

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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Worship Opportunities

Saturday 6 PM
Sunday 8 & 10:30 AM

Livestreaming of 10:30 worship!

Find the livestreaming link on the home page of our web site (www.oursaviorswestsale.org).



Livestreams remain on the YouTube page for later viewing as well, or go to the video page of our web site to view worship when the time works for you!



- ♥ 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.



Pastor's Reflections ...

The Journey ...

The journey has begun. How's it going for you so far?

We were on a high, on top of the world, on Transfiguration/Celebration of Hope. The sanctuary was full ... the band was rockin' ... and at 10:30 AM the Senior Choir and Sunday School children sang out raising the rafters with their music! We waved our alleluias for the last time, before the children buried them. And we ended the service dancing down the aisle! (check out the YouTube from February 11)

In the afternoon, we gathered for our 2nd annual Mardi Gras Fest. We sampled lots of tasty food, listened to New Orleans' jazz, had good conversations, and the kids made masks and picture frames ... and everyone was home in plenty of time for their Super Bowl festivities. As for me, I collapsed in my Lazy-boy chair, and didn't move for a very long time! (check out the website for pictures of Mardi Gras)

By Wednesday, we were down off of the mountain, and found ourselves once again in a full sanctuary. This time the mood was somber and reflective. Our foreheads were marked with the cross of Christ in ashes, and we were reminded that we "are dust, and to dust we shall return". But it was also Valentine's Day, and in the gift of a chocolate kiss, we were reminded of God's love for us. As we looked in the mirror that night, we saw the mark of God's love on our forehead. The mark that cannot be washed off, because God's love and promise are always with us.

As we walked out of the sanctuary, we began the journey. The journey that will take us all the way to the foot of the cross, to the feet of Jesus. But, during these weeks of our journey, we are called



to reflect on our lives, to reflect on what we have done, and to anticipate what God is calling us to do as we go forward.

In case you haven't noticed, we aren't always perfect, we are flawed, we are sinners ... we are quick to point fingers at others, while not really seeing ourselves and our own actions ... we may be feeling hurt by others, but we are good at doing the hurting, too ... we struggle with illnesses and broken relationships ... we are faced with our mortality as we grieve the loss of loved ones ... No, we aren't perfect. And, it is this time of Lent that we look inside of ourselves and do some heavy-duty soul searching. We discern how worthy we really are.



No matter what we uncover during these weeks of reflection, introspection, and self-discovery, we can be certain that our lives do have value and worth. So much value and worth that Jesus is willing to take the weight of the world upon his shoulders and die on the cross for us. Jesus will give his life for ours.

By the time we get to the end of this month, we will have experienced the lowest of lows on our way to the highest of highs. Jesus will die on the cross on Good Friday ... and three days later, the tomb will be empty and Jesus will be alive.



In these next weeks, don't just "fast forward" to Easter, be intentional, walk each step of the journey with Jesus, experience the pain, experience the magnitude of what is happening, take to heart all of the emotions along the way; and on Easter morning join us as we celebrate the empty tomb, Jesus is alive, new life for us in the resurrected and risen Jesus, as we shout out our Alleluias once again and sing with joy.

Walking, reflecting, and praying with you,
Pastor Jean





Lenten Worship

It's "Round Robin" Season!

Wednesdays
March 6, 13, 20
6:15 PM

Weekly worship featuring Holden Evening Prayer, with a message focusing on the "wandering heart" of the Apostle Peter. Come and explore with us a very imperfect, yet faithful servant of Jesus, and consider how Peter's story is...ours too!

An added treat this year is different voices! We are joining several congregations in a "round robin," as Pastor Jon travels...and other pastors join us to share the message!

March 6 – "I'm fixed upon it"

(Pr Dan McCurdy, West Salem Presbyterian)

March 13 – "Praise the mount" *(Pastor Jon)*

March 20 – "Teach me"

(Pr Kary Jonas, Prince of Peace, La Crescent)



We will have a simple meal, along with dessert, prior to the service each week at 5:30 PM.



Holy Week Worship

Easter Worship

Palm Sunday

Saturday/6 PM & Sunday/8 + 10:30 AM

Holy Communion worship

Hearing the story of passion, sacrifice, and death ...

Maundy Thursday

7 PM Holy Communion with the

Stripping of the Altar as all is barren ...

Good Friday

1:30 PM Service of the Word

Pondering the Seven Last Words ...

8 PM Service of Tenebrae

The story ... as light descends into darkness ...



Easter Sunday

Festive Celebration of Holy
Communion

6:30 + 8:30 + 10:30 AM
(NO Saturday worship)

Easter breakfast 7:30-8:30 AM

Surprise! New life in absolute abundance!



Come and join us...

Easter Breakfast!

7:30-8:30 AM

Coffee & Juice
Sausages + Fruit
Sweet rolls

A light breakfast as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and give thanks to God for the many gifts of life, including a simple meal, gathered together! Donation baskets to cover the expenses will be on each table.

“Well” ...

Lent is under way ... and ... what’s happening? Not much? Ready for an idea to change your Lent and make a difference at the same time?

Consider this: one of your big dilemmas today might be what to have for dinner tonight. After all, our kitchens are full of choices, and very few of us are struggling to find a meal. For many others in the world, however, the issue is not what to eat, but when will they get a meal.



So, here’s an answer to your dilemma – a meal idea. Each week during Lent (this year that is the weeks of March) eat a very simple meal (like maybe soup and crackers), or even (if your waistline is such) fast – take a “meal off.”

And then, take what you would have spent on something more elaborate (and possibly less healthy) and share that through Our Savior’s World Hunger Appeal.

One meal a week, a small gift to share, a huge difference in the life of someone hungry. *Now, that’s living what Lent is all about!*

And an added bonus? It’s the 50th anniversary of the World Hunger Appeal. What a great “birthday gift” to save a life ... or more!

For more information see one of the pastors or a member of our world hunger ministry team (Judy & Phil Gilbert, Eric & Lynette Ender, Jane Henricks.)

Faith Formation ...

Sunday School



We have been having a great time in Sunday School! New kids are joining us all the time ... why not invite your friends ... it's never too late!

As we begin the last trimester of material, the "A" word has been buried and we journey to the cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter. The kids sang their hearts out at the Celebration of Hope worship in February and they will do so again on **Easter morning at 10:30 AM**. In the meantime, we learn about Jesus' journey along the way.



The Mom's Group invites you ...

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 24 at 10 AM

(During Sunday school)

Parents: We invite you to be a part of this event that the kids very much look forward to! Speak with Gretchen Eckland or Pastor Jean to help buy the treats and fill the eggs.



First Communion Instruction

Sundays March 3 AND 17

1:30-3PM

5th graders ... and any older kids who missed it. Learn about the Sacrament, create your own communion cup, and bake some “unleavened” bread. **Parents** are asked to **join us!** For more information see Pastor Jean or Pastor Jon. Our students will receive communion for the first time during worship on Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7 PM.

Sunday School Offering ...

Water is Life

Our Sunday School children continue to work towards helping those without a proper water source to get the water that will bring them life. A simple water well costs \$2,500. We are on our way doing our part to obtain a share of providing a well with \$437 collected already.



Check it out ... we're off the bulletin board!

The kids have been challenged to fill TWO buckets during Lent ... can we make it THREE? Each bucket holds \$30! Let's make a difference in the lives of people!

Faith Formation ...



Confirmation Ministry

Confirmation classes are on break, though some of the kids are helping with the Lenten Soup Suppers, and others are serving as worship assistants. So, while classes are not meeting, kids are still a part of our life and work as a community of faith

But ... 8th and 9th graders are working on their art projects with Angie Hemker. **8th graders** have “part two” on **March 6** following midweek worship, and **9th graders** on **March 13**. See Pastor Jon if there are any schedule issues.

Friendly reminder ...

7th through 9th graders should be working on their Worship Notes ... you are **EXPECTED** to do 20 notes before the end of April! Lots of opportunities with Lent and Holy Week upon us. Check out your progress on the bulletin board across from Pastor Jean's office!



As our college students are studying in challenging environments at home or on



campus, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. This month please pray for: **Tyler Leren** (UWL), **Jaden Hammes** (UW-M), **Bailey Peterson** (UW-M), **Lexi Giblin** (UW-EC), **Katie Murphy** (Viterbo), and **Adam Chandler** (Carroll Univ).



College Scholarships

A reminder that applications for college scholarships are due **Monday, May 6**. High School seniors who are members of Our Savior's are eligible for a one-time scholarship of between \$500 and \$1,000. Information will be sent to our seniors, or check online at: oursaviorswestsalem.org/youth-and-family.

A one-time scholarship for sophomore year is also available to Our Savior's members who are college freshmen and have been connected to a church or campus ministry. More information is also available on the website.

For more information, see Pastor Jon.



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP - 2024

It's not too early to start thinking about Summer Bible Camp!
To find out more information about the summer schedule,
check out their website at:

<http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/>

OUR SAVIOR'S CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE

\$350 full week -- \$150 half week

**Request forms due in the church office
NO LATER than May 2nd**

(Coming soon ... forms to be available in the church office,
or on the website – www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)

Remember that camperships will be given to the campers in
worship on May 11-12 and it is the responsibility of the family to
get the checks to camp.



Hungry Jar Offering for March – Feed Our Children – Summer Lunch Program

It's hard to believe, but we are already thinking ahead to summer and getting ready to serve lunch to the children in the community. Our March Hungry Jar offerings will help support this ministry to feed the children nutritious meals.

Last year (with lots of community help and support), we fed around 175 kids twice a week. That's close to 4,000 meals over the summer!

Watch for more information as it gets closer to see how you, too, can be a part of this important ministry by sharing of your time and resources to help prepare and serve the lunches, and provide specific items that will be included in the meals.



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

♥ January – Our Savior's LaCrosse
Clothes Closet - \$381.13



Adult Bible Study

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

We are still studying ... so much to learn ... and, yes, really, fun to be had! 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, March 12**



Tech Invite

As we continue to roll out our new tech in the sanctuary, we are looking for folk who are interested in “working the system.” If you might be one of

them, Dean Olson invites you to join him during worship and see how it all comes together – and maybe discover that it isn't as overwhelming as it looks! See Dean or Pastor Jon for more information.





Bed Building!

Saturday, April 27th

Save the Date/Mark your Calendar

Our Savior's will be hosting a bed build for the local chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) that serves La Crosse County on Saturday, April 27th at the Lion's Shelter. The goal is to build 30 beds with 60 volunteers. Tentative time is 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Additional information will be in the April newsletter or sooner as it becomes available.

What is Sleep in Heavenly Peace?

At SHP, we fully believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. When it was brought to our attention that the need for beds went far beyond our own neighborhoods, we stepped up and took initiative. We're a national organization answering the call to a national problem. There are over 270 chapters nationwide and have recently expanded into Canada.

*That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. We're a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. Our organization has grown steadily over time, and we're working on opening more chapters in different states to serve more people. **NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!®.***

For more information on Sleep in Heavenly Peace, go to: shpbeds.org/about-sleep-heavenly-peace/



And for more information on the bed build contact Linda Arentz or one of the pastors.



Thank you ...

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

... A HUGE THANK YOU to Ilene Pavelko and Carolyn Karl for hosting the fellowship time for the LaCrosse Area Synod Congregation Council event. *Also*, to our congregation council members who provided treats for the event.

... to Wendy Amundson and her friends Ava and Amanda for hosting the craft time for the kids during the Mardi Gras Event. *And*, to those who made yummy food to sample – Wendy Amundson, Connie Blunck, Shelly Davis, Gloria Fennigkoh, Cheryl Fosler, Bonnie Gensch, Melissa Haldeman, Maryrose Hetland, Carolyn Karl, Dean Olson, Ilene Pavelko, Norma Piper, Pastor Jean, Jane Brenengen Reinl, Brenda Skittone, Ann Sprain, Carol Thompson, Candice Tlustosch. *And*, to all who came to partake in the festivities! We had a great time!



Received from others ...

... Thank you – It was a great day and so unexpected (the Food Pantry recognition). The community from the beginning was so supportive and continues to be. Thank you both!

Helen Herold

... Thank you so much for the recognition Helen and I received for our work in the food pantry. The food pantry helps those in need due to all ages and communities. To those who give of their time, food, dollars, or helping with food drives I want to say “thank you.” Please continue to support this ministry! God’s work – our hands. In Christ,

Judy (Long)

... Hope all is well with you, just wanted to send a quick thank you for the card and Kwik Trip gift card! Very much appreciated!

Mali Hemker

... I have enjoyed the cards and good wishes from my "Our Savior's Family." They really brighten the cloudy days. Your prayers have been powerful! I have had no pain in my shoulder. They give me Tylenol "just in case." I've not needed anything stronger. May God be with you in this beautiful Lenten season. You've all been a blessing to me.

Kathy Brisson

Editor's note: Kathy remains a resident at Dove Healthcare in Eau Claire, receiving physical therapy after shoulder surgery in November. We hope and pray Kathy can return home soon!

Norwegian Dinner recipients ...

... Thank you for your support and care for the unsheltered, our neighbors who are struggling on the streets of our community. Thank you for recognizing the need to care and to comfort the people in need and for taking action to help through WINN*. As of Feb 1, 2024, we have distributed 111 winter kits! Quite amazing doing God's work! In Christ,

Diana Swim

*WINN (What I Need Now) group based in LaCrosse began in 2020 with Sue Graf working out of a yellow cargo van who distributes to the individuals in need on our streets. Sue distributed the 111 winter kits. She is amazing in her devotion to this cause. She knows the first and last name of all the unsheltered people.

Hungry Jar recipients ...

... We gratefully acknowledge your gift, designated to the Women's Clothes Closet fund here at Our Savior's (LaCrosse). Thank you to all involved in this generous gift! God Bless,

Pastor Joanne Richmond

Mission Endowment Fund recipients ...

... Thank you for the \$1,000 donation to the St. Clare Health Mission of Monroe County. We are honored by your steadfast support and generosity. Your gift helps to cultivate a compassionate, resilient, connected, and healthy community. What a great place to live. Thank you!
In gratitude,

Annie Berendes, Coordinator

Michael Saunders, MD, Medical Director

... YOU are making a difference in the lives of victims of abuse in our community! Thank you for your generous contribution of \$1,000 to New Horizons. You are helping people like Suzanne. After securing housing and gaining her confidence back, Suzanne shared with her advocate how wonderful it was to be in a home where she and her children were no longer yelled at or had lamps thrown at them. They now sleep in peace and their nightmares are gone. Thank you for making it possible to say YES to Suzanne when she reached out for help. YOU made hope possible. Your gift is changing lives. With gratitude,

Ann Kappauf, Executive Director (New Horizons)

In Loving Memory

Memorial Gifts Received ...



In Memory of Jean McCall for Campership Fund
From Jim Michelson

In Memory of Patricia Niemeier for Summer Lunch

From Ramon Niemeier & Family

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!



Pastoral Acts:

Funeral – Charlotte Swenson – February 16

Funeral – Kimberly Riley – February 23

Wedding – Taylor Tamke & Benton Schmidt – February 24

Capital Fund Appeal

Thank you all for your support!

Spring is closing in on us with the vernal equinox on March 19. It is the time of year for *rebirth, renewal, awakening, hope, and the resurrection* of our Lord. Soon rain will bring *new life* as flowers bloom, grass grows, and the longer daylight uplifts our spirits and souls. We will celebrate the **gift** of everlasting life through Christ's sacrifice and love for us on Easter, March 31.

Speaking of gifts ... we thank everyone who has completed and returned their **Capital Appeal Pledge Forms**. Our goal is to raise \$500,000 over *the next six years* to cover the repairs needed to update and maintain our building and property. The Capital Appeal Team meets regularly to plan for the updates and related budget. Every dollar, regardless of the amount, helps us renew our church and make those necessary repairs and updates.



We appreciate your efforts to send in your pledge forms enabling us to effectively plan for these important repairs. Since our roof is 25 years old, it needs replacement, and the pitched roof, suffering storm damage, will be replaced as well. Insurance money will cover most, but not all of the storm damage. Regardless, the bill will arrive shortly after the work is completed. Having pledge payments made as early as possible will allow us to borrow less money or perhaps none!



We also are working to reduce costs where possible. We plan to organize volunteers to do the physical work of replacing ceiling tiles sometime in July. Contact Eric Ender if you are willing to help.

Some of our projects (like the parking lot) will be addressed in future years, but below is an update on our current costs, pledges, and gifts received thus far:

Capital Appeal Status <i>Please note that figures are changing as more pledges and funds are received and as actual costs are billed. Numbers as of January 31.</i>		
Details	Cost	Notes
Capital expenses flat roof, tuckpointing and caulking, ceiling tiles, exterior lighting, storm damage	\$265,000 (estimate)	The bills for the roof need to be paid <u>this spring</u> as work begins soon.
	Income	
Funds available prior to start of project	\$39,325	From the Centennial and Building Funds
Gifts Received	\$53,649	As of January 31
Future pledges	\$46,675	Over three years
Insurance reimbursement for storm damage	\$70,435	Further reimbursement to come, but amount not yet determined.
Gap (additional funds needed to pay this year's building update costs)	\$54,916	<i>Here is where your help is really needed!</i> Please help us reduce the gap! We will have to borrow funds if we can't cover the gap.

Check the display in the Gathering Area for the latest updates on the appeal. As the December Newsletter noted, *“These projects are important not to fix a building, but to provide the resources for our ministry. In the end, we are “fixing for Jesus!”*

If you have any questions regarding the Capital Appeal Fund, please contact the church office, Pastor Jon, or a member of our “appeal team”: Marjorie Anderson, Eric Ender, Melissa Haldeman, Jeff Rich, or Jan Wee.



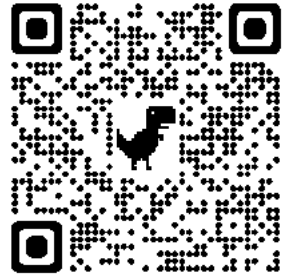
**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Financial Support Ministry

As we approach the end of the year!

THANK YOU!!! *Thank you for your continued financial support of our ministry together!*

As the year is moving ahead, we are looking forward to ministries yet to come – especially Feed Our Children, our summer lunch ministry. Your gifts to Our Savior's, along with your specific gifts to Feed Our Children, make this and all our ministries happen. So, again ... ***thank you!***



Financial gifts can be shared in worship, by mail, or placed in our locked mailbox. You can also make gifts electronically. Go to

www.oursaviorswestsaalem.org/giving or use our QR code.

***Thank you for your support.
We are grateful for your partnership as
we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ!***

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!

2024 Ministry at Work			
	Actual-Jan	Actual-YTD	Budget-YTD
Income	\$22,646.46	\$22,646.46	\$30,862.50
Prepaid		\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Expense	\$28,716.44	\$28,716.44	\$31,947.85
Net	(\$6,069.98)	\$2,930.02	
2024 Worship Life – Weekly average			
	In-building Actual	Online Estimate	TOTAL
January	162	71	233
Year to Date	162	71	233



Congregation Council

The Congregation Council met on Monday, February 12, with President Jeff Haldeman presiding.

At this meeting the council:

- Welcomed newly elected council members – Jerry Greeno, Tiffany Janisch, and Brenda Skittone
- Shared in devotions and installation of newly elected council members.
- Participated in a council orientation session.
- Elected officers for 2024 – Jeff Haldeman (Pres), Brenda Skittone (V Pres), Alison Hemker (Secty), Jill Iliff (Treas)
- Approved minutes from the January meeting and the annual meeting, and received financial reports and pastor's reports.
- Heard that new signage should be installed soon.
- Received an update on youth ministry conversations.
- Discussed worship and made some suggestions for communion hymns and welcoming team orientation.
- Received Conrad Miller and Lloyd Clark as new members via transfer from Our Savior's, La Crosse.
- Discussed the Audit Committee's recommendations, and approved actions proposed by the pastors to meet the committee recommendations. Directed Pastor Jean to relay these actions to the committee.
- Discussed the proposal to purchase a new organ, with funds donated by a family in the congregation. Voted to recommend the proposal to a special congregational meeting on February 25.
- Heard about the special synod workshop for council members and officers set for February 17, at Our Savior's.

The council next meets on Monday, March 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.

Special Congregational Meeting

Special Congregational Meeting February 25, 2024

A special congregational meeting was held on February 25, chaired by President Jeff Haldeman, and attended by 39 voting members. At this meeting the congregation acted on a proposal from the Congregation Council to proceed with the purchase and installation of a new organ, with funding from a family in the congregation.

The new organ is a Rogers Imagine 235 two-manual organ. It includes six speakers and two sub-woofers. The organ features 217 voices, 134 stops, a MIDI system, and a variety of other enhancements. The total cost is \$57,100.



A significant amount of the cost has already been set aside for the organ, and the remaining balance will be given to the congregation by the end of the year. We expect the organ to be installed sometime early-mid summer.

As part of the transition, on the last Sunday we use our current organ, we will offer our thanks to God and donor families for the music of this organ, which has been a part of our ministry for over 30 years.

Then, as we begin to use the new organ we will take time to dedicate the new instrument, giving thanks for the gift of the organ and the gift of music.

Finally, we hope to have a “dedicatory concert” sometime this fall, when we can “let it all hang out” and rejoice in all of God’s gifts through the gift of music.

For more information on the organ, see one of the pastors or Linda Berg. We are excited – and we hope you are too!



Congregation Officers Elected

At its February meeting, the Congregation Council elected officers for the council. By constitution, council officers are the officers of the congregation:

Elected for 2024:

- + President – Jeff Haldeman
- + Vice-President – Brenda Skittone
- + Secretary – Alison Hemker
- + Treasurer – Jill Iliff

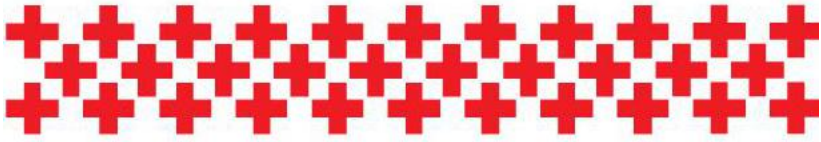
Other Congregation Council Members:

Jaime Fortier, Bonnie Gensch, Naoko Giblin, Jerry Greeno, Tiffany Janisch, Carolyn Karl, Jen Linse, Chad Vick.

We are thankful to our officers and council members for their willingness to share in the leadership of this congregation and our work together in the name of Jesus.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
West Salem High School
Library

Thursday, March 7, 2024
8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Blood Drive



Monday, March 25
12:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Presbyterian Church

Worship Leaders - March



March 2-3

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Landon Labus
Jon Hetland
Dennis & Ann Sprain

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Leah Langrehr
Carolyn Karl
Karl/Kathy Wehrs

10:30 a.m.

Paige Christianson
Wendy Amundson
Stugen Family

Home Communion

Ilene Pavelko

Altar Guild March

Jill Iliff / Susan Giblin

March 9-10

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Lily Muellenberg
Judy Gilbert
Jon & Maryrose Hetland

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Mya Peterson
Steve Ahles
A & J Kennedy

10:30 a.m.

Madison Phillips
D Baumgartner
J & M Haldeman

Home Communion

Rasmussen Family

March 16-17

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Ethan Quackenbush
Chad Vick
Vick Family

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Anya Tenner
Bill Jensen

10:30 a.m.

Anna Witte
Jaime Fortier
Brian & Jen Linse

Home Communion

Scott & Carol Thompson

March 23-24

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Alana Steinke
Bonnie Gensch
Jim & Marjorie Anderson

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Home Communion

Chloe Drury
Jeff Haldeman
Drury Family

Daryl Wermedal

10:30 a.m.

C Godlewski
Tracey Beckley
M & J Larson

March 28 - Maundy Thursday 7 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Claire Gross

Mitchell Family

March 29 - Good Friday

1:30 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Welcoming Team

Sophia Johnson
L & C Blunck

8 p.m.

A Kendhammer
Jim/Ruby Kerkman

March 31 – Easter

6:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Max Langrehr
Eric Ender, Brenda Skittone
Brenda Skittone

8:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Olivia Sprehn
Carla Burkhardt, Eric Iliff, Denise Jones
Janisch Family

10:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant

Welcoming Team

Alana Steinke
Marjorie Anderson, Alison Hemker,
Carolyn Karl
Sjoquist Family





Mission Endowment Fund

We continue our series of articles on Endowments, what they are, what they do, and how they can support the ministry of Our Savior's Mission Endowment Fund in ways that work for you.

Charitable Gift Annuities

Charitable Gift Annuities are a very popular way for seniors to make gifts to ministries while providing themselves with life income. Gift annuity life income distribution rates are based largely on age. A significant income tax deduction is received, and a major portion of the annual income from the gift annuity is received tax-free. If the intent to make a gift exists, when compared with the current rates of return of fixed investments, gift annuities represent a significant improvement in life income for seniors. Charitable gift annuities are thus an excellent way for seniors to enjoy the benefits of a life income gift.

Charitable gift annuities can support the ministry of the congregation, or a specific ministry within the congregation, or even Our Savior's Mission Endowment Fund. Or ... another ministry of the church like campus ministry, Sugar Creek, the World Hunger appeal, or more. Wherever God's Spirit guides you!

As always, it is important to consult a financial professional to see how this might work for you

For more information speak with one of the pastors, or with a member of Our Savior's Mission Endowment Team – Jeff Rich, Lee Friell, Katie Drury, Melody Schmitz, Scott Thompson.

Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!



Thrivent Choice Dollars

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



Care and Share Food Pantry

The Care and Share Food Pantry is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon. We are thankful for all the donations we have recently received. Many local families have benefited from your generosity. Monetary, food, and personal items are always appreciated.

Scrip Cards Available

Scrip cards make great gifts and help support Our Savior’s Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships and World Hunger! You can’t beat that!!

KWIK TRIP

WOODMAN'S



Culver’s, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, Woodman’s.

Available after worship services and in the office during the week.



EASTER GARDEN

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 will be \$24.

The money will be used to buy an assortment of spring flowers from Under the Rust for an Easter display.

Please fill out this form and submit the \$24 to the Church Office by March 11. These gifts and names will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

Name _____ \$ _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

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