

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 AM

Livestreaming of 10 AM worship!

Find the Livestreaming link on the home page of our web site (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) or at youtube.com/@techoslc. Click on “live” to access the livestream.

Livestreams remain on the YouTube page for later viewing.

YouTube Changes!

For the past years Our Savior’s has been posting our worship videos on YouTube – and we even have 171 subscribers!



However, videos are now posted each week to our new YouTube channel. You can access the channel at: **youtube.com/@techoslc** Click on “live” to see the recordings of past worship services.

This is the same channel as the Livestream – each week’s Livestream is automatically recorded and posted there.

We invite you to subscribe to the new channel to keep up to date with our online worship. Thank you for your understanding and your support of our virtual ministry!

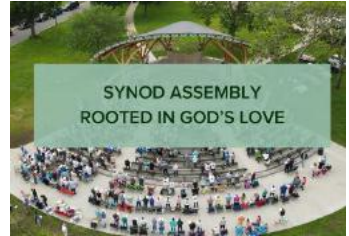


Pastor's Reflections ...

Rooted in God's Love ...

As Pastor Jon seeks to find God's presence at work in small, seemingly insignificant places these months of his sabbatical, I, too found myself surrounded by God's presence leading up to and at Synod Assembly.

As our voting members from Our Savior's sat at the Pre-Assembly Caucus in April listening to the various positions that needed candidates to be elected, they were bombarded with the concept of the importance of including youth and young adults in the life of the synod. And, their wheels were spinning ... it was, after all, the afternoon of our 9th grade confirmation worship service, where they saw 22 of our youth confirmed. Aha! We should bring a youth to Synod Assembly! And, the plan was hatched ... and Graham Sjoquist was the one they had their sights on! We were all excited when Graham accepted the invitation to join us! *God at work in young people!*



In the days leading up to Assembly, I volunteered to be part of the Reference and Counsel Committee, whose task was to review the resolutions that were submitted for consideration, working with the authors to make sure they met the standards to be able to move forward for discussion and voting at the Assembly. It was interesting work. But then I "got volunteered" to be the chair of the committee, which took things to another level. *God at work in stretching!*

During the business parts of the Assembly, the chair of Reference & Counsel had to read each resolution prior to discussion and voting. There were seven resolutions to be presented – so up and down I went. Some passed easily without much ado, but others took more time, people had

opinions they wanted to share, there was disagreement, there was tension, and dare I say, even conflict ... and our voting members decided (ha-ha!) I was the one responsible for causing the trouble! Hey ... all I did was read them ... don't blame me! *God at work in teasing and business!*

This year I celebrate 15 years of ordination. I was so excited to be able to receive my certificate ... signed by the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, the ELCA Secretary, and our Bishop! It's hard to believe it will be 15 years in November! But, getting the document framed and displayed in my office will have to wait ... until the document gets reprinted with the correct date of my ordination (oops!) *God at work in patience!*



The Assembly offered many opportunities for learning, from the displays in the gathering space highlighting various ministries of the synod and churchwide to the workshops on Saturday afternoon. There was something for everyone and knowledge to be gained ... from care of creation to prayer practices, youth specific engagement to welcoming all, chaplains' roles to leaving a legacy, Holy Land insight to initiating befriending ministry ... *God at work in learning and teaching!*

And, then there was worship! Opening worship Friday night, prayer and song before each session, and a Synod-wide worship at Riverside Park. The youth voting members were communion servers (Graham even served the Bishop), the band was from Westby, and talented pastors in between. *God at work in the singing and in the message!*



We were truly "Rooted in God's love" as we gathered as a synod... and so are you ...take time to find it, take time to experience it, take time to share it ...

Pastor Jean

Sabbatical Update

Pastor Jon's sabbatical is well underway. He has been faithful at finding the many ways and places that God is at work in our world and capturing them in pictures. He has been sharing those photos every day on our new Facebook page: **Our Savior's ELCA – West Salem**. If you haven't already done so, check them out, get caught up, and make it part of your daily devotions ...



We thank those who participated in Pastor Jon's "sermon prep" class for sharing the message during worship in June – Jeff Haldeman, Brenda Skittone, and Trudy Drugg.

It's not too late to catch the rest – Berit Gilbertson on July 6/7 and Dori Jensen on July 27/28.

Check it out ...

We have a new Facebook page and Instagram page thanks to Jessalyn Hickey, Jaime Fortier, and Carla Burkhardt.



New Facebook Page –
Our Savior's ELCA – West Salem

New Instagram Page –
oursaviors_ws



A Musical Blast from the Past!

Did you know ... 61 years ago Our Savior's Choir became pop stars? In 1963 the choir released an album. Directed by Mrs. Walter Ekeren, and accompanied by Pam Ranger, the choir sang a number of sacred pieces, including a cantata by JS Bach.



Ok, so it didn't make the Billboard Top 100, but we've got a copy of that album, and after 61 years it sounds pretty good!

Recently, we converted the album to digital format, and have we got a deal for you! For a free-will donation to the World Hunger Appeal, we will provide you with your choice:

- A copy of the digital version on your flash drive.
- A CD-ROM with the music files to play on a computer.
- An audio CD to play on a CD player.

Your donation will go toward meeting the needs of hungry, even starving folk. I'll bet the choir 61 years ago had no idea what an impact their music could have! To "place your order," contact the office. Bring your flash drive or ask for the CD-ROM or CD. We'll get it to you as soon as we can.



Pastoral Acts:

Funeral – Gloria Thompson – June 3

Funeral – Mary Storandt – June 10

Funeral – Sylvia Hetland – June 13

Baptism – Lincoln Brockmeyer – June 23

Wedding – Emily Trautman & Tristan Aguiar – June 29

Synod Assembly Reflections



Our Savior's sent five voting members, along with Pastor Jean, to this year's LaCrosse Area Synod Assembly. Here is what they had to say about their experience.

Carla Burkhardt

Thank you for allowing me to be a voting delegate to the 2024 LaCrosse Synod Assembly June 7-9. The event began Friday evening with a short business meeting followed by worship. Saturday was largely business (budget and voting on "resolutions") but also included break-out workshops and presentations/recognitions. Sunday was of course the church service held at Riverside Park. Here are a few things that stuck out for me:

1. Those who gathered were approximately 30% clergy and 70% lay delegates. They watched the percentages carefully as it is required to have at least 60% lay delegates when votes are cast. I recognized a number of the other delegates. It was nice to have an increased emphasis on youth and we were happy to have Graham as part of our delegation.
2. I attended 2 workshops; one was about the process of adopting policy statements (informative, but not riveting...) and the other, led by former campus pastor Ben Morris, was an extensive history review of Jordan and Israel. I would have liked to hear more from him!

3. The music was my favorite part! A praise band from Westby led most of the music, but our Bishop is extremely talented! I did not know until Sunday that he had majored in music for his undergraduate degree. I also enjoyed being part of the choir that worked up a song for the Sunday service.

I hope that others are interested in attending this gathering in years to come in order to meet clergy and delegates from the region as well as gain a broader understanding of the ELCA mission.

Jaime Fortier

I really enjoyed Synod Assembly as it gave me an opportunity to connect with other Lutherans in our area. I enjoyed listening to the Bishop share his message and the music is always my favorite. One of my favorite parts was Sunday morning at Riverside Park: as we were enjoying the music I turned around and saw so many smiling faces, some familiar and some new, all there to worship!

Graham Sjoquist

One thing I liked about the assembly was that I got to see a couple people from Sugar Creek I haven't seen for a while. Another thing I liked about the assembly is that we got to pick workshops we wanted to learn a little bit more about. I picked the one about Israel and Gaza because I didn't really know much about it but now I do after going to the workshop. One thing that surprised me is how approachable the bishop is. I had a great opportunity to eat lunch with the bishop and had great conversations. One thing I learned is that some people don't agree with others and you have to be patient with them to come to an agreement. The biggest thing I took away from this great experience was how can we include all ages from young to old in our synod.

Melissa Haldeman

Synod Assembly was graciously hosted by First Lutheran Church in Onalaska. Once again, as it is every year, the gathering was filled with worship and song. As a music lover and singer, I appreciated that songs and singing accompanied our breaks between business. It was also nice to connect with new people and reconnect with people that I haven't seen in years.



As delegates we had an opportunity to attend two workshops. I chose *Listening to the Creative God of Love* presented by Sister Julia Walsh and *Contested Land* presented by Pastor Benjamin Morris. I enjoyed learning from both presenters.

Pastor Ben's talk focused on the history of the people who have occupied the Holy Land from ancient times to today. He gave historical information on the conflicts through the ages and how modern history continues to shape the present-day conflict in the region.

Sister Julia is a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, author, and the host of her own podcast called *Messy Jesus*. Sister Julia is full of youthful energy and creativity. She is nothing like the middle to senior citizen aged Nuns that I had as college instructors at Viterbo during the 1980's. Her workshop focused on thinking outside the box, exploring creative ways to practice contemplative prayer. She discussed, then let us explore different types of contemplative prayer during several 5-minute sessions of silence. Some examples of Contemplative prayer are Mantras, Centering prayers, Divine Readings, Labyrinths, and Eucharistic Adoration. With each type of prayer, you take time to center your breath, embrace compassion, offer intercession, then enter receptive silence.

She offered us the ability to use artistic expressions like drawing and collages, writing and reading, plus a wooden labyrinth. My favorite was using the labyrinth. I placed my index finger at the start, closed my eyes, and moved my finger through the winding path. Several times the labyrinth's path sharply changed directions, leading me to an unexpected direction that made me feel like I was heading away from the center, not towards it. I quickly realized that our lives are much like the labyrinth. How many times have we thought we knew where our life was heading, and that we had ultimate control of it. Then suddenly, our path changes into uncharted territory, seemingly in the opposite direction of where we assumed we needed to go. But like my experience with the labyrinth, if we stop trying to be in control, relax, and put our trust in God, he will lead us back to him, the center of the labyrinth.

Jeff Haldeman

I also went to Pastor Ben's session but I think Melissa has covered that fairly well. I went to [the environment discussion] session to hear what the environmental people had to say about how we should be going Green. Half of what they said I believe is generally true with regards to eliminating waste such as using less electricity, avoid throwing out food by consuming your leftovers, eat more vegetables and less meat, turn the thermostat up or down depending on the season when you are gone for more than a couple days, consider installing a heat pump when replacing your heating and air conditioning system, planting trees, and rethinking transportation – basically common sense things.

Editor's note – Jeff also expressed some concerns about the role of government in environmental work, and the sharing of land acknowledgements. A reminder that we continue to dialogue in love and care about issues over which we do not all agree. Thank you, Jeff, for sharing that reminder!



Sugar Creek Bible Campers

Please keep the following youth who will be attending Camp in *July* in your prayers:



July 7-12

Claire Gross
Leah Gross
Adelyn Tlustosch
Emelia Tlustosch

July 14-19

Candace Drury
Chloe Drury
Anna Gross



Planning ahead ...

It's never too early to start thinking about the fall ... *really, it's not!*

We need folks who have a love for kids and a love for Jesus! Young or old, parent/grandparent or not, you can be that caring role model for our children.

We are looking for ...

- ♥ **Team Teachers** – the lessons and activities are scripted, there will also be a time for a video and music. Our goal is to have **two teachers** for each grade to make scheduling easier.



If you would like to be a part of our Sunday School ministry, ***we would love to have you.*** Talk to Pastor Jean for more information.



Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program

Summer Lunch 2024 is off to a great start! Currently we are looking for donations of snack size Zip Lock bags, fruit cups, granola bars, individual serving cereal bowls or boxes, ranch dressing, snack items (individual or bulk) of goldfish, cheese puffs, pretzels, etc., peanut butter, and jelly. Items may be placed in the baskets in the Gathering Area. Financial contributions are also always welcome – make checks out to Our Savior's, but **note in the memo line: Feed Our Children.**

If you are interested in volunteering to help make or serve lunches, sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Area. Or, contact Angie Hemker (feedourchildrenws@gmail.com).

Check the bulletin each week for updates, as well as the Feed Our Children Facebook page. Thank you for your support of this important ministry, and for helping to feed the children in the community.



Hungry Jar Offering for July LaCrosse Area Synod Peru Mission Trip

The LaCrosse Area Synod (LAS) has a 20-year companionship with the Evangelical Church of Peru - El Iglesia Luterana del Perú, or IL-P. This summer there are 11 from our synod going on a mission trip to Peru. This is a different sort of mission trip in which the purpose is to walk **with** each other and learn **from** each other how to be better followers of Christ. The primary goal will be to work with the leaders of their church in developing ways to support them and their lay ministers. The group will be visiting and worshipping with several congregations, walking together to grow in faith.



Missy Erickson, one of the LAS delegates was at OSLC in June asking for prayers and financial support for travel expenses and for the ministries of the IL-P. The July Hungry Jar will help support this mission trip and the ministries of the IL-P. We will look forward to having Missy back this fall to tell us about their trip.



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

♥ May – World Hunger Water Project - \$692.32

Hungry Jar Offering for August

LWR School Kits



Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Lutheran World Relief School Kits contain essential supplies to help

children — and in some cases, adults — continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. Our August Hungry Jar offerings will buy supplies to help complete the school kits that will be prepared this fall and send them to Lutheran World Relief.

It's School Kit Time!

Start watching for school supplies for the school kits we assemble and send, literally around the world, through Lutheran World Relief!

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)



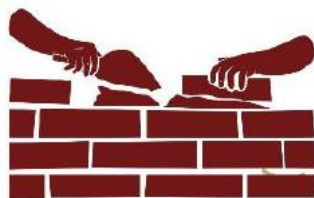
Watch for a collection box in the gathering area. Start your shopping and make a difference in the lives of children!

Building Projects Update

Building work is happening ... and projects are being completed ... check it out!

Leonard St entrance lighting ...
completed last fall!

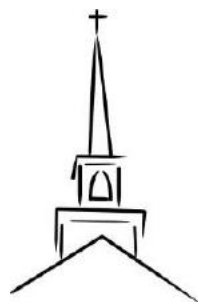
Tuckpointing and caulking ...
completed in April!



Flat roof ...
completed in June!

Pitched roof and steeple siding storm damage ... in progress as we write this!

The pitched roof, siding, and skylights, which were damaged in the storm last July, is now in progress. The roof was part of our long-term plan, and while insurance will not cover the full cost, it will significantly reduce our future outlays.



New organ ...
completed in May!

Ceiling tiles ... coming in August

Check out the information on pages 18-19 about the “ceiling tile” party to replace the tiles in the Gathering Area. We’ll even spring for lunch!

Your continued support ...

of our **Capital Campaign** is vital – the work is getting done, but we still have to “pay the bills.” Gifts actually received are about \$50,000 shy of the total needed. So ... if you have pledged or not, your continued gifts are critical.

Meanwhile, **thank you** for the support you have already shared with us! We are grateful for your gifts. Your gifts, with those of many others, is making a difference in our building and in our ministry in the world as we “renew this place for the sake of all God’s people!”



For more information on these projects, or our Capital Campaign, see Jeff Haldeman or one of the pastors.



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.



Ceiling Tile Replacement Project



We are going to say **goodbye** to the worn and damaged ceiling tiles in the **Gathering Area**! The pictures say it all.

Our Property Committee has approved the purchase of 19 cases of Astro ceiling tiles with an expected arrival date in 3-4 weeks. We will have a ceiling tile replacement “party”

Thursday, August 8 and Friday, August 9 from **8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

and we need your help! Note: We *may* need to have a few volunteers work Saturday morning if the project extends beyond Friday. A **sign-up sheet** has been placed in the **Gathering Area**.

Please consider helping if you have at least a half-day to dedicate to this important project. We will make it a rewarding day for all.

- We need **eight workers per day** plus a couple of energetic youth to help remove tiles to the dumpster.
- A team leader will be available to facilitate the project.
- Snacks and lunch will be provided each day for workers.
- We will have scaffolding to assist in the installation process.
- We need one volunteer to help provide a full-sided trailer (or arrange a dumpster) so that we can remove the old tiles and haul them away.

Sponsor a Ceiling Tile

In addition to the efforts by our work team volunteers, we are asking our congregation to sponsor **ceiling tiles for \$10 per tile**. We will have approximately 240 tiles to sell.

Volunteers will be on-hand on Saturdays and Sundays after services throughout the summer to “sell” tiles.

You are encouraged to purchase multiple tiles or at least one to help us cover the cost of materials.



Thank you to everyone who plans to participate in this important building project!

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” — Helen Keller

**Coffee & Conversation
at Linda's Bakery
9:30 AM on Tuesday, July 9
9:30 AM on Tuesday, August 13**



Blood Drive



**Monday, July 22
12:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Presbyterian Church**

Mark your calendars for August ...

Check out all that is happening as we continue in the dog days of summer ...



Adult Bible Study ... taking a break!

Wednesday morning Bible study will take a break through July. We'll resume on August 21 when Pastor Jon returns. Plan ahead to join us as we explore God's word!

Back by popular demand ...

**BEER & HYMNS
CAMPFIRE STYLE!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
POTLUCK -5:00 PM
SING-A-LONG - 6:00 PM
ERIC & JILL ILIFF'S HOME
(430 Olson Drive)**



The Iliff's have once again graciously offered their backyard for a campfire and singalong. They will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats ... you are invited to bring a dish to pass. Bring your own beverage of choice, a lawn chair, and your voice. And, don't forget to invite your friends!



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6 - 5-8 PM

Village Park

National Night Out returns to West Salem ... and we will be there again! Come and meet neighbors, connect with the community, and support others in our midst. And ... stop by the Our Savior's table too! We are proud to be present, and pleased to provide financial support to this event. Don't miss it!

Corn Roast

Wednesday, August 14
4:30 - 6:30 PM
at the Lion's Shelter



We are once again looking forward to gathering with the West Salem community for our annual Corn Roast. The Corn Roast is our gift to the community, so invite your friends and neighbors – and join them with some great corn and other goodies.

We are looking for ***all-hands-on-deck*** to help make this work! Sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area.

Come be a part of giving back to our community.

Gospel on the Green Worship & Potluck Picnic



**Sunday
August 25th
10:00 AM
@ the Lion's
Shelter**

Join us as the S.O.S. Band leads us in worship, we hear God's Word, and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the great outdoors! Bring your own seating!

Following worship, you are invited to join us for a potluck lunch – the church will provide sandwiches and beverages. If you are able, we would appreciate you bringing a dish to pass as follows – last names

beginning A-K – main dish; L-T – desserts; U-Z – salads. And even if you can't bring a dish (or if you forget), join us anyway ... there is always plenty and you are always welcome!





Thank you ...

... to the June newsletter mailing crew – Connie & Larry Blunck, Bev Bockenbauer, Renee Herman, and Carol Thompson.

... to all those who helped with the June Dairy Days activities – organizing and staffing the fun run and food tent.

Received from others ...

... I loved your card and the signatures. I know how much you loved my “Bud” ... He faced the last rough 6 months with courage and grace. We let him go, willingly, to his true home. Memories of your faces and kindnesses are comforting for me now. Love, *Mitzi*

In Loving Memory



Memorial Gifts Received ...

In Memory of Mary Storandt for Building Fund from

Bonnie Larsen

Jeffrey & Kim Pierce

Mary & Don Glasenapp

In Honor of Carol Peterson's 90th Birthday for Mission Endowment Fund from

Eric & Lynette Ender

In Memory of Gloria Thompson for Building Fund from

Arnie Thompson



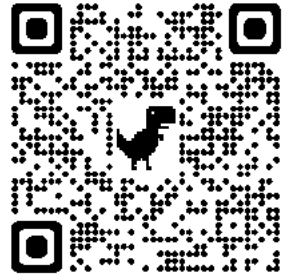
**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Financial Support Ministry

As we approach the end of the year!

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

Like ... our support of feeding ministries ... the Summer Lunch Program, World Hunger, the Care & Share Food Pantry, confirmation after school meals, Lenten soup suppers, the resurrected Funeral Lunch Committee, coffee fellowship, Gospel on the Green ... Your support helps make those ministries happen!



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



Congregation Council

The Congregation Council met on Monday, June 10, with President Jeff Haldeman presiding.

At this meeting the council:

- Shared in devotions/conversation based on a poem by Joe Davis.
- Approved minutes from the May meeting, and received financial reports and pastor's report.
- Heard that new signage has been installed, and received a quote for a new sandwich board for special needs parking.
- Received Annie Labus and Joan Wachter as new members.
- Heard we have a new public Facebook page, as well as an Instagram page.
- Heard those in Pastor Jon's sermon prep class will begin preaching in mid-June.
- Discussed the ongoing building work, the parking lot "re-gravel", and potential work on the rental property roof.
- Heard there will be a work day to install ceiling tiles and a campaign for people to purchase tiles.
- Discussed coverage for the office during Kris Seeger's vacation, and also emergency coverage for Pastor Jean's vacation.
- Discussed National Night Out presence and authorized sponsorship of the event.
- Authorized Jill Iliff to change WE Energy and Xcel Energy bills to on-line payment.
- Heard Funeral Lunch Committee has had their first funeral and all went very well.
- Consensus to have a meeting in July.

The council next meets on Monday, July 8 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.

Worship Leaders - July



July 6-7

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Alana Steinke
Bonnie Gensch

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Amy Stefferud
Gillian Twite
J & R Kerkman

Home Communion

Marjorie Anderson

Altar Guild July

Susan Giblin / Jill Iliff

10 a.m.

Ariel Wuensch
Jaime Fortier
B & J Linse

July 13-14

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Beau Baganz
Eric Iliff
Johnsrude Family

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Reader
Communion Assistant

Ryland Byom
Marjorie Anderson

10 a.m.

S Gullickson
M Haldeman
M Haldeman

Welcoming Team

Rasmussen Family

B&L Gilberts Fam

Home Communion

Ilene Pavelko

July 20-21

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Bennett Ihle
Judy Gilbert
Phil & Judy Gilbert

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Laney Kneifl
Bonny Goodenough
Eric & Lynette Ender

10 a.m.

C Koudelka
Brenda Skittone
Dawn Affeldt

July 27-28

Worship Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.

Lyriq Kumbier
Jon & Maryrose Hetland

Worship Assistant
Welcoming Team

8 a.m.

Layla Kneifl
Hickey Family

10 a.m.

Quinn Maki
Janisch Family

Worship Leaders - August



August 3-4

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.

Easton Massman
Kim Arentz

Worship Assistant
Reader
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

8 a.m.

Cole McNaughton

10 a.m.

H Niemeier
Carla Burkhardt
W Amundson
Stugen Family

Home Communion
Altar Guild August

Rasmussen Family

Stacey Sjoquist / Tracy Skrentny

August 10-11

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.

Kirsten Rasmussen
Chad Vick
Todd & Inger Michael

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team
Home Communion

8 a.m.

Darrell Smith
Sharon Olson
McConkey Family
Mariette Stefferud

10 a.m.

Sophia Sprehn
Jason Stefferud
Hebrink Family

August 17-18



Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.
Amy Stefferud
Karen DeSchepper
Dave & Angie Hemker

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Home Communion

8 a.m.
Anna Vick
Tracey Beckley
Massman Family

Carol & Scott Thompson

10 a.m.
Camille Zarecki

Drury Family

August 24-25

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.
Paige Christianson
Marjorie Anderson
Dan & Jan Wee

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Home Communion

8 a.m.
Chloe Drury
Alison Hemker
Twite Family

Daryl Wermedal

10 a.m.
C Godlewski

Baganz Family

August 31- Sept 1

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.
Claire Gross
Carla Burkhardt
Vick Family

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Home Communion

8 a.m.
Sophia Johnson
Bonnie Gensch
Mitchell Family

Marjorie Anderson

10 a.m.
A Kendhammer
Carolyn Karl



- ♥ 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.

Vacation

Pastor Jean will be on vacation from July 15 to 31. If you have pastoral care needs during her absence, please contact Kris in the office.



Pastor Kris Bjerke-Ulliman will preside at worship July 20/21. July 27/28 will feature the SOS Band, with Dori Jensen leading worship. We thank them for their leadership!

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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!!

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

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

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Newsletter Deadline – August 2

Keeping up with life at Our Savior's

Check out the photo gallery on our website (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org/photo-galleries/) to see what's been happening, including:

- ♥ LaCrosse Area Synod Assembly
- ♥ Roof work



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