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Vision Statement:

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

Our Savior's Voice

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November 2018

Pastor's Reflections ...

What's the point, anyway?

Good question! We are right in the middle of our yearly stewardship emphasis. Throughout October our worship included video reflections on stewardship, along with sermons that considered stewardship in light of God's word from the Gospel of Mark. Now, it's November – and we are asking you to join us on November 10/11 and return your estimate of giving card. Even more, we are asking for your continued support of our ministry together, and to even consider increasing your support.

But...what's the point, anyway?

Let's start here...there are three things about stewardship that stand out to me:

1. It's not just the money – it's all of us, all of who I am. All of that is entrusted to me by God, and I am called to be faithful with all of it, all of the time. Including my money. That's why stewardship is really discipleship.
2. Stewardship is about letting go of the stuff I have, and being more fully open to God's embrace. Or, in other words, trust God, not my bank account, possessions, or myself!
3. Stewardship is my opportunity to make a difference in the world around me. I can change lives with the stuff entrusted to me by God (which, by the way, is what disciples do!)

OK...got that. Now what?

Well, let's see. What's going on here at Our Savior's? In our stewardship mailing we listed our ministries. Not all of them, but a lot of them. Check out the list:

La Crosse Area Synod
Lutheran Campus Ministry at
La Crosse
ELCA
Seminaries
Sugar Creek Bible Camp
Church Colleges
Missionaries
Hospital chaplains
Prison Ministries
Military chaplains
World Hunger Appeal
Lutheran Social Services
West Salem Community
Assistance Fund
Care and Share Food Pantry
Summer Lunch ministry

Guitar group
Salem Terrace Bible study
Cards for shut-ins
Nursing home/assisted living
worship services
Home communion ministry
Norwegian Dinner
Corn Roast
OWLS
Worship
SOS Band
Choir
Handbell Choirs
Sunday School classes
Sunday School choirs
Confirmation Ministry
Bible study

WELCA Circles
Men's Bible study
Breakfast Club
Mission trips
Peer Ministry
30 Hour Famine
LWR School kit project
Endowment Fund
Wedding ministry
Baptism ministry
Funeral ministry
Quilting group
Prayer shawl ministry
Financial Peace University
Frolic
Senior Connection

In case you are counting, that's 47 ministries. And we do have more.

Our stewardship makes many things happen, and changes many lives. Some local, some in our midst, others distant, unknown, but children of God nonetheless. What more can we ask?

But let's go a bit deeper. Every congregation wonders how to connect with young adults. Hey, we do that – and we do it very well – that's what Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) does, and through our support, it's one of our ministries. In fact, Our Savior's is pretty much the top supporter in the synod of LCM, making a huge difference in the lives of young adults. You can learn even more about LCM – November 10/11 Pastor Ben Morris, our campus pastor, will be with us to preach and to tell the story about how YOU are changing lives with your stewardship.

Then, November 17/18, we will lift up the needs of the hungry across the world. Again, Our Savior's is a top supporter in our synod of the World Hunger Appeal, and in our community of the food pantry. We make a difference – we change lives!

That's our stewardship – that's our discipleship in action!

It's because we make a difference, because we change lives, and because we are so awesomely blessed by a gracious God, that I can boldly invite you to be a part of what God is up to. I can boldly invite you to continue your good stewardship, your faithful discipleship. And I can boldly invite you to continue, even increase your support of our work together.

Because in the end, it works. We make a difference, we change lives, we live out our faith!

Pastor Jon

“Marked” To Be Faithful Disciples

Fall Stewardship Emphasis

November 10/11



YOU are “marked” in baptism to be a faithful disciple of Jesus. During October, using the gospel of Mark, we considered what it means to be “marked” and faithful as disciples. And faithful disciples are good stewards of all that God has entrusted to them!

In the October mailing (which you should have received) is an invitation to continue your financial discipleship and stewardship as we work together to do “God’s work with our hands.”

Join us on November 10/11 as we celebrate our partnership. Bring your estimate of giving card (we really do use them!), and come hear about our mission together. Pastor Ben Morris, Lutheran Campus Ministry – La Crosse will share how OUR campus ministry makes a huge difference in the lives of young adults on the three campuses in La Crosse.

And if you can't make it those dates – please send in your estimate of giving card, or bring it another time. And thank you for your partnership!

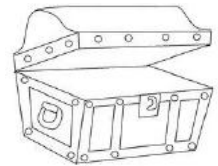


SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School is humming along. We are counting our way down to Christ the King Sunday and the end of the church year ... and then Advent begins! The kids have already done a fine job singing in worship and are busy preparing for the annual Christmas programs (December 15 and 16). Our Pre-K students received their Story Bibles, and our 3rd graders and their parents attended a Bible workshop before they received their NRSV Bibles. Scripture has been placed in their hands and they are devouring it in class and at home together with families.

The children have been bringing their weekly offerings to build God's Global Barnyard. We now have cows, pigs, sheep, chickens, and corn to feed them. Depending on how much a class brings that week, determines what animal they get to add to the pen. Check out the barnyard between the pastor's offices and watch it grow.

Don't forget about our Sunday School Treasure Box! Again this year we will have a "friendly competition" between our classes for offering. As of late October, our **3rd grade** class is up to \$55 in offering, while our **Kindergarten** and **5th grade** classes are tied at \$48. Way to go kids! Let's keep our barnyard growing!



We are also off to a great start with attendance for our children ... we love to see your smiling faces!

Those with **perfect attendance** through October 21:

Pre-K: Makynlee Crankshaw, Kirya Eckland, Alise Jothan, Lainey Steinke

Kindergarten: Noah Evenson, Mabel Sjoquist

1st Grade: Anna Vick

2nd Grade: Addison Kendhammer, Alana Steinke

3rd Grade: Henry Bakkum, Deanna Christianson, Jesse Jothan, Casey Mathison

4th Grade: Gunnar Eckland, Graham Sjoquist

5th Grade: Danielle Christianson, Lydia Jothan

Only **missed once**:

Pre-K: Mason Knebes

Kindergarten: Olivia Burt, Ethan Draxler, Ellie Tlustosch

1st Grade: Ryland Byom, Owen Draxler, Gavin England, Oliver Kendhammer, Camille Zarecki

2nd Grade: Adelyn Tlustosch

3rd Grade: Will Byom, Arianna Clements, Zander Clements, Kaleb Kendhammer, Campbell Laack, Mya Peterson, Madison Phillips

4th Grade: Lauren Burt, Isaiah Laack, Alicia Zarecki

5th Grade: Baylee Faucett, Bennett Fennigkoh, Camdyn Lyga, Breanna Smith, Emelia Tlustosch

Important Dates

Sunday, December 2 - Family Movie Afternoon - 1:30 pm - "The Star"
Saturday, December 15 - Christmas Program - Grades 4K-2 - 6 pm worship
Sunday, December 16 - Christmas Program - Grades 3-5 - 10:30 am worship

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

Please keep the following 3rd graders in your prayers as they received their *Whirl NRSV Bible* on October 21st:



Isaac Arentz
Henry Bakkum
Will Byom
Deanna Christianson
Arianna Clements
Zander Clements

Candace Drury
Lea Edmison
Jesse Jothen
Kaleb Kendhammer
Campbell Laack

Leah Langrehr
Casey Mathison
Lily Muellenberg
Mya Peterson
Madison Phillips
Any Tenner

We celebrate with the following **Pre-K students** as they were gifted with a *Whirl Story Bible* in September:

Makynlee Crankshaw
Kirya Eckland
Alise Jothen

Mason Knebes
Beau Kneifl

Everly Quackenbush
Lainey Steinke

You are invited ...

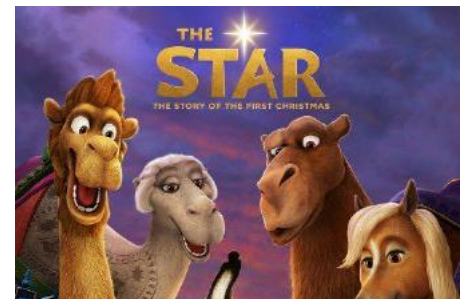
Let's get into the Christmas spirit and watch a movie together!

Sunday, December 2nd at 1:30 PM

"The Star"

A small but brave donkey and his animal friends become the unsung heroes of the first Christmas.

We'll have popcorn and juice. You bring a comfy blanket to curl up on.





Hungry Jar Offering for November Lutheran Campus Ministry

Lutheran Campus Ministry – LaCrosse (LCM) serves the campuses of UW-L, Western Technical College, and Viterbo University. Partnering with United Campus Ministry, and sharing the facilities of Common Ground, and under the leadership of Pastor Ben Morris, LCM seeks to engage young adults in the midst of some of the most challenging and chaotic years they will encounter – college life! Some are life-long Lutherans, some come from other traditions, and some come without any background. For all, LCM is a place of both challenge and safety. They discover God's call to faithful living, but also God's gifts of grace in Jesus Christ. All of this is experienced in the context of a community that seeks to nurture and grow faith and faithful living. Students at LCM worship together, gather for Bible study and reflection, reach out to other students who are searching and sometimes hurting. Most of all they seek to be a voice of welcome and healing in a broken world! Through our support we can make a difference in the lives of young adults.

P.S. Don't forget to be in worship the weekend of November 10-11 to hear Pastor Ben preach here at Our Savior's!

Confirmation

Confirmation ministry continues in November. 6th grade have classes each week. 7/8th graders have a variety of classes, small group time, Bible studies, and electives. 9th graders ponder the gift of generations, and then spend some time connecting with another generation. If you know someone who is seeking to join our ministry, see Pastor Jon!



We're Looking...Maybe For You?



Our Savior's is ready to start planning for our next mission trip – out to Wyoming in summer of 2019! This year we'd like to make this a “mixed group, cross-generational” trip. That means middle school...high school...AND adults! But, first - we need some folk who really care about making this ministry happen, and are willing to help us do some of the planning. Planning Team members may or may not travel on the trip, but they will make it happen. If you have the passion for really good ministry that changes lives, and want to be a part of it – see Cat Bottem or one of the pastors.



What's going on in the Youth World!?

Ally Training!

November 4th 1:30-3:30

Our Savior's is seeking to be advocates for our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters in Christ. The Ally training is a dialogue for us to learn how to be active advocates, and welcoming and open to all individuals. Come join us for snacks, discussions, and Q&A sessions. See Cat or Pastor Jon for more information.



30 Hour Famine!

When: February 8-9, 11:00 am Friday- 7pm Saturday

Informational Meeting for Parents - Wednesday, November 7 at 6pm

Why: World Vision is a non-profit organization that works to raise funds to feed children all over the world. What the youth and I will do is fundraise and fast for 30 hours to raise awareness of what children go through on a daily basis. HOWEVER, we are changing things up this year by providing protein shakes every 5-6 hours to ensure blood sugar levels stay where they need to be. Please attend the parent informational meeting to have all questions answered. See Cat or Pastor Jon for more details!

Mission Trip



It's that time of year again! Time to start checking those calendars for the annual mission trip. This year we will be heading to Wind River, WY to work on a Native American reservation. There will be an informational meeting where we will determine the date of the trip. The three potential dates to be discussed are:

- June 9 - June 14
- June 16 - June 21
- June 30 - July 5

The informational meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14th at 6pm and Sunday, November 18th at 9:15. If neither of those times work, but you would like more information please speak with Cat or Pastor Jon.

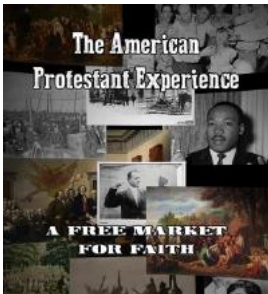


As our students are either away from home or studying in challenging environments, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. This month please pray for: **Ellie Tschumper** (MNSU-Mankato), **Jarron Beckley** (Viterbo), and **Alea Fortier** (Lakeland University).

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SENIOR CONNECTION

**Coffee & Conversation at Linda's Bakery
9:15 AM on Tuesday, November 13**



**The American Protestant Experience
November 12th
@ Salem Terrace – 10:00 am
Join us for coffee & study**



The coffee is perking as we gather for fellowship and study. We meet in the small kitchenette off of the parking lot between Salem Terrace & Mill Street Manor. Feel free to invite your friends.

DID YOU KNOW ...

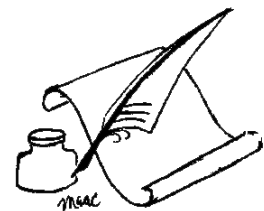
In worship ... We have large print bulletins ... and hearing assist devices.

If you missed worship ... check out the website – www.oursaviorswestsalem.org – to see the service.



Cards for shut-ins

Don't forget to stop by the "Card Ministry" table (located outside of the Pre-K classroom) each weekend when you are at worship to sign the cards for our shut-ins. You really do make a difference in the lives of those who cannot be with us.



SENIOR CONNECTION



Just what is Senior Connection?

Senior Connection is an outgrowth from OWLS. It is intended for those “more mature adults.” Several thoughts were lifted up during a conversation last spring about ways for our senior folks to connect – either to do something socially together or to provide an opportunity for someone to do work around your place of residence. There are many different ways to “connect.”

We have seniors who find themselves alone and who would like to get out and do something with others, or who have spouses that aren’t interested in doing some of the activities they are interested in. We have seniors who can no longer do the work required to keep things up around the house. We have young people who are in need of “work” to earn a little money. Connections

A list was created of people who would be interested in doing a variety of different things. The thought being, it’s no fun to do things alone, so why not invite others who share your same interests to join you. The list is posted on the Senior Connection bulletin board (*I bet you didn’t know there was such a designated bulletin board, did you? Look for the logo!*) located outside the Koinonia Room in the gathering area. You are invited to post opportunities for events, or check out the list and give someone a call. Movies, coffee and conversation, cards/games, golf ... you name it, the list can be endless.

You are also invited to place a need up on the board, in hopes that someone is available to help you out (*for a cost to be negotiated between you and the person offering to help*). For instance, if you need assistance with lawn care or snow removal, house cleaning, odd jobs or projects around the house, etc. Young people (and others) are invited to place a card on the bulletin board with their contact information if they are willing to do those jobs for folks and then they can be called directly.

An opportunity that has grown out of Senior Connections is a monthly time to gather at Linda’s Bakery for **coffee and conversation** (and a treat, too!) – the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am.

Also, **movies** at the local theater followed by dinner or a snack – watch for postings on the bulletin board.

You are invited to participate in these activities or create an activity of your own ... just post it on the Senior Connections bulletin board or check out the list and give someone a call to join you!

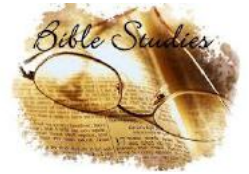
Blood Drive



Friday, November 16 12:30 -5:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church West Salem.

Adult Studies

Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 9:30 in the Library. Over the past months we have been working on the “Pastoral Epistles,” three letters in the New Testament. In November we will finish off 2 Timothy and begin exploring Titus. Come and join us as we consider these short, but very packed letters. No previous knowledge or experience required – just come and enjoy!



Veteran's Recognition



Veterans and spouses are invited to an appreciation lunch after worship on Sunday, November 11, from noon to 1 PM. Adam Kennedy's 8th grade confirmation small group wants to thank you for your service and learn from you. Please RSVP to the church office so we are prepared to honor and thank you! See Pastor Jon for more information.

2018 LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KIT REPORT



We completed and sent 352 school kits this year! This is a huge increase from last year's 275 kits. So many people helped with this project in so many ways that it is difficult to remember everyone. Please know that your assistance was greatly appreciated!

The Women of the ELCA donated 300 bags, which is a huge help, as each costs \$1.25. Hungry Jar collection and other cash donations totaled \$145 and let us buy bags and supplies needed to fill 52 more bags.

The third grade Sunday School students, along with their teachers Mrs. Sjoquist and Mrs. Stefferud, assembled 100 school kits on September 30. The sixth grade confirmation students assisted on three different days after school to build 200 kits, with assistance from Cathryn Bottem, Jim Michelson, Marsha Bateman and Karen Tiber.

Thanks also to Pastor Jon, Eric Sorenson and Jim Michelson, who loaded and/or transported the kits to the boxcar on October 13. The kits are bound for the LWR warehouse near Baltimore, MD. The boxes have tracking tags attached, so eventually we will know where our kits were sent.

To all who brought supplies or assisted in any way, thank you so much. A huge thank you this year goes to Jim Michelson, who single-handedly organized much of this project.

We do have a volunteer coordinator for next year, but are always looking for more help – it is a fun project, and more hands make for less work from everyone. Please contact Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean if interested.



Lutefisk & Meatball
Dinner and Bake Sale

Saturday – November 3

Meatballs & Gravy, Lutefisk, Potatoes, Rutabagas, Lefse, Cranberries, Tea Biscuits,
Norwegian Baking, Milk and Coffee

Serving from 3:30 – 8 p.m.

Tickets go on sale at 2:30 p.m.

No advance sale of tickets by seating times

Carry-outs Available after 4:30 p.m.

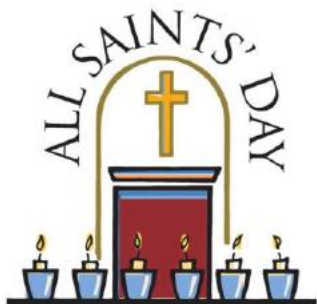
Adults: \$15 – Children under 12: \$7 – Under 5: Free

Dinner Proceeds are Given to Missions



Welcome to New Members!

The Laack family (Josh, Angela, Isaiah and Campbell) moved to the area from Clear Lake, IA, in 2015. As Josh finished his degree in anesthesia from UW-L, they moved to West Salem. Josh is a Nurse Anesthetist at Mayo Clinic (La Crosse), and Angela is in management at HelpSystems. They met in Waterloo, and were married in 2004 while Josh was still in the Marines. They enjoy the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and the Iowa Hawkeyes. Isaiah is in 4th grade at West Salem, and loves reading, football, and basketball. Campbell is in 3rd grade and enjoys arts and crafts, as well as volleyball and basketball. *Welcome, Laacks!*



All Saints' Sunday

As in past years, we remember on All Saints' Sunday (November 4) all the saints who have gone before us. We remember in our prayers all who continue to grieve, and we thank God for the gift and witness of all who have gone before us. This year we especially remember those who have joined the church triumphant during the past year, including:

Myron Pfaff ~ November 15, 2017
Ronald Buroker ~ November 26, 2017
Roger Anderson ~ November 27, 2017
Harlan Oldendorf ~ December 31, 2017
Roger Van Dyke ~ January 3, 2018
Arne Marking ~ January 7, 2018
Evelyn Marie Seibert ~ March 6, 2018
Mary Kasper ~ March 9, 2018
Gerald (Jerry) Hoth ~ March 10, 2018
Donald (Donnie) Stensven ~ March 30, 2018
Adrienne Hagen ~ April 3, 2018
Byron Fennigkoh ~ April 14, 2018
Jeffrey Semlar ~ April 20, 2018
Nancy Stenberg ~ April 24, 2018
Stella Wee ~ April 26, 2018
Gaylord Gruen ~ May 24, 2018
James Gums ~ May 30, 2018
John Anderson ~ July 6, 2018
Ingrid Brindley ~ August 5, 2018
Harold (Smokey) Dahl ~ August 23, 2018
Lettie Morgan ~ September 15, 2018

Join us on November 4th to celebrate their witness, give thanks for their presence, and pray for continued healing for all who grieve the loss of loved ones!



Pastoral Acts:

Marriages – Katelyn Alexander & Travis Ellenbolt – October 5
Rebecca Wollershiem & Tyler Clements – October 20



Pies for Sale

November 17 & 18

Proceeds for the Care & Share Food Pantry

The food pantry has an excess of pie fillings, so our confirmation students, under the supervision of the Senior Ministry Committee, will be baking pies to be sold following worship that weekend. *Get 'em while they're hot* and join our confirmation students in giving back to the food pantry.

World Hunger Emphasis Sunday

November 17/18



Can you join us this day and make a special gift to feed the hungry?

Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me food...when you did to one of the least of these, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35,40)

More than 800 million people - that's 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry. This should make us all uneasy when we think we don't like what we are eating or when we throw out food that we don't care to eat. This would not happen if we were truly hungry.

Food is a basic need and ELCA World Hunger recognizes food as a universal human right. But ending hunger is about more than food. Long-term sustainable change can be accomplished by connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income.

We start with relationships marked by conversation and listening. We believe people know their own communities best and can identify their needs. Then, we partner with communities to develop a plan to help make those solutions a reality.

You can count on ELCA World Hunger to be cost efficient and effective — less than 10 cents of every dollar is used for program administration and fundraising.

From health clinics to microloans, food pantries to soup kitchens, advocacy to community organizing, your gifts are supporting meaningful solutions that get at the root causes of hunger.

In 2016, your gifts have helped ELCA World Hunger respond to more than 400 projects in nearly 60 countries around the world, including the United States. Our Savior's Lutheran Church houses the community Care and Share Pantry in our basement which is stocked with foods given by community members and distributed Saturday mornings.

The La Crosse Synod has asked each congregation to raise an amount of money related to our membership. In the past we brought a herd of cows, and this year, a flock of sheep to Synod Assembly - each sheep represents \$500 given in donations and we had 7! Monies from our Soup Dinners during Lenten season were given to World Hunger. Ornaments were sold last year, each one representing an animal, service or gift, with monies going to World Hunger. We will do this again and add a weekend of selling fresh home-baked cookies for a donation – all going to World Hunger.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church makes a difference!



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 21 - 7 p.m.

*Come and give thanks to a gracious God for all the gifts of life!
Bring one or more items for the food pantry to leave up at the altar.*



Thanksgiving Gifts

For many years, Our Savior's has shared a Thanksgiving "goodie bag" with our homebound members. Jane Halverson, who has coordinated the bags over the years, has stepped down from that duty. We thank Jane for her dedication over the years to this ministry!

But now...we are looking for someone new. How about you? The task includes the shopping and assembly of about 30 or so bags of goodies and treats to be shared the days prior to Thanksgiving (others will do the delivery!) If you have an interest, see one of the pastors, or contact the office.



Thank you ...

...to the October newsletter mailing crew – Connie Blunck, Bev Bockenbauer, Sandra Holthaus, Carolyn Karl, Carol Peterson and Betty Whitlock.

... to Linda Arentz for making the Communion bread in October.

... to everyone who came to the Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner and Bake Sale. Also an even bigger thank you to everyone who helped in any way. We couldn't do it without you. Final numbers and amount raised will be in the December newsletter.

We'd like to thank you for all your help this past year. We sent out 222 quilts – the same as last year. With the cooler weather now approaching the quilters are looking for ladies to sew quilt tops in the comfort of your own home. Bags of squares ready for sewing can be found in the upstairs coat area. Take them home, sew them up, and then simply bring them back when you are finished. With your help, we can continue this important ministry.

Dorcus Sewing Circle

Bequest Received



Our Savior's recently received a bequest from the estate of Harold "Smokey" Dahl. Smokey was a faithful member of this congregation for a number of years, and a dedicated member of the choir for many of those years. More recently he had been a resident at Onalaska Care Center. Smokey died in August, and his funeral was held here on August 28.

Smokey's bequest was for just under \$70,000. A little over \$48,800 of that amount will go to the Mission Endowment Fund, where it will be held in perpetuity, and at current rates will generate almost \$2000 each year to make a difference in our community and around the world. The balance of the bequest will be designated at a future date by the Congregation Council.

We are thankful to God for Smokey's presence in our community, for God's care for him over the many years, and for his faithful witness to us.

In Loving Memory

Memorial Gifts Received ...

In Memory of Smokey Dahl

From Harold Dahl estate

In Memory of Lettie Morgan from

Bev Bockenhauer

Dan & Kim Backhaus

For Quilting:

Barb Schomburg

Arlan & Sandra Holthaus

Lois Huber

Myron & Diane Hicks

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Mauszycki



Dorothea Brauer



We have recently received word of the death of Dorothea Brauer in Oregon. Dorothea was the wife of Pastor Clarence Brauer, who served Our Savior's from 1966-1987. A biography of Dorothea is in the office, along with the address of family should you want to contact them. We thank God for Dorothea and for Clarence, for their ministry in our midst, and their witness of faith!

Disaster Relief – *Near and Far!*

Disaster relief continues in the Carolinas, Florida, and in our own area. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) enable relief efforts to continue long after the news crews have left. To make gifts to LDR, place your check in an envelope labeled “LDR.” You can also learn more about flood relief in our own area by going to <https://www.lacrosseareasynod.org/floodreliefforts>. Thank you for your support of those in need!



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Simply Giving

Many of us make a variety of payments directly from our bank accounts. Simply Giving allows you to do the same with your contributions to Our Savior’s ministry! A number of our members currently use this service for their contributions. 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 Kris 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.

You asked for it ...



We had requests for the recipes of the dishes that were shared at the Gospel on the Green potluck. Thanks to Heidi Krupicka for sharing her recipe for Swedish Meatballs (the one in the white crockpot that she says “*looked awful but (everyone who ate it said) tasted yummy!*”) ...

Sauce – Mix together in a bowl:

Large container of sour cream

1 packet of brown gravy mix

1 packet of onion soup mix

Bag of frozen meatballs

Put in crockpot for several hours and enjoy!

Congregation Council Review



The Congregation Council met on Monday, October 8, with President Ahles calling the meeting to order. At this meeting the council:

- Discussed the second chapter of The Agile Church, and how we see the world around us changing.
- Approved the council minutes, and received financial reports and reports from the pastors, all for September.
- Heard that the membership review will be ready for council consideration at the November meeting.
- Discussed LED lighting in the building. Directed Pastor Jon to connect with Wehr's Electric to see what might be the most effective package, and to see if there are any rebates available for conversion.
- Directed Pastor Jon to work with Dave Grender to ensure the dishwasher functions properly. Affirmed that if a new heater unit is needed, the upcoming distribution from the Mission Endowment Fund could be used to cover those costs.
- Heard that Harold "Smokey" Dahl included Our Savior's in his planned giving, and that we had received just under \$70,000 from his estate. As per congregational directives, 70% will go to the Mission Endowment Fund; the balance will be designated by the council.

The council meets again on Monday, November 12. See one of the pastors or Steve Ahles if you have any questions.

Mission Support



Thank you for your continued support of our mission and ministry, here in West Salem and around the world! As we approach the end of the year, your support is vital to allowing us to reach our mission goals, and to fully embrace God's calling to us. And if you are a bit behind in your support, this is a great time to catch up!

2018 Ministry at Work			
	Actual – Sept	Actual - YTD	Budget - YTD
Income	\$35,090.29	\$246,348.46	\$270,730.49
Expense	\$30,432.96	\$265,646.65	\$270,992.99
Net	\$4657.33	(\$19,298.19)	

ACOLYTES			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Nov 4	Lutefisk Supper	Ryan Nickles	Ed Schmitz
Nov 10-11	Bennett Turnipseed	Blaine Wheeler	Max Williams
Nov 17-18	Ella Beal	Lauren Bell	Kendall Burkhamer
Nov 21 Thanksgiving Eve	7PM Eva Clements		
Nov 24-25	Alena Donahue	Zachary Fitzpatrick	Benjamin Fleckenstein

BASKET HOLDERS			
		Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Nov 4		Amanda Vick	Carter Walter
Nov 11		Brandon Wiese	Sam Williams
Nov 18		Jack Witte	Riley Wuensch
Nov 25		Trevor Arentz	Emily Bell

USHERS			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Nov 4	Lutefisk Supper	Karl & Kathy Wehrs Mali & Alison Hemker	Scott & Zach Friell
Nov 10-11	Jon Hetland Family	Peter & Kimberly Arentz	Eric & Jill Iliff Family
Nov 17-18	Marjorie & Siri Anderson	Jim Schmitz Family	Kyle Twite Family
Nov 21 Thanksgiving Eve	7PM Jon Hetland Family		
Nov 24-25	Jon Hetland Family	Kyle Twite Family	Eric & Jill Iliff Family

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Nov 4	Lutefisk Supper	Jim Quamme Jane Frank	Naoko Giblin Rich Clements
Nov 10-11	Judy Gilbert	Shannon Weise Larry Blunck	Jaime Fortier Scott Friell
Nov 17-18	Judy Morzinski	Bill Jensen Pam Gresens	Tracy Hesse Corey Sjoquist
Nov 24-25	Karen DeSchepper	Gillian Twite Lynette Ender	Jessica Kennedy Eric Iliff

READERS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Nov 4	Lutefisk Supper	Kathy Wehrs	Carla Burkhardt
Nov 10-11	Bonnie Gensch	Connie Blunck	Vernetta Moe
Nov 17-18	Marjorie Anderson	Lynette Ender	Corey Sjoquist
Nov 21 Thanksgiving Eve	7PM Sharon Olson		
Nov 24-25	Karen DeSchepper	Kathy Wehrs	Eric Iliff

HOME COMMUNION SERVERS

Nov 3-4	Judy Gilbert
Nov 10-11	Pam Gresens
Nov 17-18	Iliff Family
Nov 24-25	Ilene Pavelko

COMMUNION BREAD (*November 17-18*) – Tonya Chandler

ALTAR GUILD Pam Gresens/Jill Iliff

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Once again, you're invited to place poinsettias in the church at Christmas. Many people have found it a special way to remember or to honor someone in this season. You may provide your own plant or we will order a plant for you through Stems Floral Design here in West Salem. Red, white or marbled poinsettias are available for \$20.00. Please let us know how we can acknowledge your poinsettia in the Christmas bulletins.

CHECK ONE:

☐ Please purchase a poinsettia for me. I understand the price is \$20.00.

☐ Red ☐ Pink ☐ White ☐ Marble - Pink/White

☐ I will provide a poinsettia but prefer to purchase my own plant. I will have it at church by December 21.

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Please return this slip and \$20.00 by **December 9** to the church office or put it in an envelope and place it in the offering plate.

You may take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Day worship service.