

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**

10:00 AM worship livestreamed!

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 ...

Always at work making a difference ...

Let's see...end of May...Sunday School and Confirmation are taking a break...worship numbers are down...everyone is out and about...and the church is...hibernating?

Well, maybe not hibernating, but not much is happening. Time for the summer snooze!



Unless you...

- are heading off to Sugar Creek...
- are part of the Feed Our Children, the summer lunch ministry...or you help with the food pantry...
- come and pray with us every Wednesday evening (see page 7) ...or are part of the prayer chain...
- are gearing up for "Beer and Hymns, Campfire Style" at the Iliff's in August...
- plan to join us on National Night Out, or help with the Corn Roast, both in early August...
- are joining Synod Assembly worship on June 8...
- are on the property committee, tackling a few projects that need work...
- are part of the welcoming team...or a worship assistant...or a communion assistant over the next three months...
- are one of our musicians, sharing special music during the summer months...
- are a quilter or a prayer shawl creator, still at work even during the dog days of summer...

Lots happening...*even during the summer!* The church is still buzzing, with faithful living, faithful loving, and faithful service! God at work, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and yes, 365 days a year (366 in leap year!).

But the church is doing more than you think. The church is out in the world, and engaging with people. The church is meeting needs, and caring for the hurting. The church is contributing to the good of our neighbors, building connections with strangers, and rebuilding relationships with those whom we just don't like. In big ways and small ways, the church is making a difference.

Here in the building, you know, the one at 359 Leonard St N, and out in places like the BGC (summer lunch), Sugar Creek, Westby and La Crosse (synod assembly), the prayer labyrinth, and even the Iliff's back yard (Beer and Hymns).

But other times and places too. Like in the cereal aisle at Hansen's, or getting an ice cream at Nick's. Or shopping for flowers at Under the Rust, or making a deposit at Union State Bank. Putting in a work day at Kwik Trip or Woodman's, or waiting for the doctor at Gundersen. Or educating kids at West Salem Middle School, or even being the learner at one of the schools. Or just hanging out in the back yard, taking a walk, or enjoying a park. Times and places where the church is, and where the church can and does make a difference.

And how can that be? Simple. This is NOT the church!

Well, OK, so it is...sort of. But we all know the old adage: "The church is not the building...the church is people."



Or perhaps more properly, the church is wherever YOU are. You...a baptized child of God...a disciple of Jesus. Where



you are, in your everyday life, there the church is. And where you are making a difference in the world, the church is making a difference in the world.

And that changes the dynamic of summer completely. The church is not taking a snooze, off for the summer, or out of town (unless, of course, YOU are out of town, and then the church really is out of town – wherever you are!).

I mentioned that the church is people, not a building. But not just a replacement of brick with flesh and bone. The church is people living out their baptismal calling. Or in other words, the church is where you are as you live faithfully.

And that happens every day, remember? 365 days a year...24 hours a day. When and where you live faithfully, caring for people in big and small ways, insisting that all people be treated with respect and dignity, watching for those moments to be the presence of Christ in broken lives, embracing those opportunities that God places before you, YOU are living out your baptism...and YOU are the church.

In all places around town (and even out of town), in all moments of the day, in ways you might least expect, the church is there – through you!

And that makes for a busy summer. The church is really busy because YOU are busy – busy as a baptized child of God and disciple of Jesus at work, making a difference, every day. Not busy in the church, busy BEING the church!



Pastor Jon

There is No Silver Bullet...

A wise bishop once said, "There is no silver bullet for what troubles the church and ails the world. No program will fix everything. Nothing will change without prayer!"



OK, so the world is messed up. We know that. And the church sometimes struggles to figure out where we are to be. Got that too. So, what to do about it?

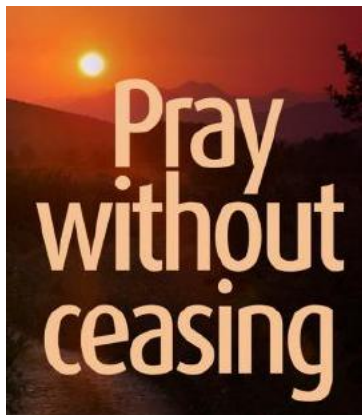
Pray!

The bishops of the ELCA have invited us to do just that – pray! The Bishops' Initiative to Prayer is a call to gather as people of God, however, and in whatever size, to pray for strength, insight, guidance, compassion, understanding, and whatever else we need to be faithful in challenging days.

And that's what we are doing ... and you are invited to join us, **each Wednesday beginning June 4, at 6:30 PM**, in the *prayer labyrinth across the street* from the parking lot. Bring a chair, an open heart, prayer concerns, and any hurts you are carrying. We imagine about 15-20 minutes of prayer time, both aloud and silent. And if the weather is not so helpful, we'll meet in the sanctuary.

Our time will give us the space to pray for our world, God's people, and Christ's church. No sermon, no music, no right or wrong way to do it. Just pray for what God is up to – and let the Holy Spirit go to work!

For more information see Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean.



Faith Formation ...

Sunday School



We had a great year of Sunday School and celebrated our last day with an ice cream social, along with several of our classroom grandparents who were able to join us. We thanked our faithful, dedicated, awesome teachers. They all colored their “**Flat Jesus**” and set out to take him on their adventures this summer.



We will look forward to seeing where **Flat Jesus** traveled and what exciting activities he was a part of ... don't forget to send in your pictures along the way and watch the display case outside of the Sanctuary doors to check it out!

Let the adventures begin!

There may even be a **prize** at the end of summer ... *who traveled the farthest ... who traveled to the most exotic place ... who was the most creative ...*

Sunday School Offering



ELCA World Hunger was the recipient for this year's Sunday School offering, with the goal of getting a cow for

\$500. Good news! We got our cow, plus a couple of chicks, too! Thanks to everyone who shared their gifts! Check out the bulletin board by Pastor Jean's office to see how we did.



Congregation you are invited to join the fun, too!

On the table in the Gathering Area you will find **Flat Jesus** waiting for an adventure. Grab one, color him in, take him with you this summer, and send us a picture of where you went ... the beach, camping, vacation, summer school, work, on a walk or bicycle ride, library, ice cream at Nick's, summer lunch ... be creative ... the possibilities are endless!

**Remember, Jesus is with you wherever you go!
Let's have some fun seeing where Jesus goes!**

We have had our first Flat Jesus sighting ...

Grandma Carolyn (5th Grade Sunday School class) took Flat Jesus to her Granddaughter's graduation in Pennsylvania! Thanks for sharing!





IGLESIA LUTERANA DEL PERU ILP

Hungry Jar Offering for June – Lutheran Church of Peru (ILP)

“Where faith comes alive through service, hope, and love for every person and all creation.”

Amid social, political, and economic challenges, the ILP remains steadfast in its mission: to proclaim the saving message of Jesus Christ and walk beside those who need it most. For 56 years, the ILP community has served passionately through ministries rooted in justice, peace, and holistic well-being.

Mission - To be a communion of believers that walks alongside its congregations in evangelism and service, empowering every member to transform lives and communities.

Vision -To become a sustainable Church, recognized for strong organization, a steadfast commitment to justice and care for creation, and the promotion of each person's well-being.

Values - Everything we do is grounded in love, respect, justice, honesty, freedom, responsibility, loyalty, empathy, solidarity, integrity, and tolerance.

The ILP is a companion synod of the LaCrosse Area Synod, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, and Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, and we are partnering to raise \$45,000 for the ILP. To learn more about the ILP, check out their website: <https://iglesia-luterana-del-peru.jimdosite.com/>

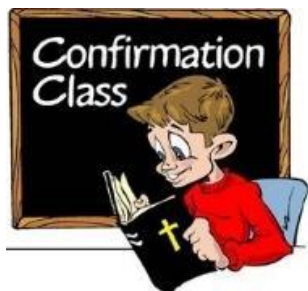


Thank you for your generous donations to the Hungry Jar ...

♥April – Feed Our Children Summer Lunch – \$828.03

Faith Formation ...

Confirmation Ministry



Confirmation is done for the year – and we are looking ahead already to next year! Parent orientation is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, September 3** –

- 6th & 7th grade at 6 PM
- 8th grade at 7 PM

Remember that new students are ALWAYS welcome – invite friends and neighbors to join us!

See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more information.



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMPERS

“God’s Word Comes Near”



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

June 15-20

Bailey Baganz
Brynn Baganz
Adriana Hebrink
Ellie Tlustosch

June 22-24

Keira Giblin

June 22-27

Ava Johnsrude
Mabel Sjoquist



Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays 9:30-11 AM

In the Library – or join us by Zoom

Bible study continues to meet – and we are always digging a way to find new nuggets and hear God speak anew to us. YOU are always welcome. NO prior knowledge expected, just a bit of curiosity and excitement to encounter God's word ... and live as faithful disciples.

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

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



Office Closed

Please note that the office will be closed on Friday, June 20. The office will reopen on Monday, June 23.



Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program

The 2025 Summer Lunch Program is about to launch! We begin serving on June 3! If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact Angie Hemker (feedourchildrenws@gmail.com) for more information or go to SignUpGenius to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4EA5A72CA4FF2-56984981-feed>.

The donation list has been updated to include: fruit cups/applesauce, small snack items (individual or bulk), ranch dressing, peanut butter, Ziplock bags (sandwich and snack size), granola bars, individual cereal cups, and brown paper lunch sacks. 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** the gift is for Feed Our Children.

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.

High School Graduates

We congratulate all of our high school graduates and share some of their plans for the future:



Trevor Arentz – UW LaCrosse - Education
Emily Bell – Iowa State – Dietetics & Exercise Science
Marissa Eckland – UW Platteville – Animal Science
Jayden Hansen – UW Eau Claire - Biology
Emma Haun – Chippewa Valley Technical
Jessalyn Hickey – UW LaCrosse – Elementary Education
Makena Ihle – Viterbo – Elementary Education
Hailey Ives - Viterbo
Owen Kendhammer – Entering the workforce
Aubrey Langrehr – University of Northwestern, St Paul
– Corporate Finance
Andrew Larson – UW Madison - Meteorology
Leah Leren – UW LaCrosse – Environmental Sciences
Mallory Long – Grand Valley State - Sonography
Ella Muellenberg – UW LaCrosse – Recreational
Therapy
Sammi Niemeier – Winona State
Carter Quackenbush – UW Eau Claire
Will Stefferud – UW Madison - undeclared
Eve Twite – UW Madison - Neurobiology
Lauren Zarecki – UW LaCrosse

College Scholarship Recipients



Congratulations to the recipients of college scholarships from Our Savior's! This year, was another strong class of seniors, and we are happy to be able to offer support to all of them.

The following high school seniors have been awarded scholarships for this coming year:

Marking Scholarships

- Marissa Eckland, UW Platteville
- Aubrey Langrehr, University of Northwestern, St. Paul

Michelson Scholarships

- Emily Bell, Iowa State
- Jayden Hansen, UW-Eau Claire
- Andrew Larson, UW-Madison
- Will Stefferud, UW-Madison

Piper Scholarship

- Jessalyn Hickey, UW-LaCrosse

Lewis/Meyer Scholarship for College Freshmen

- Berit Gilbertson, Augustana University

We are pleased and excited to be able to make these awards, assisting these young people in developing the talents and abilities which God has entrusted to their care. We are also grateful to the Marking, Michelson, and Piper families for providing the resources for the scholarships this year.

LaCrosse Area Synod News ...



You are invited!

Synod Worship

Sunday, June 8 at 10 AM

Riverside Park

Gather with others from across our Synod for worship and a picnic lunch – wear **RED**!

Note: We will still have worship here at Our Savior's during our regular times that weekend. Bishop Malpica will have a recorded message to be shared in the congregations.



Join Us!

Synod Day at the LaCrosse Logger's Baseball Game!

Sunday, June 15 at 5 PM

\$27 (age 13+) \$15 (children 4-12)

Tickets include seating as a group on the Topper Terrace which provides some shade, all you can drink pop/water, the ballpark classic dinner at the concession stand, and 3 beers for adults 21+. Tickets can be ordered and paid for on the synod website (LacrosseAreaSynod.org).



La Crosse Area Synod Assembly

The La Crosse Area Synod Assembly will meet June 6-8 in Westby. Bishop Felix Malpica will lead the assembly in its business, including elections, the adoption of a mission budget, and the consideration of several resolutions.

The assembly begins on Friday, June 6 with an opening session and worship. Work continues on Saturday in Westby with three plenary sessions and workshops. Included in Saturday's business will be the election of a new Synod Vice-President.

Sunday the assembly continues with worship at Riverside Park in La Crosse at 10 AM. YOU are welcome to join the worship!

Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean will be joined by Carolyn Karl, Corey Sjoquist, Graham Sjoquist, Brenda Skittone, and Berit Gilbertson as voting members of the assembly.

Please pray for all assembly participants, both as they travel, and as they discern God's calling in the work we do as a church. And watch for a review of the assembly in the July newsletter!

Property Committee

The Property Committee has been identifying a list of items which may be called “facility maintenance” items. The committee has been working from this **“to do”** list to complete needed repairs and/or replacement of such items.



The Property Committee developed a form which staff and members of the congregation may now use to assist the committee in identifying various maintenance needs. This form is only another tool which may be used to inform the committee of such facility needs.

Forms are available on the Property Committee bulletin board in the gathering area. This form is self-explanatory and may be submitted to Kris in the office, the pastors, or placed in the basket outside of the church office. The completed forms will then be forwarded to the Property Committee for appropriate action. It is requested that the person completing the form fill out the contact information so the committee can respond appropriately or seek clarification if needed.

A Property Committee bulletin board is being established outside the Koinonia Room and an updated **“to do”** list will be posted so members may review the ongoing fluid list.

The Property Committee consists of members: Rich Westpfahl, Maryrose Hetland, Carol Thompson, and Jerry Greeno. Pastor Jon and Jeff Haldeman also attend the committee meetings.

The Property Committee meets on the third Wednesday (4:30-5:30 pm) every other month. We welcome additional members to the committee.

Opportunities for Faithful Living!

It is a hurting world out there...God is generous...and YOU can change lives! Each month we highlight an opportunity for you to connect with people in need outside of Our Savior's, out on the world around us! See something that kindles your passion and uses the gifts you have? Check it out!

Salvation Army

"Dedicated to doing the most good, our mission is to meet human needs in God's name without discrimination. Our work is never complete."



Some ways you can help!

- Every day there are volunteer positions for lunch (11:30-12:30) and dinner (4:30-5:30) in the kitchen serving shelter residents and others in need of a meal. Especially with summertime and college students gone, the need is big!
- Volunteers are also needed in the thrift store on the north side of La Crosse. 9-6 weekdays, and 9-5 Saturdays.
- Monthly and seasonal opportunities as well.

To volunteer:

apply online at
centralusa.salvationarmy.org/lacrosse/

or by phone
Rick Rux (608-782-6126, ext. 226)

Generously Blessed, Called, and Sent

We continue our exploration of disciples of Jesus who understand that they have been “generously blessed, called, and sent.” This month...Jeff Haldeman.



What is generosity to you? Giving of my time, talent and money without the expectation of return.

How do you experience receiving generosity? I feel a bit uncomfortable – it is easier to give than to receive. Of course, I realize that God has given me so much, but receiving it from people around me is sometimes difficult.

How do you share your gifts? One of the biggest blessings God has provided me is a mechanical mind. By this blessing I have been able to help family, friends, neighbors and my church.

Who taught you to be generous? My parents, grandparents, siblings, Sunday School teachers, my wonderful wife, and my mother in law and father in law. Honestly so many people I cannot possibly name them all!!!

How do you live out generosity in your work life? By being helpful to co-workers and understanding to vendors who are dealing with lots of challenges in the steel and aluminum world. By basically just being kind to the people I come into contact with.

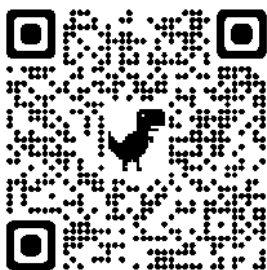
A bit about your story? Go to church weekly, volunteer and help wherever there was a need and use your time and talents at church. We have three children and we tried to show by example what generosity is in the life of the church and the community they live in.

Watch for next month's story of a disciple of Jesus “generously blessed, called, and sent.”

Capital Fund Appeal



Closer and closer! More generous gifts to the Capital Fund Appeal during April have brought us closer to our goal – just about \$11,000 to go! Thank you for all the gifts we have already received!



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 oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving/.

But ... remember too that we have also identified some other long-term needs, including the parking lot paving and the eventual replacement of our sanctuary air conditioning unit (it's over 30 years old!). While these are not at the moment priorities or projects in which we are engaged, your gifts now get us closer to being able to meet these needs in the future.

For the moment, however, ***thank you all for your support and your sharing with us.*** For more information contact the office or speak with one of the pastors.



Thank you ...

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

... to all who helped in any way
with June Dairy Days – Fun
Run and Food Booth!



Pastoral Acts:

Funeral – Earl Farnam, Sr. – May 2

Baptism – Lennon Arttus – May 3

Funeral – Harriet Hessler – May 9



Tech System Invite

We continue to look for folk who are interested in “working the system” during worship, enabling us to use video resources and livestream the service. 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.



In Loving Memory

Memorial Gifts Received ...



*In Memory of Saundra Holthaus for
Building Fund from*

**Jeff & Melissa Haldeman
Ilene Pavelko
Jim Michelson
Todd & Inger Michael
Family & Friends**

**Joe & Carol Stekel
Barb Schomburg
Al & Alice Witte
Dennis & Ann Sprain**

*In Memory of Saundra Holthaus for Funeral
Lunch Crew from*

Arlan Holthaus

*In Memory of Luella Pierce for Building Fund
from*

Jim Michelson

Family & Friends

*In Memory of Ken Herman for Building Fund
from*

**Vicky Johnson
Bev Bockenbauer**

**Larry & Connie Blunck
Family & Friends**

*In Memory of Harriet Hessler for Building Fund
from*

Larry Hessler

Family & Friends

*In Memory of Harriet Hessler for Feed Our
Children Summer Lunch from*

Larry Hessler

Family & Friends

*In Memory of Harriet Hessler for Food Pantry
from*

Larry Hessler

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!

2025 Ministry at Work			
	Actual-April	Actual-YTD	Budget-YTD
Income	\$32,426.36	\$111,861.16	\$123,216.68
Prepaid		\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00
Expense	\$28,762.76	\$136,004.30	\$129,548.33
Net	\$3,663.60	(\$6,643.14)	
2025 Worship Life – Weekly average			
	In-building Actual	Online Estimate	TOTAL
April	280	39	319
Year to Date	190	35	225



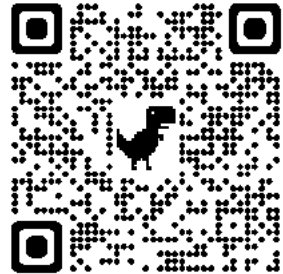
**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Financial Support Ministry

THANK YOU!!!! *Thank you for your continued financial support of our ministry together!* You make a difference in the lives of children and adults, in those across the globe, and those right here in our midst.

Like those who are homebound, who receive visits from the pastors, many also receive visits from home communion ministers. And then the cards, signed by worshipers on Sunday, reminding them they are still a part of this community of faith.

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!***

Worship Leaders - June



May 31 – June 1

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Darrell Smith
Judy Morzinski
Darrell Smith Family

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Sophia Sprehn
Brenda Skittone
J & R Kerkman

*10 a.m. -Summer

Amy Stefferud
Jason Stefferud
Baganz Family

Home Communion

Marjorie Anderson

Altar Guild June

Cindy Averbeck & Jaime Fortier

June 7-8 - Synod Assembly

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Welcoming Team

Anna Vick
Larry & Connie Blunck

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Welcoming Team

Camille Zarecki
Twite Family

*10 a.m. -Summer

Beau Baganz
Maki Family

June 14-15

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Kaelyn Hebrink

Jon & Maryrose Hetland

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Jett Bishop
Eric Iliff
Brian & Jen Linse

*10 a.m. -Summer

Owen Christianson
Carla Burkhardt
Giblin Family

Home Communion

Bev Bockenbauer

June 21-22

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant Noah Evenson
Communion Assistant Judy Gilbert
Welcoming Team Phil & Judy Gilbert

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant Autumn Amundson
Communion Assistant Melody Schmitz
Welcoming Team _____
Home Communion Judy Gilbert

*10 a.m. -Summer

Ava Johnsrude
Rich Clements
Dawn & Chris Clay

June 28-29

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant Addyson Knebes
Communion Assistant Bonnie Gensch
Welcoming Team Dave & Angie Hemker

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant Lauryn Langrehr
Communion Assistant Amy Rasmussen
Welcoming Team Brenda Skittone
Home Communion Carolyn Karl

*10 a.m. -Summer

Brooklyn Marinelli
Michelle Witte
S & C Thompson





Congregation Council

The Congregation Council met on Monday, May 12, with President Brenda Skittone presiding.

At this meeting the council:

- Heard a presentation on the theology of money.
- Approved the minutes from the April meeting, and received financials for April and the pastors' reports.
- Heard reports on a number of congregational ministries including worship and the pictorial directory. Discussed planning a welcome event for new members and participants at Our Savior's.
- Discussed correspondence received and an appropriate response.
- Discussed the Bishop's Initiative on Prayer and how Our Savior's might participate.
- Approved moving forward with the repair of the roof on the rental property using the insurance money previously designated for that purpose.
- Approved purchase of materials for a GriefShare ministry to begin in October.
- Approved renewing the lease on the rental property with a small increase in the monthly rent.
- Clarified requirements for number of persons on the counting team.

The council next meets on Monday, June 9 at 7 PM. If you have questions, or if you have ideas for enhancing the ministry of Our Savior's, contact Brenda Skittone or one of the pastors.



Summer Offerings ...

Summer is upon us, but the work of the church continues ...

We invite you to pray for us while you're away enjoying the sun and fun, and also to continue your financial support of the ministries of our congregation by using the QR Code or online giving through the website – oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving.

Scrip Cards

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



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



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



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.



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? In 2024 Thrivent Choice Dollars totaled \$1,350 – they make a difference! See Thrivent’s web site for more information or stop by the office and we will help you out.



- ♥ 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.

Web Site: www.oursaviorswestsalem.org
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