

VOICE

*Our
Savior's
Lutheran
Church*

July 2019

809 South Commercial Street
Neenah, WI 54956

Service Times

Sat. 5:00 p.m.— Sun. 9:00 a.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 

Welcome to a much anticipated summer filled with days of warmth and well needed vacations.

Here at your church, decisions for the fall are already beginning. After the results of the Learn and Grow survey are completed and tabulated, planning for Sunday School, Adult Education and Confirmation classes will begin. In some ways, this is more of a challenge this year as I share some staff news and changes.

Ruthie has been on an extended leave of absence for the past 6 weeks and hopes to return mid-summer. Please keep her in your prayers.

Marcie, after being a Ministry Associate for 14 years, has decided to follow her dream becoming a financial representative for Thrivent. A letter from her to the congregation is included in this newsletter. She will be sorely missed as a staff member, but will continue as an active member of OSLC assisting and participating in ongoing mission endeavors.

We all need to remember that God makes all things new and His Spirit and our Personnel Team will help choose capable staff for your church.

Also, please remember your church before you travel. Summer is always difficult for the financial health of Our Savior's. Write a check before you go as a way to thank God and your church for the blessings you have received.

God's Peace to you and your loved ones,

Interim Pastor Dennis E. Ellisen

Vacation Bible School News

It's Time to ReNew!

VBS is back THIS month! On July 22-26, from 8:30-11:30 a.m., we will be hosting ReNew, a fun-packed, faith-filled, and eco-friendly week of Vacation Bible School.

We are still welcoming students aged three to 10, teachers, and helpers! Anyone interested in being a part of this program can register at <https://forms.gle/nZ19Gx8uCno456vn6> or contact Colleen Welsh at cwelsch@our-saviors.org. Registration closes **Wednesday, July 10th**.



Lutheran World Relief Donations

Our Savior's has been sending quilts and kits for LWR for over four decades - wow! You can keep this ministry going by donating supplies; no gift is too small. All items can be dropped off in the church pantry, across from the secretary's office. Here are a few of the items we need for the kits; the full shopping list is available in the wall rack near the sanctuary, close to the gathering area bathrooms. You can also check out the full lists at <https://lwr.org>. Thank you!

Baby Kits - packages of new cloth diapers, flat fold if possible.
- baby socks, new or gently used, sizes 0-6 months and 6-12 mos.
- unwrapped, large bars of gentle soap (example: Ivory), 4-5 oz

Personal Care Kits - large, sturdy combs
- unwrapped, large bars of bath soap, 4-5 oz
- metal nail clippers (with or without an attached file)

School Bag Kits - 70-80 page spiral notebooks (lined paper)
- new, unsharpened pencils
- new rulers with inches and centimeters (plastic and wooden rulers are acceptable)

Mission Quilters News

July dates for Quilters are:

Thursday, July 4 - No Quilting - Happy 4th of July!
Thursday, July 18 - 9am-12 noon



This photo was taken at the last Cut & Piece Day. Quilters shown are Barb Gossen, Cheryl Timm, Cindy Boehm, Debbie Gries, Nancy Freier, Nick Rabe, Doris Schmidt.

Come join us! Our group is growing and we always have fun! No sewing skills necessary.

“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

Our summer mission trip was awesome! Twenty-two participants spent the week in Pearland, TX, to lead Camp Noah. Children who were affected by Hurricane Harvey (two years ago) learned about Noah and his family and how they survived the flood. Children shared their own flood stories with us which was emotional for all of us – many are still afraid when it rains or there is a storm. We taught them about having hope for the future, how to deal with fears and that God is with them always.

Thank you so much for supporting our mission program at OSLC. Together we are doing God’s Work with Our Hands!



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 July 13 and 27. 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 July 23. Come join us!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

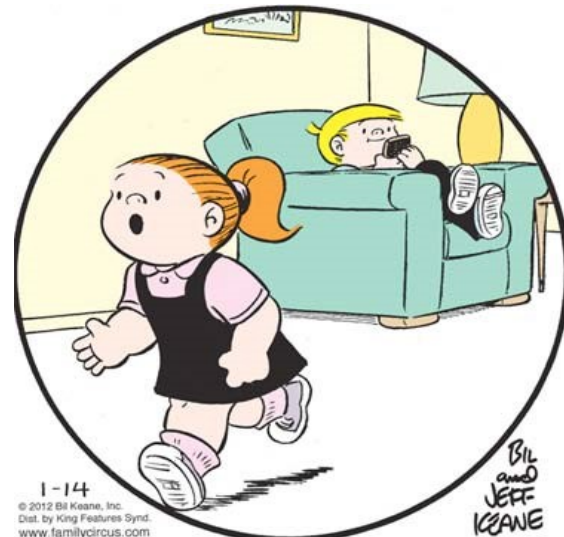
We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am. Prayer shawls are shared for many reasons – weddings, baptisms and hospitalizations, to name a few. We need you so we can continue to spread the strength of prayer through this ministry.

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 July 9. See you there!

Mobile App

BIG news... our mobile app is now available! To download, go to your App Store, and search Our Savior's Lutheran – Neenah to find it. Be like Billy—get the App! (By the way, you'll still need to come to church!)



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"Billy says he doesn't hafta go to church anymore 'cause his phone has an app for that!"

Bill and Jeff KEANE

From the HOPE Team

We now average over 40,000 suicides a year in America. And, for every successful suicide, there are 12 or more failed attempts. Let's break that down—just in America, every minute of the day, 24/7, someone takes their life or attempts to. That's how bad depression and anxiety can get.

Depression and anxiety have many faces—major depression, bipolar disorder, panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, social phobias, post-traumatic stress disorder, among others. The world today is laden with uncertainty and fear. Global unrest, war, unclear financial futures and a high-tech accelerated pace of living contribute to a fertile breeding ground for anxiety and depression.

Despite these facts, take some comfort that there is help in all of these diagnosis. And most of all, remember that God loves you and wants you well. God's unfailing love for us is an objective fact affirmed over and over in the scriptures. It originates in the very nature of God, who is love, and it flows to us through our union with Jesus Christ.

Your HOPE team at Our Savior's is working hard to be more visible and helpful for people struggling with a mental illness. Let's help end the stigma associated with mental illness.

July Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 30 9:00am Worship (809 S Commercial St, Neenah, WI 54956, USA) 1:00pm AA Hispanic	Jul 1 6:00pm AA Hispanic	2	3 10:00am Bible Study	4 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00pm Quilting 7:00pm AA Meeting	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 SCRIP Cards Sold 5:00pm Worship (809 S Commercial St, Neenah, WI 54956, USA)
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- Our Mission Statement -
Gather and grow with God's spirit in order to love and serve others.

Thank You...

Thank you to all of you who participated in our 30-in-30 Challenge. You successfully met and exceeded the challenge and consequently, our 2018 internal debt is paid off! Money collected over and above the 2018 internal debt is in a special account and will help to cover our pastoral search expenses. Thank you again for your generosity. When we're all in, and with God's help, nothing is impossible.

Generous Congregation...

YTD Totals Through May

	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Income	\$175,958	\$172,150	\$3,808
Expenses	\$183,332	\$191,507	(\$8,175)

Opportunities For Giving...

Noisy Offerings

Lutheran World Relief

\$978.96

Memorials Received...

**A special thank you to
those who remembered**

***Ralph Bockin
Pearl Hogan
Evelyn Isaacson***

June Pastoral Acts...

Baptisms –

Alexander James Shadick

Funerals – Joseph McClellan
(service held at Westgor)

New Members —

Christine Crain

Ryan & Nicole Abendroth

Madalyn Vandenberg

Norm Neal

Kevin Mauthe & Meghan Kuehnl

Adam & Jelena Shadick

Todd & Nance Stevenson &

Ashley

Randy & Mary Jo Bockin

Betty Rammer

Emily Bohn

Building Fund...

Through April

Remaining on Loan	\$ 280,119.48
Principal Paid on Loan	\$ 72,642.22
Total Contributions	\$ 35,425.68
Billed on Loan	\$ 12,875.92
Paid on Loan Over Billed Amount	\$ 59,766.30

APPROVED
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Present: Kristi Armstrong, Graham Bradley, Pastor Dennis Ellisen, Ben Lochner, Kevin Schabo, Andrew Schaller, Sue Schultz, Joan Terry, Carla Weiss. Excused Absence: Chris Crum.

Pastor's Report: Reviewed May's report. Marcie's last day will be July 15. Cake will be served on July 14. Talked about Personnel Committee which will evaluate positions, Call Committee, and God's Work Our Hands.

Treasurer's Report: Giving is at budget level. Building repairs and snow removal are over budget. 30/30 campaign received in approx. \$34,000. Deficit from last year \$20,199.68. Will pay off last year's deficit and balance will be kept in an account. **Motion/Second/Carried Schaller/Bradley.**

2019 Membership/Attendance Reports: Doing well.

Ministry Team Reports:

Building and Grounds-Kevin Schabo: Steve contacted Charlie. Hoping to start the roof this month. Delayed due to rain. Kevin is checking with Chris regarding setting up a work day.

Evangelism, Marketing, Communication & Technology: Andrew Schaller: Good feedback the sign looks good.

Finance – Sue Schultz: Met May 29. Marjorie Sutter joined meeting. Shared Stewardship ideas. Approved Bequest on hold.

Personnel – Sue Schultz: Met regarding personnel. Will be evaluating positions.

Security and Safety – Ben Lochner: Emergency action plan part of new employee handbook. Appendix still needs to be updated yet. Doors are numbered. Phones have emergency information by them. Added emergency information to slides during church. Lock codes. Ushers to keep eye on doors. Working on signage..

Worship and Music – Graham Bradley: Will meet in July and August.

Worship Volunteers- Kristi Armstrong: Volunteer appreciation in September.

Youth – Chris Crum: Vacation Bible school set up. Camp vs Community Service Project.

Old Business:

Suggestion Box Items:

Children's sermon will be held when children are present.
Bulletin – make sure enough bulletins are available.