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*Our
Savior's
Lutheran
Church*

June 2022

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.

& Fri. 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

920-725-3956

Life Together 

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I forgot how busy the month of May is... especially if you have a High School Graduate in your household.

On Sunday, May 22, **we honored our High School Graduates** from Our Savior's in church. I reminded them that they have an Advocate as they head off into life, whether that be in the work world or school. That Advocate is called the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John. Other names for the Holy Spirit in John are helper, comforter, and teacher. Jesus promises to not leave his disciples orphaned when he departs from them. He will send the Holy Spirit.

We believe that we are marked with the cross of Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit in our Baptism. I reminded the graduates that the Holy Spirit is already dwelling in them. And that the Word of God awakens and creates faith in them through the work of the Holy Spirit. When the Word of God is present in your life through the Bible, worship, or preaching, the Holy Spirit fusses with our hearts and minds. Sometimes it convicts us, but it always lifts us with the Good News of Jesus.

We presented a gift to the graduates who were present. I said, "To serve as a reminder as you continue on your journey of faith, we have a gift for each of you. You will learn there is a never-ending process that we must all go through. It's called... **LAUNDRY!**" We gave them a laundry bag, detergent, and dryer sheets. Then there was a verse that goes with it. "As you do your washing, remember what 1 Corinthians 6:11 says, "But you were washed, you were set apart, and you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." (To graduates who couldn't make it to church, your gift is here for you. Call the church office or talk to me and I will get it for you.)

Staffing Update

As you know, we are celebrating Birdie Golden's music ministry with Our Savior's on May 28/29. There will be a cake and card reception after the 9AM worship on May 29. Birdie is hanging up her organ pedal shoes, and we want to thank her for her faithful offering of her time and talent. The next time you see Birdie in worship, she may be sitting next to you in the pews.

Our Personnel Team, Organist Search Team, the Church Council, and the Learn and Grow team are working hard to staff some open positions at Our Savior's. We have a current opening for an Organist/Music Team leader. We also are getting close to putting out a job description for a Faith Formation Director/Youth and Family Ministry Director. The title is still undecided. Stay tuned for updates on our staffing progress. We hope to be fully staffed by Fall.

We will have guest organists/pianists, guitar worship, and hopefully a Polka Service this summer, as well as our Ride a Bike to Church outdoor worships.

Peace,
Pastor Jon

Bike to Worship

Once a month this summer, we would like to hold a 'Ride Your Bike to Church' service.

We will hold an outdoor worship... weather permitting, on Sunday, June 19, at 9 AM, in the west parking Lot. People in cars can come too! A rack of chairs will be provided. If the weather is bad, plan for an indoor worship. Come as you are. Bring your bikes. Let's worship God with the gift of health, joy, and laughter. The Saturday, June 18, worship will be a regular worship in the sanctuary at 5PM.

Worship Services in June

Join us for In-Person Worship

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

*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!

OSLC Celebrates 150 Years This Fall

This fall, Our Savior's Lutheran Church will celebrate 150 years! A celebration is being planned for this big day. We are also looking into putting out another pictorial directory beginning in October to coincide with this event.

VBS Adventure Island

This summer, Our Savior's will be hosting Vacation Bible School for our members and for a few other Lutheran churches in Neenah. It will be held August 1-4 for children from 3 years old through 5th grade. Our theme this year is Discovery on Adventure Island.

Feel free to bring friends or visiting family along as well! Watch for more details. If you are interested in volunteering or wish to register your children for VBS, please check the Homepage of our website or our weekly Informer for the links, or contact the OSLC office for details and opportunities.

Come join the adventure!



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

Calling All Pie Lovers

The Pie and Ice Cream Social is returning to Linwood Place, a Ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Home on Sunday, June 12 from 10:30 AM to 2 PM. Bring your friends and family and enjoy pie and ice cream and buy a raffle ticket for a chance on two donated quilts. All proceeds support Linwood Place, A Ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$30 for a household.

We'd also love to have you donate a pie or two or 10! Any flavor! You can sign up your donation by emailing our Executive Director, Lynn Ann at lynnann.fvlhomes@gmail.com.

Please drop off your pie donations at Linwood Place, 425 N Linwood Ave in Appleton on Saturday, June 11, between 9 AM and 12 PM. Please use the entrance at the parking lot.

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Thank you for shopping for the LWR kits; how generous! For the month of June, we will highlight three different items. Here's our goals for June:

#1 Goal: 30 rulers, marked with inches and centimeters (you might find them in Walmart and Target; cost is about 50-75 cents).

#2 Goal: 30 nail clippers (they can be small or large, and files are optional).

#3 Goal: 50 small pencil sharpeners - the “dollar stores” often have 4 to 10 sharpeners for one purchase.

Please drop off your donations in the gathering area whenever the church is open (there are three 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 any questions, simply connect with Ann (wapokel@gmail.com).

OSLC Blessing Box There is no season for hunger! Our Blessing Box is used daily and we are in need of the following donations: Cans of Ravioli, Beefaroni, Dinty More Stew, Rice and/or Pasta side dishes. Drop them off in the bins in the Gathering area of the Church office. Thank you!

Altar Flower Signup has plenty of available dates. OSLC was gifted macramé plant hangers which are available in the church office. Plant options are listed next to the calendar. If you would like to provide an altar plant, please stop by the church office to pick up a hanger for him/her.

Counting Team Members Two counter teams are divided by even and odd months; odd months counting on Monday mornings and even months counting Tuesday mornings. This position requires a mandatory background check. If you are interested in joining a counting team, please contact the church office (920) 725-3956.

Usher Coordinator—The Usher Coordinator communicates with current volunteers to schedule ushers for our worship services. The Usher Coordinator also helps recruit new ushers, train and provide continuing guidance. Training will be provided for this position. Please reply to this email or contact the church office if interested (920) 725-3956.

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.

Women's Spring Event

Please join the Women of the ELCA for their SPRING EVENT from 8AM to 1PM on June 11, 2022. The theme for this event is 'I Will Rise – Facing Bullying Through Faith and Music' at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2330 E, Calumet Street in Appleton.

Keynote speakers are singer/songwriter, Franki Moscato, and Mental Health Specialist, Cindy Czarnick-Neimeyer, MS. Registration at the door is \$20 per person and \$10 for students 18 and under. Please contact Leslie Fens at 920-915-8983 or fens4usa@att.net with questions.

Synod Golf Outing

Pastor Dennis Ellisen has opened registration for the 2022 Synod Golf Outing to be held on August 9, 2022, at Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola. Shot-gun start is at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$60 which includes golf, cart, lunch and prizes. Registration deadline is July 24, 2022. Get a foursome together and come join the fun! For more information, or to register, please contact Neal and Sue Schultz at 920-751-3725 or nealsueschultz@gmail.com.



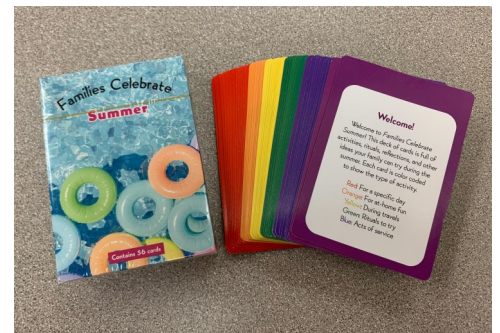
Looking for New Organist

With the retirement of our long-term organist, Our Savior's is in the process of looking for a new Organist/Music Team Leader. The jog is posted on Indeed, and a job description is located on our website on the Homepage under 'What's Happening Now.'

If you have an interest or know someone who might be, please contact our church office at 920-725-3956 or email "officemanager@our-saviors.org".

Families Celebrate Summer

Families Celebrate Summer cards are now available! Card decks are available to anyone who looks forward to summer! The deck kicks off Friday, June 3rd with the last day of school and World Bicycle Day, and then jumps right into the first day of summer on Saturday, June 4th. Pick up your deck today! Give the office a call if you would like a deck delivered to your home.



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

May Pastoral Acts...

Baptisms

None

Funerals

Robert Leo Crooks
Jerry Miller

Memorials & Honorarys Received

A special thank you to those
who remembered

Russel Noren

Generous Congregation

YTD Totals Through April

	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Income	\$147,767	\$187,721
Expenses	\$147,313	\$135,949
Balance	\$ 454	\$ 51,773

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

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our website at www.our-saviors.org.
Simply click the GIVE NOW button to see the different
ways you can give.***

Council Minutes...

Council Meeting Minutes May 10, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Pastor's Report for May:

Working with Learn & Grow team to build out a job description.
Working with Organist search team trying to find a replacement for Berdie.
Confirmation class is wrapping up for the school year.
May 22nd will be dedicated to all OSLC High School graduates. There will be a PowerPoint and a dedication to them during that service.
Working through Building Creative Worship for the Summer.

Ministry Team Reports:

- Building & Grounds – Kevin Schabo
 - Quotes were received for hall wall heaters and LED light upgrades. Another quote is being procured for the hallway zone.
- b. Retirees & Friends –Carol Swannell
 - Retirees and Friends will resume this September.
- c. TEC – Kevin Schabo
 - TEC team is planning a visit to a church in Green Bay that is using better technology for streaming and displaying video. The tour would give a better understanding of how this technology could simplify our process.
- d. Finance – Cheryl Timm
 - Team met to discuss an audit of the church finances. They created a proposed audit structure which would focus on five areas: procedures, bank and investments, income and offerings, income and benevolence, and bank reconciliation.
 - Discussion was held on how much of the money currently in the Prior Year Balances account should be kept in a reserve account for emergencies. Consensus was not reached.
- e. Learn & Grow/Youth – Marcus Shimon
 - Met with team and discussed VBS and Youth group. Jen Lochner signed up to help Andrea lead the charge with Vacation Bible School. A theme was chosen for VBS, Island Adventure! Working towards setting up a critical timeline to make sure we are prepared for August.
 - The team is planning to meet with a professional in the industry to learn more about what other churches have done to kickstart their Sunday School/Youth Group that has been successful vs. what has not been working recently.
 - Talked through Youth Group and discussed what OSLC is currently offering and what we would like to start doing. Dirk Bjornstad is going to lead this for the Church.
 - Continuing to build out a job description to continue the steps necessary in hiring a Faith Formation Director.
- f. Personnel – Cheryl Timm
 - Committee did not meet. However, members did review and approve the job description that was written by the team working on Berdie's replacement.
- g. Serve & Reach – Diane Wilfling
 - Planning a BBQ pork fundraiser in September, date TBD. Funds would benefit the Mission Funds (local, national and international).
 - Community Table and Pillars meals served April 26 and April 28 respectively.
 - Organized a clean-up day for Saturday, May 7, at Neenah Animal Shelter
- h. Worship & Music – Graham Bradley
 - Need Usher Captain – going to continue to use the volunteer board for ushers
 - Since our last meeting, the pews restrictions were lifted, any further service changes will most likely be leading into the fall.
 - Bike to Church as well as some non-traditional Summer Services will be offered.
 - Berdie's celebration and discussed that the organist search team was nearing the posting of a position for Organist & Music Leader.

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New Business:

- a. Finance Committee Update – Graham Bradley
- b. Building & Grounds Priority Projects
- c. New Sign above Nursery, Bible Verse Micah 6:8.
Motion/Second/Carried Strassman/Timm to approve addition of new plaque. All voting aye.
- e. Church Anniversary 150 Years!
- f. Usher Shortage Discussion

Respectfully submitted,
Marcus Shimon

Serve & Reach Minutes...

Minutes 5/10/22 OSLC Serve and Reach Committee via ZOOM 6 p.m.

Present – Rick and Barb Klamm, Sue Engelbert, Pam Garman

Food on the Fourth Week (even months)

FOVCT – Carol Swannell - April 26, prepared and served 58 clients, 3 church employees and 5 volunteers a meal of ham, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, fresh fruit salad, buns, milk and cookies. Everyone left with a smile on their face! Volunteers were Nancy Stevenson, Diane Wilfling, Cindy, Carol Swannell and Katie. Doris Schmidt and Ardy Kreuter donated cookies and Christie Rondeau donated milk

Pillars – Pam Garman – April 28, purchased Costco lasagna, green beans, fresh rolls and served 60 persons. Volunteers were Jennifer Baldwin, Angie, Jim Koslowski, Aqlima Habibi and Pam Garman. Jim Koslowski made cutouts.

Lutheran World Relief – Ann Pokel

Update – donations continue to come in. Ann can make purchases using the LWR budget and now has a tax-exempt card.

Encouragement Ministry – Ardy Kreuter

Update – Meeting in May

Good Neighbor Team – An update was in the April 21 OSLC Informer. The family continues to learn many new things each week and the GNT continues to be busy partnering with them!

Neenah Animal Shelter Spring Clean up – Pam – Held on May 7. Prizes awarded for the most sticks picked up by persons under age 12.

Food Blessing Box – Pam – Box needs donations of meals like canned ravioli, etc. Will put an announcement in the Informer

Discussion/Brainstorm – what service/mission efforts should Serve and Reach be promoting/planning in the next six months and how do we engage the congregation in roles of leadership.

The need for participation as well as leadership from the younger members of the congregation (persons under 65 yrs of age)

Are church sponsored family-based activities what families want for their children?

What has changed over the years to lead people away from church activities.

We wondered about mentoring or sharing leadership of the Serve and Reach efforts with more persons in the congregation, so they don't just rely on a few persons.

Next Meeting – June 7

June 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
29 9am Worship 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm AA Hispanic	30 OSLC Office Closed - Memorial Day 6pm AA Hispanic	31	Jun 1 9am Visitation/Homebound 10am Bible Study - Virtual & 6pm AA Meeting	2 1pm Quilting 6pm AA Meeting	3 6pm Valley Squares	4 5pm Worship
5 Pentecost 9am Worship 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm AA Hispanic	6 Whit Monday 10am Knitting/Prayer Shawl 1pm Retirees & Friends 6pm AA Hispanic	7 6pm Worship & Music Team	8 10am Bible Study - Virtual & 12pm Finance Meeting 6pm AA Meeting	9	10 5pm Worship	11
12 Trinity Sunday 9am Worship 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm AA Hispanic	13 6pm AA Hispanic	14 9:30am Esther Circle 6pm Serve & Reach - VIRTU 7pm Council Meeting	15 10am Bible Study - Virtual & 6pm AA Meeting	16 Corpus Christi 1pm Quilting 6pm AA Meeting	17 6pm Valley Squares	18 5pm Worship
19 9am Worship 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm AA Hispanic	20 6pm AA Hispanic	21 10am Bible Study - Virtual & 6pm AA Meeting	22 10am Bible Study - Virtual & 6pm AA Meeting	23	24 5pm Worship	25
26 9am Worship 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm AA Hispanic	27 6pm AA Hispanic	28 6:30pm Women's Book Club	29 10am Bible Study - Virtual & 3:15pm Valley VNA Service 6pm AA Meeting	30 6pm Valley Squares	Jul 1 5pm Worship	2

Animal Shelter Clean Up...

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On a sunny Saturday morning on May 7, we held a Spring Cleaning of the Neenah Animal Shelter in preparation for the Spring Plant Sale on May 14. We raked, trimmed, pulled out old foliage and picked up sticks while enjoying the fellowship with each other and our canine friends!

Thank you to the hard-working volunteers - Graham, Delaney and Leon Stewart, Bill and Barb Lamb, Rick Klamm, Diane Wilfling and Rich and Pam Garman as well as shelter staff Cindy Flauger and Volunteer Brian.

