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Mission Statement:
To reach toward God
and to each other
for the sake of the world

OUR SAVIOR'S VOICE

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

One of the more intriguing news stories over the past weeks has been the county clerk in Kentucky, jailed for refusing to issue marriage licenses to same gender couples. In the midst of the controversy, it's pretty evident that the changes in both society and law have been profound. What was unimaginable just a few short years ago, now is here. Same gender couples can marry legally in this country and in this state, and while politicians opposed to same gender marriages promise to do something about it, I don't see the law, or the direction of our society turning back the clock.

Of course, for some this is to be celebrated, while others see further erosion in the fabric of our society. Interestingly, the trend has been decidedly in favor of such marriages. In 1996, 27% of Americans supported such marriages; today it's around 60%.

Still, there is disagreement, in society and in the church. I have colleagues whom I deeply respect on both sides of the issue. For some, the church is to be a place of openness and welcome, even embracing same gender relationships. For others, the church needs to stand firm and not "cave in" to the pressures of our culture.

Lot's more could be said, but what about Our Savior's? What do we do about same gender marriages? It seemed to me a good time to give you an update and let you know what is happening here.

For starters, understand that we are not in the position of the county clerk in Kentucky. We are not mandated to perform same gender marriages. The courts cannot order it, nor can the state. And don't buy it when someone tells you otherwise. As a church, we are protected from that.

But you also need to know that as your pastor I do not have the freedom to do as I want. Pastor Jean and I are not making the decision or setting the policy. Bishop Arends, and other bishops around the church, have reminded us that as pastors we are not "lone rangers." We are to perform weddings, in the context of the community to which we are called. That means that our work reflects the understanding we have together as a community of faith.

At the moment, this isn't much of an issue. We have not received a request for a same gender marriage. But it will come – someday. Someday, maybe weeks from now, maybe years from now, the request will come, and we will need to know what to do.

For that reason, the Congregation Council has been in periodic conversation over the past year about same gender marriages, and whether they fit with our ministry as a congregation. We have resisted the temptation to make a quick decision, opting instead to pray, to carefully share our thoughts with each other, but also to have our ears open as we move about the congregation. What sense do we get from the congregation? Far from simply taking a vote, we really want to grasp what Our Savior's understands its ministry to be.

As we have carried on our dialogue, we have wondered what happens when the issue is no longer abstract, but personal, when the individual seeking marriage is “one of us,” or when grandma sits in church every week. And if we decide that such marriages can take place, do we allow them, but with some restrictions? And what happens when some agree with whatever direction we take, and others do not agree? And what does such a decision say about this congregation to the community around us?

Perhaps the most affirming thing to report is that this has been a good conversation. It has been carried out with care for each other, with understanding, and with faithful reflection.

We know that when a decision is made, not all will agree. But you can be proud of your council. They have been willing to tackle a difficult issue, but to tackle it with care for each other, care for you, and care for God’s call to faithful mission.

That’s what it means to be the people of God!

Pastor Jon

ADULT STUDIES CONTINUE!

- Sunday morning adult study continues at 9:15 a.m. Grab some coffee, and join us in the classroom by the restrooms on the lower level. We take a peek at a "Nooma" video, and then take some time to "chew" on it a bit!

- Wednesday morning Bible study finishes our study of Mark, and gets ready to dive into Philippians. We meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Library, and YOU are invited! No experience or insight required – just come and enjoy the fellowship and exploration of God's word.

- Check out information on the Salem Terrace studies elsewhere in the newsletter, and the calendar for WELCA circle studies.

NURSING HOME SERVICES

Outreach at area nursing and housing facilities continues in October. Each month, almost 80 people attend our worship services.

Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean will lead worship services on Thursday, October 15:

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

Thanks to our musicians each month – Ilene Pavelko, Ann Sprain, and Connie Pinski have all shared in the music ministry. Your magic fingers make beautiful music – what a gift that is!

Pastor Jon will also lead worship at Lakeview on Sunday, October 25, at 1:30 p.m. Come and join us as we share the good news with faithful folk around our community! See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more information.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL REVIEW

The Congregation Council met on Monday, September 14, with President Char Buelow presiding. At this meeting the council:

- Opened with prayer
- Met with Anne Gerrietts, ELCA

Consultant, to consider how we use our building, and how the building is a resource for our ministry.

- Received as new members: Michael and Michelle Turnipseed, along with Brandon, Hannah, and Bennett; Kelsey Reed; Rachel Miller, along with Bailey; Jeremy and Tiffany Janisch, along with Madeline and Ella.

- Reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular August meeting, a special Council meeting of August 16, and the special Congregational meeting from August 30. Also reviewed and accepted the August financial reports and pastors' reports.

- Received the report on asbestos in the Mill Street house. Authorized asbestos abatement at a cost of \$5,000 to the congregation.

The council meets again on Monday, October 12. See Char Buelow or one of the pastors if you have any questions.



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

- We thank the family and friends of **Wayne Burkhardt** for the gifts to the Endowment Fund.

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING

A special congregational meeting was held on Sunday, August 30, following the 10 a.m. worship service. The meeting was called to act on a proposal from the Rental Management Committee and the Congregation Council to remove the structures on the Mill Street property and prepare the lot for parking use, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. The proposal did not include paving the lot at this time. Over 50 voting members attended the meeting.

After some discussion, the congregation voted to adopt the proposal by unanimous voice vote. The work should begin in early October, and we hope that the lot will be available for parking before winter.

MISSION DISCERNMENT

At its September meeting the Congregation Council invited members of the Vision Team and Space Team to join with them in a discussion of our ministries, and how our building can be an asset in the work we are called to do. Anne Gerrietts, an ELCA Consultant, helped facilitate our discussion, and shared a number of valuable insights with us.

Ms. Gerrietts focused especially on how our building can enhance our ministries. She encouraged us to articulate and define the ministries we believe God is calling us to carry out, and then to look at how we use our building space to make that happen. She also made some observations on how our building presents itself to visitors.

Moving forward, Ms. Gerrietts suggested some "next steps," keeping the process open and transparent, with opportunities to hear lots of voices. The Vision and Space teams will work together on the next phase of this journey. Thank you for your prayers on our behalf.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

✠ **Sophia Liliana Maddie May Sprehn**, daughter of Matt and Stephanie Sprehn was baptized August 29. Her baptismal sponsors are Daniel Sprehn, McKenzie Holthaus, and Rebecca Sprehn.

✠ **Lillian (Lilly) Katherine Reed, Elaina (Ella) Ann Reed, and Henry John Reed**, children of Brad and Kelsey Reed were baptized September 5. Their baptismal sponsors are Paul and Marilyn Ranum.

✠ **Sawyer Leigh Kjome**, son of Kyle and Amanda Kjome was baptized September 6. His baptismal sponsors are Gary and Windee Hubbard.

✠ **Trenten Reuben Johnson**, son of Trevor and Emma Johnson, was baptized September 6. His baptismal sponsors are Kim Witte, and Neil and Diane Hendrickson.

✠ **Carson Henry Kokke**, son of Brad and Traci Kokke was baptized September 19. His baptismal sponsors are Brian and Jennifer Kokke, and Paul and Sara Groth.

Marriage

✠ Congratulations to **David Willette** and **Christina Noel** on their marriage on September 19.

CIRCLE NEWS

REBECCA CIRCLE

Thursday, October 15, 7 p.m.
Hostess: Darlene Affeldt

RUTH CIRCLE

Monday, October 19, 9 a.m.
Leader: Carol Stekel
Hostess: Sandra Holthaus

LADIES

Now that fall is upon us, will you have time to sew a few quilt tops for the Dorcas Circle? We have worked really hard to make over 250 quilts to send overseas. Without your help, we would not have a quilting circle.



There should always be bags of squares in a basket in the Gathering Area or you can stop in the quilting room (southeast corner room in the basement) and pick out some squares yourself.

48-10½" squares make a 60" x 80" quilt—6 rows of 8 each.

80-8½" squares make a 60" x 80" quilt—8 rows of 10 each.

Thank you so much for your consideration!

QUILTS READY TO ROLL!



Our Savior's sewing group has been REALLY busy this year, with almost 250 quilts ready to go forth. Our quilts stay local and go

global as they are sent to ministries around the world, and in our own backyard. The sewing group meets on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. You are welcome to join in the work – and the fellowship (they share some really good treats when they are done!)

Meanwhile, we will dedicate and ask God's blessings on the quilts, the makers, and those who help ship them. During worship on October 3 & 4, we will lift up our sewing ministry. Come and give thanks for these faithful servants, their hard work, and the gifts of God that make this ministry possible!

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We are in need of servers and bakers. If you haven't served in a while, please give it a try. There are directions posted for using the percolators or the Bunn system, whichever you choose. See the signup sheet by the kitchenette or call Ilene Pavelko 786-2360. Thank you!!



Bible Study
@ Salem Terrace
Monday, October 12
at 10 a.m.

Members and friends are invited to join us for a time of study and fellowship. We meet in the small kitchenette room off the parking lot between the two buildings.

OWLS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1:30 P.M.

Marsha Bateman is a Physical Therapist with a wide variety of experience in working with aging adults. She will offer some ideas on how to incorporate activities into our lives that improve posture, balance and strength. There will be something for everyone - join us! We'll have coffee and munchies, too, of course.



DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sept. 5 & 6	251	\$3,854	
Sept. 12 & 13	268	\$5,928	99
Sept. 19 & 20	280	\$3,584	95

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.



A note of thanks from one of our shut-ins:
*Thank you for the greeting card I recently received from the church. God Bless You All,
Lois Willinger*

Calling all RETIRED Men ...



Do you have time on your hands? Are you handy around the house? Do you enjoy a

good cup of coffee and donuts, sharing stories, and getting your hands dirty?



We thank Wayne Affeldt, Larry Blunck, Bud Ewing, and Jim Michelson for spending a couple of mornings in September repairing all of the chairs in the Library and Gathering Area. They should be good for another 25 years!

Watch for details for another opportunity to gather for fellowship and a project.

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Every second Friday of the month from 4:15-5:15 p.m., Our Savior's serves the meal at the Salvation Army Shelter. 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.



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. Betty Whitlock graciously allowed us to share a glimpse into her story. Betty, 83 years young, is a member of the “McClintock Clan.” Betty was baptized at home when she was 4 years old. She remembers when her two sisters were born at home here in West Salem in a house (that has since been torn down) next to what is now Jandt-Fredrickson Funeral Home.

Betty's advice to new disciples of Jesus ... without faith we wouldn't survive. Without faith, Betty believes she couldn't have survived life after the loss of her husband. Betty also believes that prayer is the most important thing.

Betty's favorite Bible passage ... because ... Betty said there are so many it's hard to choose. There are the obvious, like John 3:16, but also noteworthy is Matthew 21:22 (*Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.*) because Betty believes in prayer. She is happy to be on the prayer chain at church. Betty is praying all of the time – for family, friends, and all those in need. Another favorite passage is Psalm 27 (*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?...*), because it tells us you never have to be afraid, God is always with you. This meant a lot to Betty after her husband's death.

Betty's earliest memories of church ... are of Sunday School and learning the song “Jesus Loves Me.” Betty remembers teaching that song to her two younger sisters. The song reminds her that God is with her every day.

Betty likes seeing all of the children in Sunday School here now knowing they are learning about Jesus' love. She said she is glad when parents bring the kids to learn about God's love. Betty also remembers that in catechism (confirmation), they had to memorize everything, and growing up she was afraid of the pastor because he was so strict (even with his own children). As children growing up, Betty and her siblings were taught the importance of helping others (and not just family).

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



**Join Us in
Worship
October 17 & 18**

We bring to God our many hurts and ills, both physical and spiritual. All healing recognizes the grace of God, which overcomes all things. These days we pray that our lives may be made whole in body and in spirit.

All who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives are invited to join in prayer for others and themselves. We come to receive a word of blessing and prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing with oil. These signs, first given in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world.

In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the healthcare community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates the gifts of *God's presence* with strength and comfort in time of suffering, *God's promise* of wholeness and peace, and *God's love* embodied in the community of faith.

ALL SAINTS' WEEKEND



October 31 & November 1—As in past years All Saints' Weekend this year will include a time to remember, reflect, and rejoice in the lives of those whom we have lost in the past year. Members of Our Savior's who have died will be lifted up, but we will also have the opportunity to remember all who have lost a loved one, celebrating the life that was, and the life that now is in the presence of a good and gracious God. Join us for a time of grief filled with the hope that comes from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Pastor Larry Westfield, Regional Gift Planner with the ELCA Foundation, serving Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, will be our guest October 31 and November 1. Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean will lead worship, while Pastor Westfield will give the message.



Why should you care? Read on!

Often in life, it is easy to forget to say thank you to those who mean much to us, even though we think it. We even forget, sometimes, to thank God! Life gets busy and we don't take the time to celebrate the good news even though we know we are fortunate.

Yet, good things continue to happen. For example, did you know that through the Mission Endowment Fund, Our Savior's has, over the past 10+ years distributed almost \$125,000 to help make a difference in the lives of those in our community? Beginning with the Schonsby bequest, lots of good things have happened! And the principal is still present, ready to make a difference next year too!

Our Mission Endowment Fund is a great way to make sure we say thanks, and mean it! We

invite you to consider the fund as a place to make an estate gift, or even a gift right now. God gives, we share, and good things happen!

Pastor Westfield will talk a bit about how that happens, and will give a forum between worship services on the many ways you can make a gift that keeps giving. He is also available privately to help you determine what is best for you. *Pastor Westfield charges no fee and sells no product – he just helps you figure out what directions to consider with your charitable giving.*

Join us on October 31 or November 1 – meet Pastor Westfield, and learn more about how YOU can make a difference!

FAIR TRADE/EQUAL EXCHANGE CHOCOLATE

Got that chocolate craving? Have you been waiting for a new chocolate selection? October will be the month for our new shipment to arrive. (In case you wondered, Equal Exchange doesn't recommend shipping chocolate in the warm months.) So watch our fair trade cart for this item. We've been told the "Dark" variety is very good!



If you have any fair trade suggestions or questions ask Judy Gilbert or Ilene Pavelko.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS



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

E-MAIL AND WEB SITE



The planned change in our e-mails has been delayed, but not for long! The new e-mails are:

pastorjon@oursaviorswestsalem.org
pastorjean@oursaviorswestsalem.org
office@oursaviorswestsalem.org

Please start using these right away, as the old e-mails will soon be ended.

Take a look too at the web site (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org). The newsletter, latest news, hot news, and video of our worship are all available. We will also use the web site should there be any weather related closings, so check the site frequently!

SIMPLY GIVING – *SIMPLE ENOUGH!*

Simply Giving is, quite simply, simple! Simply Giving is a way to support the work of Jesus Christ through Our Savior's using automatic withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the amount and the frequency of your gift, and it can be changed at any time. Simply Giving covers the fees. It's that simple! In fact, over 20% of our offerings here are done through Simply Giving.

To sign up, contact the office, or speak with Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean. Oh, and by the way – they use Simply Giving too!

YOUTH MINISTRY POSITION



Our Savior's is seeking someone to assist with the Wednesday After School program. The work involves organizing and overseeing our after school ministry, working with the pastors as we create a place for kids prior to confirmation classes. The expectation is about four hours a week, for the weeks that after school is held, and some remuneration is included. See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean if you are interested in this ministry.

Dana Roemhild continues to do youth ministry with us, focusing on relational ministries (mission trips, small group ministries, etc.), especially with high school age youth.

Meanwhile, the Youth Committee is exploring how youth ministry can and should happen in our setting. If YOU have a passion for kids and for their faith development, we want to work with YOU! See Pastor Jon for how you can be a difference maker in the lives of young people!

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Pre-K to 3rd Grade

Wednesday, October 28
6-7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall

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

Come in your costume – a "best costume contest" is part of the evening. Parents are welcome to join us!



Sponsored by the 9th grade confirmation class.

CONFIRMATION AND AFTER SCHOOL

Confirmation classes are rolling! Lots of things are happening!



6th graders continue to meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays in October, studying the Old Testament and learning how God worked through his people.

7th & 8th grade students meet in a core class on October 7 at 6 p.m. We will continue to explore the Apostles' Creed, learning about the second article. Small Groups meet on October 14, and electives are set for October 21.

9th graders meet on October 7 to learn about "Jesus, Monsters and Me." They will then spend some time through the rest of the month preparing a Halloween party for younger kids.



After School continues on Wednesdays after school, with a meal around 5:30 p.m. Sign in is required, and no leaving the property after signing in!

We always have room for more, so if you know someone interested in our confirmation ministry, send them our way! See Pastor Jon for more information.

CONFIRMATION STAFF

6th Grade Instructors
Corey Sjoquist

Sarah Hennessey

7th Grade Guides
Lori Hammes
Megan Haun
Sara Jeranek
Carrie Johnson

Jenny Leren
Becki Murphy
Jennie Perz

8th Grade Guides

Scott Friell
Mary Gavaghan
Michelle Giblin
Kim Hansen

Beth Jacobson
Todd Michael
Jen Wheeler

9th Grade Guides

Dawn Anderson
Jim Anderson
Pam Arneson
Cindy Averbek
Tamie Batzel

Tim Goodenough
Megan Haun
Joyce Larson
Jim Quamme
Kim Tiber

We are intentional about keeping in contact with our college students – sending emails periodically, as well as remembering them during final exam week. We are also interested in hearing about life away from home and encourage them to share with us.

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College Students & Parents

We need your **campus address** and your **email address**!

You are important to us and we want to keep in touch –

You may be **"out of sight"**
but you are certainly not **"out of mind"**

Please get the information to the office or to Pastor Jean.

YOUTH CHAPEL

A new worship experience is off and running! Music and messages will focus on bringing the gospel into a context relevant to the experiences of our youth. This worship experience will seek to meet youth where they are at, and open their eyes to Christ. Next gathering is October 18 at 7 p.m.!



SCHOOL KIT PROJECT

As of this writing, we are confident that we will reach our goal of sending at least 181 completed School Kits to Lutheran World Relief! There is an urgent need for them in Syria and other parts of the world, so we are pleased to reach this goal.



The third grade Sunday School class will package the kits on Sunday, October 4 during the Sunday School hour. Confirmation students will then assist with packing and adding tracking tags to the boxes of school kits and quilts. With this information, we are able to see where they go in the world.

We are looking for assistance in transporting these boxes to the boxcar that loads on Saturday morning, October 10, between 7 and 11 a.m. Thank you for considering this means of serving. And thanks to everyone for the generous support of this project. We will communicate the final numbers to you once the packing and shipping is completed.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS **Off to a good start!**

Ninety-nine children plus parents joined us on Rally Day for the first day of Sunday School. There was lots of energy and enthusiasm spilling from the sanctuary. In the weeks that followed, the children met new friends on a DVD who will help them connect with the Bible stories. The lesson leaflets are sent home each week in hopes that families will share together what the children learned and also share in an activity meant to be done as a

family. The kids continue to sing their hearts out during music time and in worship. We welcome all to our time of learning – bring your friends too!

Parents and other family members, if you haven't signed up yet to spend a day in your child(ren)'s Sunday School class, please be sure to do so the next time you drop your child off. The teachers look forward to having family members around and the children love having you hang out with them!

Greet our teachers and helpers

We thank our teachers and helpers who will share their faith and witness with our young ones this Sunday School year. They are a gift to the children and to us. As you see these people tell them how important they are to ministry in the life of our congregation.



Pre-K – Kim Arentz & Michelle Witte
Helpers: Jared Witte & Kirin Linse
Kindergarten – Molly Hunter &
Emily Trautman
1st Grade – Ann Donahue &
Cathryn Bottem
Helper: Rebecca Schmidt
2nd Grade – Allison Rigotti & Tayler Jones
Helper: Kamryn Kane
3rd Grade – Stacey Sjoquist &
Megan Larson
4th Grade – Jaime Fortier & Kim Witte
Wendy Kane & Kim Schmidt
5th Grade – Eric Iliff & Rita Schmitz
Substitutes – Marjorie Anderson
Beth Clements
Music – Mike Larson, Shannon Vick,
Ilene Pavelko, Linda Berg

Sunday School Offering

This year our Sunday School offerings will be collected for **God's Global Garden** through the work of the ELCA. Start with a large plot of land, add special drought-resistant seeds, and top it off with tools and training for all. The result – plenty of fruits and vegetables to go around! Extra produce and seeds are shared with neighbors in need. We will see how many garden plots we can get by filling them with carrots, cabbage, beans, and melons; then add fruit tree saplings; as well as the tools needed to tend the garden (rake, hoe, and shovel). Keep an eye on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Jean's office and watch our garden grow!



Offering Envelopes



If you are in need of Sunday School offering envelopes, please speak to Pastor Jean.

We will once again have a **friendly competition**

COUNT ME IN!

between our Sunday School classes to see which class will have the most weeks of **"near perfect" attendance** and which class can raise the **most offerings** to fill our garden. We are off to a good start! There will be treats in December and May. Can you help your class?

"... place in their hands the holy scriptures ..."

We are happy to place God's Word in the hands of the following **3rd graders** the weekend of **October 3 & 4**:



Trevor Arentz
Emily Bell
Marissa Eckland
Brooke Gander
Brandon Goede
Jayden Hansen
Emma Haun
Jessalyn Hickey
Makena Ihle
Ella Janisch

Owen Kendhammer
Aubrey Langrehr
Andrew Larson
Leah Leren
Mallory Long
Rylee Lyga
Carter Quackenbush
Will Stefferud
Isabelle Thompson
Eve Twite
Lauren Zarecki



On September 19-20, the following **Pre-K** children received their *Sparks Story Bible*:

Jake Bahl
Paige Christianson
Camille Godlewski
Addison Kendhammer

Kirsten Rasmussen
Zachariah Roemhild
Alana Steinke
Kiera Timm
Adelyn Tlustosch



Mark Your Calendar

Saturday & Sunday, October 3 & 4 – 3rd Graders receive Bibles in worship

Sunday, October 18 – Kids sing in worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 15 – Kids sing in worship at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 12 – Sunday School Christmas Program – 4 p.m.



Hungry Jar Offering For October God's Global Garden

Our Sunday School offerings this year will be for God's Global Garden. To help get the kids started, we invite the congregation to grow a garden, too. Our October Hungry Jar Offering will get the seeds planted. See the *Sunday School Offering* section of the newsletter to learn more about God's Global Garden. We thank you for your generous gifts to help feed those who are hungry.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION



During the past months, Our Savior's has welcomed a number of new members. We look forward to recognizing them during worship on Saturday & Sunday, October 24 & 25. We give thanks to God for the gifts they bring, and we look forward to our sharing with them in our journey of faith and discipleship.

If you or someone you know is considering membership at Our Savior's, now is a great time to act – see Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more information on membership and our calling to faithful discipleship!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We have new members! Recently, Our Savior's received several new families. Meet some of them below:

Jerry and Linda Glocke have transferred from English Lutheran Church in La Crosse. Jerry is from Clintonville, and has a degree in Pharmacy from UW-Madison. He is currently a consulting pharmacist for nine nursing homes in the area. Linda is from La Crosse, attended UW-L, and worked at Degen Berglund Pharmacy, retiring after 44 years in 2011.

Jerry and Linda celebrate their wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve (easy to remember!) They have three children – Nick, Scott, and Aimee, along with a Siberian Husky name Annika. They enjoy a weekly "date" night, ballroom dancing, Badger football, and time with family.

Michelle and Michael Turnipseed, with their children Brandon, Hannah, and Bennett, moved to the West Salem area from Kenosha in 2005. Michael is a manager for a recruiting company for IT engineers, working out of the home. He loves to hunt and fish when he gets the chance. Michelle is a dental hygienist at Valley Dental in Onalaska, and loves to boat and camp, and spend time with kids. Both also love to travel.

Brandon is a sophomore at Winona State University, majoring in biology. He loves sports, especially baseball. Hannah is a sophomore at West Salem High School and plays volleyball and softball, and works at Linda's. Bennett is in 6th grade and is into soccer, baseball, and the trumpet.

Welcome to our new families – we will introduce some more of them to you next month!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

For several years, I have had the privilege of helping coordinate three Dave Ramsey Financial Peace courses. The beauty of the class is it helps us learn that we are asset managers for the Lord. We are stewards of all he has given us. Stewardship is the act of managing the resources and possessions of another or as Dave would say, "Managership."

This year our Stewardship or Managership emphasis will be much as it was last year. Simply stated, Our Savior's makes a difference. We really do!

When we look at the gifts God has blessed us with here at OSLC we do make a difference.

Think about this summer when over 100 children were fed twice a week. It made a difference to those kids. It also made a difference to those who gave of their time to help with the meals.

Think about the hospitality of the Corn Roast. This is a way for us to give to the community in many ways and show we are a welcoming church.

OSLC has numerous opportunities to be a part of a wonderful music program. You have the opportunity to be a part of the choir, SOS band, bell choir or the High School Praise band to name a few. Again, these are opportunities to share your talents and gifts.

These are only a few of the opportunities to share some of the gifts that God has given to each of us. We can and do make a difference.

Stewardship or Managership is something different to each and every one of us here at church. Some see it as just money or financial resources. It is also your gift of time, talent or volunteering when asked.

Through the month of October, we will focus this Stewardship or Managership. Our pastors will focus on the subject during their sermons. They will engage us in ways we maybe do not think about on a daily basis.

In late October, each family will receive a personal letter from the church. It will also include information on how we make a difference. Please take time to look at the letter and information and carefully discern as to how you may be a part of that Managership of all that has been given to you here at OSLC.

Our Savior's makes a difference. We really do!

Eric Ender

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FLOWER CHART



A flower chart is posted on the Kiosk in the Gathering Area. We invite you to think about an occasion you would like to mark, a person you might like to memorialize or honor. Write your name on the chart by the date you would like to have. We will send you a reminder before the date so that you can provide flowers for the weekend. You can also let us know at that time how you would like to have the flowers acknowledged. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship.

ANNUAL MEATBALL AND LUTEFISK DINNER

Saturday, November 7, 2015
Serving begins at 3:30 p.m.

It's been a longtime tradition for Our Savior's Lutheran Church to share its Norwegian heritage by hosting a meatball and lutefisk dinner for our families, friends, and neighbors. All members of our congregation are encouraged to volunteer their time and donations to this event, which supports several mission projects.

We have a sign-up board in the Gathering Area. You are asked to indicate on these sheets your donations and your work time. (We do not call everyone on our membership list; so we ask you to sign up at church or call Lynette Ender at 786-0723, or Bonny Goodenough at 769-0758, or Inger Michael at 786-1707, Chairpersons.)

You have the choice of these donations:

1. Two dozen Norwegian baking or Non-Norwegian baking for the dinner plus two dozen for the bake sale.
2. Three pounds of butter plus something for the bake sale.
3. Three pounds (4-12 oz. bags) of sweetened, cooked cranberries (recipe is on the bag) and something for the bake sale.
4. Two pounds of decaffeinated coffee and something for the bake sale.
5. 50# potatoes (whites, NOT reds)
6. Cash or check donation to cover the cost of the lutefisk and meatballs.

A bake sale will be held in the Gathering Area. The most popular items are Norwegian bakings, nut breads, yeast breads, cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, pies, brownies, and candy. Please bring your baked goods pre-packaged and labeled as to contents.

Homemade craft items may be donated to be sold (a "suggested" price is helpful.) Several quilts will be available to purchase.

Your talents can also be shared by volunteering to work in one or more areas on Friday or Saturday.

1. Cook rutabagas. (Friday a.m.)
2. Clean out day care area and bathrooms. (Friday 5 p.m.)
3. Peel potatoes, make meatballs, cut-up fish. (Saturday a.m.)
4. Wash cooking pots and pans. (Friday or Saturday 10:30 a.m.)
5. Set up dining room. (Saturday 8:30 a.m.)
6. Cooks—potatoes, coffee, and fish (Saturday afternoon/evening)
7. Table servers, waiters/waitresses, table bussers, ticket sellers, dishwashers, after dinner clean up, or workers in the bake sale, or in the "sweet" room. (Saturday)

Please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Area.

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.

OCTOBER

ACOLYTES

Oct.	3 4	6 p.m. 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sydney Fitzpatrick Dalton Peters Jordyn Schurhammer
Oct.	10 11	6 p.m. 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Connor Strainis Samantha Thompson Stephanie Tiber
Oct.	17 18	6 p.m. 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Cody Anderson Allison Arentz Jared Witte
Oct.	24 25	6 p.m. 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Cassidy Bores Hannah Brenengen Aidan Donahue
Oct. Nov.	31 1	6 p.m. 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mahlianh Fleckenstein Kara Gavaghan Zach Friell

BASKET HOLDERS

Oct.	4	8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Teegan Hansen Maddie Haun
Oct.	11	8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Madison Hermann Josh Iliff
Oct.	18	8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Natalie Jeranek Owen Johnson
Oct.	25	8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Haley Jones Connor Koepp
Nov.	1	8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Zane Langrehr Wesley Leren

ALTAR GUILD Marie Root

HOME COMMUNION SERVERS

Oct. 3 & 4	Paul and Marilyn Ranum
Oct. 10 & 11	Daryl Wermedal
Oct. 17 & 18	Betty Whitlock and Diane McClintock
Oct. 24 & 25	Kristy Alumbaugh
Oct. 31 & Nov. 1	Marjorie Anderson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Oct. 3	6 p.m.	Judy Gilbert
4	8 a.m.	Eric and Lynette Ender
	10:30 a.m.	Jeff and Melissa Haldeman
Oct. 10	6 p.m.	Jon Hetland
11	8 a.m.	Mike Alumbaugh
		Cathryn Bottem
	10:30 a.m.	Wayne and Darlene Affeldt
Oct. 17	6 p.m.	Jennifer Iliff
18	8 a.m.	Linda Arentz
		Judy Long
	10:30 a.m.	Paula Heilman
		Jaime Fortier
Oct. 24	6 p.m.	Judy Morzinski
25	8 a.m.	Larry Blunck
		Pam Gresens
	10:30 a.m.	Dottie Baumgartner
		Tracey Hesse
Oct. 31	6 p.m.	Allison Rigotti
Nov. 1	8 a.m.	Sharon Olson
		Shannon Wiese
	10:30 a.m.	Vernetta Moe
		Tracey Beckley

READERS

Oct.	3 4	6 p.m. 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Kathy Schmidt Eric Ender Corey Sjoquist
Oct.	10 11	6 p.m. 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Bev Bockenhauer Stacy Mitchell Inger Michael
Oct.	17 18	6 p.m. 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Candice Stoll Lynette Ender Daryl Wermedal
Oct.	24 25	6 p.m. 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Angie Hemker Sharon Olson Jaime Fortier
Oct.	31	6 p.m.	Bev Bockenhauer

OFFERINGS

Oct.	3 4	6 p.m. 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Steve Ahles Tracey Beckley Char Buelow
Oct.	10 11	6 p.m. 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Kay Niemeier Carlie Burkhardt Wendy Kane
Oct.	17 18	6 p.m. 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sandi Stavlo Jim Quamme Rich Clements
Oct.	24 25	6 p.m. 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Ken Spraetz Mike Alumbaugh Dottie Baumgartner
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Oct.	31	6 p.m.	Larry Gensch Jon Hetland

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