

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 10:30AM worship!

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

Livestreams remain on the YouTube page as recordings for later viewing.



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

YouTube

Check it out ...



Facebook Page –
Our Savior’s ELCA – West Salem



Instagram Page –
[oursaviors_ws](https://www.instagram.com/oursaviors_ws)



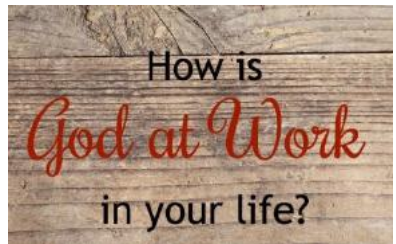
Pastor's Reflections ...

God at work ...

God at work. I hope so because these days it's sometimes hard to see anything hopeful in the world around us. I'm writing this on a gloomy day – and that's the way things frequently look. From politics to global tensions to climate issues to the economy to all the stuff in my own little corner of the world, it's tough out there!

But wait...you think you have it tough? Back in November we heard the story of a woman, a very poor woman, a woman with only two small copper coins to her name (Mark 12:41-44). With little to hang on to, she held nothing back. I suggested that the story is not about how we are to give up all our cash and possessions to the church and live like paupers. It was instead a poignant example of a woman who had experienced something. She experienced, in some fashion, God at work, and she was changed. Changed and driven to let go of what wasn't going to save her anyway, and instead rely on and bask in the grace of the God who was at work in her life.

That led me to pose a question, "Where do you see God at work in your corner of the world?" Share that with me! Now, time to share the results! Some places where you see God at work:



- Folk willing to work at funeral lunches and sewing ministries.
- God placing me at the right time and place.
- Day care workers who love "their" children.
- Children in worship with their families.
- Teens learning about Jesus in confirmation.
- Health and healing of my children.

- Watching children bringing up gifts for hungry jar.
- Rain! (*mentioned more than once!*)
- In 100-year-old letters...seeing God at work through the ages.
- Birth of a child.
- People more caring than you expect.
- Church
- Blessed with another day – and new lessons to learn.
- Treating and being treated with respect.
- Prayers answered.
- Food pantry, especially in the volunteers who share their time.
- Health, inspiration to be healthier, and helping those in need.
- Someone offering to assist with broken branches, trimming and hauling the debris from my home.
- Beautiful grandchildren.
- Teacher sharing the true love of God.
- Grandson asked to come to worship with me.
- Every day I get to look outside...and I get to see my wife!
- Picking up my dad and encouraging him when he lost his job.
- Fall colors and my daughter's laughter.
- In the kindness of my friends!
- When my sister curled my hair this morning!
- In nature...the change of seasons...the rain...nature's beauty.
- People helping others for no reason.
- Health, family and friends, a church, food to eat.
- Seeing people volunteering.
- Love and joy from animals, especially therapy dogs.
- The beauty of a sunrise.



- Helping me through a new journey (college), with both the good and bad.
- Every morning...with birds...sunshine...caring friends.
- In all the people around me. (*more than once!*)
- The community spirit in worship.
- Kris at work in the office.
- Wildlife, including the last to migrate south for winter.
- In and through my daughter (my kids) every day.
- The smiles of Sunday School kids as they sing in worship.
- Teachers and friends.
- In every step I take.
- The work in so many ways of the staff at my assisted living.
- In my volunteer work, giving back to the community.
- New job after being laid off!
- I just feel good in my heart!
- In kids talking about Jesus outside of church.
- Teens starting their own Bible study.
- I can get to church on Sunday!
- A new job – working with seniors at an assisted living.

What. A. List.

Kind of “Thanksgiving-ish,” don’t you think? I mean, look at the stuff, all the ways and places that people see God at work. Hey, busy God!



So maybe the point here is two-fold. First, keep your eyes open for God at work in your life. How could you add to this list?

Second, give thanks for all that God is doing in your corner of the world. Give thanks for the big and obvious, but also the small and easily-overlooked. Give thanks that God is here, right here, and at work!

That works for me. Ties up nicely with Thanksgiving. And with the memory of the turkey still fresh, fits well.

But wait, look a bit further. Do you see that? A manger, a child? There, on the horizon, is Christmas. There, on the horizon, is God at work!

Yes, God is at work in many ways and places. Big and small, they all matter, and they are all gifts of God's grace. For all that we give thanks – that's "Thanksgiving!"

But there is one work of God, one way and place that towers over all the rest, because this one is about life. Abundant life that can never be lost. The gift of life in Jesus! That is God at work – God at work in Christmas.

I began by wondering if we can see anything hopeful in our world these days. Look again at the list, and at your own list. God IS at work. And in God's work is hope.



Then look again – this time at the manger and the child. God REALLY at work. And in this work of God, in the work of Jesus, life is redeemed and restored. And hope is renewed.

Even on gloomy days like this!

Pastor Jon

Advent and Christmas



Hanging of the Greens

December 4 + 7 PM

It's time to get things ready – and so we sing some songs, hear God's word, and "hang the greens!" Join us as we get the season started, with help from some of our confirmation students.



Ecumenical Advent Worship at the Presbyterian Church December 11 – 7 PM

We join with St Teresa's and the Presbyterian Church of West Salem to enjoy the carols that are so much a part of the season. Though we are of different traditions, we come to worship the same child in the manger!



Christmas Eve

*We are there, at the manger,
worshiping the child!*

1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 10 PM

Music ... Holy Communion ...
Candlelight ...
and the Christmas Gospel



Christmas Eve 3:30 Worship Livestream

(find the link on the home page of the web site
– www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)

*Recording available for later viewing on YouTube -
Access on home page of web site*



Christmas Day

December 25 + 10 AM

Worship with Holy Communion

*In the light of day rejoice as we continue to celebrate
the wonder of the newborn Christ!*



Christmas Greetings!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you, from the staff at Our Savior's! We treasure the community that gathers here, and we are grateful to all of you for your support and your partnership in the gospel of Jesus. May God's blessings in the Christ Child be yours during this Holy Season, and throughout the coming New Year!

*Pastor Jon, Pastor Jean, Kris, Wendy,
Linda, Eric, Laurie, Josh, Jill and Karen*

Office Schedule

The office will be closed
December 26 and January 1





Decorate the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 1

Following 10:30 AM worship



Please join us as we put up the trees and decorate the rest of the church for Advent and Christmas. Hot chocolate, apple cider, and cookies will be provided. Your whole family is invited to have fun and make memories.



Lakeview Caring Tree

If you picked up a tag from the Lakeview Caring Tree, please return the ***wrapped gift, along with the tag on the outside of the package,*** to the church office by December 6.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas just a little brighter for our neighbors!

Check it out and Give it a try!

December 15



If you play piano ... On Sunday, December 15, after the 10:30

service, anyone who is interested is invited to come to the balcony and play their Christmas pieces on the ***NEW*** organ! Don't be shy, Linda will be there to help you. Have you prepared a song for a Christmas recital? Let's find out what it sounds like on the organ! ***All ages welcome!***





Eggnog and Carols



December 8
6 PM at Hunter's
140 Leonard St S

Just like “Beer and Hymns,” only December style. Join us for a fun time of carols and treats. We’ll provide the music – you provide whatever you want to eat and drink. And it doesn’t have to be eggnog!

Poinsettias



If you are planning to have a poinsettia in church for Christmas, please have your form and \$25 returned to the church office by December 8. We will acknowledge your poinsettia in the Christmas bulletins.

Plants will be provided by Under the Rust. Or, if you provide your own plant, please have it to church by December 23rd.

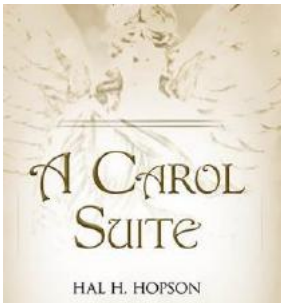
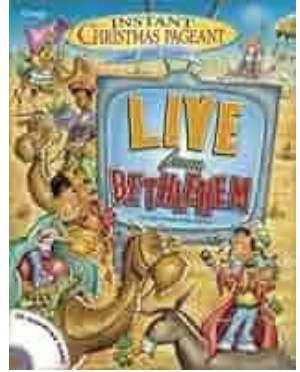
Join us ...

**Sunday School Christmas
Program**

"Live from Bethlehem"

December 15th

**During the
10:30 AM worship**



**Christmas Cantata
"A Carol Suite"**

December 22nd

8 & 10:30 AM

Join us as the Senior Choir presents "A Carol Suite", a four-movement suite of traditional carols beautifully arranged for choir and piano. You will recognize these hymns and enjoy the creative way they are presented. The choir has loved working on the Suite and looks forward to singing it for you!

Faith Formation ...

Sunday School



It's hard to believe, we are already 1/3 of the way through our Sunday School year! We are heading into Advent on our way to Lent. The kids are working hard preparing for their Christmas program, and enjoying their time with our *Whirl* buddies learning the lessons, then singing their songs, and hanging out with their teachers and friends. Feel free to join us!

Important Dates

Saturday, December 14 - 3-5 PM Program practice
Sunday, December 15 - Christmas Program - 10:30

Sunday School Offering

More than 2 billion people around the world aren't sure where their next meal will come from, and for as many as 828 million people, that next meal won't come at all. ELCA World Hunger is a story of caring for the environment, new fields being planted with crops, and wells bubbling with clean water.



The kids are having a “friendly competition” between the classes as they collect their offerings to help eliminate hunger in our world. Check out the bulletin board by Pastor Jean's office and watch the hay bales grow – we are halfway to getting our cow!



Hungry Jar Offering for December – LaCrosse Warming Center

As we anticipate the cold weather ... The La Crosse Warming Center's mission is to work with the greater La Crosse community to better serve those experiencing homelessness with dignity and respect by providing a safe and warm place for homeless adults 18 years and older to get in out of the cold during the winter months from November 1 until May 1. The Warming Center is located at 413 South Third Street in La Crosse. Guests are able to take a shower and wash their clothes. To keep the doors open, hundreds of volunteers from area churches and the community are needed to staff the center. Please be generous as we care for those who are hurting.



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

♥ October – Lutheran Disaster Response – \$2,553.66



Pastoral Acts:

Funeral – Mary Geske – November 22

Baptism – Ellie Kvamme – November 17



Faith Formation ...

Confirmation Ministry

December ... and confirmation continues! No surprise, but no classes for any grade on December 25! Classes resume January 8. And for the rest of December?

6th grade meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM, finishing off the Old Testament.

7th grade has class on December 4 and December 18, as they continue to discover the gift and power of prayer. No class on December 11, but they are encouraged to attend the Ecumenical Advent worship at the Presbyterian Church at 7 PM – hey, it's worth a worship note!

8th graders assist with the Hanging of the Greens on December 4 and should be here no later than 6:40 PM (worship is at 7 PM). No class on December 11, but they are encouraged to attend the Ecumenical Advent worship at the Presbyterian Church at 7 PM. On December 18 we begin to explore Gifts and Stewardship.

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

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation Schedule - December

December 4

6 PM – 6th and 7th Grade – Class

December 11

6 PM – 6th Grade – Class

December 18

6 PM – 6th and 7th Grade – Class

7 PM – 8th Grade – Class

Faith Formation ...

(Wendy Amundson)



I want to thank those that attended the Eighth-Grade “Baking with Faith” event – Chloe Drury, Alana Steinke, Max Langrehr, and Olivia Sprehn; and we had a special guest – Ellie Tlustosch. We made chocolate chip cookies from scratch, discussed our favorite bible verses, and spent time getting to know each other better. We only had an hour, and it went by way too fast.

I am looking forward to having more activities after school in the new year. Stay tuned!

As our college students are studying in challenging

college
connection



environments at home or on campus, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. This month please pray for: **Ray Fullwood** (WTC), **Celia Mitchell** (UMN Twin Cities), **Eva Clements** (Winona State), **Kirin Linse** (UW-EC), and **Mckenna Riley** (UW-M).



Adult Bible Study

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

Open the Bible and ... so much Word to hear ... so much insight to gain ... so much grace to be given ... and always, 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. **Note: no study December 4!**

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

**Coffee & Conversation
at Linda's Bakery
9:30 AM on Tuesday, December 10**



New Members

At its November meeting the Congregation Council received Brian and Corinne Hanson, and Chrissy Nelson and Kylie as new members. Now, let's get to know them a little bit ...



Brian and Corinne Hanson

Brian and Corinne have been married for over 45 years, having spent most of those years near Milwaukee. They have two children and have been in West Salem for 12 years. They enjoy traveling, and are visiting as many state capitals as possible.

Brian is from rural Westby, and graduated from Western Tech. He worked in engineering for over 40 years, and enjoys sports and woodworking. Corinne is a West Salem native, and graduated from West Salem High School. She earned a nursing degree, working in nursing homes and hospice settings.

Chrissy Nelson and Kylie

Chrissy has lived in West Salem since 2009. She has been a nurse at Mayo for 23 years, working in Med-Surg, ICU, and the OR. Currently she is a nurse educator. She loves movies, gardening and fishing. Her sister is an ELCA pastor near Milwaukee, and after livestreaming for several years, decided she wanted to be a part of a local community of faith.

Kylie is a 7th grader at West Salem, and in confirmation. She enjoys music, volleyball, track, and time with friends.

Chrissy says they have felt very welcomed and "Thank you for your warm hospitality!"

Mark your calendars now ...



It's been over five years ... and we've grown ... we have welcomed new faces in our pews and classrooms ...

We will be doing a new pictorial directory in the new year! Pictures will be taken **Wednesday, February 26 through Saturday, March 1**. You can sign up on line (see below), between worship services, or call the church office and we'll help you.

Even if you're not a member, if you're involved in the life of our community, we invite you to be included in this new directory.

We HOPE to have EVERYONE included!

Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to **www.ucdir.com**, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **wi378** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**



Stewardship

Our fall stewardship ministry is continuing. Thank you to all who have responded, and for all the support you have shared with us over the years. ***Together we have made a difference!***

As you are able, please return your statement of intent card as that allows us to build a responsible mission budget for 2025. If you have misplaced it, contact the church office.

Meanwhile, we invite your continued support of our work together for the sake of people, the gospel, and Jesus Christ. ***Your support of our ministry, especially in trying times, makes a difference in the world, so we invite your continued, even increased, support of our work together.***

Capital Fund Appeal



The Capital Fund Appeal continues! To date close to \$130,000 has been received. We are currently about \$40,000 shy of our goal with almost two years remaining in our three-year appeal. THANK YOU to all who have stepped forward to help maintain our building and facilities as we move into the future.



We continue to invite gifts to meet these needs. Remember that gifts can be made by marking your envelope “building fund,” or you can make an electronic gift. Use the QR code or go to our giving page at oursaviorswestsaalem.org/giving/.

Thank you all for your support and your sharing with us. For more information contact the office or speak with one of the pastors.



Nominations

It's getting to be that time – time to lift up new leaders for our mission and ministry. We will be seeking leaders willing to share their time and talent with the

Congregation Council, Mission Endowment Fund, Synod Assembly, Sugar Creek, and Eagle Crest Communities. If you ... or someone you know ... has the gifts and the calling to provide leadership for our work together, contact Jeff Haldeman or one of the pastors.

We will also be asking you during worship the first two weekends in December to share names with us. Look around – who do you see whom God has gifted...and maybe called...to leadership in the community of faith? *These are challenging and exciting times...yet, God is at work in you!*



ELCA
World Hunger

World Hunger

This Advent season, we are raising money for World Hunger

by selling greeting cards (inside is blank for your note) by 2 local artists, Lynnette Wick and Pastor Mitzi Miyamoto. Cards with prints of their amazing artwork, will be sold for \$5 each and we make \$3 for World Hunger on each card sold! We look forward to helping you shop in the gathering area, Saturday evening service and between Sunday services starting December 7th! Great for gifts, stocking stuffers or to use yourself! Thank you for supporting this ministry - we are helping our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Ps 51:10

Mission Endowment Fund



A continuing 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.

Leaving a Legacy

We may think that our legacy is set before our death – and typically that is true. However, consider Alfred Nobel. He is remembered as the philanthropist whose foundation promotes world peace through the Nobel Peace Prize.

But did you know that Alfred Nobel made his fortune by inventing dynamite? Alfred Nobel was able to shape a legacy much different than what might have followed from his invention by planning to use his wealth to benefit future generations.

By planning through your will, trust, qualified retirement plan or life insurance policy to leave money to Our Savior's, the Mission Endowment Fund, or another ministry you can help define your legacy of Christian stewardship. Consider particularly the future impact that you can have by giving a portion of your wealth to Mission Endowment Fund. This perpetual fund assures that your money will live on to do God's work for generations not yet born!

What you do today does shape your legacy. What you direct your money to do after your death can enhance and define that legacy.

As always, consult a tax professional to understand the opportunities and implications of any financial tool.

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, and Scott Thompson.

Year End Contributions



With the end of the year fast approaching, this is the time to make sure you are up to date on your financial

support of our ministry at Our Savior's. *Your gifts **DO** make a difference!* You can mail your gifts to the office, go to the church website: www.oursaviorswestsaalem.org, or use the QR code for secure electronic giving options.



In order to be included on your 2024 giving statement, gifts must be received in the church office **by 11 AM on December 31, 2024**. Any checks dated 2025, regardless of when they are received, will be acknowledged for 2025.



2025 Offering Envelopes

If you haven't already received your offering envelopes for 2025 in the mail, you should be receiving them soon. As the New Year begins, if you still need envelopes, please let Kris know in the office and she will gladly get some for you. **Note: it is possible you will have a new number in 2025, so be sure to use the 2025 envelopes beginning in January.**



Also note, if you use electronic giving, you will still receive envelopes as you need to have a giving number.



Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar – the annual meeting has been set for Sunday, **January 26, 2025**, following the 10:30

worship service. We will review our ministry over the past year, set our mission priorities for the coming year, and select leadership. Please plan to join us!



Thinking Ahead ... 2024 Annual Report deadlines

It's hard to imagine, but the new year is right around the corner. And that means getting an annual report together to share with the congregation all that has

happened in 2024. We are looking for reflections from the various committees, teams, and ministries to be included in the report. Please note we will need those reports, preferably electronically, in the office as follows: **Written and Financial Reports by Wednesday, January 8.**



Thank you ...

... to the November newsletter mailing crew – Bev Bockenbauer, Connie Blunck, Carolyn Karl, and Carol Thompson.

Received from others ...

... Thank you to everyone who assisted with the school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We were able to collect enough donations of school supplies to put together 103 school kits! Thank you also to Wendy and the Wednesday after school kids who assembled the kits into the bags and those who came on October 12th to drive the kits and quilts to La Crosse. Watch for more information to come about where the kits ended up and how to help next year!

Tiffany Janisch

... Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Norwegian Supper. 331 meals were served. Special thanks to Marc Anderson from Linda's Bakery, Thrivent Financial, and Under the Rust for their donations. Approximately \$5,000 were profited.

Lynette Ender

Attention All Women! Norwegian Dinner Disbursement Meeting December 1 – 9:15 AM

It's time to make the lutefisk, meatballs, rutabagas, potatoes and treats make a difference! All women are invited to a conversation in the library on disbursing the proceeds from the Norwegian Dinner. Bring your ideas for ministries, programs, and agencies that meet human needs in our area and beyond.



In Loving Memory



Memorial Gifts Received ...

In Memory of Dale Anderson Jr. from

Peter, Kim, and Trevor Arentz	Carla Burkhardt
Richard & Michelle Massman	Todd & Inger Michael
Rick & Kathy Morgan	

In Memory of Kathy R. Anderson from

Bev Bockenhauer

In Memory of Richard Marking from

Elizabeth MacEwen

In Memory of Darlene Johnson for Building Fund from

Connie & Larry Blunck	Judy Long
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In Memory of Darlene Johnson for Mission Endowment Fund from

Lee Friell	Helen Friell
Eric & Lynette Ender	

In Memory of Darlene Johnson from

Wilbur Johnson	Greg & Pam Hutson
Bev Bockenhauer	Barb Schomburg
Jim Michelson	Wayne & Darlene Affeldt
Family & Friends	

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-Oct	Actual-YTD	Budget-YTD
Income	\$24,436.82	\$259,216.83	\$308,625.00
Prepaid		\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Expense	\$27,864.49	\$301,583.11	\$319,478.50
Net	(\$3,427.67)	(\$33,366.28)	
2024 Worship Life – Weekly average			
	In-building Actual	Online Estimate	TOTAL
October	201	39	240
Year to Date	179	56	235



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Financial Support Ministry

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

Like our “young adult ministry” carried out by LuMin, the campus ministry in La Crosse. Our support enables LuMin to reach young adults, supporting them during a time of exploration and discovery, and nurturing them to be leaders of faith in the years to come.

We invite your support of Our Savior’s in our work together! 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, November 11, with President Jeff Haldeman presiding.

At this meeting the council:

- Shared in devotions based on Hebrews 12:1-2, and a discussion of the saints in our lives.
- Approved the minutes from the October meeting, and received financials for October and the pastors' reports.
- Heard reports on a number of congregational ministries including youth, stewardship and worship.
- Discussed the policy for wedding licenses and determined that all licenses will be returned to the county by the congregation, not the couple.
- Heard that the building projects are now complete, and that a final insurance payment had been received. Decided to place a portion on the payment in a restricted fund to cover repairs to the rental house roof in 2025.
- Authorized the purchase of new computer equipment for the youth director, and a tablet for worship and other needs.
- Heard that Hastings Insurance has decided to renew coverage, but much higher premium. Other options are limited, but will continue to be explored.
- Received an update on the directory project for 2025.
- Discussed nominations for 2025 and securing names from the congregation.
- Received Brian and Corinne Hanson, and Chrissy Nelson and Kylie into membership.
- Discussed the December council meeting and family party.
- Set the annual meeting for Sunday, January 26, 2025, following the 10:30 AM worship service.

The council next meets on Monday, December 9 at 7 PM, at Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean's home. 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 - December



Nov 30/Dec 1

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Lexi Schulz
Chad Vick
Dennis & Ann Sprain

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Shiloh Gullickson
Lynette Ender
M & J Larson

10:30 a.m.

Bennett Ihle
Tracey Beckley
E & B Sorenson

Home Communion
Altar Guild December

Carolyn Karl
Stacey Sjoquist/Tracy Skrentny

December 7-8

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Laney Kneifl
Bonnie Gensch
Keith & Jan Goetzinger

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Chase Koudelka
Alison Hemker
Baganz Family

10:30 a.m.

Lyriq Kumbier
Dori Jensen
Dawn & Chris Clay

Home Communion

Ilene Pavelko

December 14-15

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Layla Kneifl
Kim Arentz
Dan & Jan Wee

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Quinn Maki
Jim Quamme
B & J Linse

10:30 a.m.

Easton Massman
Carolyn Karl
J & R Kerkman

Home Communion

Rasmussen Family

December 21-22

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant Cole McNaughton
Communion Assistant Judy Morzinski
Welcoming Team Dave & Angie Hemker

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant Kylie Nelson
Communion Assistant Kyle Twite
Welcoming Team T & S Gilbertson
Home Communion Mariette Stefferud

10:30 a.m.

Harper Niemeier
Eric Ender
Gullickson Family

December 24 – Christmas Eve

1:30 p.m.

Worship Assistant Kirsten Rasmussen
Communion Assistant Eric & Jill Iliff
Denise Jones

3:30 p.m.

Ryland Byom
Jen Linse
Brenda Skittone
Wendy Amundson
Goodenough Fam

Welcoming Team Iliff Family

5:30 p.m.

Worship Assistant Darrell Smith
Communion Assistant Marjorie Anderson
Jon Hetland
Chad Vick

10 p.m.

Sophia Sprehn
Corey Sjoquist

Welcoming Team Beckley Family J & M Haldeman

December 25 – Christmas Day

10 a.m.

Worship Assistant Amy Stefferud
Communion Assistant Jason Stefferud
Welcoming Team Larry & Connie Blunck



December 30-31

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Welcoming Team

Anna Vick
Vick Family

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Welcoming Team

Camille Zarecki
Marinelli Fam

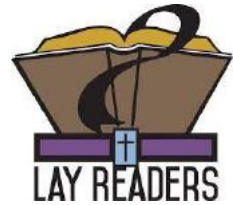
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A&B Christianson Fam

Readers

If you would like to read lessons during worship, we would love to have you. Use the SignUpGenius link to sign up:

www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044CA5A629A7F85-reader
or call the church office (608-786-0030) and we'll help.



- ♥ 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.





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Vacation

Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean will be on vacation from December 27 through January 2. If you have need of pastoral care during this time, please contact the church office.



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Newsletter Deadline – December 12

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:

- ♥ Norwegian Dinner



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