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April 2019

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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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APRIL 2019

Pastor's Reflections ...

I don't recall when I've had as hard a time writing my "Pastor's Page." Four, maybe five starts, and nothing. Nothing working. Nothing coming out that makes enough sense. Nothing worth sharing.

So maybe I need to rethink this. Go back to basics. Back to the fundamentals.

It's April, we are still in Lent, with Holy Week and Easter a ways away. We are also coming out of a long, harsh winter, a winter that at times begged the question, "Will this ever end???"

So, with all that the winter has brought, I'm a bit weary. I'm needing a boost. I'm needing to see God at work. Someplace, anyplace.

Two days before Spring, I walked around the house. And there, I saw God at work. Despite the wind and cold, the snow and ice, there was a bit of rhubarb beginning to sprout up. I'm not a big rhubarb fan, but Pastor Jean and Rebecca are, so it is still quite the gift – God at work!

Then there was the flooding in the church in mid-March. Larry Blunck stopped by to move a few tables – and ended up staying for almost eight hours working on removing the water. Shortly after Phil and Judy Gilbert came by. Same result – they stayed all day to remove water, and all three came back the next morning to finish the job. What's more, they did it with an attitude – an attitude of grace and "light-heartedness." What a gift – God at work!

And then there were the services we hold on the third Thursday of each month. At Lakeview, the crowd is difficult – most are asleep or not very responsive, but as I ended the service this past month one of the residents made a point to thank me for being there. At Salem Terrace (a very functional group) there were more thanks. And then at Mulder's (they really sing well there!) thanks again. All the while, worship led with the assistance of Ilene Pavelko and Ann Sprain on piano. What a bunch of gifts – God at work!

But of course, I'm a pastor. I know where this is heading. It's heading for the cross and the empty tomb that are still a ways away. And I know that rhubarb, water removal, piano playing, and expressions of thanks – all ways in which God is at work – pale in comparison to what Jesus Christ has done on the cross and in the empty tomb. Let's face it, not much any of us can do to top that!

Still, the other gifts intrigue me. And maybe that's because the other gifts all stand in the shadow of the cross and empty tomb. I don't mean that they are overpowered or overwhelmed by Jesus. Rather, they take on new meaning because of what Jesus does on Good Friday and Easter.

I see the simple gift of rhubarb, the sharing of cleanup, the joining together in worship, but I see something more. I see hope and life in different forms, but always hope and life that is empowered by God's work in Jesus – work that changes the world. In the power of the cross and empty tomb God has turned the world upside down, changing death into life. And in that power, God transforms me over and over again.

And then I realize that while the cross and the empty tomb are yet ahead of me, in these simple gifts I experience God's grace right here, right now. And that is totally awesome – really!

So here's where I'm going with this. Lent is upon us; Holy Week and Easter are just ahead. ***Do not lose sight of what God has done – and know that your life has been changed by God's work in Jesus!***

But...remember that what God has done has already changed your life and your world. So don't just look around and smell the roses. Know that in those roses (or whatever gift you see), the power of the cross and empty tomb empowers you and your life. Every moment of every day!

Pastor Jon

Hungry Jar Offering for April Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM)/ELCA



Imagine, for a moment, stepping into an experience that will transform your life. A year dedicated to serving others, experiencing a new culture and living in deep mutual relationship. That is what happens for our young

adults who commit a year of service through the ELCA to Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM). Our La Crosse Area Synod has had several young adults participating in this ministry. This year, Khadijah Islam, a member of Journey Lutheran (Holmen) and 2018 graduate of UW-L, was selected to serve as a YAGM for the ELCA in Rwanda for the 2018-19 service year. You can support Khadijah through donations, thoughts, prayers, good vibes, etc. and you can follow her story by going to the La Crosse Area Synod website/What we do/Global Mission/Young Adults in Global Mission to check out her blog page (Khadijah in Kayonza) for a photo gallery and information about Rwanda. Our April Hungry Jar offering will help the YAGM program and Khadijah's ministry.





Wednesdays in Lent April 3 through April 10

11:30 a.m.

Mid-day contemplative worship

5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer Worship

“The Gospel According to Jesus’ Enemies”

6:15 p.m.

Soup supper with proceeds to fight
hunger around the world



Holy Week and Easter Worship

Maundy Thursday

7 PM. Holy Communion with
Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

1:30 PM. Service of the Word
8 PM Service of Tenebrae

Easter Sunday

Festive Celebration of Holy Communion
6:30 + 8:30 + 10:30 AM.
(NO Saturday worship)

Easter Garden in the Sanctuary

Once again you will have the opportunity to fill the sanctuary with flowers in memory or honor of a loved one(s). The cost of the spring flowers is \$20. Our Green Thumb Committee will use the money to buy an assortment of spring flowers for an Easter display. Forms are available in the Church Office, and are due, along with the \$20, by April 7. These gifts and names will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin.



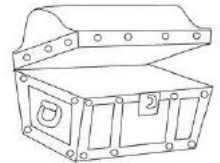


SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are almost to the cross and the empty tomb of Easter morning. The kids are learning about Jesus' life and ministries along the way with the help of our friends from *Whirl* and our faithful teachers. We will end our time together on Mother's Day (May 12) and celebrate our year together. We'd love to have you join us on the rest of our journey!

And ... Don't forget your offering! The "friendly competition" between our classes continues as the children bring their offerings for God's Barnyard. As of late March, our **3rd grade** class continues to hold the lead at \$182.50 in offering, while the Kindergarten and 5th grade classes are back and forth with the **Kindergarten** class now at \$174.50, and the **5th grade** class closing in at \$152.11. So far for the year, together we have collected \$797.20. Can we make it to \$1,000 by Mother's Day? The more animals in our barnyard, the more we can help to end hunger.

Don't forget about our Sunday School Treasure Box! We get to visit the Treasure Box as we celebrate attendance milestones. Check out these kids with "perfect" attendance or "missed once" during the **3rd quarter**:



Perfect:

5th Grade: Lydia Jothen ... 4th Grade: Brianna Mathison, Graham Sjoquist ... 3rd Grade: Jesse Jothen, Casey Mathison ... 1st Grade: Anna Vick ... Kindergarten: Noah Evenson, Addyson Knebes, Mabel Sjoquist ... Pre-K: Makynlee Crankshaw, Alise Jothen, Mason Knebes

Missed once:

5th Grade: Bennett Fennigkoh ... 4th Grade: Nate Stefferud, Lily Twite ... 3rd Grade: Arianna Clements, Zander Clements ... 2nd Grade: Alana Steinke, Adelyn Tlustosch ... 1st Grade: Amy Stefferud ... Kindergarten: Ellie Tlustosch, Max Twite ... Pre-K: Lainey Steinke

And now check out those kids with "perfect" or "missed once" so far for the **whole year**!

Perfect:

5th Grade: Lydia Jothen ... Pre-K: Alise Jothen

Missed once:

3rd Grade: Jesse Jothen, Casey Mathison ... 1st Grade: Anna Vick ... Kindergarten: Noah Evenson ... Pre-K: Makynlee Crankshaw



And a special "shout out" to the 15 students who braved the winter storm on February 24th to come to Sunday school – plus 10 of them (3rd-5th graders) sang in church during 10:30 worship – and they sounded great!!

Sunday School Offering

Our Sunday School offerings this year are being collected for **God's Global Barnyard**. Each week the classes are adding to our barnyard depending on how much offering was collected the week before. The more that a class collects, the bigger the animal that is added. Our barnyard is bursting at the seams! Way to go kids! Six more weeks! Check out the barnyard between the pastor's offices.



Important Dates

Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday) - Grades 4K-5 sing during 10:30 am worship

Sunday, April 21 (Easter) - Grades 4K-5 sing during 10:30 am worship

**** Note:** there is no class on Easter, just the kids singing!

Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day) - Grades 4K-5 sing during 10:30 am worship

**** Note:** this is the last day of Sunday school

Parents ... can you help ...



We are looking for parents to help with our annual Sunday School end of year ice cream social on May 12th! We will provide the ice cream, if you could help serve it. We could also use some bars or cookies to go along with the ice cream. If you can help with this, please speak to Pastor Jean.

Mark your calendars now and watch for more information in the coming months!

July 29-August 1

Intergenerational Vacation Bible School



First Communion Instruction

First Communion workshops will be held on **Sundays, March 31 and April 14 from 1:30 - 3 PM**. We ask **parents and students** to be at **BOTH** sessions. We will learn about the gifts that God shares in the bread and wine, and how God embraces us with the grace of Jesus. We will also make wine cups and communion bread, and use both on Maundy Thursday.



This will be for all those in 5th grade. If there are confirmation students who have not had the class yet, or if there are younger students who would like to receive the sacraments, please speak with one of the pastors to make special arrangements.

First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 7 PM. Invite baptismal sponsors, grandparents, and other family and friends to join us! See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more information.



Frolic Sunday, April 28 - 9:15 a.m.

Frolic, our ministry to 0-3 year olds and their parents. We gather on the **last** Sunday of the month to listen to music, hear a story, and spend time together, parents sharing their faith with their child. Know that you are always welcome –

we never seem to have the same group each time. *Please note this is the last Sunday morning gathering of the school year – we will resume in September.* Watch for a special gathering in May – more details to come.



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP - 2019 "Creating Sacred Space"

Check out the brochures for camp on the kiosk in the gathering area!

OUR SAVIOR'S CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE

\$100 full week -- \$50 half week

Request forms due in the office NO LATER than May 1st

(Forms will be available in the church office, on the kiosk in the gathering area, or on the website – www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)



Confirmation

Confirmation classes for 6th -8th graders, and After School for all grades, resume on April 24. Confirmation Sunday for 9th graders is April 28. Please keep our confirmation students, parents, and guides in your prayers as they continue to explore what it means to be disciples of Jesus!

Graduate Recognition



High school seniors and parents, mark your calendars now! High school graduate recognition is set for Sunday, May 19, at the 10:30 worship service. We will honor our graduates, ask God's blessings upon them, announce scholarship winners, and celebrate with a bit of cake and punch after worship! Don't miss it! More details in the May newsletter.



Scholarships

Scholarship deadlines are fast approaching. Graduating high school seniors can apply for one of several scholarships. A scholarship is also available to college freshman who have been active in a faith community during their year at school. Deadline is April 30.

Finally, at any time during the year non-traditional students can apply for a scholarship from the Homer Moe Scholarship.

Information forms and applications for all three scholarship programs are available on the youth display outside Pastor Jon's office. See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean if you have any questions

Garden Plots

A parcel of land will again be made available to any members of the congregation interested in establishing a summer garden. The parcel can be sized to fit your needs. The plot is located 1½ miles north of West Salem directly off County Road M. Senior Exit Project gardens have been established in prior years. If you are interested in reserving a parcel or have questions call Jim at 786-1236.



Affirmation of Baptism



Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) will be on Sunday, April 28, at 10:30 AM, as we ask God's blessings on our 9th graders. Parents are reminded to take only one pew per family, with extra seating in the back of the sanctuary, the balcony, and the Gathering Area.

9th graders will meet on Sunday, April 7 after 10:30 worship for a brunch and rehearsal for Confirmation.

We are excited to see these young people move forward as disciples of Jesus, and to support them in their faith journey. Please keep them in your prayers!

This year's class includes:

Adam Chandler
Delaney Christianson
Madelyn England
Kylee Gander
Justin Hennessey

Madeline Janisch
Zach Long
Megan Marcou
CJ McConkey
Elsa Mitchell

Ryan Nickles
Ed Schmitz
Bennett Turnipseed
Blaine Wheeler
Maxwell Williams



A very special thanks to our group guides for this class: Ryan Wheeler, Sarah Hennessey, Tiffany Janisch, and Deelyn Christianson. Thank you for your work, your commitment, and your care for these young people!



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:

Aubrey Johnson (WTC), **Sara Novak** (UW-EC), **Kate Nuttleman** (UW-M), **Anna Jacobson** (UW-Stout), **McKenah Olson** (UW-EC) and **Courtney Koepp** (UW-M).

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And we also pray for our students in military service: **Nathan Selck** (United States Marines).



Summer Lunches On the Horizon!

We have received word that the school's attempt at a grant to provide summer lunches has again been denied. So...get ready...this is our moment to respond to a need in our community!



Again this year Angie Hemker will coordinate the lunch program (thank you, Angie!). Your support, financial, in kind, and especially your time and energy, along with the support of the community around us will make this ministry successful again this year. To find out how you can make a difference through summer lunches, contact Angie, or speak with one of the pastors. Watch for more information in the May newsletter!

What's going on in the Youth World!?



Mission Trip 2019



There will be a mission trip meeting on April 7 following the 10:30 service where we will discuss upcoming fundraisers, plan for the trip, and cover any questions that people may have. It's not too late to sign up for the trip, so please see Cat or Pastor Jon if there are any questions.

Male Chaperone Needed - Please help! We are still in need of a male chaperone to attend the New Mexico mission trip June 14-24. Please see Cat or Pastor Jon if you have questions or are interested.

Flamingos

If you haven't gotten your insurance yet, expect to see some flamingos flock your yard! Our flamingos have multiplied in the past year which means more yards we get to flock. The date of flocking is tentatively planned for April 22 (weather permitting) and sign-ups are on the youth board outside of Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean's offices. It's not too late to get insurance--\$35 is comprehensive and you will not be flocked or there is a name your price where you can't be flocked unless someone pays more to flock you than you paid for insurance. You can also request to have someone flocked for a generous donation of \$10. Please consider being a part of this fun adventure and fundraiser!



Operation Clean-up



Do you need assistance cleaning your yard or garden to prepare for spring? Our Savior's Mission Trip team is here to help! We will come and rake, weed, plant, shovel, etc. to help you get your work done in time for everything to bloom. Call Cat to set up a time for the youth to help. Cost is \$20, please help support our mission trip team!

Breakfast Club Challenge



Want to win some cool prizes? Come check out breakfast club every Sunday from 9:15-10:15. The student who attends the most meetings the month of April will win a prize along with the student who refers the most students. Please see Cat if you have any questions.

Thank You



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Texas Roadhouse fundraiser! We raised \$100 to help our mission trip members get to Crownpointe, NM this summer. We appreciate all of your support! Check out our next fundraiser in May at Hansen's brat barn.

SENIOR CONNECTION

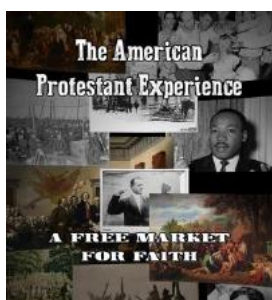
Coffee & Conversation at Linda's Bakery 9:15 AM on Tuesday, April 9

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Check out the Senior Connection bulletin board (outside of the Koinonia Room) for additional opportunities.

- ❖ A listing of Bus Trips offered through Onalaska Park & Rec ... maybe several would be interested in checking that out *(if you want more information about this, talk to Caryll Loughan who has participated on these trips in the past)*
- ❖ A listing of others who might be interested in connecting to do something ... for coffee, a movie, cards, golf, a day trip somewhere, the Heider Center, the Y, a meal, be creative!
- ❖ A place to seek help (that you are willing to pay for) for projects around the house, lawn mowing, etc.
- ❖ A place for our young people to offer their services (for a price) to help around the house, lawn mowing, etc.

**And ... save the date ... watch for more details ...
we will need an RSVP
Thursday, August 1st
La Crosse Queen Paddleboat tour and lunch at Piggy's**



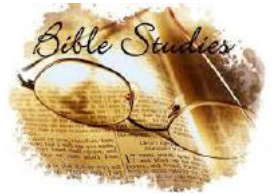
The American Protestant Experience April 8th @ Salem Terrace – 10:00 am Join us for coffee & study



The coffee is perking as we gather for fellowship and study. We meet in the small kitchenette off the parking lot between Salem Terrace & Mill Street Manor. All are welcome!

Adult Studies

Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 9:30 in the Library. We are making our way through 2 Corinthians. Our study includes sharing, reflection, and lots of conversation. No previous knowledge or experience required!



Forward: Fearless and Faithful!

The Forward: Fearless and Faithful team is moving ahead. We will have our first meeting with our coach – Carla Stanton, from First Lutheran, Onalaska – on April 2. We will also be gathering with other “F3” congregations in late April, and look forward to sharing what we learn with the congregation. Please keep the team – Jim Kerkman, Becki Murphy, Jen Linse, Carolyn Karl, and Kyle Twite (along with Pastor Jean and Pastor Jon) – in your prayers. And keep watching for updates in the coming months!

La Crosse Area Synod Spring Convention

Ladies of Our Savior's, would you like to hear firsthand from a Lutheran World Relief representative about the school bags and quilts we send every year? Michael Johnson from Minneapolis will be speaking at the La Crosse Area Synod Spring Convention on Saturday, April 6, at Bethany Lutheran, New Lisbon. The theme is: "All Anew, Eyes to the Future." Registration and coffee at 8:30 am; cost \$12 (includes lunch). A registration form is on the kiosk. To arrange for rides or more information, contact Connie Blunck, 786-0684, or Bev Bockenbauer, 786-1987.



CHECK IT OUT ...

Can't see the bulletin ... we have large print bulletins



Can't hear the worship service ... we have a hearing assist device

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.





The 50 Cent Challenge

Last month we introduced to you our challenge - \$0.50/day for a year to restore our mission support, or in other words, 50 cents a day for Jesus!

Why? Our budget this year is stressed, and even after reducing mission support, we have a deficit budget – and we did not increase any salaries to employees. That’s bad news!

On the other hand, we aren’t far off from restoring what we needed to reduce. Hence, the challenge – can you give up a can of soda pop a day (about 50 cents) for the sake of Jesus? If 50 families can do that – 50 cents a day, or \$180 for the year – we should be able to overcome our deficit, and then even restore some or all of our mission support.

In adopting our budget for this year the annual meeting embraced this challenge and authorized the Congregation Council, at the end of the year, to use any surplus for the year to restore mission support and/or provide employees with an end of year increase, at its discretion.

But what’s the good news in all of this? Remember? We aren’t all that far off. 50 cents a day is just the can of soda pop – something most of us can easily handle. We can do this!

So the challenge is to do it, and for all of us to do it. \$180/year is small enough that we can all pretty much manage it, but also small enough that we all need to be a part of the solution – we can’t just assume someone else will step forward.

To date we have already received several “\$180’s”, with another bunch promised. Some have written the check. Others are looking at making it monthly. Regardless, your support will make a difference.

Watch the mailing for first quarter statements in mid-April as we roll out our challenge, and as we continue to work together to change lives for Jesus!



Electronic Giving



For years, Our Savior’s has made use of Simply Giving as a way to make contributions electronically. Even as you read this, several new methods for electronic giving are being set up. In addition to Simply Giving, you will very soon (maybe even already!) be able to make contributions from an app, texting, or managing your “simply giving” on your own through a secure web site. And of course, checks and cash are always welcome!

Watch for more details in the bulletin, your first quarter statement (set to be mailed in mid- April), or the May newsletter. For more information, see Kris in the office, or one of the pastors. Thank you for all your support!

Coffee Servers Needed

We are looking for coffee servers and bakers for social hour between morning services. Making coffee with the Bunn system is easy & quick. We can easily teach you. Baking is a good chance to try out that new recipe you found. Please sign up in the gathering area or give us your e-mail to be on our group list.

We are also considering what to do during the Summer. Options are: continue every Sunday, pick certain Sundays, ask groups or committees to pick a Sunday, another idea? or discontinue during the summer. If you enjoy coffee hour, please give us some direction to pursue. Thank you in advance. *From: Lynette Funder & Melody Schmitz*



Flood Relief

The quick thaw in mid-March was welcome, sort of! The melting snows and the waters that followed led to some unexpected and never-before-experienced water in the lower level of the church, specifically the hallway, food pantry rooms, Frolic room, and kitchen. Thank you to Wayne Affeldt and Jim Quamme for diverting some of the water away from the building. A special thank you to Larry Blunck and to Judy and Phil Gilbert for over eight hours of work to remove the water and clean the floors. By the time they were done the floors were cleaner than they've been in a long time! We deeply appreciate your time and effort!

June Dairy Days

Yes, it's true – June Dairy Days are fast approaching – May 31-June 2! Our Savior's has two responsibilities – the Fun Run, and sharing the food booth with St. Leo's and Prince of Peace. We need your help – our share of the proceeds supports and strengthens our youth ministry and our outreach to fight world hunger. Sign-up sheets will be out following Easter, so watch for them!



Thank you...

...to the March newsletter mailing crew - Connie & Larry Blunck, Bev Bockenbauer, Judy Morzinski, Carolyn Karl, Velma Schmidt.

...to Eric Sorenson for making the Communion bread for March.

Notes from college students:

... I just wanted to thank you so much for the Kwik trip card that you so graciously sent me. The Kwik trip card will definitely help with gas money for driving to school. I have enjoyed teaching Sunday school this past year and look forward to continue being an active member of the church. Thanks and blessings,

Abbey Vick



Our Savior's Mission in the World *God's Work...Our Hands*

Another in a series of snapshots of the ministry and mission in which we are engaged as part of our faithful stewardship and discipleship.

ELCA Seminaries

Ever wonder where pastors come from? Seminaries! And that makes them special places. While not all students will go on to be pastors, most will follow that route. Seminary training is academic, practical, and pastoral. But most of all seminaries are places where disciples of Jesus are molded and shaped to be faithful to their calling as ordained leaders in the church.

Seminaries train pastors to be theologians, teachers, counselors, leaders, and administrators among other things. It's an intense journey. Lots to learn and lots of growing to happen. Most of all, however, for Lutherans the task of the pastor (and the teaching task of the seminary) is to proclaim the Word and administer the Sacraments.

The ELCA has seven seminaries, including Wartburg (Dubuque – Pastor Jean's school), Luther (St. Paul – where Bonnie Klos of Our Savior's attended), LSTC (Chicago – Pastor Jon's school).

Most students spend three years in classroom work studying the Bible, Theology, church history, and learning ministry skills. In addition, they spend a year on internship and participate in a three month chaplaincy program. In all of their studies they work on discerning their calling and developing their leadership skills.



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God's work. Our hands.

Our Savior's supports seminaries through our mission support dollars sent to the synod and the ELCA. That's important because a student in seminary right now just might be our pastor someday. ***Thank you... Your giving – and our mission support – make a difference to us and to the world!***

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Our Savior's Loves New Members!



We love to welcome new partners in our life and work as disciples of Jesus! If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining Our Savior's, please contact one of the pastors. We'll get you set!



Pastoral Acts:

Funeral – Dawn Andres – March 12

Funeral – Diane Pfaff – March 16

In Loving Memory

Memorial Gifts Received ...

In Memory of Lois Willinger from

Eric & Lynette Ender	Bruce & Dawn Eckelberg
Greg & Pam Hutson	Herb & Sylvia Hetland
Robert & Carol Miller	Sharon Sprain
Jeanette & Ron Hoyer	Tom & Diane Greene
Shirley & Allan Rogge	Arlan & Saundra Holthaus
Jim Michelson	Doris Michelson
Chuck & LaVerne Paulson	Family & Friends



In Memory of Diane Pfaff from

Dave & Angie Hemker

In Memory of Dawn Andres

For Music from Lois Rand

For Dorcas Sewing from Bill & Marsha Bateman

Sabbatical



Pastor Jon's sabbatical is coming soon. In accord with La Crosse Area Synod policy, he will take three months to "rest, reflect, and renew." The week of May 21 he will go "part time," and then full time beginning May 27. His sabbatical will end with a "part time" week in late August, and will lead worship again on August 24/25.

What will his sabbatical include? Pastor Jean will join him using her vacation time as they travel to Germany and New York. He will also spend some time reading, writing, doing a bit of photography, and maybe a little fishing in Lake Neshonoc.

During his time away, Pastor Jean will be the pastoral presence at Our Savior's. We will have several guest preachers during that time, in order to give Pastor Jean an occasional break. Our preachers will be representative of ministries that impact our work and life as a community. Watch the May newsletter for that schedule!

Congregation Council Review

The Congregation Council did not meet in March due to one-time scheduling conflicts leaving us short of a quorum. The council meets again on April 8. See one of the pastors or Lynette Ender if you have any questions.



Staff Changes



Sherri Neal, our custodian for the past few years is off to Florida – we thank Sherri for her work with us, and ask God’s blessings on her as she seeks out new adventures in life. We also thank Josh Corning, who has assisted us with snow removal over the past two winters, for coming on board as an interim custodian. The Administration Committee will soon consider our options to ensure that we have a clean building!

Thanks too, to Josh Iliff for volunteering some NHS time to support some of our custodial work with setting up for Sunday School.

Mission Support



2019 is off and running. God is at work, good things are happening, and opportunities for faithful discipleship abound! Thank you for your continued support of our mission and ministry, here in West Salem and around the world. Though the winter weather has taken its toll, we continue to be blessed.

If the weather has kept you away, we hope that the breaking of winter gives you the opportunity to return to worship, and to continue your partnership as together we make a difference in the world.

Thank you for all that you share for the sake of the world and the gospel of Jesus Christ!

2019 Ministry at Work			
	Actual – Feb	Actual - YTD	Budget - YTD
Income	\$20,934.36	\$43,633.66	\$54,207.83
Prepaid in 2018		\$25,547.07	\$25,547.07
Expense	\$28,593.70	\$62,087.90	\$59,730.33
Net	(\$7659.34)	\$7092.83	

ACOLYTES			
	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
April 3 - Wednesday Lent	5:30 PM Adrianna Massman	7 PM Adam Chandler	
April 6-7	Delaney Christianson	Madelyn England	Kylee Gander
April 10 - Wednesday Lent	5:30 PM Justin Hennessey	7 PM Madeline Janisch	
April 13-14 Palm Sunday	Zachary Long	Megan Marcou	Mallory Matheny
April 18 Maundy Thursday	7 PM Bennett Turnipseed		
April 20	No Worship		
April 21 Easter	6:30 AM Ella Beal	8:30 AM Lauren Bell	10:30 AM Needed
April 27-28	Eva Clements	Alena Donahue	Anna McConkey

BASKET HOLDERS			
		Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
April 7		Celia Mitchell	Kenzie Murphy
April 14		Ian Nickles	Sydney Niemeier
April 18 Maundy Thursday	7 PM Elliott Sjoquist		
April 21 Easter	6:30 AM Amanda Vick	8:30 AM Brandon Wiese	10:30 AM Jack Witte
April 28		Carter Walter	Sam Williams

HOME COMMUNION SERVERS

April 6-7 Betty Whitlock / Diane McClintock
 April 13-14 Marjorie Anderson
 April 21-Easter Dottie Baumgartner
 April 27-28 Bev Bockenbauer

COMMUNION BREAD (*April 21 - Easter*) - Dana Roemhild & Stacey Sjoquist

ALTAR GUILD Kristin Tschumper / Susan Giblin

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
April 6-7	Bonny Goodenough	Shannon Wiese Kyle Twite	Tracy Hesse Michelle Witte
April 13-14 Palm Sunday	Jon Hetland	Pam Gresens Eric Ender	Steve Ahles Darlene Affeldt
April 18 Maundy Thursday	7 PM Marty & Jane Frank		
April 20	No Worship		
April 21 Easter	6:30 AM Jim Quamme Lynette Ender	8:30 AM Bonny Goodenough Steve Ahles Bill & Dori Jensen	10:30 AM Jaime Fortier Marjorie Anderson Eric & Jill Iliff
April 27-28 Confirmation	Karen DeSchepper	Gillian Twite Larry Blunck	Carla Burkhardt Wendy Kane Cat Bottem Tracey Beckley

READERS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
April 6-7		Lynette Ender	
April 13-14 Palm Sunday	Marjorie Anderson	Kathy Wehrs	Jim Quamme
April 18 Maundy Thursday	7 PM		
April 20	No Worship		
April 21 Easter	6:30 AM Lynette Ender	8:30 AM Kathy Wehrs	10:30 AM Eric Iliff
April 27-28			Confirmation Students

USHERS

	Saturday 6 p.m.	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
April 6-7	Keith & Jan Goetzinger	Leon Herried	Adam Kennedy Family
April 13-14 Palm Sunday	Jim & Marjorie Anderson	Karl & Kathy Wehrs	Adam Kennedy Family
April 18 Maundy Thursday	7 PM		
April 19 Good Friday	1:30 PM	8 PM	
April 20	No Worship		
April 21 Easter	6:30 AM Chad Vick Family	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
April 27-28	Dennis & Ann Sprain		

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