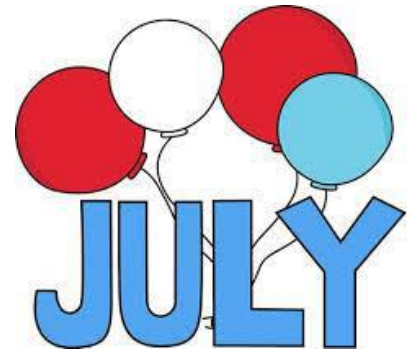


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To reach toward God
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for the sake of the world

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Pastor's Reflections

The lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us. We are supposed to be in that time of year when the pace slows down, the weather allows us to enjoy the outdoors, we take time to travel, the kids are running loose exploring, and they are participating in sports and music camps ...

As I reflect on these first few weeks of summer (it's only mid-June as I write this), it has been anything but lazy or relaxing. We celebrated with our high school seniors as they begin a new chapter in their lives – and we hope as they go forth, they will remember that their church family goes with them. We worked hard to get our float ready for the June Dairy Days parade – and had fun in the process. Many people also worked at the food tent and fun run that weekend. We worked hard to get this place ready for Bonnie's ordination – and we had a very meaningful service and time of fellowship following. The summer lunch program started up, two days a week, at three different sites – and it takes lots of volunteers to make that happen. Along with all of that, we have been working on Vacation Bible School plans, winding down the Sunday School year and thinking ahead to rally day in the fall, planning worship services, the corn roast, etc. Things heated up well before the temperature did!

And in the midst of it all, we are stopped dead in our tracks. As a faith community we are stunned and numb, we are hurt and grieving, we are at a loss for words. That's what happens when a tragic accident occurs ... that's what happens when a very active family in the life of the congregation and community loses a loved one and now must heal physically from their own injuries and emotionally from their loss.



The accident occurred the weekend of Synod Assembly (June 13-14), so lay people were already in place here at Our Savior's to lead worship. After I shared the news about the Burkhardt's I became a participant in worship, rather than a leader. As I sat in the back of the sanctuary during worship, my eyes were drawn to the green banners that hang on either side of the altar. I was struck by their symbolism ... I was struck by their message. The banner on the left has the open Bible with the alpha and the omega – the Word of God that is the beginning and the ending of all – the Word of God that comforts those who have faith and believe. The banner on the right has the chalice and the bread – the Sacrament that feeds us, that tells us we are forgiven, that tells us Christ is present in our lives. Without the Word and the Sacrament, without our faith, we are lost, we are missing something.



As you go about your activities this summer take time to find Christ in all that you do, take time to be a part of the community of the faithful, take time to be fed.

Finding comfort in God's Word and being fed by His body and blood together with you. Pastor Jean

VACATION

Pastor Jean and Pastor Jon will be on vacation through July 3. During the pastor's absence if you have need of pastoral care, please contact the office.



WORSHIP NOTE

With July 4 on a Saturday, there will be NO worship that evening – come and join us on Sunday morning at 8 or 10 a.m. to celebrate ALL God's gifts of life!

2015 SYNOD ASSEMBLY



The 2015 Assembly of the La Crosse Area Synod of the ELCA was held in La Crosse June 12-14. Paul Ranum, Mike Larson, Corey Sjoquist, Bev Bockenbauer, Cathryn Bottem, along with pastors, were voting members from Our Savior's.

The Assembly began on Friday with a concert at Riverside Park by "Lost and Found," open to the public, and attended by several hundred.

Saturday morning 237 voting members were joined by 54 guests and visitors, from the 74 congregations across the synod. Over 600 pairs of new shoes were collected to be distributed to the 13 clothes closets across the synod. Thank you for the 44 pairs from our congregation!

Ray Makeever led the assembly in music and song. The Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman, ELCA Executive Director of Synodical Mission, represented the ELCA, and shared about ministries with refugees. The Rev. Kevin Jacobson, ELCA Missionary to Suriname, presided over opening worship.

Eleven workshops were held on Sunday morning, on topics from hunger (led by Pastor Dave Bersagel) to water ethics to "songs of faith," and more.

Assembly time, with Bishop Arends presiding, included adopting the budget, and considering a number of resolutions, including one which raised our world hunger goal from \$3.50/baptized member to \$4.

Elections were also held, and our own Cathryn Bottem was elected over six other candidates as the lay female from the synod to the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans. She also spoke to the assembly about the impact of campus ministry at UW-L.



Recognition was given to ordination anniversaries for years of service, including Pastor Jean (5 years), Pastor Bersagel (45 years), and Pastor Grow (50 years).

On a very personal note for us as members of Our Savior's, when news came of the death of Wayne Burkhardt in a very tragic accident, the synod assembly lifted up his family and our congregation in prayer. Our synod was with us – and God supported us in our grief!

Next year the assembly will be at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Maybe you'd like to experience the work of God's people, together as we "Walk the Word?"

Thank you ... thank you ... thank you!!



Thank you to all who helped with our Vacation Bible School float for June Dairy Days. It was a lot of work, but we had a great time, and we had a great float! Once we had the idea cooked up, we needed bodies to execute the plans ... and they came ... thanks to those who helped create and build the cacti and fire, those who made the signs and banners, those who assembled the float, those who drove the truck and walked along passing out information about VBS and the Summer Lunch Program, and those who worked behind the scenes. Thirty people, plus most of our 7th and 8th grade confirmation students were involved in this project. It shows what we can accomplish when many hands come together!

We especially would like to thank Scott Campbell and the folks at Brenengen Chevrolet for the use of a nice, new truck to pull our masterpiece, and Dennis Baumgartner for the use of his trailer to hold our creation.

Thank you ALL ... *let's do it again next year!*

From the VBS Planning Committee (*Carlie Burkhardt, Aunna Carlson, Eric Iliff, Wendy Kane, Pastor Jean*)

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Thank you to ALL who helped make Bonnie Klos' ordination worship and fellowship time a memorable occasion. It all started with a committee who gathered to make the plans

... and then the plans were executed ... thanks to the ladies who cleaned the library following Bible Study, the ladies who tended to the plants to make them shine, the 20 people who showed up on a warm Wednesday evening to give the church a thorough cleaning until the place sparkled, the folks who came back on Friday evening to get everything set up and decorated, the ladies who shopped and prepped and served the food, all those who made bars and cookies, and last but not least, the crew who stayed after to clean up and get everything back into place for "business as usual" Monday morning! We are grateful for each and every one of you who had a part in this very special occasion – there are too many of you to name individually, but you know who you are! *Now that we know how to do it ... and do it well ... we're ready for the next one ... who will that be?*



Thank you again!

From the Seminary Support Committee (*Paul Ranum, Maureen Wermedal, Pastor Jean*) and Ordination Planning Committee (*Connie Blunck, Joan Ewing, Judy Gilbert, Cristi Johnson, Ilene Pavelko, Paul Ranum, Elliott Sjoquist, Tracy Skrentny, Maureen Wermedal, Pastor Jean*)

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM



The Feed Our Children-Summer Lunch Program is in full swing! We serve on average 130 lunches a day. That's 260 lunches a week! We are so

grateful for the positive response and support from the community. It is a large project and we definitely need your help to pull it off!

Ways you can be involved:

Volunteers: We need volunteers to package, transport and distribute the lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We also need volunteers to pick up our donations from our corporate sponsors—Hansen's IGA and Linda's Bakery. See the sign up in the Gathering Area to find a time and place that will work for you!

Food Donations: We have a list in the Gathering Area of food donations. As you are shopping for your family at the grocery store, pick up an item on the list and drop it in the box on Sunday. All donations welcome and appreciated!

Monetary Donations: This program is not a regular part of our budget. We are completely reliant on the generosity of our community and our congregation. Thank you so much for your continued support!

SALVATION ARMY MEAL



Every 2nd Friday of the month Our Savior's serves the meal at the Salvation Army Shelter. The shelter

is very much in need of volunteers for the summer months as their main volunteer base is gone for the summer—college students. Please see the sign up at the youth board if you are interested in serving. We do not make the meal, we simply serve it. It is a great family service opportunity! Contact Dana with questions.

FRESH GEORGIA PEACHES!



Peach orders are out! Stop in at the table in the Gathering Area to pick up your own. \$27 for a 42-48 count box of fresh juicy peaches! Peaches arrive the week of July 27. This is our youth program's #1 fundraiser. We are so appreciative for all the support for our youth programming. Peach sales help pay for programs like our yearly mission trips, youth bible study materials, middle school retreats and mission weekends. Who knew that selling peaches would be a way to bring students closer to Christ!

SCHOOL KIT PROJECT

A note on the website gives an urgent plea for school kits, as they are now needed in many places throughout the world. Over 6,000 kits were recently sent to Syria. Please read about this project of Lutheran World Relief at www.lwr.org/getinvolved/schoolkits



Once again, we will collect items to fill school kits. We encourage purchasing items when they are on sale in July and August. The list of needed items is quite specific, so please check the list before donating! There will be a basket in the Gathering Area where items may be placed.

Items placed in each kit include:

- 4-70 sheet notebooks (no loose leaf paper)
- 1-30 cm ruler
- 1-pencil sharpener
- 1-BLUNT scissors
- 5-unsharpened pencils
- 5-blue or black ball point pens (no gel ink)
- 1-box 24 crayons
- 1-2½ inch eraser

Thank you for your involvement!

TOP TEN



The "Top Ten" survey is in the books...and the music is great! Back in May, congregation members were invited to submit their "Top Ten" from the cranberry

hymnal. The results are in, but first...

- 53 people responded to the survey.
- 133 different hymns made someone's "top ten."
- 30 different hymns received at least one "first place" vote.
- Even though it's summer and snow is hardly on our minds, 22 different votes were cast for "Christmas time" hymns.

To determine the top hymns, each "#1" got 10 points, #2 got 9 points, and on down. In the list below are the total points and the number of first place votes each received:

10. What a Friend We Have in Jesus (62-0)
9. Borning Cry (67-1)
8. Holy, Holy, Holy (70-3)
7. We Are Called (76-2)
6. Lift High the Cross (76-1)
5. Here I Am, Lord (80-4)
4. On Eagle's Wings (99-2)
3. Amazing Grace (135-3)
2. Beautiful Savior (137-4)
1. How Great Thou Art (163-8)

So there they are! The Top Ten hymns!

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	SUNDAY SCHOOL
June 6 & 7	200	\$6,892	
June 13 & 14	185	\$4,902	
June 20 & 21	260		

SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP AND NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

July 11th-19th
a group of 13
will travel to
Atlanta, GA to
work with



Team Effort serving the homeless population of Atlanta. They will work on food distribution routes, shelters, and basic home repairs. This is a first time mission experience for many and it proves to be life changing as we continue our preparations. Please keep this group in your thoughts and prayers as they experience the amazing gift of loving others through their work.

Allison Rigotti
Tayler Jones
Alysha Hesse
Abby Johnson
Jarron Beckley
Justin Beckley

Delaney Schomberg
Allie Skrentny
Collin Grosskopf
Julian Grosskopf
Roxanne Grosskopf
Tom Grosskopf
Dana Roemhild

July 15th-19th three students from OSLC will travel with Holmen Lutheran to the National Youth Gathering in Detroit, MI. They will encounter a life changing experience through music by Royal Tailor and incredible speakers. The theme for the NYG is "Rise Up Together." Our students will "Raise Up Detroit" as they seek to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and serve Detroit along the way. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they represent OSLC in Detroit!

Molly Hunter
Aunna Carlson
Carlie Burkhardt

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP NEWS



The following youth will be attending Sugar Creek Bible Camp in July:

July 5-10

Justine Rich
Dylan Wiese

July 19-24

Liam Sjoquist
William Stefferud

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR...

- Pastor Vern Skarstad celebrates 50 years of ordained ministry this July, and Bells Coulee Lutheran Church welcomes you to share in that celebration on Sunday, July 19, from 1-3 p.m. out at Bells Coulee. No gifts – just come and rejoice in God's work through Pastor Vern!



- Bishop Jim Arends will be with us on Saturday and Sunday, September 26 & 27. The Bishop can't wait to worship with us and the SOS Band, so come and join us in worship and meet Bishop Arends.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Wednesday morning Bible study resumes on July 8, as we continue to explore the Gospel of Mark. We meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Library, and YOU are invited! See Pastor Jon for more information.

CIRCLE NEWS

RUTH CIRCLE

Monday, July 20 Out to Eat
Leader: Caryll Loughan
Hostess: Vernetta Moe

SUMMER COFFEE SERVING SCHEDULE

Rebecca Circle
July 5, 12, 19, 26

COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



CORN ROAST

Mark your calendars! August 5 is the date of the annual Our Savior's Community Corn Roast. We will host this free, community-wide event in the Lion's Shelter/Hockey Rink on East Avenue.

This is a "Thank You" celebration to the community in which we live. Feel free to invite people you know to join you for a meal and a pleasant evening with friends and neighbors.

In addition to corn, the menu includes hot dogs, chips, watermelon, cookies, drinks, and sweets. Sign-up sheets will go up in July to help with the corn roast, as we need servers and bakers!

We will also host the third Annual Car Show! Anyone is welcome to display his or her cherished vehicles in the Lion's Shelter parking lot.

OUR SAVIOR'S SPECIAL CAR GROUP



Would you like to share your special car with the community at the Corn Roast on August 5? If so, call Bud Ewing, 786-3449 or Wayne Affeldt, 786-0318

**"Growing in Grace"
Vacation Bible
School**

August 10-13

Children entering grades 1-5:

9 AM - 3 PM

\$25/child or \$50/family*

Children entering

Pre-K & Kindergarten:

9 AM - Noon

\$10/child or \$15/family*



Join us for Bible stories, singing, crafts, games, snacks, service, and more. Bring a sack lunch.

Counselors from Sugar Creek Bible Camp will be here at Our Savior's to lead us for a week of Vacation Bible School. Because we are working with Sugar Creek, the registration forms are more involved and thus will need to be completed ahead of time. Registration forms are available in the newsletter and on the website (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org). **Completed registration forms are due to the church office by July 12.**

*Note that scholarships are available if the cost would be a challenge for a family. Speak with Pastor Jean for assistance.

Ways you can help ...

- ❖ We will be looking for people to house our three Sugar Creek counselors either for all four nights (Sunday, August 9 – Wednesday, August 12) or split nights. We need to provide meals for the counselors, a place to sleep, and maybe a fun activity.
- ❖ Volunteers to assist with the activities each day.
- ❖ Adults and youth to help with the morning camp for the youngest ones.



- ❖ People to provide the food for the snacks or monetary donations to cover the cost of the snacks.

GROUP GUIDES NEEDED

We are seeking Group Guides for our upcoming 7th grade class this fall. Group Guides are adults that enjoy youth and are willing to spend some time investing in their faith life.



Group guides spend two Wednesday evenings a month with their group. One is a large group session presented by Pastor Jon and one that is planned by the small group for activities such as service projects and fun nights out. They do NOT need to be a parent! In fact, as a non-parent, I find it incredible how great an impact you can have on the faith of a student with no blood relation! If you are interested or just want to know more about it, contact Dana.

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL
NEWS**



We hope you are having a safe and fun summer ...

Don't forget about Children's Sermons in church ... you wouldn't want us to be lonely up there, would you??

Watch for details about Rally Day, September 13!

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

✝ **Ava Lyn Johnsrude**, daughter of Tristan and Laura Johnsrude, was baptized June 7. Her baptismal sponsor is Melisa Geiger.

✝ **Jace Allen Thomas Peterson**, son of Brian Peterson and Stephanie Dunn, was baptized June 21.

Funerals/Memorial Services

✝ We express our sympathy to the family of **Dwight Smith** who died May 23. Services were held May 30.

✝ We express our sympathy to the family of **Cynthia Feak Gaylord** who died August 16, 2013. Services were held June 13, 2015 at Burns Cemetery.

✝ We express our sympathy to the family of **Dorrene Heider** who died June 12. Services were held June 17.

✝ We express our sympathy to the family of **Wayne Burkhardt** who died June 13. Services were held June 23.

Wedding

✝ Congratulations to **John Piske** and **Kristen Radke** who were married June 13.

JUNE DAIRY DAYS



**Thank
You!!!**

Thank you SO MUCH to all who worked for our June Dairy Days projects this year: the food stand and the fun run. It is a large

project and a great way to be present in the community. Thank you for being a part of it!



We thank the **MAILING CREW** for assembling the Newsletter. The members who helped this past month were Connie and Larry Blunck, Bonnie Ender, Saundra Holthaus, Inger Michael, Judy Morzinski, Carol Noel, Carol Peterson, Paul and Marilyn Ranum, Mary and Rich Storandt, and Betty Whitlock.

We are intentional about keeping in contact with our college students – sending emails periodically, as well as remembering them during final exam week.

Thank you

Dear OSLC,
Thank you for the kind letter of

encouragement and Subway gift card during finals week! I am so appreciative of the prayers from my OSLC family while I am at school. My faith has been cultivated by the congregation here at Luther College & by OSLC. I served as the Vice President of Luther's Congregation Council this year and learned a lot through this ministry & leadership opportunity. Thank you for your part in sowing seeds of faith early in my life. I look forward to worshipping with you this summer.

college+
connection

Peace, *Anne Wermedal*



Hungry Jar Offering for July

ELCA Global Missions – World Hunger

Mr. Iliff's 5th Grade Sunday School class has chosen ELCA Global Missions – World Hunger for the July Hungry Jar offerings.

More than 800 million people — that's 1 in 8 people in our world today — are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Hunger facts

- ❖ 868 million people – that's 1 in 8 – are chronically hungry and cannot lead active daily lives.
- ❖ 1.2 billion people live in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.25 per day.
- ❖ In the United States, more than 50 million people do not know where their next meal will come from.
- ❖ 46.2 million Americans are living in poverty.

Senior Ministries

We have what you need ...

When you're at church ... feel free to ask an Usher for ...



- ❖ a **large print bulletin** for use during worship – everything is included in the bulletin, no need to fumble with heavy hymnals

- ❖ a **hearing assist device** available for use during worship



For those who can't get to church...

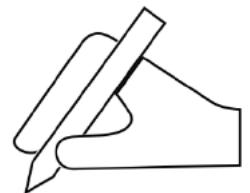
- ❖ we have large print copies of the daily devotional **"Christ In Our Home"** that comes out quarterly
- ❖ a **DVD** is made each week of the **Sunday worship service** and we have a DVD player to lend out with the DVD



If you would like to receive either of these, please call the church office and let us know.
We are happy to deliver!

Card Ministry

In case you didn't know ... we send cards to two shut-ins each week to let them know we are thinking of them and praying for them. We invite all of our members and friends to stop by the "Card Ministry" table (located outside of the Church Office) each weekend when you are at worship to sign the cards for that particular week's shut-ins. The thoughts and prayers expressed on the cards are much more meaningful when those gathered in community are the ones signing them.



**Senior
Spotlight!
Celebrating
our Resident Theologians...**



Disciples come in all shapes and sizes. We have much to learn from our “elders” as these resident theologians have insights and stories to share. Dorothy Bahan graciously allowed us to share a glimpse into her story. Dorothy, one of our oldest members at 98 years old, was born on Good Friday in 1917.

Dorothy’s advice to new disciples of Jesus ... Have faith because it makes you feel good. Faith gives you hope, and hope that you will end up in heaven. She also said the more involved in church you become, the more it builds.

Dorothy’s favorite Bible passage ... because ... Dorothy said all of the Bible is important, you learn to live by it. Dorothy likes the part of the Easter story in Luke when the angel tells the women “He is risen” because it gives you hope.

Dorothy’s earliest memories of church ... Dorothy remembers singing in the choir all the time, starting with the children’s choir and when she was older in the “big” choir. She was born and raised in this area, and other than two years in Illinois, she has been a member of Our Savior’s starting with Pastor Ottersen. Dorothy’s mom died when she was 6 years old and was raised by her father. He made sure the children got to Sunday School and church regularly. After she and her husband returned to West Salem, Dorothy became very involved in the Ladies Aid, serving as secretary. She said Selma Olson (Ladies Aid president) had the group into everything. Dorothy was so involved in the work of the church her husband told her they should set up a cot for her and her friend to sleep at church! ☺ Dorothy said it was natural to be at church ... you “just went!”

Thank you for sharing, Dorothy! Please keep Dorothy and all of our “senior” members (and “resident theologians”) in your prayers.

NURSING HOME SERVICES

Outreach at area nursing and housing facilities continues in July. Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean will lead worship services on Thursday, July 16:

10:30 a.m. – Lakeview
1:00 p.m. – Salem Terrace
2:45 p.m. – Mulder’s

You can be a part of this ministry – your presence adds to the Body of Christ gathered at that place and at that time. See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more information.

MISSION DISCERNMENT UPDATE

We continue to move forward in our quest to discern what God is up to...and how we faithfully respond to God’s call in a changing world!

The space study group has met, and will meet again at the end of June. It is documenting the challenges we face with space, and exploring some ways to make our space work better for our ministries.

The values and vision group has connected with a lot of groups and individuals, listening for the common threads of how God is calling us to faithful ministry. They hope to articulate the calling we sense from God, and begin to develop a strategic plan to meet God’s vision. Both groups hope to complete their work later this year.

Please continue to hold the work of Our Savior’s in your prayers, asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek to be faithful to our calling to be disciples of Jesus!

E-MAIL CHANGES

E-mail addresses WILL be changing later this summer, so please begin to use the new e-mail addresses for staff. You can find them on the last page of this newsletter. When the change is made the old addresses will not work, and we will not receive your e-mail!



WEB SITE CHANGES



Check out our web site – www.oursaviorswestsalem.org – to see a variety of new features on the site, including:

- Worship services on YouTube – go to “resources,” then down to “videos.”
- All sorts of forms – on “resources,” then click on “forms.”
- Pastor Jon’s “Midweek reflections” and “Our Savior’s Stories” are also posted on the resources tab.
- We also have a new “current news” news page – the newsletter is still posted, but here you can find “new” news!
- The photo gallery is being updated regularly.
- Finally, check out the daily devotions on the home page.

We continue to work to keep our site up to date and fresh. Keep checking it out!

E-COMMUNICATIONS



Did you know that **111** people receive the newsletter by email instead of a paper copy?

Interested in helping us save paper and postage? One way we can do that is to send you an email each time we post the newsletter on our website. Give us your email address, let us know you don’t want a paper copy of the newsletter, and we’ll do the rest. You can find the website at www.oursaviorswestsalem.org

EMAIL FROM PASTOR JON



Pastor Jon sends out occasional emails with announcements about happenings at Our Savior’s, and a weekly reflection on God, life and faith. If you are not already on the email list from him, and would like to be, please send Pastor Jon your email address, or speak with him. We will never sell your email address, and if you want to get off the list, we’ll do that too!

HOSPITAL REMINDER

Being hospitalized is never easy. Our goal is to visit each member during this difficult time.



At Gundersen, please be sure to alert the hospital of your church affiliation when they ask and they will then release your name to us when we call. At Mayo Clinic Health System/Franciscan Healthcare, it is important that you or a family member contact the church office to notify us of your stay. Mayo is no longer able to give out that information.

SIMPLY GIVING

Simply Giving works! Simply Giving is an automatic payment program that allows you to support the work of Jesus through Our Saviors, easily and automatically, at the amount and timing that works for you. There is no charge to you, and it is a safe and efficient way for you to make your contributions. For more information see Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean, or speak with Kay in the church office. Setting up Simply Giving is easy, and you can change your contributions or end your participation at any time. Check it out!



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

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

PROPERTY UPDATES

By the time you read this we hope that the sale of Johnson North is completed. The sale was accomplished with a lot of work by Mike Alumbaugh and the Rental Management Committee. Thank you!

The sale price of Johnson North exceeded the purchase price of the Mill Street property, so the "exchange" netted additional resources for future projects. We appreciate your patience as we have slowly worked to move from Johnson North to a property contiguous with our main facility.

Meanwhile, the Rental Management Committee has been working to rent Johnson South once it is vacant. Thanks to the committee for all its work!

CONGREGATION COUNCIL REVIEW

The Congregation Council met on Monday, June 8, with President Char Buelow presiding. At this meeting the council:

- Reviewed and approved the May minutes, financial reports, and pastors' reports.
- Received reports on a number of ministries.
- Authorized the Rental Management Committee to rent out Johnson South when it becomes vacant.
- Received an update on the sale of Johnson North.
- Authorized a change in internet and telephone service, provided telephone numbers do not change.
- Received Brenda Lounsborough (Christ Lutheran), and Deb and Tab Gundersen (Bells Coulee) through transfer of membership.
- Heard that Bishop Arends will preach here on the last weekend of September.

The Council will not meet in July unless business requires it, but will meet on August 10. See Char Buelow or one of the pastors if you have any questions.

JULY

ACOLYTES

July	4	6 p.m.	NO WORSHIP
	5	8 a.m.	Lexi Giblin
		10 a.m.	Wyndsor Goodenough
July	11	6 p.m.	Hallie Halverson
	12	8 a.m.	Meghan Hansen
		10 a.m.	Taylor Hennessey
July	18	6 p.m.	
	19	8 a.m.	Rebecca Schmidt
		10 a.m.	Kirin Linse
July	25	6 p.m.	Everett Michael
	26	8 a.m.	Julia Russell
		10 a.m.	Justin Kettner

BASKET HOLDERS

July	5	8 a.m.	Katie Murphy
		10 a.m.	Autumn Pfaff
July	12	8 a.m.	McKenna Riley
		10 a.m.	Ellie Slotten
July	19	8 a.m.	Angela Vick
		10 a.m.	Skylar Williams
July	26	8 a.m.	Delaney Christianson
		10 a.m.	Kylee Gander

ALTAR GUILD Marilyn Ranum

HOME COMMUNION SERVERS

July	5	Ilene Pavelko
July	11 & 12	Paul and Marilyn Ranum
July	18 & 19	Daryl Wermedal
July	25 & 26	Betty Whitlock & Diane McClintock

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

July	4	6 p.m.	NO WORSHIP
	5	8 a.m.	Larry Blunck
			Paula Heilman
		10 a.m.	Jeff Haldeman
			Melissa Haldeman
July	11	6 p.m.	Judy Gilbert
	12	8 a.m.	Mike Alumbaugh
			Linda Arentz
		10 a.m.	Wayne Affeldt
			Darlene Affeldt
July	18	6 p.m.	Jon Hetland
	19	8 a.m.	Cathryn Bottem
			Pam Gresens
		10 a.m.	Dottie Baumgartner
			Jaime Fortier
July	25	6 p.m.	Jennifer Iliff
	26	8 a.m.	Sharon Olson
			Judy Long
		10 a.m.	Stacey Sjoquist
			Tracy Hesse

READERS

July	4	6 p.m.	NO WORSHIP
	5	8 a.m.	Marsha Bateman
		10 a.m.	Vernetta Moe
July	11	6 p.m.	Karen DeSchepper
	12	8 a.m.	Sharon Olson
		10 a.m.	Jaime Fortier
July	18	6 p.m.	Bonnie Gensch
	19	8 a.m.	Paul Ranum
		10 a.m.	Kristin Tschumper
July	25	6 p.m.	Candice Stoll
	26	8 a.m.	Rebecca Schmidt
		10 a.m.	Dana Roemhild

OFFERINGS

July	4	6 p.m.	NO WORSHIP
	5	8 a.m.	Marjorie Anderson
		10 a.m.	Vernetta Moe
July	11	6 p.m.	Steve Ahles
	12	8 a.m.	Char Buelow
		10 a.m.	Rich Clements
July	18	6 p.m.	Ken Spraetz
	19	8 a.m.	Wendy Kane
		10 a.m.	Tracey Beckley
July	25	6 p.m.	Kay Niemeier
	26	8 a.m.	Sandi Stavlo
		10 a.m.	Jim Quamme

SATURDAY USHERS

July	4	6 p.m.	NO WORSHIP
	5	8 a.m.	Roger Krause
		10 a.m.	Jim Anderson Family
			Sidney Jerome
			Rob and Travis Reedich
July	11	6 p.m.	Del Stetzer
			Jane Halverson
	12	8 a.m.	Roger Krause
			Jeff Hansen Family
		10 a.m.	Sidney Jerome
			Rob and Travis Reedich
July	18	6 p.m.	Ken Spraetz
	19	8 a.m.	Roger Krause
			Wendy and Kamryn Kane
		10 a.m.	Sidney Jerome
			Rob and Travis Reedich
July	25	6 p.m.	
	26	8 a.m.	Roger Krause
			Jim and Beth Jacobson
		10 a.m.	Sidney Jerome
			Rob and Travis Reedich

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