

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

NOTE: Beginning Sunday, May 24, the 10:30 AM worship moves to 10 AM!

10:00/10:30 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.



YouTube

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](https://www.instagram.com/oursaviors_ws)



Pastor's Reflections ...

God at Work

It's been a while. Almost nine years since Kris Seeger began as Administrative Assistant ... a good long time! And in the light of a good long time, I reflected a bit on the presence and ministry of our support staff. People who do so much in the background to make things happen here at Our Savior's. And then, after working through a lot of that stuff, I pondered "the bigger picture."

Pastor Jean and I started at Our Savior's January 1, 2013. What we found was an office staff that quite frankly knew



what it was doing. Kay Niemeier, who at that point had been Administrative Assistant for over 30 years, had a great handle on the work and the life of this congregation. Of course, we valued Kay's work in the office. She did a great job! And we came to really value her knowledge of the community and the congregation.

But there were some other things she shared with us, and in some ways, these were more important. First, she welcomed us. Well, of course she did – we were the new pastors. But she really did "welcome" us. Kay could have been a problem. After all, all those years in the office and we are "newbies?" Instead, with warmth, grace, and understanding, she brought us into the fold, let us make the changes we needed to make, but also helped us to understand what was here, and what was important for Our Savior's.

Second, when she retired, she let Kris be Kris. She would early on give Kris an occasional call, and while I was not in on the conversations, Kris said that Kay would support and encourage her. “You are doing well, and you will continue to do well!”

So, in a bit of hindsight reflection, *thank you, Kay!*



And then there is Kris. I remember the day she came in to inquire about the position. We had just interviewed someone else, an interview that was not all that encouraging. Kris came in with a little bit of apprehension, but she was engaging and genuinely interested in a position that revolved around the work of a faith community. Kris was (and still is) a very active member at the West Salem Presbyterian Church, and so while there was a lot to learn about us Lutherans, she, like Kay, did very much understand church culture. And that was a huge plus!

Over the years, like Kay, Kris has done a wonderful job as an Administrative Assistant. Differently, but equally as gifted as Kay, Kris carried on the tradition of good, solid office work, work that supported our ministry.

But also, like Kay, there were some extra things she shared with us. Remember? She’s a Presbyterian! And yet, she embraced and cared for this congregation, its ministry and its people as though it was her own, even though it wasn’t. It wasn’t just a job – it has been her ministry, and one she has taken very seriously.

Kris also lived through, worked through, and survived some big changes. Covid, of course, but she also came on board right as we were remodeling the building and repurposing space. For her first three months everything was moving

around. She started in the old office, moved to my office, and then organized the new office. In Covid and in new spaces, she survived ... and even thrived.

So, *thank you Kris!*

And so there you go, a “tale of two Administrative Assistants.” Both generous gifts of a generous God. And both treasured partners in the work we do as God’s people.

But now what? Someone new! That’s scary, but also exciting to see what God has in store for us. In Revelation 21:5, God says “I make all things new.” Something new is on the way, and while I can’t deny a little apprehension, I also have to embrace a lot of faith and hope.

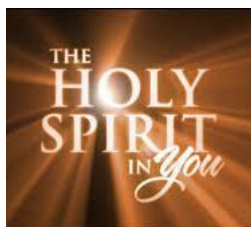


We’ve been talking this past year about “God at work.” Now it’s time for “God at work” right here. As we prepare to engage a new person I’m going to work hard to see in that person “God at work.”



Just like I see God at work in you. In the ways you are a part of leadership and the ministries in this congregation. In the ways in which you make a difference in your daily lives outside the walls of Our Savior’s.

And maybe most of all in the ways that support, encourage, and nurture me in the work I do and the faithful life I seek to live. Because in the end, while Kay and Kris have been the support staff on staff at Our Savior’s, you have all been part of the support staff in this little corner of the Body of Christ. And for that, I can only say *thank you!*



And that is what the Holy Spirit is all about, and what we celebrate on Pentecost (May 24 this year). Gifting, calling, nurturing, and empowering us to be “God at work.” Kay and Kris, God at work in the office, but also God at work in the gifts they shared with us, and with you.

And God at work ... in you! In all you share with me, all you share with Our Savior’s, and most of all, all you share out there, in a world that desperately needs “God at work!”

So, we look back and give thanks for God at work ... we look around and embrace the opportunities to be God at work ... and we look ahead with eyes open to see where God will take us so we can be “God at work!”



Pastor Jon

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Bishop Felix Malpica of the La Crosse Area Synod will be joining us in our worship on **Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3**. Bishop Malpica will be sharing with us some important information about our history as a congregation, and our life as a community of faith. Some of what he shares may be challenging, but important for us to hear and consider. **We urge you to join us that day**, and we thank Bishop Malpica for his ministry to and with us.



The Stories

Stories, stories, and more stories ... but always, God at work! Beginning with the creation story in Genesis, we have worked our way through the Old Testament, and now into the New Testament. Each week we hear another story, and ponder how God is at work ... way back then ... and even today!

Each week will be a different “unit,” so you won’t be “out of sync” if you happen to be absent, but remember that there is always livestream or the YouTube video to “catch up.”

What’s coming up in May?

- A story about mortal enemies.
- Up, up and away ... or not!
- A tale of wise investing.
- Spirits, wind, and fire.

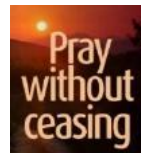
Join us as we hear the story of the ages ... in the stories that have aged so well!

We are praying...

Mondays at 6 PM in the Koinonia Room ... we gather and ... we pray! Join us for some quiet time of sharing and praying – takes about 35 minutes.

And then we are on our way back into the world around us!

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



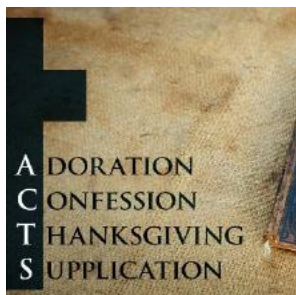
We want YOUR prayer concerns!

A prayer box is in the Gathering Area. Use one of the request slips by the box and share a concern with us. Give us the person we are praying for (first name only is fine, or even a “nickname”), what the need is, and your name so we can follow up with you. Each week we will include those concerns in our prayers. Because ... ***We are praying!***

Let's Pray!

Another in a series on ways to pray

Let's be upfront about this ... *there is no right or wrong way to pray!* Still, there are different approaches to prayer, and maybe a different approach, or a new one, might just give a new insight into the gift of prayer!



This month ... let's try "ACTS." It's pretty simple:

A = Adoration (or praise)

C = Confession

T = Thanksgiving (i.e. "giving thanks")

S = Supplication (or asking)

Simply put, "ACTS" is offering a prayer that includes Adoration (or praise), Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication (or asking for what we need). To do ... just say it! Begin with a statement of praise of God; continue with a confession of your failure (or sinfulness), then thank God for all you have, and finally ask for what you need. Simple. ACTS!

And the phrases don't have to be fancy, well crafted, and deeply profound. Just do it.

Or ... just do part of it. Maybe instead of "ACTS," you might do "TS". Thank God, then ask. Or maybe it's a tough moment, and all you've got is asking. Or confessing. The prayer doesn't have to be all four. Just a way to think of some things that can be a part of your prayer conversation with a loving – and always listening – God!

So, give it a try. "ACTS" your prayer life, with all of it, or just some of it. Whatever, just do it!

Faith Formation ...

Sunday School



It's hard to believe our Sunday School year is almost done! We have had fun gathering together with our friends (old and new), learning about Jesus along with the crew from *Whirl*, sharing with our teachers, and singing songs.



On Sunday, May 10, the children will practice their song that they will be singing during 10:30 AM worship that day, and then we'll party! Our classroom grandparents will be invited to join us on this day, too!

We will celebrate the kids and thank our awesome teachers, helpers, substitutes, and music leaders:

PreK/Kindergarten – Olivia Maki and Georgia Duffy

1st/2nd Grade – Audrey Schlifer and Anna Vick

3rd Grade – Lindsey Gilberts

4th Grade – Lydia Jothen and Emelia Tlustosch

5th Grade – Eric Iliff

Subs – Brenda Skittone, Erin Hebrink, Jen Maki

Music – Linda Berg, Naoko Giblin

Sub – Ilene Pavelko

We look forward to seeing our Sunday School families in worship this summer!



Sunday, May 10 - Last day of Sunday School
Sunday School sings @10:30



Sunday School Offering for 2025-2026

Stock a backpack with food

Our Sunday School offering this year was filling backpacks. More than 30 million children in the United States depend on federal school meal programs to stay well-nourished and ready to learn. But many children struggle to receive the same level of nutrition at home. Backpack programs across the country help students at risk of hunger by discreetly stocking their backpacks with food so children and their families have healthy meals all week long.

We have collected close to \$275 for the backpacks, plus another \$300 from a generous anonymous donor. Thank you all for helping to feed children!!





Faith Formation ...

Confirmation Ministry

May ... almost to the end of the year!

6th graders have their final classes heading towards the work of the Apostle Paul. Wednesdays at 6 PM ...

7th graders also meet on Wednesdays at 6 PM ... May finishes off with an elective and a chance to gather in the great outdoors with Wendy.

Thank you for all your prayers and support of our young people as they have worked through this year of growing in faith and discipleship!



Looking ahead, as we always are, and being open to new students, next year's Parent/Student gathering for 6-8th graders is tentatively set for Wednesday, September 2. Spread the word – we want to share with you, your kids, and anyone else in this ministry!



Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program

The Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program will be returning to our area for the 2026 season and planning is underway.

We have started our donation drive and are now collecting fruit/applesauce cups, granola bars, ranch dressing, peanut butter, small package or bulk package snack items such as goldfish, zip lock bags, and brown paper lunch size bags. Donations can be brought to church and put in the collection basket located in the gathering area. Check the bulletin each week for updates on items needed.

Financial contributions are also always welcome – make checks out to Our Savior's, but **note** the gift is for Feed Our Children.

Sign-ups for volunteers will be coming in May! These will be in the gathering area as well as an electronic sign-up that can be found on the Facebook page or you can email Angie Hemker at feedourchildrenws@gmail.com and she can send you the link when they are ready in May.

Our first day of serving will be June 2!

Thank you for your continued support of the Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program!



From, Wendy Amundson



Thank you to Larry Hessler, Jim & Mary Molstad, Eva & Del Stetzer, Bev Bockenhauer, and Carolyn Karl for sharing their time with the 8th graders. We enjoyed delicious food, great conversation, and a wonderful group of confirmation kids. Everyone had a great time and truly enjoyed bringing this back into the confirmation group. Also, a special Thank you to Krissa Byom for helping divide and conquer a group of kids on her own, and Pam Gresens who helped with the driving and assisting with a bigger group of kids.

Coming up:

- **May 2-3** – Sugar Creek work day
- **May 13** – Outdoor Gathering for the 7th graders, where we enjoy a campfire, food, and simple talk about faith and life.



7th and 8th Grade Parents watch your email ...



**ELCA 2027 Youth Gathering
June 28-July 2, 2027
Cost around \$2,000**

Join thousands of high school students from across the country. Through inspiring speakers, experiential learning and transformative connections, young people experience the church in bold, unforgettable ways.

Check for an email from Wendy for information and details about this uplifting and rewarding event for students in 8th to 12th grade in fall 2026.

To help pay for the cost of this event we will brainstorm about various fundraisers and there are always Scrip cards, too!

Please reach out to Wendy if you have questions.
(youthoursaviorswestsalem@gmail.com)

This is an awesome opportunity you won't want to miss!
Let's start planning now!

High School Graduate Recognition

High school graduate recognition is set for **Sunday, May 17**, at the 10:30 worship service. We will honor our graduates, ask God's blessings upon them, celebrate their achievements, and announce scholarship recipients.



Students should join us around **10 AM** in the lower level, and **bring your robe** if you have it. An RSVP to the office is always helpful, but not necessary. And bring your parents!

College Scholarships



Scholarship applications for high school seniors and current college freshman are due Monday, May 4, to the office or to Pastor Jon. Scholarships awarded will be announced to the congregation at graduate recognition on Sunday, May 17.

Application forms and information about the scholarship program can be downloaded from our web site at:
www.oursaviorswestsalem.org/forms/

For more information contact Pastor Jon.



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 away 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.

Note that there will be no Bible study on May 20 and 27 due to Pastor Jon's vacation.

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

**Coffee & Conversation
at Linda's Bakery
9:30 AM on Tuesday, May 12
9:30 AM on Tuesday, June 9**



Pastoral Acts:

Funeral – Katherine Rusch – April 25

Funeral – Lee Fernstaedt – May 2

Kris's Open House Wednesday, June 3 Noon - 6 pm



**It's a Bummer ...
But Let's Party Anyway!**



After almost nine years, Kris Seeger, our Administrative Assistant is retiring. We are grateful to Kris for all she has shared with us, not only in doing the job, but in her care for Our Savior's. While a faithful member of the West Salem Presbyterian Church, she has also embraced our ministry and the people of this congregation. She has been an incredible gift of God, and she will be missed!

Kris' last day with us will be Friday, June 5. To celebrate her presence over these years, mourn a bit her leaving, and thank her for all she has done, YOU are invited to an open house:

Come and thank Kris for her partnership with us, wish her God's blessings as she moves on to new adventures, and enjoy a few snacks too!



Administrative Assistant POSITION OPEN

Our Savior's is seeking a new administrative assistant, who works with the pastors and other staff members. This individual is the public face of the office on a day-to-day basis, and needs to have strong interpersonal skills, along with secretarial abilities, and needs to be a self-starter. This is an in-person, in-office position. The position is hourly, and generally amounts to about 35 hours/week, though some extra hours are required from time to time, and will be available in June. A copy of the job description can be obtained from the church office.

Applications are currently being accepted. Review of the applications will begin May 4 and will continue until the position is filled. See Brenda Skittone, Corey Sjoquist, or Pastor Jon, or contact the church office for more information.



Newsletter Schedule

With the hiring of a new Administrative Assistant, our newsletter schedule is a bit uncertain. This newsletter covers May into mid-June. We hope to have the next newsletter out before the end of June, using that as a training for our new office personnel. Please, however, be patient as we make our transitions!

Hungry Jar Offering for May – Random Acts of Kindness Fund



**RANDOM ACTS
OF KINDNESS**

The May “Hungry Jar” recipient is the West Salem School’s “Random Acts of Kindness” fund. Recently, Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean heard again from school personnel how important “RAK” is. From a new article of clothing for a student who isn’t able to get one, or resources to help parents with education costs, this fund allows the school to meet some important needs that might seem small, but are really huge for a student in need. And it allows the school to be flexible and meet that need immediately.

Hungry Jar Offering for June – LWR School Kit Supplies



It's never too early to start thinking about school supplies. We will gather our resources early in anticipation of the sales coming mid-summer.

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 June 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 ...

♥ March – OSLC Sugar Creek Camperships – \$979.26



New Members ... Welcome!

Recently, the Congregation Council received Cheryl Padgett into membership via a transfer from Salem Lutheran Church in Lenexa, Kansas. Here's your chance to get to know her!

Cheryl Padgett lives in Holmen, moving from Kansas after her husband of 51 years, Keith, died in 2025, to be closer to family. Her granddaughter Jessica and her family live here in West Salem and have also joined Our Savior's. A life-long Lutheran, Cheryl has been involved in a variety of church activities, including Congregation Council and committees, and even a number of Synod committees. She was also involved in a multi-church ministry called the "Good Faith Network." She enjoys a number of therapy activities including card making, especially since the death of her son, Michael. She also enjoys birdwatching, genealogy, scrapbooking, and time with family. ***Welcome, Cheryl!***

Young Adults and Families with Young Children...

Come Join Us!

Tuesday, May 12 - 6-7 pm

Tuesday, June 9 - 6-7 pm



Young adults, couples, and families with young children are welcome to join us. We'll have some treats to share, time to connect with each other, build relationships, and maybe even consider what snow has to do with faithful living!

Childcare will be available. See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more information.



June Dairy Days June 5 - 7

Lots of great opportunities for all ages at June Dairy Days!! We invite you to help with one (or ALL) of the events below!

The **Food Stand** is back! Please take some shifts – it's FUN!! Shifts at the Village Park run all weekend - we need grillers, servers, ticket workers, window workers, and shift leaders. **Youth and their families** are especially encouraged to help on all shifts.



Volunteering sign-up sheets will be available at church in May or use the link: **<https://signup.com/go/pMiOvKX>** To get the best volunteer spots, please sign up online right away as the prime spots fill up fast. If you are waiting for a friend to sign up with you, go ahead and sign yourself up for two people.

The **Fun Run** will be held Saturday, June 6

- ❖ **Volunteers** are needed to help with registration, set-up, and serving as crossing guards from 6:30 - 9:30 AM on Saturday morning. The location has been changed to the Panther Den Ice Arena parking lot instead of the High School parking lot.



- ❖ **Runners/walkers** are also needed! We have made **changes** for 2026 that might better fit your style. The 5K (run only) and the 2 Mile (run or walk) begin at 8:00 AM. Registration and the starting line are at the Panther Den Ice Arena.

NEW! The Food Pantry will have a wagon in the parade, and we will be COLLECTING items and monetary donations from parade-goers. **We will need energetic people to**



gather items from the crowd to place on the wagon. Please sign up if you can help! The parade begins at 12:00 PM. Parade-goers are invited to have cash/checks or non-perishable pantry items ready to hand over as our wagon (pulled by a John Deere 520) passes by.

THANK YOU for helping us return to our fun traditions in June!

Got Some Artistic Mojo?

If you do ... we are looking for you! We want to resume having you – young and old alike – provide the bulletin covers for worship each week. No fabulous skills needed, just a love sharing in art the gifts that God has given you! We will provide the scripture ... and you (with a bit of help from the Holy Spirit) draw it as you see it! For example ... one of our confirmation students provided this for Easter this year:



If you'd like to give it a shot, see Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean. And really, all ages – and all artistic types – are welcome!



La Crosse Area Synod Assembly and Worship

The La Crosse Synod Assembly is set for Saturday, June 6 at Stoney Creek in Onalaska. Along with Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean, Our Savior's will be sending Bonnie Gensch, Eric Iliff, and Carolyn Karl to the assembly.

The assembly will include worship time, consideration of the mission of the synod in 2025 and into 2026, adoption of a mission budget, and elections to a number of leadership positions. Please keep our team, Bishop Malpica, and all of the assembly in your prayers!

On Sunday a synod wide worship will be held at Riverside Park in La Crosse, beginning at 10 AM, with a picnic to follow. Rain location is Good Shepherd in LaCrosse. Worship will still be held here on Saturday and Sunday.

Synod-wide Worship and Picnic Sunday, June 7 at 10 AM Riverside Park (Rain location - Good Shepherd, LaCrosse)

Gather with others from across our Synod for worship and a picnic lunch.

Note: *Pastor Jon will be here for worship during our regular times that weekend.*

Worship with the synod or with Our Savior's!

Save the date and watch for details!



**Synod Day at the LaCrosse Logger's
Baseball Game!**

Sunday, July 12 at 5 PM

SOS on the road ... and you are invited!



Friday, May 22

1:30 PM and 3 PM

**Eagle Crest South
(620 Bennora Lee Court,
LaCrosse)**

The SOS Band is going on the road! Two shows!! Eagle Crest says they have room, so you're welcome to come and hear the band. A great way to spend an hour!

Be on the lookout ...



From the Quilting Ladies ... As you are checking out rummage sales this summer be on the lookout for colored sheets flat or fitted to be used for quilt backs.



Capital Fund Appeal

THANK YOU! Thank you for your past – present – and future support of our Capital Fund Appeal. Shortly, we will begin to repair some older windows which have lost their insulation value, and upgrade circuit boards on the elevator. Your support has enabled us to maintain the resource of our building. So, thank you!



As we move forward, your contribution to the Capital Fund Appeal makes a difference! Use the QR code or go to our giving page at oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving ...or just drop it off at the office.

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.

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.





Congregation Council Review

The Congregation Council met on Monday, April 13, with President Brenda Skittone presiding.

At this meeting the council:

- Considered the purpose of giftedness in light of Ephesians 4:7,11-13.
- Entered Executive Session for conversation with Bishop Felix Malpica, and then returned to regular session.
- Approved minutes from the March meeting; received financial reports, and the pastors' reports.
- Decided to forward the remaining balance of our intended support for LuMin at this time due to some budget shortfalls at LuMin.
- Discussed the synod's "Engaging Children Initiative," and affirmed the pastors pursuing this ministry.
- Received a report from the Audit Committee, indicating that all accounts are in order.
- Heard that we continue to have visitors and that the Younger Adults small group continues to meet.
- Received Richard Erickson into membership.
- Approved the confirmands for voting membership.
- Appointed Carolyn Karl as our third synod assembly voting member.
- Heard a report on the Council Development Retreat.
- Discussed the upcoming Synod Caucus, to be hosted by Our Savior's.
- Discussed the insurance quote from Crex Insurance; decided to switch to the policy from Crex as it has significantly lower storm damage deductibles.

The council next meets on Monday, May 11 at 7 PM. If you have questions or ideas for enhancing the ministry of Our Savior's, contact Brenda Skittone or one of the pastors.

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!

2026 Ministry at Work			
	Actual-March	Actual-YTD	Budget-YTD
Income	\$38,670.31	\$105,834.39	\$89,662.50
Prepaid		\$23,968.36	\$23,968.36
Expense	\$31,319.16	\$105,321.38	\$95,907.30
Net	\$7,351.15	\$24,481.37	
2026 Worship Life – Weekly average			
	In-building Actual	Online Estimate	TOTAL
March	171	38	209
Year to Date	163	42	205



**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 the ways we respond to opportunities, especially ones that come up unexpectedly. In April the Bed Build, coming together to make beds for children, and to supply the dollars to make the beds – and to get the mattresses, pillows, and linens needed. Check out the photo gallery on our website (oursaviorswestsaalem.org/photo-galleries) for pictures from “the build” back in April. You helped make this happen, so thank you!

Your financial gifts make this, and all our ministries happen, and can be shared in worship, by mail, or placed in our locked mailbox. You can also make gifts electronically. Go to www.oursaviorswestsaalem.org/giving, or use our QR Code.



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

Worship Leaders - May



May 2-3

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Kaelyn Hebrink
Trudy Drugg
Bonnie Gensch

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Ava Johnsrude
Jim Quamme
Koudelka Family

10:30 a.m.

Brooklyn Marinelli
Jaime Fortier
M & J Larson

Home Communion
Altar Guild May

Mariette Stefferud
Wendy Amundson

May 9-10

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Laurn Langrehr
Judy Gilbert
Jon & Maryrose Hetland

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Addyson Knebes
Scott Gilbertson
Brenda Skittone

10:30 a.m.

B Miller-Siddons
Corey Sjoquist
S & C Thompson

Home Communion

Scott & Carol Thompson

May 16-17

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Mabel Sjoquist
Marjorie Anderson
Todd & Inger Michael

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Jaxon Stugen
Carla Burkhardt
Rasmussen Family

10:30 a.m.

Ellie Tlustosch
Tracey Beckley
R & B Clements

Home Communion

Daryl Wermedal

May 23-24

Worship Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.
Autumn Amundson
Chad & Carla Long

8 a.m. ***10 a.m. – Begin
Summer Hours**
Owen Christianson Noah Evenson
J Hickey/K Sloan Baganz Family

Worship Assistant
Welcoming Team

May 30-31

Worship Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.
Kaelyn Hebrink
Judy Morzinski

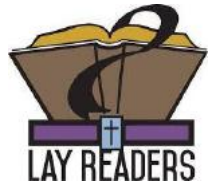
8 a.m. ***10 a.m. –
Summer Hours**
Ava Johnsrude Brooklyn Marinelli
D& A Sprain Carolyn Karl

Worship Assistant
Welcoming Team

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.



Blood Drive



Monday, June 1
11:30 am - 4:30 pm
Presbyterian Church of West Salem

Worship Leaders - June



June 6-7

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Laurn Langrehr
Bonny Goodenough
Chad & Shannon Vick

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Addyson Knebes
Kyle Twite
B & D Jensen

*10 a.m.

B Miller-Siddons
Melissa Haldeman
J & R Kerkman

Home Communion
Altar Guild June

Marjorie Anderson
Cindy Averbeck/Jaime Fortier

June 13-14

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Mabel Sjoquist
Jon Hetland
Alison Hemker

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Jaxon Stugen
Naoko Giblin
Carla Burkhardt

*10 a.m.

Ellie Tlustosch
D Baumgartner
Tlustosch Family

Home Communion

Dottie Baumgartner

June 20-21

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Brynnleigh Baganz
Dan Steele
Dave & Angie Hemker

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

Lily Cooper
Brenda Skittone
E & L Ender

*10 a.m.

M Crankshaw
Steve Ahles
Ryan Family

Home Communion

Bev Bockenbauer

June 27-28

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant	Kirya Eckland
Communion Assistant	Judy Gilbert
Welcoming Team	Eckland Family

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant	Camden Gullickson
Communion Assistant	Mya Koudelka
Welcoming Team	Brian & Jen Linse
Home Communion	Judy Gilbert

*10 a.m.

Blake Hundt
Stacey Sjoquist
Trudy Drugg



- ♥ 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.



Thank you ...

... to the April newsletter mailing crew –
Carolyn Karl and Carol Thompson.

Vacation Time



Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean will be taking some vacation time in May. They will be off from May 18 through June 1. During that time Pastor Mark Bartusch (Our Redeemer, La Crosse) will be available for pastoral care. Contact the church office to get connected with Pastor Mark.

Worship on May 23/24 will include the SOS Band and feature a “guest appearance” from ... Pastor Jon ... via a video! On May 30/31, Dori Jensen will lead worship and share the message.

Thanks to Pastor Mark, the SOS crew, Linda Berg, and Dori for providing pastoral and worship leadership!



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.

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Karen DeSchepper, Financial Secretary
Josh Corning, Custodian



Newsletter Deadline – June 12



Care and Share Food Pantry ...

is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon. The food pantry is low of canned fruit, especially pineapple, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, and apple sauce. 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.

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