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*Our
Savior's
Lutheran
Church*

May 2019

809 South Commercial Street

Neenah, WI 54956

Service Times

Sat. 5:00 p.m.— Sun. 8:00 & 10:30a.m.

Office Hours: M-Th 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Fri. 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Phone Number: 920-725-3956

Our Journey Together 

Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter are events of the past. For Our Savior's, the Easter season was a glorious experience! I hope you felt the presence of the risen Christ in your lives. But, for most of us, it certainly was a "busy" time. Perhaps this month we can slow down and smell the roses.

The month of May, for most of Wisconsin, ushers in the "real" spring season. This is a miraculous month, with life abundant around every corner, green grass, flowers in bloom, golf courses in full swing, people taking walks, and evidence of God's creation all around us. I am reminded of the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew;

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store
away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.
Are you not much more valuable than they?
Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

Maybe we need to slow down and drink in the moment, to smell the roses. Jesus was reminding us to stop rushing around, to quit worrying about tomorrow, and to live today fully and completely.

There is a cute story about a preschool teacher who was explaining birthdays and age to her class. She asked each child what was his or her birthday and how old they were. When she came to Tommy, he said he was four years old. "And when will you be five?" she asked. "When I'm done with four" he said.

Perhaps this is an opportunity for us to slow down and drink in deeply the world around us, to pay attention to the moment. Let's not rush off to the next conversation until we finish the one we're having. Let's not rush off to the next flower until we're finished smelling the one in front of us. Let's not worry about the morning until we're finished appreciating the beautiful sunset before our eyes. Take time to smell the roses.

God's Peace to you and your loved ones,

Interim Pastor Dennis E. Ellisen

Confirmation News

This month, the Confirmation students will have their final class for the year. Thank you to all students, teachers, and parents for all of the time, dedication, and support you have given to this program throughout the year- it has been wonderful!

A special Thank You to Debbie Birkholz, Jenn Paulson, Todd Hagner, Tami Dietzen, Dana Prah, Sarah Bjornstad, Katie Ricketts, Amy Muttart, Niki Zemlock, Jim Hein, Angie Schabo, Lisa Anderson, and Haley VanZummeren – we could not have had a successful year without you.

Our Confirmation year will come to a close on the 8th of this month with a Food Scavenger hunt to benefit the church Food Pantry, and an end-of-the-year celebration.

Have a great summer!



One of our young members at the Palm Sunday Donkey Walk.

Sunday School News

The last day of Sunday school is on May 5. We'd like to thank all of our teachers and helpers who made this school year such a success. Thank you to Carrie Danielwicz, Kari Klundt, Eric Klundt, Kerin Harrington, Kristin Curtis, Kyle Curtis, Lisa Schumacher, Sarah Bjornstad, Kristin Ely-Bluemke, Jody Anklam, Katie Ricketts, Katie Shadick, Liz Bradley, Todd Lynwood, Ashley Lynwood, Nicole Tiedt, Corie Gonnering, Ashley Lauer, and Debbie Birkholz. The Sunday school program is successful thanks to our volunteers.

We need many people to have a successful Sunday school year. If you would like to help change a life, please contact Ruthie Melzer at rmelzer@our-saviors.org. Your commitment would be four to five weeks per year, or maybe you might even take two rotations. The amount of time you commit is up to you. We welcome any amount of time to volunteer. Thank you and have a safe and sunny summer.

God's Peace,
Ruthie Melzer

Calling All 2019 High School & College Graduates

On **Sunday, May 19th** at 10:30 a.m., we will be hosting our annual Baccalaureate Service. All those graduating High School or College this spring are invited to come and celebrate with the congregation of Our Savior's. All those who will be in attendance, please RSVP to Colleen Welsh (Youth Coordinator) at cwelsh@our-saviors.org by Tuesday, May 14 with each graduate's first and last name so we can give proper recognition to each of those approaching this important milestone! Congratulations, Graduates!

“God’s Work. Our Hands” - Yes, YOU can make a difference! Here are some opportunities to share God’s love in our community.

Supporting Our Missions

Summer Mission Trip – Our Savior’s is sending a group of twenty-four (16 adults and 8 youth) to Pearland, TX, June 16-22 to lead a week of Camp Noah. Camp Noah helps children who’ve been impacted by natural disasters. Please keep our group in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this amazing week of hope!

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Opportunity

The **Neenah Animal Shelter** has asked for our help with their spring clean-up on Sunday, May 5 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We need 15-20 people (all ages welcome) for outdoor raking, flower beds, garage organizing; and general “spiffing up” the shelter. Can you help? If so, meet at the shelter and bring your own rakes, yard tools and work gloves. Contact Marcie Kimmes at 725-3956 or mkimmes@our-saviors.org if you have questions.

Below are a few of our Mission Trippers who recently came back from Guatemala—shown with some of the families they built homes for.



Shop for Lutheran World Relief

We’re so grateful to receive some recent donations for the Lutheran World Relief kits! Now that we have warmer weather - finally - let’s check out those neighborhood rummage sales and current items at our local thrift shops. Here’s what we need for the LWR baby care kits:

- Lightweight baby t-shirts (long or short sleeves) - size 6 to 24 months
- Sleepers without “feet” and baby gowns - size 6- 24 months
- New pairs of baby socks
- Cardigan sweaters or jackets (zippered or buttoned in front with hoods, if possible) - size 6 to 24 months
- New cloth diapers (flat-fold or prefold)

We can also start gathering items for the personal care kits; we especially need new adult toothbrushes, metal nail clippers, and large sturdy combs.

All items can be dropped off in the pantry closet across from the church office. We’ll send our gifts to Lutheran World Relief this fall, and each donation will make a huge difference in someone’s life! Thank you!

Men's Breakfasts

The men's Bible study meets on the second and fourth Saturday of every month. We meet at 8:00 a.m. in the meeting room of Perkins Restaurant across from Wal-Mart. This month we meet on May 11 and 25. All men welcome.

Women's Book Club

The book club at OSLC welcomes you to join our friendly group of 10 to 12 women. We generally meet at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the church library. This month we meet on May 28. Come join us!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Prayer shawls are shared for many reasons – weddings, baptisms and hospitalizations, to name a few. We need you so we can continue to spread the strength of prayer through this ministry.

Esther Circle

The Esther Circle meets the second Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. at Church. This month our meeting will be on May 14. See you there!

Summer Worship Begins

Please note that our summer worship schedule begins the weekend of May 26-27. Services will change to Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

OSLC Mission Quilters Presents Cut & Piece Day

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19, from 12 noon til 4p.m. in the Our Savior's gym.

No sewing skills are necessary to join us for a FUN afternoon of preparing materials for quilting. We will sort and cut fabrics into pieces that will later be sewn into quilts.

So, if you have a passion for providing quilts to those who have nothing, come join us for all, or part, of the afternoon. Bring a friend too! Everyone is invited.

Desserts and coffee will be served.



Some of our recent Guatemala Mission Trippers giving a quilt made by our own Quilters to a local family for whom they helped build a house.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Why should we care? Because 1 in 5 people will be affected by mental illness in their lifetime... 90% of those who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, but suicide is preventable... 60 million people in the United States face the day-to-day reality of living with a mental illness. *Take the time to show you care about mental health. Learn the facts – Stop the Stigma!*

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes News

Our \$50,000 MATCHING GRANT for our elevator continues through the end of this month! Since I write this article half-way through the month, I'd like to report to you that we are very close to the half-way point of meeting our goal. Let's see if we can put some extra dollars into the matching grant these last few weeks and make it to the top of our \$50,000 goal!

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet for the Neil Diamond Nostalgia concert, be sure to go online, come in, or just purchase them at the door. The concert begins at 7PM, May 3 at the Outer Edge Stage, Appleton. It will be a great evening!

On May 15, we will hold our Open House with Ice Cream Sundaes from 12:30 til 3pm - come see our building, apartments, meet some of our tenants. The Open House is a great time to come and see what we have to offer. Maybe it's what you need, or your parents, an aunt or uncle, or a neighbor. If you haven't been here, come and take a look. We are looking forward to meeting you!

*Becky Luett, Deacon
Executive Director*

Long Term Care Workshop

You're invited to attend a community workshop, Planning for Long Term Care, presented by Thrivent's Neenah-Menasha Lakeside Associates on Thursday, May 9, from 9:30-11:30 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 140 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah.

Did you know that 10,000 Baby Boomers are turning 65 every day and 2/3 of those people will need long-term health care in their lifetime? How do you know when it is time to receive care? What level of care would be most beneficial? How will you pay for care? Where to turn for help. All are welcome - refreshments will be served.

Shedding Light Learning about Opioid Addiction, Childhood Trauma & Self-Care

Our Savior's H.O.P.E. Team, along with other area churches, is sponsoring a free informational seminar on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2330 E. Calumet St., Appleton.

Presenters will be Bev Kelley-Miller of The Megan Kelley Foundation; Jesse Heffernan of Helios Addiction Recovery Services; Chris Wardlow of Catalpa Health and NAMI of the Fox Cities. This event is free and open to all.

And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ~ Luke 19:8

Thank You...

...to the Wednesday morning Bible study group for donating \$200 for our mission trip.

...to our Mission Quilters for donating two beautiful quilts that were auctioned off at the Palm Sunday Breakfast.

... to everyone who came out to the Bingo Bash at Cedar's Bar & Grill and/or the Palm Sunday Breakfast. Because of your generosity, we raised \$1800 for the Camp Noah mission trip in June.

Generous Congregation...

YTD Totals Through March

	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Income	\$105,575	\$105,363	(\$ 212)
Expenses	\$109,999	\$113,363	(\$3,364)



Memorials Received...

A special thank you to those who remembered

Dolly Koch

April Pastoral Acts...

Baptisms – none

Weddings - none

Funerals – Ralph Bockin
Nancy Laflin

New Members—

Pat Farrell

Ken Gartner

Taylor Kimmes

Dan & Tamy Malewski

Dennis & Joyce Schreiber

Adam Schwartzkopf

Mari Rubi

Building Fund...

Through March

Remaining on Loan	\$ 285,895.10
Principal Paid on Loan	\$ 66,866.60
Total Contributions	\$ 30,712.51
Billed on Loan	\$ 9,656.94
Paid on Loan Over Billed Amount	\$ 57,209.66

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
<div>SCRIP Cards Sold</div> <div>8:00am Worship</div> <div>9:00am Neenah Animal Shelter</div> <div>9:15am Sunday School</div> <div>9:15am Education Hour</div> <div>10:30am Worship</div> <div>1:00pm AA Hispanic</div>	<div>6:00pm AA Hispanic</div>	<div>9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry</div> <div>10:30am Staff Meeting</div>	<div>May 1</div> <div>10:00am Bible Study</div> <div>5:30pm Confirmation</div> <div>5:30pm Joyous Ringers</div> <div>7:00pm Chancel Choir</div>	<div>1:00pm Quilting</div> <div>7:00pm AA Meeting</div> <div>7:15pm Worship & Music Meeting</div>	<div>6:00pm Fox Valley Squares</div>	<div>SCRIP Cards Sold</div> <div>5:00pm Worship</div>
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