	Online Estimate	TOTAL
February	128	29	167
Year to Date	150	36	186



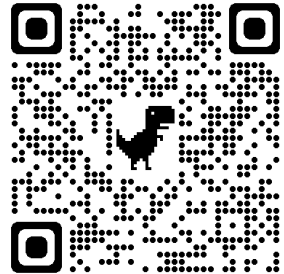
**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

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 camperships for kids attending Sugar Creek. Kids have fun, make enduring friendships, but most of all, learn about God's love for them through Jesus Christ. Our camperships make it possible for kids – many times more than one from a family – to discover what Jesus is for them. Just another way your financial support makes a difference!

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, March 10, President Brenda Skittone called the meeting to order.

At this meeting the council:

- Welcomed Eric Ender to share the first of a series of reflections on generosity and faithful living.
- Approved the minutes from the February meeting, and received financials for February and the pastors' reports.
- Heard a report from Jeff Haldeman and Brenda Skittone on the 2025 Sugar Creek Annual Meeting.
- Acted to consolidate funds available for Sugar Creek Camperships so they can be tracked and disbursed more efficiently.
- Heard reports on a number of congregational ministries including worship and the pictorial directory.
- Received a report from the Audit Committee, noting no issues with the congregation's financial reports.
- Received membership lists for the congregation and asked to review the lists for consideration at the April meeting.
- Decided to create a scholarship for Sugar Creek Camp staff from Our Savior's in the amount of \$1,500.
- Heard that there are computer issues both with our units and with backup programs, and that the office is seeking assistance to resolve the issues.
- Appointed Karly Baganz to serve Scott Thompson's term on the Mission Endowment Fund Committee until the 2026 annual meeting.
- Heard information about a council workshop sponsored by the synod later in March.

The council next meets on Monday, April 14 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.



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 13th 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!

Worship Leaders - April



Welcoming Team

Wednesday - April 2 – 6:15 pm

Chloe Drury Family

April 5-6

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Ariel Wuensch
Judy Morzinski
Jim & Marjorie Anderson

8 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Paige Christianson
Jim Quamme
Hickey/Sloan

Chloe Drury
B Goodenough
J & M Haldeman

Home Communion
Altar Guild April

Judy Gilbert
Stacey Sjoquist/Tracy Skrentny

Welcoming Team

Wednesday - April 9 – 6:15 pm

Olivia Sprehn Family

April 12-13 – Palm Sunday

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Addison Kendhammer
Kim Arentz
Todd & Inger Michael

8 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Claire Gross
Melody Schmitz
K & K Wehrs

Camille Godlewski
Jaime Fortier
E & L Ender

Home Communion

Carolyn Karl

Maundy Thursday - April 17 - 7 pm

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Max Langrehr
Tracey Beckley
Chad Vick Family

Good Friday – April 18 – 8 pm

Welcoming Team

Sjoquist Family

EASTER - April 20

6:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Olivia Sprehn
Lynette Ender, Brenda Skittone
Brenda Skittone

8:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant

Alana Steinke
C Burkhardt, E Iliff,
C Karl

10:30 a.m.

Welcoming Team

Janisch Family

Ariel Wuensch
J Hetland,
A Hemker,
D Jones
S&C Thompson

April 26-27

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Beau Baganz
Bonnie Gensch
David & Angie Hemker

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Ryland Byom
Scott Gilbertson
Byom Family

10:30 a.m. –

Confirmation

Home Communion

Ilene Pavelko

Shiloh Gullickson
Corey Sjoquist
T & D Jones





June Dairy Days

Summer is coming and will kick off with June Dairy Days on **May 30, 31, and June 1!** Please save the date and plan to participate in one or all of the following ways:

Fun Run will be held Saturday, May 31.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration, set-up, and serving as crossing guards from 6:30 - 9:30 AM on Saturday morning.

Runners/walkers are also needed! Registration is open at www.junedairydays.com/content/events! Sign up your family and friends to participate in the 5K or 5 Mile run or walk.

Food Stand will be open all weekend.

We need lots of folks helping out, so please answer the call to sign up for duties at the Village Park all weekend - we need grillers, servers, ticket workers, window workers, and shift leaders. Youth and their families are especially encouraged to help on all shifts.

Sign-up sheets (at church and online) for volunteering will be available as we get closer to the event. **THANK YOU** for helping us return to our fun traditions in June!

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 who 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.



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.

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