

Our Savior's Makes a Difference!

Really? REALLY! Check it out...

Summer Lunch Program – 2019 marks our sixth year, with over 100 kids fed twice a week during the summer months. This ministry creates opportunities for the community, even those without a church home, to do “God work with their hands!”

Mission Trips – Atlanta, Detroit, Puerto Rico, North Carolina, and now in 2019 Northwest New Mexico. Each year a dozen or more kids and adults make a difference in the world, and discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Confirmation – “Discipleship” Training – Bible, faith, service, community – our confirmation ministry involves over 100 kids learning to be “disciples of Jesus,” and even attracts new kids because it’s fun and it challenges them to grow deeper.

After School Program – Each week 25-50 kids join us “after school” on Wednesdays for a safe environment, fun things to do, and dinner – just before our confirmation classes.

Support of College students – We regularly connect with our college students, providing them with occasional cards, gifts, and prayer support. When you are from Our Savior’s you are not forgotten!

Lutefisk leads to mission! Yes, it’s the Norwegian Dinner, and yes, it’s a celebration of heritage, but in the end the proceeds go to a variety of community outreach efforts in West Salem and La Crosse. The blessings of God over the years, shared with the community today.

Corn Roast and other hospitality ministries – Whether it’s a meal for the community, or just a welcome place for worship, we pride ourselves on welcoming those who are not always welcome other places. This is God’s church, and all of God’s people are welcome here!

Worship in the community – Every month Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean (with the help of others) hold four worship services at Lakeview, Salem Terrace, and Mulders. Close to 80 attend every month, most of them not members of Our Savior’s – we reach out even to those who are sometimes easily forgotten.

Community Assistance Fund – Together with others organizations, we reach out to help those with immediate needs. And now a new “emergency fund,” to prepare for a community wide disaster we pray never occurs!

Music in (and out) of worship – The choir, the SOS band, handbells, Sunday School kids, and many musicians share their talent as we worship here, and as we bear witness “out there!”

Sewing group – Faithful, energetic folk, they make over 200 quilts a year that warm and brighten lives from close by, to the far side of the globe.

Prayer shawls – Created in prayer, blessed in worship, prayer shawls go out to assure those in need that we remember them – and God always embraces them!

Food Pantry location – A community ministry, the food pantry meets the needs of those who hunger right here in West Salem. We provide space, food, and lots of helping hands, along with others in our community, to serve our community.

Sunday School and VBS – Kids and Jesus! Over 100 kids hear about Jesus, learn about God’s love, experience caring adults in community – and have fun too!

Campus Ministry Support – our strong financial support for campus ministry in La Crosse, occasional meals, and other connections, make a difference for young adults away at school, struggling to find their faith and their way in life.

Senior Ministries – our growing ministries with seniors includes cards and greetings, and Bible studies at Salem Terrace. The homebound are remembered in prayers and visited regularly.

Mission Support – We share in missions through our work with the La Crosse Area Synod and the ELCA. Seminaries, new mission starts, missionaries, advocacy for the poor – we make a difference across the globe!

Special giving opportunities – From the Malaria Campaign and the water project in Africa, to the World Hunger Appeal and local flood relief, we respond to many needs in many ways. We really do make a difference in the lives of real people!

*Not to mention...all the ways we make
a difference in our daily lives!*