Our Savior's Voice

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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/@techoslc/streams. 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!

Check it out …

Facebook Page –
Our Savior's ELCA – West Salem

Instagram Page –
oursaviors_ws

Pastor's Reflections …

Church on the move

Last month Pastor Jon talked about being the church out in the world. So, where has the church been this last month and where will the church be the rest of the summer? We sent the kids out on a mission, and ultimately invited the whole congregation to join in this mission, too. Equipped with "Flat Jesus", all were encouraged to share where Jesus has been – see page 6 to check it out … *and it's never too late to join in the adventures!* Flat Jesus is still waiting for you to pick him up in the Gathering Area!

Jesus is not confined to being within the walls of our building, although His work can be found here. The building was open during the June Dairy Days parade to be a place of rest and "relief". And, we heard gratitude from more than one person that it was a much-appreciated oasis in a time of need.

Jesus was at the festivities of June Dairy Days – in the fellowship of people from various faith traditions working together to prepare and serve food, sharing gifts of music and other forms of entertainment, ensuring the grounds stayed clean and safe, reconnecting with friends and neighbors.

Jesus joined us at the Synod Assembly in early June where the Holy Spirit was swirling – check out what our voting members had to say on pages 14-17.

Caring for God's Creation was the overarching theme of the assembly. There was passion and energy everywhere you looked, you heard it in the voices of those who spoke, there was intentionality on the part of those who planned for what we would experience during the weekend, most of the workshops focused on ways we can

care for God's creation, and there was even a resolution to declare the LaCrosse Area Synod a Creation Care Synod.

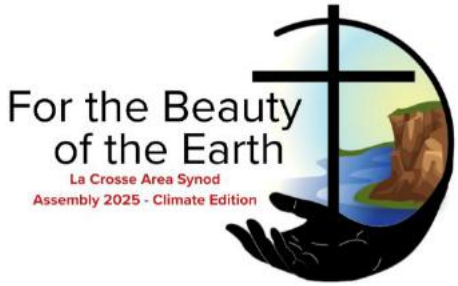
As we go forward there will be ways we as a congregation can be more thoughtful in what we do, in the things we use, in the decisions we make relative to our actions towards creation. Our voting members will be more mindful as they observe what we're doing here in this place, and also in their own homes. They will be encouraging all of us to be good stewards of this creation that God has entrusted to us.

We can all do our part to help care for God's creation … what about – recycle, reuse, compost, use energy efficiently, go paperless and use digital, eat fresh foods rather than processed, plant a garden, save fuel by walking/bicycling, eliminate the use of Styrofoam and single-use plastics … to name a few … be creative in your own space …

As the year goes on, don't be surprised if we hear more about this from the Synod's Creation Care Team. They may be inviting congregations to form their own Creation Care Team – is that something that may be of interest to you? Let us know …

Where is Jesus in all of this? Where will Jesus pop up next?

Pastor Jean



Flat Jesus is getting around …

from a Logger's game with the Bishop, Brenda, and Carla; to helping Jerry restore an antique tractor in his garage; to Grand Marais MN with Carolyn, and meeting the Ranum's granddaughter; to Sugar Creek with Adrianna; to flying to Houston TX with Jeff & Melissa …

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMPERS

"God's Word Comes Near"

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

July 6-8

Katelyn Christianson
Norah Gilberts

July 13-18

Will Byom
Alise Jothen
Jesse Jothen

July 20-25

Anna Gross
Claire Gross
Kaelyn Hebrink

July 27-Aug 1

Declan Gilberts
Leah Gross
Weston Haldeman

We also keep Berit Gilbertson in our prayers as she serves as staff all summer.

Sunday School aged kids …

We are excited to invite you …

Tapper Bells Camp
Sunday, August 17 at 1 PM

We are going to try our hand at Tapper Bells! You can tap on the top of them to make music or pick them up to ring.

You are invited to a fun afternoon of Bells Camp to learn how to play them, and hopefully then practice during Sunday School sometimes and play on a Sunday during worship.

If you are interested in being a part of this exciting opportunity or if you have questions, talk to Pastor Jean or Wendy Amundson (youthoursaviorswestsalem@gmail.com).

Looking for you …

Seeking 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, and there is time for a video and music. Our goal is to have **two teachers** for each grade to make scheduling easier.

We would love to have you as part of our Sunday School ministry. Talk to Pastor Jean for more information.

Faith Formation …

(Wendy Amundson)

To help kids save money for Sugar Creek Camp we are hosting a rummage sale from the parking lot of Our Savior's. Here are two ways you can participate to help a child attend a wonderful experience of camp:

1. Have your own table and anything you sell goes directly to your child's Sugar Creek Camp Fund

   Or

2. Have a table and anything you sell goes to the Sugar Creek Campership Fund and that will help many kids that want to experience the joy of camp

Date: September 12 and 13
Time: 8 am to 2 pm
Location: Our Savior's Church parking lot

If you have any questions speak to Wendy Amundson.

Faith in Motion – ELCA Youth Expedition

Let's get a group together …

October 31-November 2
Lutherdale Bible Camp - Elkhorn WI
Students in 8th-12th Grade

Watch for information from Wendy or check it out at www.elca.org/our-work/congregations-and-synods/youth-ministry/gathering-expedition

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, July 8
9:30 AM on Tuesday, August 12

Sugar Creek Bible Camp Outing …

Join others from across the Synod for an evening of music and dinner. Deadline to sign up August 26. See Wendy Amundson for details.

Trivia question …

What is a seamstress?

Answer: A woman whose occupation is sewing.

And, yes, “they” claim there are still seamstresses in existence!

If you are one of those rare individuals that still exist, we have a special project for you!

You may have noticed our acolyte robes have seen better days. There are only two left, and they are looking pretty worn and are falling apart. And, kids don’t come in just two sizes these days.

Our efforts over the last two years to purchase new ones have been unsuccessful, so we wondered about making our own. If you are able to assist with this project, please talk with the pastors.

Anytime now we are anticipating delivery of our long-awaited Pictorial Directories. Keep your eyes open for more details …

Hungry Jar Offering for July – Care & Share Food Pantry

Located in the basement of Our Savior's, the Community Care & Share Food Pantry opened its doors in 2002. Board members and many volunteers give their time to make a difference in our community. Families and individuals from West Salem, Bangor, Rockland, Barre Mills, and Mindoro are served from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. The pantry relies on the generosity of people and organizations for donations of both food and dollars. Cereal, canned goods and peanut butter are always needed, but they will always accept fresh produce during the summer. Donations can be dropped off during office hours and Saturdays during Pantry hours. Thank you for helping us to be a part of the mission of providing food for people in need.

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.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Hungry Jar …

♥ May – BGC Snack Fund – $592.68

Feed Our Children Summer Lunch

The 2025 Summer Lunch Program is off to a great start! 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 updated donation list: 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. Place items in the baskets in the Gathering Area. Check the bulletin and Feed Our Children Facebook page.

Financial contributions are always welcome – make checks to Our Savior's, but **note** the gift is for Feed Our Children. Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

It's School Kit Time!

It's not too early to start watching for sales for school supplies for the school kits we assemble and send through Lutheran World Relief!

Each School kit contains the following:

- 1 – 30 cm ruler/12 inch
- 1 – **BLUNT** scissors
- 1 – box 24 crayons
- 1 – pencil sharpener
- 5 – **UN**sharpened pencils
- 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!

La Crosse Area Synod Assembly Reflections

The La Crosse Area Synod Assembly met June 6-8 in Westby. Bishop Felix Malpica led the assembly in its business, including elections, the adoption of a mission budget, and the consideration of several resolutions. Pastors Jon and Jean were joined by Berit Gilbertson, Carolyn Karl, Corey and Graham Sjoquist, and Brenda Skittone. Our voting members were asked to share their reflections from the assembly.

Berit Gilbertson

My time at the Synod Assembly was informative. It was interesting to see a deeper view of how the ELCA, the LaCrosse Area Synod specifically, works. I feel like I have been a part of an influential part now and can say I have helped my church towards a place they want to be. The workshops I attended were fun because I got to participate in learning how to compost and how to adequately prepare for a disaster. I think the workshops gave me valuable knowledge for when I am older and can prepare myself to be a more sustaining and prepared individual. All in all, the Synod Assembly was an interesting event that I am happy I got to attend and learn about.

Carolyn Karl

Thank you for trusting me to be a voting member to the Synod Assembly this year. I consider it a privilege to represent my congregation. The overall atmosphere of the numerous meetings was concern, love, and cooperation. The venue was kind of crowded but mostly cozy going from church to school in Westby. New Council and committee members were installed; outgoing members were thanked

for their service. Three important resolutions were seriously considered before being adopted.

1. There was a feeling of urgency to adopt the resolution to become a Creation Care Synod NOW instead of studying the problem for another year.
2. It was adopted that the LaCrosse Area Synod will discern and study becoming a Reconciling in Christ Synod welcoming all children of God into our family of churches. The process will be worked on throughout the year ahead and a vote may be taken in 2026.
3. The constitution was amended to more accurately reflect the membership of synod council and various committees.

Both keynote speakers addressed climate change. I attended two workshops. One about fire in scripture and liturgy, and the other about conservation and ecology of the rivers and lakes of Wisconsin.

Corey Sjoquist

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the 2025 La Crosse Area Synod Assembly as a voting member. It was uplifting to gather with people from across the Synod, some of whom I knew from different personal and professional connections. The experience highlighted the work of the Synod reinforcing that its impact is significant. The resolutions discussed and approved provide a necessary and bold direction for today's church to welcome our neighbors.

The Assembly theme "For the Beauty of the Earth" provided time to focus on climate care and our responsibility to care for God's gift of creation. Of particular note were the concepts related to arenas of change involving behaviors, systems, and worldviews. We have important work ahead of us, but Our Savior's, along with the La Crosse Area Synod and the greater ELCA, will make a difference.

Graham Sjoquist

As I reflect on this year's synod assembly I think about what I learned and how I can change my actions. During the assembly I attended two workshops and learned a bit at each. The first workshop was "Good Energy" subject around how we can address poverty by removing barriers to solar energy. Something that I learned while attending was that if we can make solar energy cheaper it would create smaller energy bills leading to less financial hardship while paying utility bills. The second workshop that I attended was "Crisis to Community" revolving around the topic of how being prepared for disaster can help prevent casualties, reduce damage, and builds community support. One big takeaway that I learned was that crises are very stressful and take a lot of energy out of yourself. I learned this through a simulation by simulating yourself as a family going through a flood and having to find safety, investigate the damage, and repair your house.

The synod assembly topic was "For the Beauty of the Earth" and talking about climate change. During the assembly we passed a resolution of becoming a Creation Care Synod. After debating and listening to this resolution being passed, I realized I can change my actions to keep the beauty of the Earth. Changing my actions of cutting down on plastic use, using less energy, eating more natural food, and reducing food waste. After this resolution's passing, I think together everyone can restore the beauty of the earth for this generation and many to come.

Brenda Skittone

I attended two workshops:

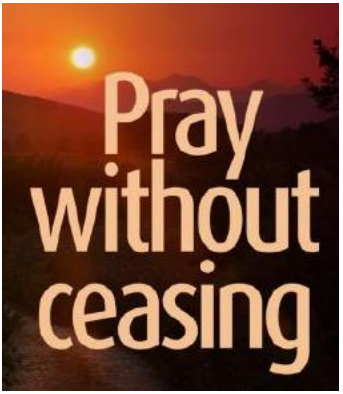
Community Garden – It is located in Viroqua on 2 acres of land owned by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. One half acre is designated as a park area for worship, weddings, and youth activities. The other one and a half acres is the garden. They planted sunflowers along the side closest to the park area to create a beautiful background for weddings. The rest of the garden is a variety of carrots, squash, onions, garlic, and many other vegetables. They have harvested over 24,000 pounds. The food is used by many food pantries, schools, veteran organizations, and other groups. There is a guide book offered on how to get started with planning before planting, congregational activities, and resources that are available.

Mother Earth's Young Protectors-Indigenous Youth Surging to the Forefront of the Climate Crisis – The was led by Jean Stacy-Snow. She is a member of Ho Chunk - Deer clan. She is a seed saver of corn, beans and squash. These are main foods for the Ho Chunk people. She discussed how their culture is one with Mother Earth and the need to protect the animals, land, and water, along with their language and heritage of their people. She was very happy to hear that we as a synod are working to protect the climate. The youth are being sent to speak to politicians in August to lobby for more climate protection.

We are praying…

And we invite YOU to join us!

Our new prayer worship time is off to a great start! Each Wednesday we meet at 6:30 PM at the prayer labyrinth across from the parking lot. We share our prayer concerns, hear God's word, and then … we pray!



Join us for some quiet time of sharing and praying – takes about 25 minutes. And then we are on our way back into the world around us!

Bring a lawn chair, and in case of inclement weather, we meet in the sanctuary.

And remember … no matter who joins us, we are praying … and we might just be praying for you!

Blood Drive
American Red Cross

Wednesday, July 30
11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Presbyterian Church

Mark your calendars for August …

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

Come one, come all … join us for our annual Beer & Hymns Campfire Edition. We especially invite our newest members, those who have been participating in community with us for worship, those who are checking us out, and EVERYONE who enjoys gathering together with others to raise your voices in song ... not to mention feasting on a tempting s'more, too!

BEER & HYMNS CAMPFIRE STYLE!

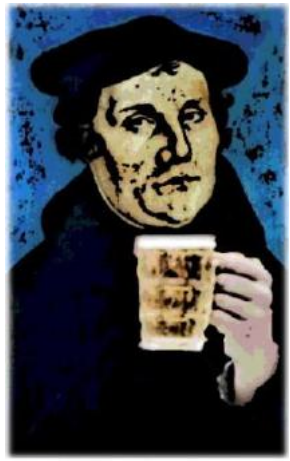
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

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 5
5-8 PM
Village Park

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

Corn Roast
Wednesday, August 13
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 24th
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 – salads; L-T – main dish; U-Z – desserts. 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!

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!

Onalaska Care Center

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Located at 1600 Main St, Onalaska, Onalaska Care Center currently includes several members of Our Savior's.

CJ Gianoli (volunteer coordinator) would love for you to come and help her out with numerous activities. Helpers are needed for rec activities M-F (9:30-10:30 AM; 1-3 PM; 6-7:30 PM). Other activities including visiting, card playing, sharing music, pet therapy, and crafts are more flexible.

Call CJ at 608-783-4681 or e-mail at cgianoli@bsjcorp.com.

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.

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…Jon Hetland.

What is generosity to you? My family has been blessed beyond measure by a gracious God. We are grateful for this and because of that, generosity is a natural response for us.

How do you experience receiving generosity? I am often humbled by the generosity of those around me. These moments of generosity from others remind me to say thank you and that I could do better myself.

How do you share your gifts? In my retirement years I have the luxury of time to help with things and people we feel strongly about, and also the means to do them. I was also given the gift of music and I share that gift with others.

Who taught you to be generous? It is said we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. That is certainly true in my case. My life has been full of good examples … wonderful people I have encountered in my 69 years.

How do you live out generosity in your work life? We always tried to support projects in the communities we had our businesses in. I also tried to be generous in understanding the blessings and sorrows of those who worked for me.

A bit about your story? We try to set a goal each year for generosity … Like everyone, we often struggle to follow through with the details of giving. We keep trying to do the best we can and live out our faith by action.

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

Thank you …

… to the June newsletter mailing crew – Bev Bockenhauer, Larry & Connie Blunck, Carolyn Karl, and Carol Thompson.

Received from Others …

… Thank you for your generosity of granting me with the Marking Scholarship Fund. I will use this scholarship to further my education at the University of Northwestern St. Paul! Thank you once again for all the support and faith you have guided me towards. I couldn't have done it without you guys!! Sincerely,

Aubrey Langrehr

… Thank you for your love & devotion to Norma and our family by preparing & serving the special funeral luncheon (and the clean-up). It provided a wonderful opportunity for all of us to decompress and be surrounded by Norma's loving church family, friends & our extended family. We appreciate your work, support & ministry. With respect & love,

The Piper Family

In Loving Memory

Memorial Gifts Received …

In Memory of Harriet Hessler for Building Fund from

Judy Long

In Memory of Norma Piper for Building Fund from

Judy Long

In Memory of Norma Piper for Music Fund from

Henry Faust

In Memory of Norma Piper for Quilting from

Lee Friell
Sam & Sandy Arentz
Paul & Marilyn Ranum
Connie Pinski
Eric & Lynette Ender
Bonnie Gensch
Family & Friends
Jeff & Melissa Haldeman
Ilene Pavelko
Kay Niemeier
Barb Schomburg
Jim Michelson
Bill & Marsha Bateman
Sue & Trenton Stellick & Gus Zabel

Pastoral Acts:

Funeral – Norma Piper – June 7
Baptism – Grant Vike – June 1

Vacation

Pastors Jon & Jean will be on vacation from July 7-19 and July 24-27. If you have pastoral care needs during their absence, please contact Kris in the office.

Berit Gilbertson will lead worship July 12/13. July 26/27 will feature the SOS Band, with Dori Jensen leading worship. We thank them for their leadership!

Capital Fund Appeal

Almost there!!! May brought some more gifts to the Capital Fund Appeal – and we are now within $10,000 of our goal. 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 there are 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!). 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.

Property Committee

Free for the taking …

2 partial boxes of fluorescent bulbs (NOT LED)

Text Rich Westpfahl by July 27 if interested (608-780-4377).

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-May	Actual-YTD	Budget-YTD
Income	$23,509.58	$135,370.74	$154,020.85
Prepaid		$17,500.00	$17,500.00
Expense	$36,774.49	$172,778.79	$161,935.41
Net	($13,264.91)	($19,080.50)	

2025 Worship Life – Weekly average			
	In-building Actual	Online Estimate	TOTAL
May	166	37	203
Year to Date	185	35	220

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 the visitation of the homebound, with the pastors' visits, and visits by Home Communion Ministers. And the cards we send, add to our connections. They are not forgotten, and your support helps make that connection 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!

Worship Leaders - July

	July 5-6	
	6 p.m.	
Worship Assistant	Noah Evenson	
Communion Assistant	Jon Hetland	
Welcoming Team	Chad & Carla Long	
	8 a.m.	***10 a.m.–Summer**
Worship Assistant	Nikola Schnittger	Owen Christianson
Communion Assistant	Wendy Amundson	Stacey Sjoquist
Welcoming Team	Brenda Skittone	Jen Linse
Home Communion	Ilene Pavelko	
Altar Guild July	Susan Giblin/Jill Iliff	

	July 12-13	
	6 p.m.	
Worship Assistant	Jaxon Stugen	
Welcoming Team	Todd & Inger Michael	
	8 a.m.	***10 a.m.**
Worship Assistant	Ellie Tlustosch	Beau Baganz
Welcoming Team	S & T Gilbertson	J & M Haldeman

	July 19-20	
	6 p.m.	
Worship Assistant	Ryland Byom	
Communion Assistant	Marjorie Anderson	
Welcoming Team	Byom Family	
	8 a.m.	***10 a.m.**
Worship Assistant	Shiloh Gullickson	Bennett Ihle
Communion Assistant	Carla Burkhardt	Naoko Giblin
Welcoming Team	B Goodenough	Tracey Beckley
Home Communion	Rasmussen Family	

July 26-27

	6 p.m.
Worship Assistant	Laney Kneifl
Welcoming Team	Keith & Jan Goetzinger

	8 a.m.	***10 a.m.**
Worship Assistant	Chase Koudelka	Lyriq Kumbier
Welcoming Team	J & T Janisch	Steve & Sue Ahles

Worship Leaders - August

August 2-3

	6 p.m.
Worship Assistant	Layla Kneifl
Communion Assistant	Bonnie Gensch
Welcoming Team	Kneifl Family

	8 a.m.	***10 a.m.**
Worship Assistant	Quinn Maki	Easton Massman
Communion Assistant	Eric Ender	Gillian Twite
Welcoming Team	Maki Family	W & D Affeldt

Home Communion	Mariette Stefferud
Altar Guild August	Stacey Sjoquist/Tracy Skrentny

August 9-10

	6 p.m.
Worship Assistant	Cole McNaughton
Communion Assistant	Chad Vick
Welcoming Team	Jon & Maryrose Hetland

	8 a.m.	***10 a.m.**
Worship Assistant	Kylie Nelson	Harper Niemeier
Communion Assistant	Brenda Skittone	Jen Linse
Welcoming Team	M & J Larson	E & B Sorenson

Home Communion	Scott & Carol Thompson

August 16-17

	6 p.m.
Worship Assistant	Kirsten Rasmussen
Communion Assistant	Judy Morzinski
Welcoming Team	Todd & Inger Michael

	8 a.m.	***10 a.m.**
Worship Assistant	Lexi Schulz	Darrell Smith
Communion Assistant	Jim Quamme	Denise Jones
Welcoming Team	J & R Kerkman	D & B Smith

Home Communion Daryl Wermedal

August 23-24

	6 p.m.
Worship Assistant	Sophia Sprehn
Communion Assistant	Judy Gilbert
Welcoming Team	Phil & Judy Gilbert

	8 a.m.	***10 a.m. Gospel on the Green**
Worship Assistant	Amy Stefferud	Anna Vick
Communion Assistant	Amy Rasmussen	Trudy Drugg
Welcoming Team	S & S Mitchell	S & C Thompson

Home Communion Marjorie Anderson

August 30-31

	6 p.m.
Worship Assistant	Camille Zarecki
Communion Assistant	Jill Iliff
Welcoming Team	Dan & Jan Wee

	8 a.m.	***10 a.m.**
Worship Assistant	Autumn Amundson	Jett Bishop
Communion Assistant	Carolyn Karl	Melissa Haldeman
Welcoming Team	E & L Ender	Baumgartner/Hehl

Home Communion Dottie Baumgartner

Congregation Council

The Congregation Council met on Monday, June 8, with President Brenda Skittone presiding.

At this meeting the council:

- Shared reflections on money in the Bible.
- Approved the minutes from the May meeting, and received financials for May and the pastors' reports.
- Received reports on the recently completed synod assembly.
- Heard reports on a number of congregational ministries including worship and the Bishop's Initiative on Prayer.
- Heard that the pictorial directory should be received by the end of June.
- Discussed further plans for a welcome event for new members and participants at Our Savior's.
- Discussed correspondence received and an appropriate response.
- Heard an update on the roof repair on the rental home and garage.
- Discussed minor repairs identified at the rental house and authorized their repair, and gave Jeff Haldeman the authority to delay repairs if costs are prohibitive.
- Discussed and adopted a policy outlining procedures for receiving and redeeming stock or mutual fund transfers to the congregation.
- Noted that there will be no July council meeting unless circumstances require a meeting.

The council next meets on Monday, August 11 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 Campership 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? So far, through March, Thrivent Choice Dollars have totaled over $3,300 – 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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Newsletter Deadline for August/September – August 1

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:

- **Last Day of Sunday School**

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