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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.*

# Our Savior's Voice

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## APRIL 2018

*Pastor's Reflections ...*

New stuff on the horizon...  
Are you ready to be faithful?

At a recent memorial service, we used several Bible passages, including Revelation 21:5 – “I make all things new.”

Great words for the season! April begins this year with Easter. Easter, the biggest “newness” around. In the wonder of Easter God acts to turn death into life, to restore life where it had been lost, and to renew and revitalize life that had been drained. “I make all things new!”

For a grieving family those were words of hope in the midst of a dark moment. God makes the radical promise that death is not the end. And how so? The death of Jesus on the cross, and the resurrection of the empty tomb turn our world upside down. God acts to bring life where there was none, and suddenly the power of death is overthrown.

But not just for mourners at a memorial service. For you and for me. Right there and now. Today.

“I make all things new.”

These are challenging times in our world, our society, and especially in the church. With the world around us changing rapidly, and with increasing tensions, it's hard to have a lot of hope for the future.

Sometimes it's even harder in the church scene. As our society has changed, church life has been stressed. We wonder what is happening around us, and how we can cope. What shall we do?

And what about the new challenges in life around us? Like same gender marriages. See the report elsewhere in this newsletter on the results of our recent survey. Regardless of what we do, we will be challenged.

But...“I make all things news.” Really.

That's the promise. But, do we believe it? There's new stuff, always new stuff happening, but are we ready to be faithful?

Maybe part of our challenge is to allow God's newness to really happen. Our society has changed, but maybe we still want our church life to stay the same. Maybe we want God to do new things, but are we ready to embrace – faithfully – the newness around us?

I will confess, after 30+ years of pastoral ministry, that I'm not always eager to embrace the new. I like what I've done, and it's worked (for me, at least). Once I was the new pastor, wondering why the old guys (and back then, a few women) wouldn't eagerly go in new directions. Now I get it. I'm safe and comfortable where I am. Because I am (I imagine) in control.

To embrace God's new things is to let go of that control, and I'm not always ready to go there. That makes me too vulnerable!

Yet, the Easter story reminds me that this is about life and death, and to live is to always be changing, to always experience something new in my journey. Even if at the moment it's just another new gray hair on my head.

The power of the crucified and risen Christ overcomes my fears and failures. It renews and restores me in moments of crisis and uncertainty, and it frees me to embrace the "new," even when the "new" is not what I'm looking for, even when the "new" pushes me to my limits. Because in the death and resurrection Jesus overcomes all things. Even newness!

And so as I look at who and what we are, and the challenges before us, from same gender issues to worship attendance, from finances to welcoming new partners in our work together, I hear those words again – "I make all things new" – and I know that God's hand is at work. God's hand stirring up the world, to make all things new. And God's hand embracing and nurturing me to be faithful in a world in which, all things are new!

*Pastor Jon*

## Sabbatical Plans



Pastor Jon and his sabbatical team continue to work on preparing plans for his sabbatical during the summer of 2019. The team will be submitting a grant application to the Lily Foundation, and if the grant is received it will provide resources for both Pastor Jon and for the congregation to do some fun things. We expect to hear about the grant by mid-August. Regardless, the team will prepare for some activities during the sabbatical, and will work to support Pastor Jean during the sabbatical so that pastoral ministry continues. We'll keep you posted!



**Easter Sunday**  
Festive Celebration of Holy Communion  
6:30 + 8:30 + 10:30 AM.  
(NO Saturday worship)



## Affirmation of Baptism

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) will be on Sunday, April 29, at 10:30 AM, as we ask God's blessings on our 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Parents are reminded to take only one pew per family, with extra seating in the balcony and the Gathering Area.

9<sup>th</sup> graders have one remaining class on Wednesday, April 11, where they will be introduced to Peer Ministry, both as a youth ministry, and as a way of life. They will also meet on Sunday, April 22 after 10:30 worship for a brunch and rehearsal for Confirmation.

We are excited to see these young people move forward as disciples of Jesus, and to support them in their faith journey. Please keep them in your prayers!

This year's class includes:

Mallory Farr  
Audrey Godlewski  
Madison Haas  
Sydney Hammes  
Maddie Haun  
Josh Iliff  
Natalie Jeranek

Owen Johnson  
Haley Jones  
Connor Koepp  
Zane Langrehr  
Wesley Leren  
Madisen Mueller  
Katie Murphy

Bailee Peterson  
Autumn Pfaff  
McKenna Riley  
Ellie Slotten  
Angela Vick  
Skylar Williams

A very special thanks to our group guides for this class: Lori Hammes, Megan Haun, Sara Jeranek, Carrie Johnson, Jenny Leren, and Becki Murphy. Thank you for your work, your commitment, and your care for these young people!

## First Communion

On Maundy Thursday, we welcomed a number of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders to First Communion. After spending a bit of time learning about the sacrament, and having some fun making a chalice and the bread for communion, they were all set. Thanks to parents for their support and encouragement as we share faith with the next generation!



Trevor Arentz  
Emily Bell  
Turner Campbell  
Marissa Eckland  
Brooke Gander  
Brandon Goede  
Jayden Hansen

Emma Haun  
Jessalyn Hickey  
Makena Ihle  
Owen Kendhammer  
Aubrey Langrehr  
Andrew Larson  
Leah Leren

Mallory Long  
Rylee Lyga  
Carter Quackenbush  
Will Stefferud  
Eve Twite  
Lauren Zarecki



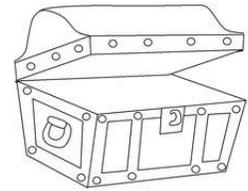
# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We have walked the journey through Lent together with our friends from *Whirl*, learning about Promise, Trust, Law, Look, Sacrifice, and Betrayal, as we anticipate the Surprise of Easter! And we get to unbury the “alleluias” in church! It’s hard to believe we only have another month of sharing God’s love in Sunday School.

We are looking forward to partying with our “adopted grandparents” on May 6. They have supported us and prayed for us all year and now we can thank them in person.

## *Sunday School Treasure Box ...*

**It is fun to share the list of children who got to check out the Treasure Chest in late March to celebrate perfect attendance or only missing once during January and February. Plus there are still three children\*\*\* who have had perfect attendance since September, and another eight++ who only missed once since then! Let’s see if they can make it all the way to the end of the year!**



### **Perfect Attendance**

**Pre-K: Noah Evenson\*\*\*, Mabel Sjoquist++, Maxwell Twite**

**Kindergarten: Anna Vick\*\*\***

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Addison Kendhammer**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Jesse Jothent++, Casey Mathison\*\*\***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Briauna Mathison++, Lily Twite**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Lydia Jothent++**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Owen Kendhammer, Andrew Larson, Eve Twite**

### **Missed Once**

**Pre-K: Kiryah Eckland++, Alise Jothent++, Addyson Knebes**

**Kindergarten: Oliver Kendhammer, Amy Stefferud**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Henry Bakkum, Kaleb Kendhammer**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Gunnar Eckland, Graham Sjoquist, Nate Stefferud**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Baylee Faucett, Bennet Fennighkoh++, Emelia Tlustosch**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Marissa Eckland++, Jessalyn Hickey, Will Stefferud**



Sunday, April 1 (Easter) - Grades 3-5 sing during 10:30 worship

Sunday, May 13 (Mother’s Day) - All grades sing during 10:30 worship

## Sunday School Offering ...

Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria seem like such a long time ago for us - and it is - summer is almost here again. But for those who live in the southern states that were directly affected by these storms, it seems like only yesterday - they are still trying to clean up and get their lives back in order. Thanks to our Sunday School children, we will have much needed dollars to send to be used for the ongoing recovery effort. Check out the bulletin board outside of Pastor Jean's office to see how we are doing. Congratulations to our Pre-K Sunday School class who have blown the roof off of their giving! Keep it up! ... Can the rest of us catch them?



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### Monday, July 23

Students entering Grades 1 through 5

We will head down to Sugar Creek Bible Camp  
for an Explorer Day Camp experience

**Bible study, singing, horseback riding, and swimming**

Cost is \$20 which includes lunch

Watch for more details this summer

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### Hungry Jar Offering for April Sugar Creek Bible Camp

*"Where all generations encounter Christ through God's people and creation"*

Faith formation at camp is a way of life lived out in holy play, caring conversations, and intentional time in God's beautiful creation. Faith expressions go beyond worship and Bible study to permeate every aspect of the camp experience. No matter your age, race, or income level, Sugar Creek has a program designed for you, with programming available year-round! Your generous contributions will help provide a camping experience for all who want to attend - no one is turned away.





**Frolic! –**  
**We are off to a good start! If you haven't checked us out yet, it's never too late!**



If you have children 0-3 years old, we have an opportunity for you!

**Join us on Sunday, April 22 at 9:15**  
 in the Frolic Room (“green” classroom downstairs)

- ❖ Parent(s) and child(ren) gather together.
- ❖ Get to know other parents experiencing the same challenges and joys that you are.
- ❖ Spend some quality, faith-filled time with your child.
- ❖ Story, music, craft, and more – all age appropriate.
- ❖ We gather once a month on the fourth Sunday.



## **SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP - 2018**

**“This Changes Everything”**

Check out the brochures for camp on the kiosk in the gathering area!

### **OUR SAVIOR'S CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE**

\$100 full week -- \$50 half week

**Request forms due in the office NO LATER than April 25<sup>th</sup>**

(Forms available on the kiosk in the gathering area or on the website – [www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org))

**Camperships distributed in worship May 5 & 6**  
 (You send the campership to Sugar Creek directly.)



## **Confirmation and After School**

After School begins again on Wednesday, April 4. Come and get homework done, or just hang out, with dinner provided. 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade classes meet at 6 PM. See separate articles on the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade scavenger hunt for the food pantry, and 9<sup>th</sup> graders and Affirmation of Baptism.

## Scavenger Hunt

The 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class will be off on a scavenger hunt to benefit the food pantry on Wednesday, April 18. We will head out shortly after 6 PM, going door to door, seeking items for the pantry, so if you are in the church neighborhood, be ready! If you are not in the area, but want to be a part of this ministry, you can bring contributions over any time that week.



## Scholarships



Our Savior's has a variety of student scholarships available, thanks to gifts from the families of Clifford Michelson, Adolph and Esther Marking, and David Lewis, and from others. Graduating high school seniors can apply for one of several scholarships. Deadline is April 30.

We also have a scholarship for college freshman who have been active in a faith community while in school. That deadline is also April 30.

Finally, at any time during the year non-traditional students can apply for a scholarship from the Homer Moe Scholarship.

Information forms and applications for all three scholarship programs are available on the youth display outside of the Koinonia Room. See Pastor Jon if you have any questions.

## Graduate Recognition

High school seniors and parents, mark your calendars now! High school graduate recognition is set for Sunday, May 20, at the 10:30 worship service. We will honor our graduates, ask God's blessings upon them, announce scholarship winners, and celebrate with a bit of cake and punch after worship! Don't miss it! More details in the May newsletter.



As our students are either away from home or studying in challenging environments, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. This month please pray for: **Jacey Olson** (UW-Eau Claire), **Abby Johnson** (UW-L), **Anna Jacobson** (UW-Stout), **Molly Hunter** (U of St. Thomas), and **Kate Nuttleman** (UW-Madison).

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## What's going on in the Youth World!?



**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING in HOUSTON** – Over 30,000 youth from across the country will converge on Houston in late June under the theme “**This Changes Everything.**” We will worship, go out into the local community and help with the continued clean-up efforts from last summer’s hurricanes, meet new people, gather with others from our synod, have time for fun activities, hear the faith stories of speakers, and dig deeper into our own personal faith stories. In the months to come we will be asking for your help to collect funds for the **Global Farm Challenge** (agriculture related programs of ELCA World Hunger) and **Houston Literacy Campaign** (the goal is to collect 100,000 books for the children in Houston). We invite the congregation to be a part of our fundraising opportunities – monies collected will be used to help our students get to Houston, and also to support the Global Farm Challenge and Literacy Campaign.

Upcoming opportunities:



**ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER** – Check out the board in the gathering area to track the progress of our youth heading to Houston for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. As of right now they are stuck in a corn field in the middle of Iowa! Please grab an envelope, fill it with the dollar amount indicated on the envelope, and drop it in the offering plate or in the office. Let’s keep the bus moving!



**FEATURES FUNDRAISER** – Join us at Features Restaurant in West Salem on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM until close. Ten percent of all sales that night will help support Our Savior’s Youth Gathering activities.



**FLAMINGOS FUNDRAISER** – Our Norwegian flamingos will be flying soon – your purchase of insurance, flocking orders, and removal donations will help with Youth Gathering projects.



### Bake Sale

When: April 8 in between services

What: Fundraiser for World Vision's 30 Hour Famine

If interested in baking some goods, bring them to the church on April 7<sup>th</sup> please ☺



### 30 Hour Famine

When: April 13-14

What: 30 hours of not eating, activities, and fundraising to raise money for children who are hungry in the world.

To donate: go to [30hourfamine.com](http://30hourfamine.com) search Our Savior's Lutheran Church-Cathryn and click the link for our church.

OR write a check to Our Savior's Lutheran Church and in the memo write 30 Hour Famine

If interested in being a part of the program, please talk to Cat



### Movie Night

Where: Marcus Movie Theater

When: Saturday April 7 - 7pm

What: I Can Only Imagine

Please let Cat know by Wednesday April 4 if interested so seats can be ordered



Check it out! New to our Scrip selection –  
Ship Shape Car Washes!  
\$10 gift cards available now!



**Lutherans yesterday, today,  
and April 9<sup>th</sup>  
@ Salem Terrace – 10:00 am  
Join us for coffee & study**



We continue our study of the history of Lutherans in America using the resource - “We Must Plant the Church.” We meet in the small kitchenette off of the parking lot between Salem Terrace & Mill Street Manor. Feel free to invite your friends.



**OWLS**

On April 26, at 1:30 p.m., Bonny Goodenough will explain to the OWLS how their new family business, Floating Gardens, LLC came into being. Please join us to learn about aquaponics and what naturally grown produce is available in our communities. This will be very interesting so be sure to come join us.

**CHECK IT OUT ...**

**Can't see the bulletin ...** we have large print bulletins



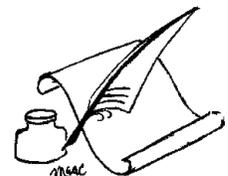
**Can't hear the worship service ...** we have a hearing assist device

**Missed worship ...** check out the website – [www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) – to see the service.



**Cards for shut-ins**

Don't forget to stop by the “Card Ministry” table (located outside of the Pre-K classroom) each weekend when you are at worship to sign the cards for our shut-ins. You really do make a difference in the lives of those who cannot be with us.





## Synod School of Theology

The spring trimester of the Synod School of Theology begins April 12, with an introduction for new students on April 5. Classes are held here at Our Savior's on Thursdays, from 5:30-9 PM, and run through May 17. This term includes courses on the Old Testament writings, Leadership in Christian Community, and the Lutheran Confessions. You can take any one, or all of the classes. Cost is \$50 or \$20 per course. No exams or grades, but some reading and writing. Register online at the synod web site ([www.lacrosseareasynod.org](http://www.lacrosseareasynod.org)), or see Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more information.

### Prayer Around the Cross April 8, 7 PM

Quiet, meditative worship, gathered around the cross, bathed in candlelight. In April we rejoice in the resurrection, but also lift up in prayer all who need the new life Jesus offers. Come and take some time for prayer and reflection, in the midst of a busy and hectic world. Bring your cares and concerns, and especially the cares and concerns of people around you. The risen Christ invites us to new life in him!



#### *Prayer Around the Cross* *By, Jon Hetland*

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about a prayer ministry that not too many people in our congregation have taken advantage of as of this writing. This ministry is the Prayer Around the Cross service held on the second Sunday of each month at 6 PM. I know that many times people might be a little reluctant to try something new so let me tell you about what we do and why I think you should give it a try.

The service itself is quite simple with a few songs, and readings from the pastor followed by plenty of time for reflection and silent prayer from the participants. We then end the service by lighting candles for any prayer concerns we may have and placing them in a bed of sand around the cross. Pretty easy stuff!

Pastor Jon has said that even though our numbers are small and that the problems of the world are many, it is ultimately our presence that matters. I find it very refreshing to step out of the very often selfish person that I am to take time to think and pray about problems of this world both large and small. In my own busy life I know it is hard for me to slow down and think about the big issues that really matter. This service helps me focus and leaves me feeling refreshed. I still may not be able to solve all the problems in the world but when I leave the service I am hopeful that at least I can take a baby step in the right direction.

If this sounds interesting to you, please join us in April.

## Stewardship Corner



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

Does our stewardship, does our sharing of what God has entrusted to us really make a difference in the world? That's a valid question to ask. Here's an answer!

Several years ago, the ELCA made a commitment to make a difference in working to end malaria deaths. Our Savior's joined thousands of other congregations in supporting the ELCA Malaria Campaign. By the end of 2015 the campaign reached its goal of \$15 million! So, for starters, thank you for your part of this monumental milestone and helping protect countless lives from this preventable, treatable disease. It simply doesn't happen without people digging a bit deeper to make a difference.

But...what happened? Working with our Lutheran companions and partners in 13 African countries, we have brought about lasting change. But our work is not over. While the campaign has been completed, our commitment to ending deaths from this disease has not... In the coming years, support to our companions and partners to address malaria will come through gifts to ELCA World Hunger, which has a long history of supporting health-related work. And again, without you, none of this would have been possible. On behalf of the whole church, *thank you for your prayers, your partnership and your generosity.*

Finally, the numbers...together, we:

- Educated 2 million community members.
- Distributed 50,000 insecticide-treated bed nets.
- Tested 160,000 people for malaria, and if positive, provided treatment.
- Trained 10,000 local volunteers in prevention and treatment.
- Empowered 12,000 households to be economically stable.
- Provided 32,000 pregnant women prevention medication.

That's a lot of stewardship, a lot of ministry, and a big difference!

## Hunger is Baaaaad!

Its sheep time in the La Crosse Area Synod! Just as two years ago, we were invited to bring cows to the Synod assembly, each representing \$500 in offerings toward the world hunger appeal, this year we are asked to bring sheep – lots of them!



We've got a start – our first sheep is set, with the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands putting the tip money from the recent Norwegian dinner (along with a few extra dollars donated for the cause) to raise the first \$500. So, one sheep is set.

How about the rest of you? Can we pull together and clone a few more sheep, raising a few more dollars, saving a few more lives? You can make your gift by marking your envelope (sheep project), and we'll start adding it all up. Watch too for opportunities in the next weeks to have some fun with the sheep, while making a difference in the lives of those who hunger for the very basics of life!

For more information see one of the pastors, Lynette and Eric Ender, or Judy and Phil Gilbert.

## Stewardship...the Whole Life Way!

What is whole life stewardship? In large part it is a term referring to the completion of one's stewardship of possessions by providing for the continued work of the church after we leave this earthly realm. How



do we do that? A key way is to name Our Savior's, or an ELCA ministry or ministries as a beneficiary in our will or living trust. It is estimated that as much as 80% of the major gifts to ELCA ministries are made in this manner. There are also other ways to practice whole life stewardship. Naming Our Savior's, the La Crosse Area Synod, or other ELCA ministry as the beneficiary (whole or partial) of a life insurance policy is a popular way to continue one's stewardship (by the way, Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean

have done that, with both Our Savior's and the synod as beneficiaries). Naming ministries as beneficiaries of gift annuities or deferred gift annuities is another way to practice whole life stewardship while assuring donors a fixed life income. Naming ministries as partial beneficiaries of IRAs and other qualified retirement plans avoids income taxes on the gifted portion of the asset that would otherwise be due at death. Consider your legacy to future generations and be a whole life steward of God's many blessings.

You can always have a chat with Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean about your "whole life stewardship." They can share what they have done, why they have done it, and how it works for them.

Or...if you'd like more information, and want to keep it confidential, contact Timothy Knutson, ELCA Foundation at (414) 477-9979 or [timothy.knutson@elca.org](mailto:timothy.knutson@elca.org), or Pastor Larry Westfield, ELCA Foundation at (262) 224-9574 or [larry.westfield@elca.org](mailto:larry.westfield@elca.org).

### Garden Plots

For a tenth year the Michelson family will provide a parcel of land for any members of the congregation interested in establishing a garden. The size of the parcel can be tailored to your needs for planting any desired annual flowers or vegetables. The plot is located 1½ miles north of West Salem with direct access off County Road M. Senior Exit Project gardens were established each of the last two summers and are welcome. If you are interested in reserving a parcel or have questions call Jim at 786-1236.



### June Dairy Days

Yes, it's true – June Dairy Days are fast approaching - June 1-3! Our Savior's has two responsibilities – the Fun Run, and sharing the food booth with St. Leo's and Prince of Peace. We need your help – our share of the proceeds supports and strengthens our youth ministry. Sign-up sheets will be out following Easter, so watch for them!





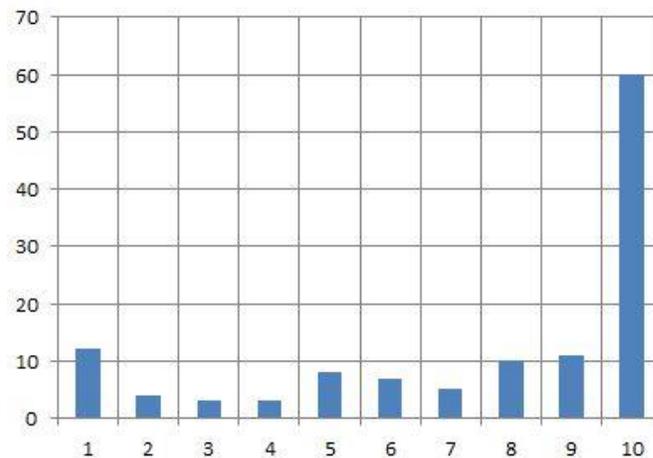
# Same Gender Marriage Conversation

THANK YOU to all who shared in the “congregational pulse” survey on same gender marriages here at Our Savior’s. The numerical results are noted below; the comments are available in the Gathering Area, and will be shared at conversation sessions during April.

The Congregation Council invites you to join us for conversation as we seek to discern God’s calling. Sessions will be held following each worship service on April 7/8, and April 14/15. We will plan to spend about an hour unpacking the survey results and comments, sharing what we believe God is up to, and considering what might come next. Council members will join us, and bring what they hear back to the whole council. Your presence is important – so please, join us! See Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean for more information.

*On a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree), do you believe OSLC should perform marriages for same gender couples?*

1.....	12
(strongly disagree)	
2.....	4
3.....	3
4.....	3
5.....	8
6.....	7
7.....	5
8.....	10
9.....	11
10.....	60
(strongly agree)	



*Strongly disagree*

*Strongly agree*

## Pastoral Acts:



- Baptism – Norah Gilberts – March 3
- Baptism – Eliyanha Root – March 4
- Baptism – Jayda Hundt – March 4
- Baptism – Joshua Hundt – March 4
- Death – Marie Seibert (funeral in Pennsylvania 3/13)
- Memorial Service – Mary Kasper – March 9
- Funeral – Jerry Hoth – March 15
- Wedding – Morgan Meyer & Zeke Koonce – March 17

# Congregation Council Review

The Congregation Council met on Monday, March 12, with President Steve Ahles calling the meeting to order. At this meeting the council:



- Sang “Happy Birthday” to Pastor Jean, and shared in some goodies in her honor.
- Shared in devotions.
- Approved the council minutes from February, and received financial reports and reports from the pastors.
- Received results of the same gender marriage survey, and discussed the next steps. Decided to hold conversation sessions in April to continue the process within the congregation.
- Heard an update on Pastor Jon’s sabbatical plans, and the grant proposal being prepared.
- Received Byron and Gloria Fennigkoh as new members.
- Heard about plans to explore how we live out our mission statement. Will discuss more at the April meeting.
- Received a request from Worship Committee to consider safety and security issues within congregational life. Discussed ALICE and other training methods. Requested the pastors to consult with West Salem Police to see what resources might be available.

The council meets again on Monday, April 9. See one of the pastors or Steve Ahles if you have any questions.

## Synod Assembly

The La Crosse Area Synod Assembly will be held June 8-10, in La Crosse. Our Savior’s will be looking for several people to join Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean as voting members at the assembly. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, and see how the church beyond us proclaims the grace of Jesus, speak with one of the pastors.



## Our Savior’s Loves New Members!

We love to welcome new partners in our life and work as disciples of Jesus! If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining Our Savior’s, please contact one of the pastors. We’ll get you set!



## *Thank you ...*

... to the March newsletter mailing crew – Connie and Larry Blunck, Bev Bockenbauer, Sandra Holthaus, Judy Morzinski, Carol Peterson, Mary and Rich Storandt.

... to Lynette Ender for making the Communion bread in March.

... Those who made soup for Lenten dinners: Jill Iliff & family, Outreach Committee (especially Carla Burkhardt and Bridget Peterson), Cathryn Bottem, 30-hour famine participants, Congregation Council (especially Steve Ahles and Lynette Ender )

... Those who participated in the Lenten worship dramas: Angela Vick, Amalia Hemker, Sophie Taylor, Eric Iliff, Jim Quamme, Allison Rigotti, Rebecca Schmidt, Mahli Fleckenstein, Cat Bottem

... Those who were liturgists for Holden Evening Prayer during Lenten worship: Bonny Goodenough, Lynette Ender, Jen Linse, Dean Olson, Carla Burkhardt, Marty Frank, and Ruby Kerkman

... To these volunteers who have been a part of our coffee fellowship hour during January through March: Naoko Aminaka, Connie & Larry Blunck, Ann Donahue/Bonny Goodenough Confirmation small group, Lynette Ender, Mary & Kara Gavaghan, Judy Gilbert, Jan Goetzinger, Nancy Koepp, Jim Michelson, Ilene Pavelko, Connie Pinski, Marilyn Ranum, Velma Schmidt, Melody Schmitz, Emily Steele, Tim & Karen Tiber, Abbey Vick, Betty Whitlock, and Pam Willer. New volunteers are appreciated. Ilene Pavelko will help you get started. Call her at 797-6759 or email [ilenepav1@aol.com](mailto:ilenepav1@aol.com).

## *For WELCA Gift ...*

... I am writing to thank you on behalf of LaCrosse Jail Ministry for the generous \$100 donation ... In some of surely the most despairing times of their lives, I hope our ministry can compassionately help to meet people's spiritual and basic human needs too. We see your donation also as a deep gesture of hope. Whether our message is through Bibles, worship services, haircuts, phone cards to family, or decent toothbrushes, it all matters to individual strength and rehabilitation, and community safety too. Thank you,

*Maureen Freedland, Past President La Crosse County Jail Ministry*



## **Calling All Women ...**

Gathering under the theme "Through Us, God Does a New Thing", the annual La Crosse Area Synod WELCA Spring Convention will be held April 21 at Living Hope Lutheran Church, Ettrick. There will be worship, keynote speakers focusing on drug addiction and recovery, and election of officers. Check out the kiosk in the Gathering Area for registration information or talk to Connie Blunck.

<b>BASKET HOLDERS</b>			
		<b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 a.m.</b>
April -1 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>		<b>8:30 AM</b> Brandon Wiese	<b>10:30AM</b> Sam Williams
April 7-8		Jack Witte	Riley Wuensch
April 14-15		Ella Beal	Lauren Bell
April 21-22		Kendall Burkhamer	Eva Clements
April 28-29		Alena Donahue	Zachary Fitzpatrick

<b>ACOLYTES</b>			
	<b>Saturday 6 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 a.m.</b>
April - 1 <b>EASTER</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b> Madeline Janisch	<b>8:30 AM</b> Zachary Long	<b>10:30 AM</b> Ed Schmitz
April 7-8	Blaine Wheeler	Elsa Mitchell	Ryan Nickles
April 14-15	Ed Schmitz		Bennett Turnipseed
April 21-22	CJ McConkey	Maxwell Williams	Alan Campbell
April 28-29	Delaney Christianson	Madelyn England	Kylee Gander

### **HOME COMMUNION SERVERS**

April 1                      Dottie Baumgartner  
 April 7-8                    Bev Bockenbauer  
 April 14-15                 Judy Gilbert  
 April 21-22                 Pam Gresens  
 April 28-29                 Iliff Family

**COMMUNION BREAD** (*April 1*) – Phil & Judy Gilbert

**ALTAR GUILD**            Karen Rich

## USHERS

	<b>Saturday 6 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 a.m.</b>
April 1- Easter	<b>6:30 AM</b> Steve & Sue Ahles	<b>8:30 AM</b> Eric Iliff Lee Fernstaedt Tim Timber Leon Herried	<b>10:30 AM</b> Andy Bakkum Family
April 7-8		Karl & Kathy Wehrs	Andy Bakkum Family
April 14-15		Eric Iliff Lee Fernstaedt Tim Tiber Leon Herried	Andy Bakkum Family
April 21-22		Eric Iliff Lee Fernstaedt Tim Tiber Leon Herried	Andy Bakkum Family
April 28-29		Karl & Kathy Wehrs	Andy Bakkum Family

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

	<b>Saturday 6 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 a.m.</b>
April 1- Easter	<b>6:30AM</b> Jim Quamme	<b>8:30AM</b> Bonny Goodenough Larry Blunck Bill & Dori Jensen	<b>10:30 AM</b> Marjorie Anderson Jaime Fortier Eric & Jill Iliff
April 7-8	Jill Iliff	Cat Bottem Lynette Ender	Denise Jones Dottie Baumgartner
April 14-15	Bev Bockenbauer	Pam Gresens Carolyn Herried	Tracey Beckley Darlene Affeldt
April 21-22	Karen DeSchepper	Mark & Kim Hunter	Corey Sjoquist Kristin Tschumper
April 28-29	Judy Morzinski	Judy Long Sharon Olson	Michelle Witte Steve Ahles

