

VOICE

April 2022

*Our
Savior's
Lutheran
Church*

809 South Commercial Street
Neenah, WI 54956

Service Times

Saturday 5:00 pm. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Office Hours: M-Th 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Wed 4—8:00 p.m.
& Fri. 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
920-725-3956

Life Together

Hola from Antigua, Guatemala! Today is Wednesday, March 23. We just got back to our Air BNB after a full day on the jobsite. We grab some snacks and hydration, wash the dust off ourselves, compare notes from the day, and rest.

Our group is building two concrete block homes for two families in the mountains above Antigua. One home will be dedicated to Sam and Jackie Hartmann and the other with thanks to Paul Hartman, who helped us with our barbecue fundraiser. We are all safe and healthy, thanks to the superb care of Pam and Rich Garman.

I am reading a book right now called 'Outliers'. It is about people who become great at something. One of the common factors is 10,000 hours. If you spend 10,000 hours practicing something, you will get really good at it. Pam and Rich stopped counting after 20,000 hours honing this mission trip. They are experts at feeding us, helping us process our experiences, and leading us in navigating the culture.

Yes, our families, selected by From Houses to Homes, are poor, have never seen white people, and live a subsistence living, but this is what they know. Many never leave their little village in the mountains where they grow corn, coffee, cauliflower, strawberries, squash, and the like. Also, the kids are warming up to our groups and smiling more each day.

I am loving all the learning I am doing about masonry, tuck pointing, re-bar, and how hard this work is. Thank you to all the people working in the trades. I am also truly loving learning about the beautiful Guatemalan people.

See you all soon back in Wisconsin,
where we will share our experiences.

Peace,
Pastor Jon Strasman

*Pastor Jon with the one of
the families they built a
home for.*



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is on April 10. Come on over that morning at 8:30 as we have our traditional Donkey Walk! We'll parade around the block with our palms beginning about 8:30 and be back to begin our Palm Sunday worship at 9:00AM. See you there!

Easter Lily Sale

There is still time to help fill the church with beautiful lilies! Order (with payment) **by April 8 (new deadline)**. Envelopes with order forms will be available in the Gathering Area with a drop box. No call-in orders, please. Please fill out the order form completely. Lilies may be purchased "in honor of" or "in memory of" family members and friends.

Pick up flowers after the final Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 17. (NOTE: LILIES GET PRETTY DROOPY IF LEFT MORE THAN TWO DAYS SO THEY MUST BE PICKED UP ON SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH.) Flowers remaining at church after April 17 will be donated to a local care facility.

The flower sale is sponsored by the Joyous Ringers handbell choir.

Worship Services in April

Join us for In-Person Worship

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Interactive Family Worship is on hold for now.

*No need to RSVP for regular in-person services.
Masks are optional (recommended for nonvaccinated.)*

Or Join Us For Virtual/On-line Worship

Sundays – 9:00 a.m.

on Our Facebook and You Tube Channels

Want to Attend Worship But Nervous About Coming Inside?

Tune into 88.5FM from any OSLC parking lot to listen to Saturday or Sunday worship from the comfort of your car!

Easter Worship Schedule

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays 6:30 PM In-Person: March 30, April 6 - (masks optional for in-person worship—recommended for unvaccinated)

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 PM

Good Friday, April 15 at 6:30 PM

Both services will be on-line and in person (masks optional for in-person worship—recommended for unvaccinated)

Easter Sunday

Worship On-Line: Sunday, April 17 at 9:00 AM

Worship In-Person: Sunday, April 17 at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM (reservations required—call church to RSVP. Services are filling fast! Masks optional for in-person worship—recommended for unvaccinated).



Outreach Opportunities...

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

Our Savior’s Guatemalan Mission Trippers have arrived and are busy constructing two homes for local families. Here are a few pictures from their first couple days there.



Come Sing for Easter

Chancel Choir needs you for a very short commitment opportunity! Join us for Palm Sunday weekend, (April 9-10, both services), Good Friday (April 15, 6:30 pm), and Easter (April 17, 9:00 & 10:30 am).

Our rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary! We will practice Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter music first. Contact Ardy Kreuter at 470-4701 or akreuter@new.rr.com if interested, or just show up for rehearsal.



OSLC Trivia Contest

Join us in April as we kick off our fun Spring OSLC Trivia! For two months, we will be sending out trivia questions for you to answer. Our exhilarating prizes will include an OSLC coffee mugs and/or to-go mugs! You can find the questions in the April and May issues of the Voice, in the Informer for the next eight weeks, and also during weekly worship announcements for the next nine weekends.

To participate, simply send your responses to the church office by calling 920-725-3956, emailing the office at officemanager@our-saviors.org, or mailing/dropping in to 809 S. Commercial Street.

Here we go. The first question is:

What is the address of Our Savior's Lutheran Church?

Bonus questions:

What year was the current church constructed?

What year was the most recent addition completed?

What was the previous location of Our Savior's?

There will be a leaderboard located in the church office for you to check out who's in the lead. Winners announced at the end. Come get your trivia on!

Good Neighbor Team Updates

The family is moved into their home in Appleton. They are attending FVTC to take English classes. They're working at jobs now, and the youngest started school mid-March! Thank you for your continued support of the Habibi family.

VBS Save the Date! How exciting to announce our Vacation Bible School dates for this year. It will be held August 1st-4th. Even more exciting, we, Our Savior's Lutheran, will be hosting! More information to come.

Usher Coordinator volunteer position is open. Coordinating (scheduling and communication) member volunteers to usher for worship services. Please contact Andrea in the office or Pastor Jon for additional information or if interested!

Pillars Adult Shelter & Community Table

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for either volunteering or to provide cookies! We would also like to thank the congregation for their generosity. The match pledge has been met raising nearly \$8,000! Please keep an eye out for our next opportunity with Pillars Adult Shelter & Community Table.

Pickleball Schedule Most Sundays you can find a group playing pickleball in the gym from 1:00-2:30. Any level is welcome. If you don't know how to play we will teach you. Paddles are available to use. Hope to see you there.

- Our Mission Statement -
Gather and grow with God's spirit in order to love and serve others.

March Pastoral Acts...

Baptisms

Leo Robert Hundt
Rosalee Grace Patri

Funerals

Russell Noren

Generous Congregation

YTD Totals Through February

	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Income	\$ 73,883	\$ 69,153
Expenses	\$ 73,657	\$ 68,570
Balance	\$ 227	\$ 582

Schedule a Meeting With Pastor Jon

Pastor Jon Strasman - jstrasman@our-saviors.org
OR
pastorjonstrasman.youcanbook.me

Follow Us Online

Facebook: @oursaviorsneenah

Instagram: @oursaviorsneenah

TikTok: @our.saviors

Spotify, Apple, and Google (podcasts): OSLC - Neenah, WI

Website: our-saviors.org

OSLC Phone App: In the App Store, search 'Church App' and 'Tithe.ly'. Download the app and then search for Our Savior's – Neenah

Lutheran World Relief Kits

THANK YOU for supporting the Lutheran World Relief kits and quilts! Our congregation is truly generous.

Here's our goals for April's highlighted items:

#1 Goal: 80 large bars of Ivory Soap (typically 3.0 oz to 4.0 oz)

#2 Goal: 40 pairs of baby socks (sizes 6-12 months and 12-24 months)

#3 Goal: 30 nail clippers (small and larger clippers are acceptable, and a file is optional).

You can drop off your donations in the gathering area whenever the church is open (there are 3 black bins together, and they're labeled). You can also send an email to Ann Pokel if you'd like to have a pick up from your house or apartment. If you have questions, simply connect with Ann (wapokel@gmail.com).

Council Minutes...

Council Meeting Minutes March 8th, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Open Forum:

Chris Swender joined to discuss some open maintenance items that required attention.
Emergency Lighting, Exit Lighting, and Fire Alarms requires battery replacements.
Heater in Lounge Bathroom in not working correctly, awaiting on solution to fix.
Bathroom near sacristy has plumbing issues that require ~\$3,000 to \$5,000. Procuring quote for potential fix.
Motion to set aside \$2,000 for Fixes to Lighting and Code fixes.
Motion/Second/Carried Swannell/Timm to approve agenda. All voting aye.

Pastor's Report:

Upcoming baptisms: Rosalee Grace Patri on March 12
Mission Trip to Guatemala upcoming and will miss services March 19th/20th & 26th/27th
Working on continuing ministries
Training Worship Assistants
Starting Learn & Grow and growing Care & Connect
Scheduling the confirmation service
Honoring High School Graduates, restarting Youth Group
Mid-Week Worship; Wednesday nights at 6:30pm
Discussed: Protocols for ushers when they handle money from Church offerings.
Discussion related to expenses and church assistance with Afghan family.

Treasurer's Report:

Overall, February ended -\$15,156 in the black. YTD = \$582

Ministry Team Reports:

Retirees & Friends –Carol Swannell
Hopes to restart once COVID status improves.
Finance – Cheryl Timm
Reviewed January P/L statement, balance sheet, and memorials.
Had a follow-up discussion on stewardship and what to do about remaining offering envelopes.
Renewed a discussion on auditing the church finances
Learn & Grow/Youth – Marcus Shimon
Met with Pastor to discuss plan for restarting this program. Working to create a committee to discuss plans for Learn & Grow at Our Savior's.
Serve & Reach – Diane Wilfling
Fox Cities Community Table served clients and delivered meals.
Member matching campaign was a success for the Pillars team.
Upcoming Guatemala trip.
Worship & Music – Graham Bradley
Donkey walk is back! Palm Sunday and Easter services discussed.
Worship assistances program has shown early success with volunteers and service support.

Old Business:

Rise again team met and chose to move masks to optional for services, with approval from council.

New Business:

Discussion around support for Ukraine & how we can provide information on best ways to support.
Submit Ministry Team Summary
Next Council Meeting: April 12th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members—2022...

YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

Jennifer Baldwin (1st 2025)

- Care & Connect

jbaldwin700@yahoo.com

Graham Bradley (2nd 2025)

- *President*
- Worship & Music

grbradle@hotmail.com

Ben Lochner (2nd 2025)

- *Vice President*
- Security & Safety

lochnerbg@gmail.com

Kevin Schabo (2nd 2023)

- Building & Grounds
- Evangelism, Marketing, Communication, Technology (TEC)

kevinschabo@gmail.com

Marcus Shimon (1st 2025)

- *Secretary*
- Learn & Grow/Youth

shimonmarcus@gmail.com

Carol Swannell (1st 2025)

- *Financial Secretary*
- Retirees & Friends

carolswannell1@gmail.com

Cheryl Timm (1st 2023)

- *Treasurer*
- Finance
- Personnel

ctimm7@new.rr.com

Diane Wilfling (1st 2025)

- Serve & Reach

diane.wilfling@gmail.com

Serve & Reach Minutes...

Minutes 3/7/22 OSLC Serve and Reach Committee via ZOOM 6 p.m.

Present – Rick and Barb Klamm, Christa Sanders, Carol Swannell, Ardy Kreuter, Sue Engelbert, Ann Pokel, Pam and Rich Garman

Food on the Fourth Thursdays (even months)

FVCT – Carol Swannell -We served 57 clients at St Paul's, an additional seven clients were delivered meals to their homes. Chicken/broccoli/rice casserole, Italian bread, salad and milk was purchased.

Pillars – Pam Garman – We served approximately 60 persons staying at the Adult Shelter, Lasagna, beans, rolls and cookies

Member matching donations campaign results – we met our match pledge and currently have close to \$8000 in the Pillars/FVCT account

Bletzinger House – Carol Swannell

Update – status quo

Lutheran World Relief – Ann Pokel

Update – collections are ongoing, see list, Informer and VOICE

Guatemala Mission Trip – Rich

Update – 11 trippers going March 19. The group raised funds to build two houses (\$6000) and keep their total costs to \$1000 per person

Encouragement Ministry – Ardy Kreuter

Update – notes being written – next meeting in May

Good Neighbor Team - Rich

Refugee Family update – family is moved into their house, attending FVTC, working and Subham starts school March 10. Keeping the GNT very busy visiting and learning how to live in the FV.

Next Meeting – April 12

April Calendar...

The OSLC calendar can also be found on our website by going to our-saviors.org and clicking the 'News & Events' button in the navigation bar, and then clicking 'Monthly Calendar'.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Guatemala Mission Trip 9am Worship 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm AA Hispanic	27 6pm AA Hispanic	28 1:30pm Rebekah Circle	30 10am Bible Study - Virtual & 3:15pm Valley VNA Service 5:30pm Joyous Ringers Prad 6:30pm Lenten Midweek Wor 7pm Chancel Choir - Reheal	31 6pm Valley Squares	Apr 1 5pm Worship	2 5pm Worship
3 9am Worship 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm AA Hispanic	4 1pm Retirees & Friends 6pm AA Hispanic	5 6pm Worship & Music Team	6 9am Visitation/Homebound 10am Bible Study - Virtual & 6pm AA Meeting 5:30pm Joyous Ringers Prad 6:30pm Lenten Midweek Wor 7pm Chancel Choir - Reheal	7 5pm Worship	8 5pm Worship	9 5pm Worship
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17 Easter Sunday 7am Easter Worship 9am Worship 10:30am Easter Worship 1pm AA Hispanic	18 Easter Monday OSLC Office Closed - Monday 6pm AA Hispanic	19 10am Bible Study - Virtual & 3:15pm Valley VNA Service 5:30pm Joyous Ringers Prad 6:30pm Lenten Midweek Wor 7pm Chancel Choir - Reheal	20 10am Bible Study - Virtual & 3:15pm Valley VNA Service 5:30pm Joyous Ringers Prad 6:30pm Lenten Midweek Wor 7pm Chancel Choir - Reheal	21 10am Bible Study - Virtual & 3:15pm Valley VNA Service 5:30pm Joyous Ringers Prad 6:30pm Lenten Midweek Wor 7pm Chancel Choir - Reheal	22 3pm Hispanic AA Gym Reser 5pm Worship	23 3pm Hispanic AA Gym Reser 5pm Worship
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