

Our Savior's Voice

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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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.***

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Pastor's Reflections

Reconnecting ...

As I write this the predicted temperatures for the week are supposed to top 100 degrees! And, I'm supposed to be thinking about fall activities? What's wrong with this picture?



But, I am excited for the fall ... I love the cooler, crisp weather, the leaves changing colors, and football! Friday night as we sat on our deck we could hear the crowd at the high school cheering and yelling during the first football game of the season ... a wild game it had to be ... we couldn't help but be drawn in just from listening and feeling the excitement! (*West Salem beat Onalaska in overtime!*)

I'm also excited for new beginnings ... reconnecting ... here at church. ***There are so many things to be drawn into, to be a part of ...***



So many times, we hear from others what a welcoming place Our Savior's is. You are a part of making that happen. A simple smile, a warm 'hello', engaging someone you don't recognize in conversation, a listening ear ... **being a part of the "Welcoming Team" greeting people before a worship service ...**

Another part of being welcoming is taking time to visit over a cup of coffee or juice, with a sweet (or healthy) treat in your hand between services. If you can brew a pot or bake a treat, **coffee fellowship time awaits you.**

Music has always been a highlight of worship, whether it's congregational singing or special music, you help make it happen. **Opportunities abound ... senior choir, small groups singing, handbell choir, playing instruments for special services, Sunday School choir ...**

If you have missed other voices reading the lessons, now that we are getting the sound system perfected, we will once again have **the ability to have lectors**. Who wants to join us?

Being able to serve communion has always been something that is meaningful to me, all the way back to my time as a young adult at my home congregation. I invite you to share in this experience with me now!

We have talked about the new tech project for what seems like forever, but it really is in and the possibilities to use it are almost endless. **We are looking for some “techy” folks (NO age limit!) who love to “play” with technology to help operate the new equipment during worship.** The camera is really powerful, so no zooming in on the Pastor’s nose, or ear, or a spot on our collar!



We are fed by the enthusiasm of our children and young adults. The sounds of babies crying and cooing, the chattering of children, tells us there is new life, new energy in our midst. Sunday School and confirmation provides “formal” ways to educate our young people. **Caring adults share their faith with the kids, and the kids share their faith with us.**

As our kids get older, we don’t want them to think they are forgotten, because they’re not. After watching them grow through Sunday School and confirmation, all of their activities in high school, then they go away to college. We do our best to **keep connected with our college students** to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Education isn’t just for the young ... children aren’t the only ones seeking to be fed with God’s Word. Pastor Jon has a Wednesday morning Bible study where he loves to **delve into the scripture for the week**, but they are also known to get side-tracked as there is always time for sharing and

caring for each other. He would be eager to start a new group some time as well ... let him know you're interested!

We appreciate and embrace our seniors with their wealth of knowledge and wisdom. Although we like to do intergenerational things – like having **“adopted grandparents”** in our Sunday School classes, and **sending cards to our shut-ins and those 80+** – we also need time to commiserate with those our own age – our **Senior Connections and OWLS groups** help us do just that. A group meets monthly for treats and conversation at Linda's Bakery. And, we are ready to resume OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans over 55) – got some ideas for what you'd like to do??



Ministry happens within our walls ... but ministry also happens as we reach outside our walls ...

- * **Communion is brought to our homebound members** – a time for conversation and care. If you have the “gift of gab” join us!
- * **Quilts are made that will go around the world** providing warmth, color, and even shelter for those in need.
- * **Prayer shawls are crafted and gifted** to those who need to feel God's love surrounding them whether it be in times of need or times of joy.
- * **The food pantry** provides groceries for neighbors who may be experiencing a difficult time in their lives.
- * **Feed Our Children** allows children to have a nutritious lunch (and breakfast) during the summer months.
- * The **annual corn roast is our gift to the community**, a way to thank our neighbors for partnering with us.
- * The **Norwegian Dinner** allows us to provide resources for many different organizations that help others in need in our local community and beyond ... plus it's fun!
- * We have **a dedicated group whose passion is World Hunger** who help educate us and encourage us to care for others across the globe.

Notice all the stuff in bold ... lots happening, not just to stay busy, but to be a blessing to the world (Genesis 12:2-3), to make a difference in the lives of others, and to be the presence of Jesus in our little corner of the world.



So ... whether you're new to the congregation or pondering new ways to be involved ... we have a place for you ... **now is the time to jump in, get**

your feet wet, and feel the excitement!

Being drawn into the excitement with you,
Pastor Jean



- ♥ Jesus is Lord and Savior.
- ♥ All are welcome, and we are intentional about that welcome.
- ♥ God gifts and calls every one of every age to be a difference maker in the world.
- ♥ We treasure the gift of creation and embrace the call to protect God's world.
- ♥ We value the gathering of God's people in worship and all our ministries.
- ♥ We seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in a world that has changed dramatically.



Worship Update

Saturday 6 PM

Sunday 8 & 10/10:30 AM

Note that worship returns to 10:30 AM starting September 10th



Meanwhile...

Virtual worship options remain...



We **Zoom 10/10:30 AM Sunday worship** (check out our home page for the link and have your Communion elements handy!)

We also record worship and post it as a YouTube by 10:00 am on Sunday. You can access this worship at any time through our web site: www.oursaviorswestsalem.org/videos ... You can even catch up on previous weeks!

And soon ... livestreaming of the 10/10:30 worship. The tech work is complete – now we are learning to use it – please be patient, and watch for the livestream worship in the near future!

Faith Formation ...

Join us ...

September 10

Gather in the Sanctuary
at 9:15 AM



Our Sunday School Classroom Grandparents have
been invited to join us, too ...

**Mark your calendars ... invite a friend ...
and join us!**



Note: Sunday School registration forms for all
grades are available on the church website
(www.oursaviorswestsalem.org).

Sunday School Offering Water of Life



This year we will be joining with the
rest of the congregation in supporting the ELCA World
Hunger Water of Life Project. Watch for more information in
the coming months ... as we fill our water buckets with our
weekly offerings! Check out the bulletin board by Pastor
Jean's office to watch our progress.

Backpack Blessing - September 9-10



If you are a **student (of any age!)** attending school, bring your backpacks, laptop bags, or whatever else you use. We will share a blessing and a reminder of God's love and presence as we begin another year of learning.



It's School Kit Time!

We will be collecting school supplies through September for the kits we assemble and send, literally around the world, through Lutheran World Relief!

At this time, our biggest need is notebooks, scissors, and pens (see below). Thanks to your generosity we have an abundance of pencils. We will gladly take any of the items listed below. Place them in the box in the gathering area.

Each School kit contains the following:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1 – 30 cm ruler/12 inch | 1 – pencil sharpener |
| 1 – BLUNT scissors | 5 – UN sharpened pencils |
| 1 – box 24 crayons | 1 – 2-1/2-inch eraser |
| 4 – 70 sheet notebooks (no loose-leaf paper) | |
| 5 – blue or black ball point pens (no gel ink) | |

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children!

The kits will be taken to Good Shepherd on October 9, along with our quilts, to be shipped around the world.

We thank Jim Michelson for his work coordinating this project for many, many years! Tiffany Janisch will take over this year, and we thank her for her willingness to do that.

Faith Formation ...



Confirmation Ministry

Confirmation ministry is getting ready for a new year of “disciple making.” This year, however, there will be some **changes!**

The Congregation Council has affirmed eliminating small groups and combining the 7th-9th grade years into a 7th-8th grade cycle. That means 8th graders will be confirmed this coming April as will 9th graders (on a different Sunday). And it means that this year will be a transition year. How will that all work?

6th grade remains the same (why mess with success?). Corey Sjoquist will lead 6th graders through the Bible from Genesis to the building of the Church in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. Classes meet on Wednesdays at 6 PM. See the schedule below.

7th grade will meet each week at 6 PM, except the last Wednesday of the month. Pastor Jon will teach the Catechetical material – Sacraments, Apostle’s Creed, and the Ten Commandments – while Becky Murphy again teaches Servant Leadership. In addition, a series of electives taught by a variety of folk, will also be a part of the learning. See the schedule below.

8th grade will now meet on Wednesdays at **7 PM**, and will include prayer and the Lord’s Prayer, and Servant Leadership, along with what had been part of the 9th grade material.

9th grade will join with the 8th graders on the nights when the previous 9th grade material is shared.

For starters ... **Wednesday, September 6** ...

6 PM – 6th and 7th grade parent student meeting

7 PM – 8th and 9th grade parent student meeting

Then, September 13 ... classes begin!

See Pastor Jon for more information – and remember, there is always room for new students!

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation Schedule - September

September 13

6 PM – 7th & 8th Grade – Scavenger Hunt for Food Pantry

7 PM – 9th Grade – Class

September 20

6 PM – 7th Grade – Class

7 PM – 8th Grade – Class

9th Grade – NO CLASS

September 27

7th & 8th Grade – NO CLASS

7 PM – 9th Grade - Class

Attention 10th – 12th graders...

Ready to channel your “inner disciple?”

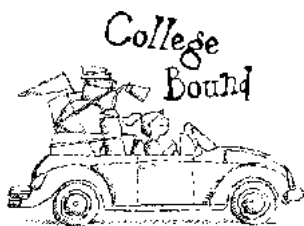


Join Rachel Holthaus on Wednesdays at 7 PM to explore...and discover... God's call to faithful living and servant leadership as a disciple of Jesus.

Bible study...conversation...sharing...praying...
maybe a few treats too?

September 13 and 20 @ 7 PM
Youth Room

For more information see Pastor Jon.



college+
connection

It's that time of year again ... already!
Whether you're going to WTC and living at home or traveling to the far ends of the country, we need your **campus address** and your **email address**!

You are important to us and we want to keep in touch –
Please get the information to the office or to Pastor Jean.



Hungry Jar Offering for September – Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)

Multiple wildfires have broken out on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. Thousands of people are under evacuation orders, some moving to other Hawaiian Islands. Wildfires have also affected the Big Island of Hawaii, and the islands remain vulnerable to more fires this season. *As of this writing, hurricanes are pounding California, as well, and LDR will be there helping them too.*

LDR is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires in Hawaii and hurricanes in California. LDR will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. LDR is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead.



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

♥ July – Lutheran Campus Ministry -
\$206.95



Adult Bible Study

*Wednesdays 9:30-11 AM
In the Library – or join us by
Zoom*

We are still studying ... so much to learn! Come and join us as we study the coming Sunday's gospel reading, ponder God's message to us, and have some time for good conversation and fellowship.

See Pastor Jon for more information, or to get the Zoom link.



**Coffee & Conversation
at Linda's Bakery
9:30 AM on Tuesday, September 12**

SYNOD SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY: BIBLE ENCOUNTER

*An Adult Education Opportunity for
Congregations of the La Crosse Area Synod*



1. GATHER A GROUP(S) OF ADULT LEARNERS

In September 2023, we are encouraging Congregations to gather adult education large or small groups that would like to take a dive into the Bible together.

2. MEET 2-3 TIMES IN YOUR SMALL GROUPS

Congregational groups will be encouraged to meet 2-3 times throughout September to watch a series of videos created by Pastor Len Liptack of the La Crosse Area Synod, study, and discuss scripture.



3. LARGE GROUP EVENT FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

On October 5th, all small groups across the La Crosse Area Synod are invited to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in La Crosse at 6:30 pm for fellowship and a Final Class with Pastor Len Liptack.

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US THIS SEPTEMBER!!!!



La Crosse Area Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

<https://lacrosseareasynd.org/school-of-theology>



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Lutheran Church
in America

Hey ... ready to make this work?

Join us Thursdays, September 14-21-28, at 6:30 PM in the Library ... to begin the adventure! See Pastor Jon for more information.

Senior Choir

The Senior Choir invites you to be a member of our group! We have a great time and love making music together. New members are always welcome. We usually sing for church services three times a month, and fall rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00, in the balcony. Come and join us!



Thank You ...

... to the musicians that provided summer music for our services! The music you provide enhances our worship, and we appreciate your time and dedication. These musicians

include: Jen Linse, Naoko Giblin, Carla Burkhardt, Melissa Haldeman, Bonny Goodenough, Eric Sorenson, and the SOS Band – Jon Hetland, Ken Isler, Dan Backhaus, & Dean Olson. We are blessed with many talented people! Thank you also to Linda Berg for coordinating our musicians and for accompanying them.



Handbells

Whether you're "new" or "seasoned", we'd love to have

you join us! Practices begin September 20 at 6 PM in the Music Room (downstairs off of the Fellowship Hall). Speak to Laurie Noelke or one of the pastors for more information – or just show up!!

New Members

Everyone (and we mean, *everyone!*) is welcome at Our Savior's, and welcome to our ministries and activities, even if you are not a member.



But ... if you'd like to join the congregation ... we'd love to have you! If you come from another Lutheran congregation, a transfer works best.

Or, if you come from another Christian tradition, we periodically offer a new member class to help you learn more about how Lutherans understand the faith we share. ***Pastor Jon is looking to get a class started, so this is a great time.*** For more information on membership and how it can happen for you, see Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean!



Cultivating life-giving relationships rooted in God's love ... Living Faith Partnership

In the next few weeks you will be hearing more about a new Synod initiative – Living Faith Partnership. The plan is to have a congregation “exchange” – an opportunity to share our stories, worship together, and create a partnership with a congregation in a part of the Synod that is different from us. We have been partnered with Bethany Lutheran Church in Mauston. Watch for more details ... think about traveling to Mauston with us ... think about welcoming the folks from Mauston here ... but for now, pray for the folks at Bethany!



Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program



Our little corner of the church basement is all cleaned up for the season. I want to send out a huge thank you to all of the members of our congregation who have made this season's Summer Lunch Program possible. Many of you volunteered your time preparing, serving or delivering. Many of our most needed item donations came from our congregation and that really helps keep our overall costs down quite a bit.

As we all know, prices for many things are much higher than they have been in the past. Large donations came from the West Salem Lions, Hansen's IGA, West Salem Schools, Linda's Bakery, Decker Design Inc., Marine Credit Union and many memorials and individuals. We also applied for and received a significant grant from Kwik Trip this year which was all the milk for breakfasts and lunches for two weeks and most of the produce also. The Community Care and Share Food Pantry provided bags of meal items for all of our pickups and deliveries - twice!

This year we had 7 weekly leaders - representing Our Savior's: Abby Johnson, Carla Burkhardt, Judy & Phil Gilbert and myself; Cheryl Lang from St. Teresa's of Kolkata; Sherie Brunk from Prince of Peace; and Nick Miller from the Presbyterian Church. Their help in organizing a week or two of volunteers is very helpful. Connie Pinski shared her Thrivent grant with us and shopped for produce several weeks in a row.

On a personal note: before the season began I was invited to attend a LaCrosse County meeting regarding food insecurity. Various organizations were represented at that

meeting including the Food Pantry. Strengths, and gaps were discussed and partnerships were made.

One of the ways that we make a big difference is by partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of West Salem. They provide structured and supervised activities throughout the summer and we are able to get food to those kids. Nothing that we send there is wasted, if there are ever any leftovers, they are used the next day.

Throughout the summer, we have received many words and notes of thanks. Our delivery drivers came back with positive feedback almost every time. Working in various ways every week in the summer really allows me to personally witness the good of so many. Thank you for your support in providing this service.

Angie Hemker

This year in numbers:

- 11 weeks
- 21 serving days
- 6 weekly leaders
- 160 lunch meals served daily (on average)
- 1,197 breakfast bags were distributed
- 130 volunteers



THANK YOU to Angie Hemker for (once again) pulling this all together! For all of your work organizing, cleaning, connecting, serving, and everything else that needed to be done!



Building Projects and then... Storm Damage!

We are still awaiting the building projects approved in June, including a new flat roof, lights off the Leonard Street entrance, and tuckpointing. Our project managers at DBS will ensure that the projects are completed ... completely!

Shortly, a Capital Campaign will commence to secure the funding for these and other building projects in the near future.

Meanwhile, we are also working on the storm damage from the storm in late July. Broken windows will soon be replaced. At this writing we are still awaiting inspection of the roof and an insurance adjuster to address damaged siding on the steeple.

The good news? No one was hurt ... and the work of Jesus continues!



Capital Fund Appeal

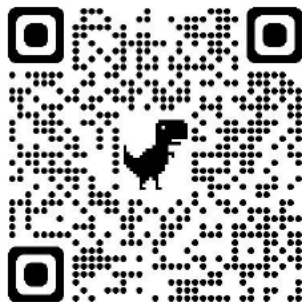
As we begin our roof work and other projects that need to be accomplished, we invite your support of our mission and ministry through our Capital Fund Appeal. Letters will be going out shortly to share with you God's call, our vision of ministry, and our invitation to you to join with us.

It has been over 30 years since Our Savior's had a capital campaign. Time to do it – and set

us up with the resources we will need for the next generation. We have an initial need of \$158,000, to cover roof, lighting, and tuckpointing, projects that will be completed this fall. Of that amount, \$50,000 is already on hand. Longer term we expect in the next 6-7 years projects totaling an additional \$300,000 (at today's costs).

Specifically, we ask you to consider a three-year gift over your regular giving, that would get us started and moving ahead. ***Your Congregation Council has already unanimously made the commitment to support this appeal.*** Details will be in the letter, but you can get a head start by making your gift now – mark your check “building fund,” or go to oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving, or use our QR code.

Thank you for your support of our work together. Together, as we proclaim the good news of Jesus, we make a difference in a very hurting world!





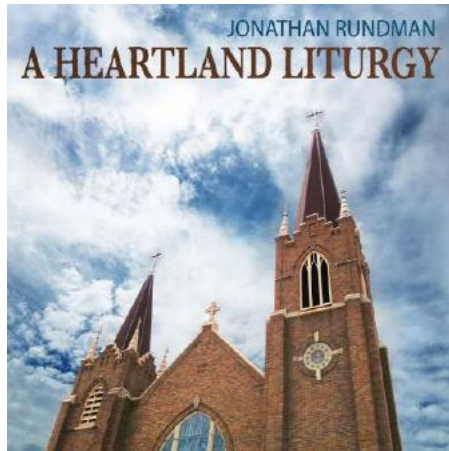
Tech Project Update

Up ... and soon running!

The new tech material is now in and ready ... for us to learn! A new sound system, screen projection capability, livestreaming, and more has been installed. Please be patient as we learn to use the system and gradually introduce parts of the system to our worship experience.

We will also be looking for folk to “work the system,” so if you are interested in being a “techie for Jesus,” see one of the pastors or Dean Olson. We will get you trained and comfortable with the system so that you can be a part of delivering the good news to church ... and (literally) to the world!





Check it out ...

New Liturgy

Starting September 23/24, we will be introducing “*A Heartland Liturgy*” by Jonathan Rundman. The SOS Band will help us begin to learn the new liturgy that weekend, and we will use it most of October. **Join us as we try something new!**

Jonathan Rundman is a Midwest-based songwriter, performer, and recording artist. In addition to being a leading voice in new Lutheran music, he was also a contributing author for *The Lutheran Handbook*. His songs have been used as programmatic theme music for regional and national Youth Gatherings. Congregations across the country use his *Heartland Liturgy* for their church services. Originally from Ishpeming MI, Jonathan now lives in Minneapolis with his wife Dr. Dawn Rundman, a developmental psychologist and an editor at Augsburg Fortress Publishers.



Thank you ...

... to the August newsletter mailing crew:
Larry & Connie Blunck, Carolyn Karl, and
Carol Thompson

... to Cindy Larson for making the great aprons for the Corn Roast!

... to those who helped get things ready for our display at National Night Out – Lynette Ender, Carolyn Karl, Jen Linse, Barb Sorenson, Eric Sorenson, Brenda Skittone, Connie & Larry Blunck, Lydia & Alise Jochen, (Connie sister + 1 man)

... to those who hosted our table at NNO – Brenda Skittone, Carolyn Karl, Jane Brenengen, Carla Burkhardt, Judy Gilbert

Received from others ...

... I had so much fun at Sugar Creek. I did night camp again and stayed up until 5 am. I learned about the Holy Trinity. One thing that stuck with me the most is how much we need to not only trust each other but God too. My favorite part of camp was the night swim and star gazing. Thank you so much for your part in bringing me to Sugar Creek, I had the best time. Thank you,

Candace Drury

... Thank you for giving me the experience to learn more about God and to walk through his footsteps on the Christ hike! I had absolutely so much fun at horse camp. We got to ride horses, do morning chores, go to the farm, ding dong ditch people (that was funny). This week I felt closer to God and Jesus than I ever have before so thank you! Love,

Chloe Drury

... Thank you so much for the campership to go to camp. I had fun making friends, horseback riding, doing bible studies, creek stomping, worship, and more! Camp is such a fun opportunity to go to, and I'm so thankful to be able to go. Thank you once again. Sincerely,

Mabel Spquist

... Thank you for your help with paying for Sugar Creek this summer. I really enjoyed making new friends. From,

Beau Kneiff

... Thank you for your help with paying for Sugar Creek this summer. I really enjoyed horseback riding. From,

Layla Kneiff

... Thank you for your help with paying for Sugar Creek this summer. I really enjoyed horseback riding. From,

Laney Kneiff

Corn Roast

THANK YOU to all who helped with the 2023 Community Corn Roast! We had a wonderful evening and appreciate the volunteers who helped prepare and roast the corn, bake bars, and serve. We estimate that around 425 guests dined on Wednesday, August 9. We were blessed with great weather (including a welcome rain) and delicious corn.



Sincerely, The Outreach Committee

Editor's Note: A big THANK YOU to the Outreach Committee for all of your work to make this happen! A great community event ... a fun time was had by all!



Gospel on the Green Worship & Potluck Picnic

Hey let's face it, with print and mailing deadlines, we had to write this before Gospel on the Green. But ... we are so confident in this wonderful event that we are going to thank already now the SOS Band for their music and Wendy Amundson for coordinating the potluck picnic. And thanks to all the rest of you who shared with us and enjoyed a wonderful day together because we know it's going to be great!

In Loving Memory

Memorial Gifts Received ...

In Memory of Dick Marking

**From Al & Karen Rolandi & Family
From Joanna Stelloh Phelps
From Doris Kriehn**



Pastoral Acts:

**Death – Lowell Hehl – August 8
Funeral – Richard Storandt – August 24
Funeral – LaVerne Bjerke – August 25**



Mission Endowment Fund

Each year the Mission Endowment Fund distributes around \$17,000 to agencies and programs in our community and around the world that meet human needs. We are looking for your suggestions for appropriate disbursements for the endowment in early 2024. Guidelines on what can be funded are available from the church office, but most agencies and programs that meet human needs qualify.

This year the fund disbursement will be recommended by the committee, but approved by the annual meeting. Your suggestions are the first step in that process. Suggestions will be received through October, and can be submitted to the office.

For more information contact Melody Schmitz, or see one of the pastors.



Congregation Council

The Congregation Council met on Monday, August 14, with President Jeff Haldeman presiding.

At this meeting the council:

- Shared in devotions based on 1 Corinthians 1.
- Approved the minutes from the July meeting, and received financials for that month and the pastors' reports.
- Heard reports on a number of congregational ministries.
- Affirmed the recommendation to modify the confirmation ministry.
- Heard that the new tech system has been installed and that Dean Olson is working on learning the system.
- Discussed some of the building work being done and the damage from the recent storm.
- Heard that the Capital Fund Appeal team will meet this week; all members of the council affirmed their support for the capital fund appeal, and their intention to participate in the appeal.
- Discussed the compilation assembled at the July meeting regarding our story as a congregation. Alison and Bonnie will meet with the pastors to articulate the story and craft a way to share that story with Bethany Lutheran Church in Mauston.
- Discussed some ideas for connecting with Bethany in the coming months. Pastor Jean will follow up with Bethany.

The council next meets on Monday, September 11 at 7 PM. If you have questions, or if you have ideas for enhancing the ministry of Our Savior's, contact Jeff Haldeman or one of the pastors.

By the numbers...



Ministry is not a numbers game, but numbers can help us get a feel for what is happening as we carry out our part of God's work in the world! Numbers help us

measure our faithful response to God's call, both in our financial support and our worship life. So...here is a snapshot of our ministry...by the numbers!

2023 Ministry at Work			
	Actual-July	Actual-YTD	Budget-YTD
Income	\$20,285.71	\$176,951.68	\$210,831.25
Prepaid		\$13,362.00	\$13,362.00
Expense	\$30,026.90	\$213,147.33	\$22,314.82
Net	(\$9,741.19)	(\$22,833.65)	(\$9,741.19)
2023 Worship Life – Weekly average			
	In-building Actual	Online Estimate	TOTAL
July	102	58	160
Year to Date	156	74	230

Worship Leaders - September



Sept 2-3

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Anna Witte
Marjorie Anderson
McNaughton Family

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Paige Christianson
Sue Ahles
Stefferdud Family

10 a.m.

Chloe Drury
Jen Linse
E & J Hansen

Home Communion
Altar Guild - September

Marjorie Anderson
Jill Iliff

Sept 9-10

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Camille Godlewski
Kyle Twite
Twite Family

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Claire Gross
Eric Iliff
Stugen Family

10:30 a.m.

Fall Time Change Begins

Sophia Johnson
Stacey Sjoquist
McConkey Family

Home Communion

Dottie Baumgartner

Sept 16-17

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Addison Kendhammer
Bonny Goodenough
Vick Family

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Max Langrehr
Carolyn Karl
Weiland Family

10:30 a.m.

Olivia Sprehn
Rich Clements
Goodenough Family

Home Communion

Bev Bockenbauer

Sept 23-24

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant	Alana Steinke
Communion Assistant	Julie Quackenbush
Welcoming Team	Judy & Phil Gilbert

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant	Addy Tlustosch
Communion Assistant	Eric Ender
Welcoming Team	Sjoquist Family
Home Communion	Judy Gilbert

10:30 a.m.

Brooklyn Weiland
Denise Jones
Dawn Affeldt

Sept 30-Oct 1

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant	Ariel Wuensch
Communion Assistant	Chad Vick
Welcoming Team	Dennis & Ann Sprain

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant	Isaac Arentz
Communion Assistant	Dori Jensen
Welcoming Team	Hickey Family
Home Communion	Pam Gresens

10:30 a.m.

Henry Bakkum
Tracy Hesse
Fortier Family





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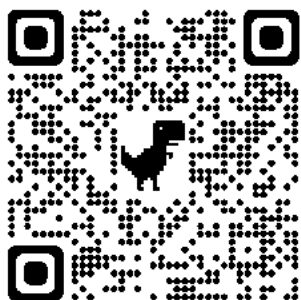
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