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“Our mission is to make the love of Christ known to all as we worship, serve and grow together.”

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All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord!



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MARK-INGS

We are nearing the end of our 150th Anniversary celebrations. I want to thank all who have helped plan the many events, and I want to thank all who have participated. Please give a special thanks to Rod Tisthammer whenever you see him for his incredible leadership throughout the months of planning as well as through this time of celebrating.

Please come together to welcome Bishop Arends on September 18th as he helps us close out these special months of reflection and memories. He is a partner with us in helping to create both a welcoming congregation and a welcoming ELCA, and he is one who can help guide our vision for our future. Please be in worship on September 18th at 10 am, and plan to stay for the catered meal.

I begin this month with a special tradition. For the 22nd year, my extended Jolivette family meets at a Bible Camp for three days and two nights. We feast, we play games, we welcome new babies, we worship and we sing. It feeds my soul and fills me with joy. Because of parish life, my family doesn't get the time together at Christmas and Easter that many families experience. I hope you have your own rituals of renewal and reunion, and that somehow you are working stories of faith and hope into these events. The family of God here at OSLC has had its rituals of memory and renewal throughout this special anniversary year. I hope you will find your own ways to capture and renew your faith stories while encouraging your family to pass on the faith. And I hope this family of God at OSLC continues to capture our faith stories together.

We are putting together a church directory, another way to tell our story. Please come to the photo sessions scheduled this month, and if unable to do so, please submit photos we might use. We want to have a directory that will be useful to connect each of us with all the activities in this congregation as we start our next 150 years of mission and ministry. Each one of us is part of that story. Each one of us, called by God into service and witness through our Baptism, is a minister of the Good News of Jesus Christ and a partner in the total story.

I invite you to listen to the stories of our youth, both middle and high school age, who went on the mission trip to Florida. Ask them to tell you where they saw God at work. I invite you to listen to the stories of our 10th graders, as they prepare to affirm their Baptism and walk in the paths of Christian service and discipleship. I invite you to listen to the stories of each other, just as we did at the Pentecost Sunday worship, and encourage each other to speak our stories of faith and witness and God at work among us.

I give thanks to God for a pastor and a congregation who gathered 150 years ago to worship and receive Word and Sacrament, and to do the work of God's people. They could not have dreamed of the building we have. They could not have foreseen the people we have or the stands we have taken to witness to an inclusive and welcoming Lord of the Church. But they began this journey, with boldness and wonder and expectation that God would be at work among them. And I know they planned to grow. We are an answer to their prayers.

It would be great if each of us ended the year of celebration with the same boldness and wonder and expectation that God will do a new work among us. Then let us plan to grow!

Peace and joy,

Pastor Mark Jolivette

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Unapproved Council Minutes for **Thursday, August 11, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.**

Fireside Room

Present: Pastor Jolivette, M. Zellmer, R. Grapes, L. Losby, S. Swedeen, C. Olson, A. Stutesman, G. Linse, R. Tisthammer, R. Hansen

Absent: D. Baehr (vacation)

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by M. Zellmer, Council President

A. Devotions by Pastor Jolivette

B. No new contact list updates, correspondence or needed introductions

C. Secretary's Report for July – **MSC (Linse/Hansen)**

D. Treasurer's Report for July – expenses are exceeding income at this time. Benevolence giving is under budget by over \$4600. **MSC (Linse/Hansen)**. Treasurer's Report for June was also approved (**Linse/Stutesman**).

E. Pastor's Report – *New custodian has been hired and Howie Gardner has accepted the position, to begin August 15th. *Visitation Pastor's are seeing many of our members. Thirty-seven people are on the shut in list, plus an addition 25 members have been included for a total of 62 being seen. In June and July over 20 visits were made each month. *Pastor Mark has some vacation time left. He'll be making arrangements to take that time to heal. *Confirmation will be held on October 16, 2011.

F. Constitutional Vacancy – Motion made by R. Grapes & second by C. Olson to accept the unanimous recommendation of the Executive Committee to affirm the church's constitution as it pertains to the chair of the Board of Property committee vacating his position due to not attending 4 consecutive congregational council meeting without cause. **Following discussion and recommendation was amended by A. Stutesman. Second by R. Tisthammer. MSC.** Seven in favor, three opposed.

G. Board Reports

*Worship and Music – September 11 will be Bible Sunday and also the performance of the Family Choir. There will be an 8 a.m. rehearsal and then sing during the church serve that day. *September 18 we will welcome Bishop Arends to our service. The service will start at 10 am. This will also be Rally Sunday. We will enjoy a wonderful catered meal following worship. *The committee went through Setting 8. It was agreed that we will proceed with this at a future date.

*Property – The Sunday School room flooring is here. Warren has been doing the painting. The room is to be completed before Sunday School starts.

*Social Ministry – LWR school kits/layettes due back by Rally Sunday (8/18/11) *We are in need of volunteers to sit at our table during Pride Fest on August 27th. * We will once again be having a booth during Heritage Night on September 28. *The CROP Walk will be Sunday, October 9th. *CFS will have a Thrivent member night to help receive a grant. *WCC – Macy's Fund-raiser/table will be Saturday, August 27th. *AMOS – Food insecurity non-food drive will be 9/28/11 at the La Crosse Center. *Share the Bounty Appreciation Dinner will be August 28 at OSLC. *Congratulations to Sonja Simonson Schrag as the recipient of the Jefferson Award. *Group is planning cooking/canning classes. Dates to be announced. * AMOS Anniversary Dinner is tentatively scheduled to be held at OSLC on November 5, 2011. *WIN/WIN (LICAH) & Warming Center Fundraiser will be November 5 from 7-11 p.m. at Boot Hill Pub. The theme is "Band Together-Warm the Heart". The Executives will play along with a guest artist. Tickets are \$10 each.

*Christian Education – The Mission Trip youth are back. Next year will be the National Youth Gathering for the high school youth in New Orleans. A separate trip will be planned for the middle school youth. *Our Nursery Coordinator has resigned. Currently looking for a new adult supervisor. *Youth & Family position – **A. Stutesman made a motion for a closed hiring for the position. After much discussion an amended motion was made by R. Grapes and second by R. Tisthammer to read as follows:**

Accept the recommendation of the Board of Education to offer Jessica Zinnel the position of Family & Youth Ministry Coordinator, pending a formal interview process.

*Stewardship – no report

H. Task Force Reports

*150th Anniversary – September 18 Bishop Arends will be here as well as the catered meal; December 4th Brigitta Rice will return to help with a St. Lucia Festival

*Chairs & Tables – have made \$1180 from the sale of tables & chairs. This money will be put back into the account for future use.

*Sound System – nothing new to report

*Fireside Room – We have received a major gift and final shipment of furniture has been ordered.

I. Old Business

I. Project Tracking Report – Pastor, Becky, Dennis & Mark will meet with our bookkeeper to update this printout.

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2. Red House PILOT – We need to keep on top of this issue with the City Attorney.
3. We sent the donation to a memorial fund set up by Thrivent for the children of Erik Skarstad.

J. New Business

1. Discussion about Pastor Jolivette’s Letter of Call and the Office of Ministry. There were no questions from the group.
2. Council access to financial reports. Pastor Mark explained the ledger report and how to access updates from our book-keeper.
3. Membership directory, membership roster, visitation reports and confidentiality were discussed. The church will be checking into the possibility of upgrading our software to make some of the information more accessible.
4. Next quarterly congregational meeting date is September 25, 2011, after worship.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2011.

Respectfully submitted

Lois E. Losby

**OUR QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 25th.** Please stay after worship and gather in our Fellowship Hall for the updates and business of our congregation.

Financial Report

July 2011

Category	July Actual	July Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	2010 YTD Actual
General Envelope Income	\$20,759	\$21,063	\$137,459	\$147,439	\$134,525
Special/Loose Offering	\$624	\$1,625	\$8,956	\$11,375	\$9,085
Other Income	\$927	\$894	\$6,080	\$6,258	\$5,642
Benevolence Envelope	\$1,332	\$1,833	\$8,167	\$12,833	\$7,564
Other Benevolence	\$1,286	\$1,335	\$7,516	\$9,348	\$8,082
Total Income	\$24,929	\$26,750	\$168,178	\$187,253	\$164,897
Expenses	\$25,771	\$26,750	\$176,307	\$187,253	\$167,409
Net Income/Deficit	(\$842)		(\$8,129)		(\$2,511)

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Pastoral Acts

Baptism:

8/14/11: Nyomie Jeannette Kruser
- Pastor Mark Jolivette

Weddings:

8/06/11: Kate Louise Lund & Thomas Allen Herlitzke
8/13/11: Heidi Jean Ballweg & Matthew James Franzini
- Pastor Mark Jolivette



September 2011—ALTAR GUILD

Colleen Pitz (Chair.)
Ellen Kruser
Rachel Balow
Deb Wold
Linda Baehr



"COME FOR SUPPER!"

Thank you to all of the volunteers who help serve all of our guests. You do a GREAT job!

September 2011 Sponsors:

9/06/11: OSLC & English Lutheran
9/13/11: OSLC/Prince of Peace/1st Presbyterian
9/20/11: OSLC & North Conference Church
9/27/11: OSLC &

WELCA NEWS

WELCA will meet on Thursday, September 15th at 1:30 pm. The White Dress Occasions will be presented by Barbara Berg from Decorah, IA. Ladies if you have a baptism, confirmation, wedding dress please bring to show and tell your story. Pictures are also welcome. So ladies please try and attend. Servers are: Vera Wensole, Bev Sanborn, Mildred Kneesel, Martha Sesvold, Linda Baehr. Contributing members are: Marge Dobbs, Charlotte Duresky. See you all there.

WELCA Board

DORCAS NEWS

Dorcas Society's next meeting will be at 7pm on September 7th. Come with thoughts of autumn and craft ideas to share. It will be good to see everyone after a summer of people having busy activities.

Dorcas Board



Since Our Savior's is a consistent donor to WAFER, we want to keep you updated on the services WAFER provides. The following is a summary of the past month's statistics. Remember, a gift of \$20 will help purchase a bag of groceries.

July 2010

Food Service Report

Total Packages	1,500
New Households	81
Total People Fed	4,592
Volunteer Hours	1,032

September Items

Fruit & Juices

Attention families of Servicemen & Women. . . .

Please call the church office if you have a family member in the armed forces. As we pray for peace, we also want to specifically pray for the safety of the sons, daughters and friends of our congregation. Also, if these designations have changed, please help us to change our lists accordingly.

Thank you!

*Lutheran Vespers invites you to hear...
The Rev. Walter Wangerin Jr. Sundays on:*

- WJRC 120 AM at 8 a.m.
- WVRQ 1360 AM at 8 a.m.
(listener supported)
- WKLJ 1290 AM at 4 p.m.

(sponsored by Bethany Lutheran Homes)

MESSANGER DEADLINE: MONDAY, September 19, 2011

Articles for the October Messenger must be turned in to the church office

NO LATER than 12:00 p.m.

on Monday, September 19, 2011

The Messenger will be assembled on **MONDAY, September 26th** at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for those interested in helping.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED!!

Your help is needed! The calendars are posted on the board by pastor's office. **Please** consider lending a hand during worship. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!!

150th Anniversary Spotlight OSLC BOOK CLUB

Our book club began with a conversation during a Membership Committee meeting about three years ago. During that meeting we discussed ways to bring our members together in smaller, social groups for the purpose of fellowship and making new friends. As a school library media specialist, I thought that forming a book club might fit the bill to learn something new about our church friends and ourselves as we travel our faith journey together. The OSLC Book Club is for those who want to broaden their horizons and learn about contemporary, spiritual, historical or cultural issues through fellowship, food and sharing a variety of good books. We come together, usually the last Thursday of the month, for our discussion. All are welcomed to join the thought-provoking conversations for one or all of the books. We have between six and twelve people that come to our discussions. A variety of books are chosen, fiction and non-fiction, and anyone is invited to suggest a book that they'd like to read and discuss. The *twenty-eight* books we have read to date are listed below. We have even taken a break from reading to watch the movies *Whistle Down the Wind*, *Food, Inc.* and *Eat, Pray, Love*. We've also attended lectures by two of the authors we've read, Greg Mortenson and Immaculee Ilibagiza. We look forward to seeing YOU soon, and we promise that there won't be a quiz.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Hansen, OSLC Book Club Facilitator



Memorials & Special Gifts

In memory of Don Vaaler:

Fireside Room

Chuck & Linda Rudrud

In memory of Eilla Duellman:

Undesignated Memorial

Susan Hessel & Richard Mial

In memory of Beverly Brown:

Fireside Room

Harry & Ardis Bolstad

In memory of Evelyn Gillette:

Undesignated Memorial

Gillette Family

Randy & Vickie Gartner

NEW HORIZONS TRAINING

FOR VOLUNTEERS/INTERNS will

be September 18th, 19th and 20th from 5-9 pm at the First Baptist Church, 1209 Main Street, La Crosse. If interested please call Sharon at 791-2610, ext 301 by September 9th to reserve a seat.

FAMILY & YOUTH
SAVE the DATE

Events to plan for in the upcoming
2011-2012 school year

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 7 Confirmation Orientation, 3—5 grade, 6:30—7:30pm
Confirmation Orientation, 6—9 grade, 7:30—8:30pm
- Sept 11 Bible Sunday—3 year old & 3rd grade
Youth Kick Off, 6—12 grade, after worship
- Sept 14 1st day Confirmation
3rd grade, 6:30—7:30pm
9th grade, 7:30—8:30pm
- Sept 18 Rally Sunday
Confimand's meet, 10th grade, 6:30—8:00pm
- Sept 24—25 Sugar Creek 3—5 grade retreat
- Sept 25 Installation of SS teachers/1st day of SS
Confimand's meet, 10th grade, 6:30—8:00pm

OCTOBER

- Oct 2 Deadline to register for Mission Trip/NYG
(see June/July)
Confimand's meet, 10th grade, 6:30—8:00pm
- Oct 9 Crop Walk
Confimand's meet, 10th grade, 6:30—8:00pm
- Oct 12 Confimand's Eve
6:00pm 6th—9th grade set-up
6:30pm meal
7:00—8:00pm program
- Oct 15 LWR Boxcar 7—11am
- Oct 15 Confirmation Rehearsal 10am
- Oct 16 Confirmation
- Oct 21 Haunted Corn Maze
- Oct 23 Pumpkin Picking
- Oct 28—30 Sugar Creek 6-8 Grade Retreat
- Oct 30 Biblical Costume Party

NOVEMBER

- Nov 11—12 2011 ConFest Event
- Nov 11—13 Sugar Creek Middle School Girl's Retreat
- Nov 12 First Communion Rehearsal 10am
- Nov 13 First Communion
- Nov 13 Sunday School sings in worship
- Nov 20 Food Scavenger Hunt
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving Worship
- Nov 27 Tree Trimming

DECEMBER

- Dec 3 Caroling 3—5pm
- Dec 10 Christmas Program Rehearsal 10am
- Dec 11 Sunday School sings in worship 9am
Christmas Program Rehearsal 3pm
Christmas Program 4pm
Dinner 5pm
- Dec 18 Cookie Making
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve

JANUARY

- TBA Sugar Creek Winter Fun Days
- Jan 1 Register Sugar Creek Summer Programs
- Jan 8 1st day of Sunday School—2nd semester
- Jan 29 Pool Party

FEBRUARY

- Feb 5 Souper Bowl of Caring
- Feb 12 Sunday School sings in worship
- Feb 19 Mardi Gras Fundraiser
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 25—26 30 Hour Famine
- Feb 26 Sledding
- Feb 29 Lent Week 1

MARCH

- March 7 Lent Week 2
- March 11 Sunday School sings in worship 9am
- March 14 Lent Week 3
- March 21 Lent Week 4
- March 25 Silly Olympics
- March 28 Lent Week 5

APRIL

- April 1 Annual Youth Palm Sunday Breakfast
Sunday School sings in worship 9am
- April 5 Maunday Thursday
- April 6 Good Friday
- April 8 Easter
- April 27—28 30 Hour Famine

MAY

- May 13 Mother's Day
Youth Sunday
Graduate Recognition
- May 20 Sunday School Celebration
End-of-the-Year Party
- May Neighborhood Chicken-Q/Rummage Sale
- May 29 Final Mission Trip Meeting—
Parent/Guardians and Youth, 7pm

JUNE

- TBA Sugar Creek Explorer Days
- June 3 Mission Trip paperwork due
- June 10 Mission Trip Sending
- June 10—15 Mission Trip
- June 17 Mission Trip Meeting 11am
- June 20 Mission Trip Meeting 7pm
- June 23 Mission Trip Celebration Rehearsal 10am
- June 24 Mission Trip Celebration
- June 24 Splash Party

JULY

- TBA Sugar Creek Explorer Days
- July 8 Final NYG Meeting—Parent/Guardians and
Youth, 7pm
- July 11—15 Lifest Christian Music Festival
- July 15 NYG Sending
Mission Trip Reflection 11am
- July 16—24 NYG
- July 26 NYG Meeting 7pm
- July 28 NYG Rehearsal 10am
- July 29 NYG Celebration

AUGUST

- TBA VBS
- Aug 19 NYG Reflection 11am
- Aug 26 Blessing of the Backpacks

* Please add these dates to your family calendar. *

Upcoming Sugar Creek This Fall

"To serve as a vehicle for the Spirit of God who encourages people through scriptures, the sacred surrounding, and the witness of all who share in the Christian camping ministry."

Seasons of Change

3-5 Grade Retreat

September 24-25, 2011

Following Jesus tends to turn our lives upside down! Hear from some of our summer staff who have had their lives transformed by their walk with Jesus, and talk about how God is working in your life. Join us for this fun retreat that will include Sugar Creek games, songs, new friends, and lots of excitement!

- Retreat runs from 3:00 Saturday to 3:00 on Sunday with registration is from 2:00-2:45 Saturday and pick-up at 3:00pm on Sunday.
- \$40 per person includes lodging, 3 meals, and program.
- Register by September 6: \$40 per person/ After September 6: \$45 per person



Most Certainly True

6-8 Grade Retreat

October 28-30, 2011

Designed for confirmation-age campers, this retreat will have young people exploring their faith in a whole new way. The catechism may be old, but it still has great wisdom for us, and we will explore the dichotomy of law and gospel in the Bible as we look at the 10 commandments, creed, and Lord's Prayer. Our weekend will include hiking, games, hanging out with new friends, and lots of fun activities.

- Retreat runs from 7:00 Friday to 1:00 on Sunday with registration from 6:00-6:45 on Friday and pick-up at 1:00pm on Sunday.
- \$60 per person includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and program.
- Register by October 10: \$60 per person/ After October 10: \$65 per person



A Middle School Girl's Retreat

November 11-13, 2011

All registration forms can be found at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

Please return registration form with fee to:

Sugar Creek Bible Camp
13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Road
Ferryville, WI 54628

Questions? Contact Jake Sorenson at 608-734-3113 or jake@sgrcreek.org

Quilt and Antique Auction

September 10, 2011

10 AM - 3 PM

Our annual auction features over 100 hand-made quilts, sports memorabilia, antiques, hand crafted items, and much more! There is also great food and a Country Store open all day. Bring family and friends for a fun day at Sugar Creek! If you have items to donate, please contact the camp at 608-734-3113 or e-mail camp@sgrcreek.org.



4th Annual Fall Music Festival

October 7-9, 2011

Bluegrass! Gospel! Old-time Country! Featured Bands: Big Cedar Bluegrass, Kings Countrymen, Cedar Valley Bluegrass and DisChords

Hog Roast at noon on Saturday!
Jamming encouraged at all times.

Call for availability of camper hookups and cabins! 608-734-3113



Come. Journey with Paul

October 3-5

Journey with Paul. Shiver with him around a mountain campfire, breathe deeply the aromas wafting through a teeming marketplace, sway with the veiled temple dancers to the melodies of the harp, savor a tangy goat stew in a tumbledown hut in a nameless hamlet. Along the way, you will witness the birthpangs of Christianity.

Join author Obie Holmen on a journey with the Apostle Paul. There will be readings from his book "A Wretched Man" as well as discussion/lectures, reflection time, and recreation. \$150 per person for program, meals, and lodging/\$100 for program and meals only

Telemark Rosemaling Retreat

October 3-5

This Rosemaling class is for all levels of experience with Telemark Rosemaling. The instructor will gauge material covered based on the experience of participants. Our instructor, Patti Goke, has 25 years of experience and has studied with painters from Norway and the USA. She earned the Vesterheim Gold Medal and is currently the editor of the Vesterheim Rosemaling Newsletter. Cost: \$150

Crafter's Retreats 2011

Sept. 15-18

Nov. 3-6

Calling all stampers, scrappers, quilters or whatever your craft! Get away for a weekend to dedicate to working on your craft. We'll give you half an 8ft table, plenty of good food and a place to lay your head. You just need to bring yourself and all your supplies. We'll have morning and evening devotions and a worship service on Sunday. Cost is \$100 per person for Thursday to Sunday or \$75 per person for Friday to Sunday. To register send a registration form with your payment to Sugar Creek Bible Camp.

Adult Bus Trips 2011

Door County, WI: September 19-22






Branson, MO: October 31-November 4

Fireside Christmas Show: November 9

Trips: Travel with Sugar Creek! There's no better way to see parts of the country. All trips are by a motor coach bus with a bathroom and price includes luggage handling. Devotional time, snacks and movies are all provided during the ride with your Sugar Creek host, Sheila Champlin. Cost is based on a single, double, triple or quad occupancy unless otherwise noted. Contact camp for specific costs of each trip. All trips have a detailed flyer available. Call or email camp@sgrcreek.org to have one mailed to you.



September 2011

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4 9 am Worship/HC 10:15 am CF	5 OFFICE CLOSED! 	6 5 pm CFS/OSLC & English Lutheran 6:30 FITF Meeting	7 10 am WELCA Board Meeting Noon Worship/HC 6:30-8:30 pm Confirmation Orientation 7 pm Dorcas Society	8 6:30 pm Council Meeting	9	10 10 am—3 pm Sugar Creek Bible Camp Auction
11  <i>Grandparents Day</i> 8 am Family Choir 9 am Worship/Bible Sunday/2nd Offering for Social Ministry 10:15 am CF/Youth Kick-Off Meeting	12 7 pm Priscilla Circle	13 9 am Quilters 5 pm CFS/OSLC & Prince of Peace/1st Presbyterian 6:30 pm BS Troop 13	14 Noon Worship 2- 9:20 pm Olan Mills 6:30 pm 3rd Grade Confirmation Class 7:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class	15 1:30 pm WELCA Meeting 2- 9:20 pm Olan Mills 7 pm Art & Faith	16	17
18  RALLY DAY 8 am Choir 10 am Worship/HC 11:30 am Buffet Meal 12:30 pm 150th Anniversary Program	19 MESSENGER DEADLINE!	20 9 am Quilters 5 pm CFS/OSLC & N. Conf. Church 6:30 pm BS Troop 13	21 Noon Worship 6:30 pm 3rd Grade Confirmation Class 7:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class	22 6:30 pm Book Club	23  <i>Autumn</i>	24
25 8 am Choir 9 am Worship 10:15 am CF/SS 10:30 am Quarterly Congregational Meeting	26 1 pm Messenger Assembly	27 1:45 pm Hillview Chapel 5 pm CFS/OSLC & 6:30 pm BS Troop 13  <i>Blood Drive</i> →	28 Heritage Night Noon Worship 6:30 pm 3rd Grade Confirmation Class 7:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class	29	30	

Legend: HC= Holy Communion

CF= Coffee Fellowship

SS = Sunday School



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				1 Jennifer Dieck Samuel Lindner Joanne Richmond	2 Betty Linse	3 Teresa Kocinski McKinze Stugelmayer
4 Thomas Cravens Tabatha La Seure Nina Wee	5 Maria Rudrud	6 Michael Jendro Susan Kortness-Staples	7 Tate Harvey	8 Charles Ackert Tanner Bjorge Jeffrey Krueger	9 Amanda Black	10 Brittany Mighall
11 Cheri Starch	12 Michelle Mitchell	13 Curtis Root Hannah Von Ruden	14	15	16 Dorothy Oehrle Robert Shawley	17
18 Justin Pitz	19 Aimee Glocke Joy Peterson	20 Debbie Dukatz Dejah Milliren-Pohlman Mayumi Moore	21 Shawn Brantner Sandra Mihalovic Dennis Severson	22	23 Lisa Kehr Viola Miller Marilyn Smaby	24
25 Charlene Glocke Maureen Rouse	26	27 Liam Collins Dorothy Gray Christiana Martin Sonna Severson	28 Aaron Balow Dianne Blankenship Phyllis Jacobson Roxanne Root	29 Darwin Dobbs Francis Matson, Jr. Jessica Zinniel	30 Alicia Gallup Jordan Gallup Shanna Jensen	

Worship & Music Notes



On **September 11**, come and join the Family Choir; this will be like we did last summer with the children and their parents from the congregation! There will be rehearsal at 8 am and then we will sing in the service following at 9 am that day.

On **September 18**, there will be a 10 am service as Bishop Arends will be at this last 150th celebration service of ours and it is also Rally Sunday. There will be a catered meal following.

LWR BOXCAR LOADING will take place **Saturday, October 15th. Please come and help load the boxcar.**

Time: 7-11 a.m.

Location: Near the George St. viaduct at the end of Clinton St. (next to the Boys/Girls Club).

Any questions, contact Jim Balow. Phone: 788-8408



UPCOMING FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

All incoming 3rd–10th graders and their parent/guardians are invited to attend our confirmation orientation for the 2011–12 program year, Wednesday, September, 7th, for 3–5th grade, from 6:30–7:30pm, and 6th–9th, from 7:30–8:30pm, in the sanctuary. We will orient you to the program and answer any questions. Please bring your calendars with you so you can sign-up that night for service electives and acolyting dates throughout the Confirmation year. If you are unable to attend the orientation please set-up a time to meet with Jessica to receive the necessary information.

BIBLE SUNDAY

Our three year old and 3rd grade Sunday School students will be receiving age-appropriate Bibles during worship on Sunday, September 11th, 2011.

Bible Sunday is a very important part of our ministry to teach the faith to children. It is important because we teach that growing in our faith is an on-going process and is much deeper than what can be learned during the sermon and at worship services. As Christians, our faith journey is never complete for we are always learning more about our Lord and faith through life-long experiences and growth.

Starting to read the Bible is an important foundation in this life-long passion for Christ. As a child, having their own Bible to read will help grow that passion for learning more about Jesus and the stories that are in the Bible. When children begin reading the Bible, they are changed. They begin speaking about their faith and grow closer to God.

Bible Sunday is also a life-changing event for many families. It is a time when the parent/guardians are an integral part of the ceremony and personally hand the Bible to their child completing a promise made at baptism to place in their hands the holy scriptures. The Bibles are a gift from the congregation to assist parents/guardians in keeping their promises made in baptism.

YOUTH KICK OFF MEETING

Sunday, September 11th, 2011

Youth and their parents/guardians are invited on Sunday, September 11th, 2011, after worship, in the chapel. This Sunday marks the kick-off to Youth programming and youth trips this summer. Come learn about youth programs this fall, the Middle School Mission trip and the High School trip to New, Orleans for the National

Youth Gathering this summer. We'll talk details and answer questions. All students entering 6th grade–12th grade are eligible to attend.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN

Wednesday, September 14th, 2011

3rd grade: 6:30–7:20pm, in the choir room

9th grade: 7:30–8:30pm, in the choir room

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES SCHEDULED

Our Savior's will be offering First Communion classes again this fall for all third graders, any older children that have not received First Communion or any other young person whose parents would like to have them receive communion. First Communion is a wonderful step on the journey of faith. Children love the mystery and awe that surround communion and find participating in communion meaningful and faith-enriching. Please pray for our members who will be preparing to receive their First Communion, during worship, on Sunday, November 13th, 2011.

RALLY SUNDAY

Summer may be winding down and we will soon be living "Back-to-School", but there's also ANOTHER great "Back-to-..." that

occurs this time each year. **"BACK-TO-CHURCH... SUNDAY SCHOOL/CONFIRMATION/YOUTH GROUP"**.

For many of you this is no "Back-to-..." at all. You never miss a Sunday. But for many of us, this is kind of a "New Year" with hopeful resolutions for a shift back into "The Spiritual Lane." For some children, youth, and adult this might even be a FIRST TIME to encounter the "good stuff" church has to offer.

Whatever your situation... WELCOME! Our doors and hearts are OPEN! Please "make yourselves at home". I know you'll be glad you did!

Please join us Sunday, September 18th for Rally Sunday. This will be a time to register for Sunday School and Confirmation, meet the teachers/leaders and participate in a fun activity. Registration will be held in the





Fellowship Hall, after worship. **We do not have a registration fee for Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth Group, but have a "Gathering Supplies Tree" for needed items.** Come take a look Rally Sunday at the

"leaves" and see where you might be able to help out, sign-up to bring a snack, or chaperone.

If you have a question or concern, please feel free to contact me at 782-3468 ext. 7 or by e-mail at zinn6@juno.com. See you Rally Sunday and welcome back!

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/ MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP Sunday, September 25th, 2011

Ideas to help your child get the most out of their Christian Education and have the best experience possible.

- ✓ Encourage your child to develop friendships at church. One of the strongest benefits the church provides your family is an extended "family" of adults, children and youth. Consistent attendance makes it easy for meaningful friendships to grow.
- ✓ Cultivate a relationship with your child's teachers. Your support helps teachers do an even better job and might also bless you with a new friendship as well.
- ✓ Watch for and talk about take-home materials provided each week. Just a few minutes of informal conversation at home can help tremendously to reinforce and apply what your child has learned (you might even learn something, too).
- ✓ Use the Bible in your home. Open the Bible to the story from worship/Sunday School/Confirmation/Middle School Youth Group. Copy key verses onto an index card and set it on your kitchen table or post it your refrigerator.
- ✓ Ask questions about the Bible story to see what your child remembers and understands and talk about how the story illustrates familiar experiences at home or elsewhere. A good question is, "What is one way you can do what that story teaches us?"
- ✓ During the week look for ways to connect a recent Bible verse or story to specific situations. For example, while watching TV, ask how a character's action compares with those of a person in the Bible story.



for the congregation to "meet" the Sunday School teachers, pray for them, their students and their faith development and how they will positively affect every learner during the Sunday School year.

WANTED

Looking For Sunday School Workshop Leaders, Music Leaders, Drama Directors and Shepherds!

Do you desire to learn more about the Bible? ... to help children see the Bible in a new light? ... to see children learn the context & application of biblical text? ... and then apply it to their everyday lives? ... or to make a difference in a child's faith life?

THEN DISCOVERY KINGDOM SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR YOU!

NEEDS: Be creative/imaginative and flexible; Have a sense of humor, patience and a friendly attitude; Posses some skill, not expertise in a workshop medium.

TIME REQUIREMENT: A short commitment of 4 weeks; Teach 1 workshop during a 4-6 week rotation; Personal reading of the biblical text for the lesson; Be in your workshop ready to teach after church until 11:15a.m. Give feedback on the teaching experience.

BENEFITS: Rejuvenate your personal spiritual life; Watch God's shaping hand in a child's life; A great sense of accomplishment and pride in being part of something life changing.

You need not be a biblical expert to apply. Bible background sessions are given to provide support and a workshop coordinator is available to meet if you need to go over a lesson plan.

You need not have a Sunday Schooler to apply... confirmed youth can teach and shepherd, too!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jessica at 782-3468 ext. 7 or by e-mail at zinn6@juno.com.



3 WAYS TO SIGN-UP/CONTACT/ASK QUESTIONS

- ✓ Call the church office at 782-3468 and leave a voice mail by pressing 7 or dialing extension 106.
- ✓ E-mail youthfamily@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net
- ✓ Talk to Jessica Zinnel

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Sunday, September 25th, 2011

The Sunday School teachers will be installed during worship, on Sunday, September 25th. This is an opportunity

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REGISTRATION FORM MISSION TRIP 2012

FOR Students grade 6 through grade 12 in the Spring of 2012

WHERE St. Paul, Minnesota

WHEN Sunday, June 10th, 2012—Friday, June 15th, 2012

ESTIMATED COST PER PARTICPANT \$200*

(based on figures for 15 participants and 3 adult chaperones)
*Cost is subject to change based on differing participant numbers, transportation costs, price of gas, and van rental fee and charges. Estimate includes YouthWorks fee, transportation, gas, van rental.

REGISTRATION COST A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is required with registration.

\$90/youth if registered by Sunday, September 18th, 2011
\$100/youth if registered after Sunday, September 18th, 2011
Please make checks payable to "OSLC Youth Group" with "Mission Trip 2012" memo line and turn in with completed registration form to the church office, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 612 Division St., La Crosse, WI 54601.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE Sunday, October 2nd, 2011

All info below is REQUIRED (mark NA if not-applicable)

PARTICIPANT INFO

PLEASE PRINT

FULL NAME _____

DOB ____/____/____ GRADE 2011-2012 ____ GENDER M / F

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

T-SHIRT SIZE XS S M L XL

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFO

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS (if different than above) _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

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For more info contact Jessica at 608-782-3468 ext. 7
youthfamily@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net

MEDICAL INFO & RELEASE

PERMISSION: I give my unqualified permission and consent for my child to participate in this activity sponsored by the Our Saviors Lutheran Church, subject only to any specific limitations I have noted on this form. I also release my child's name as part of an information database for the church. I give permission to use my child's photo/image on materials produced by the church, subject to limitations I have noted on this form, and I understand that photo/videos produced by the church become property of the church and can be used for ELCA related purposes and publicity including the church's web site. (No names or other identifying information will be attached to photos unless additional permission is given.)

RELEASE: I, on behalf of my child, and individually, hereby irrevocably, release, hold harmless, covenant not to sue and forever discharge, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the La Crosse Area Synod and its related or connectonal organizations, its agents, employees, officers, directors, affiliates, successors, assigns, and all others of and from any and all claims, demands, expenses, personal injury, wrongful death, causes of action, lawsuits, damages, and liabilities, of every kind and nature, whether known or unknown, in law or equity, that I or my child ever had or may have, arising from or in any way related to my child's participation in any Activities conducted by, on the premises of, or for the benefit of, the Synod. The provisions of this Permission and Release will continue in full force and effect even after the termination of the Activities conducted by, on the premises of, or for the benefit of, the Church, whether by agreement, by operation of law, or otherwise. This Permission and Release is governed by the laws of the State of Wisconsin and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by that law. If any provision of this is held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions will continue to be fully effective. This Permission and Release contains the entire agreement between the parties. In the event I cannot be reached after reasonable attempts, I authorize and direct any adult sponsor or group leader representing the synod to make emergency medical decisions for my child. I am the parent or legal guardian the below named child, am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this Permission and Release. I understand the terms of this Permission and Release and I have willingly signed it as my own free act.

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

RELATIONSHIP _____

HOME _____ CELL _____ WORK _____

HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDER _____

HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY NO. _____

HEALTH INSURANCE PHONE NO. _____

GENERAL HEALTH EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR POOR

KNOWN ALLERGIES (ENVIRONMENTAL, FOOD, MEDICATION, ECT.) _____

CURRENT MEDICATIONS _____

SPECIAL NEEDS, HEALTH CONCERNS, LIMITATIONS, CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS, SURGERIES OR SERIOUS ILLNESS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS _____

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

_____ DATE _____

TRIP DEPOSIT \$100.00/YOUTH (DUE WITH FORM)

AMT PDS _____ DATE _____

_____ CHECK _____ CASH _____



FOR? Students grade 6 through grade 12 in the Spring of 2012
WHAT? Get closer to Jesus this summer for a week of service in St. Paul, Minnesota! You may lead a Kids Club for local children; visit with the elderly at senior citizen homes; and/or work on houses in need of a fresh coat of paint. Trip counts toward confirmation service credit.
REQUIREMENTS? All participants will need to: participate in fundraising events to help cover the additional expenses of the trip; meet with trip leaders and other participants on a regular or needed basis before the trip; and in order to make our experience a safe, positive, and meaningful for all, to participate in all activities (on the trip and related to the trip) to the best of our ability, and to abide by the covenant and behavior guidelines established by our group before the trip.
All parents/guardians will need to: fill out required forms and turn in (when requested) along with any monies owed; and attend two parent/guardian meetings before the trip.
Please complete the following information indicating your intent to participate in all aspects of this Mission Trip and return registration form with a \$100 non-refundable deposit (\$75/youth if registered by Sun., Sept. 18th) to Jessica by Sun., Oct. 2nd.
NOTE: A separate form and non-refundable deposit is required for each participant.

▲ KEEP ABOVE INFO FOR YOUR REFERENCE ▲

▲ FOR ADDITIONAL FORMS TO GIVE TO NONMEMBERS OR FOR ADDITIONAL CHILDREN PLEASE CONTACT JESSICA ZINNEI ▲

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Update: ELCA responds to African drought

A message to rostered leaders from Bishop Hanson

Dear leader,

Last week I wrote inviting you to pray for the ELCA Churchwide Assembly that begins Monday. Today I have been thinking about those who pray with eager longing, "Give us today our daily bread."

In the Horn of Africa, the lives and livelihoods of millions of people have been devastated by the worst drought in 60 years. Crops have failed and water is scarce. Desperate families are abandoning their homes seeking aid. Hundreds of thousands of people have already made their way to refugee camps in Kenya and Ethiopia. More than twelve million people are in need of help now.

For those who have made their way to the Dadaab camp in Kenya and the Doolo Ado camp in Ethiopia, the ELCA is helping provide safe water and nutritious food. Both camps were established with the support of the ELCA through ELCA World Hunger; the camps are managed by Lutherans through our global church partner The Lutheran World Federation.

This church has been at work for years reducing the effects of drought in communities throughout this arid part of Africa. Thanks to the many water projects and other sustainable agriculture projects funded by ELCA World Hunger, communities are making it through these hard times without the suffering we have seen elsewhere. This long-standing work will continue even as we address this year's crisis.

Thanks to the generosity of ELCA members like you, **we have committed \$1.25 million for drought relief work in the Horn of Africa** through ELCA Disaster Response. In addition, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger provide more than \$1 million each year for drought prevention work in Central and East Africa -- and that commitment will continue.

I am asking that you take time in worship and throughout your week to hold our sisters and brothers in prayer. As you are able, please make a renewed commitment to ELCA World Hunger and ELCA Disaster Response. You can find additional information and resources for your congregation's announcements, including an updated bulletin insert, at www.elca.org/disaster.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful witness to the gospel.

In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

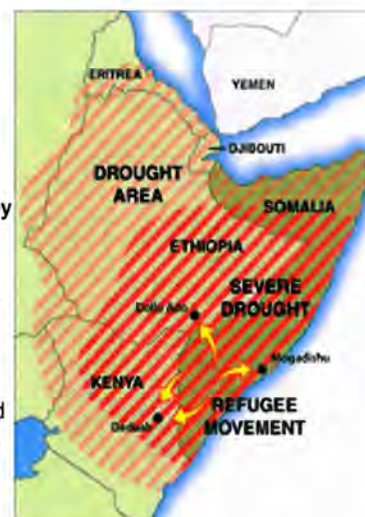


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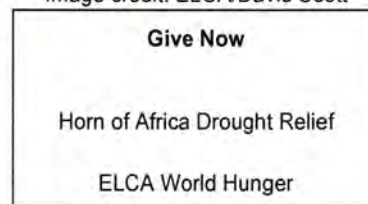


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We are having a 90th Birthday Celebration for Viola Miller on Sunday, September 4th, 2011 at the Onalaska American Legion, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. All friends and family are invited to attend. Mom says: no gifts please!

THE COULEE REGION GOSPEL CHOIR is sponsoring "The Blackwood Quartet" from Hazelwood N.C., in concert on **Friday night October 7 at 7:00 p.m.** at Sand Lake Wesleyan Church, N5761 Sand Lake Rd, Onalaska, WI. Tickets are available at Blue Cup Coffee House in Holmen, Leithold Music Store in LaCrosse, Living Word Book Store, Onalaska and the Sand Lake Wesleyan Church from 10 to 3:00 Monday – Friday. There is limited open seating for 320 in the church auditorium. All tickets are \$10.00 in advance, a cash/food donation to the Salvation Army on the eve of performance is appreciated. Pre-concert music by the band 'Step 3' and the Coulee Region Gospel Choir. Doors will open at 6:00.

BUILDING BRIDGES WITH STORIES:

Church Women United invites you to attend their annual fundraiser (money to be given to Western Technical College to fund a scholarship for women in need). The fundraiser is titled, Building Bridges with Stories, told by Terry Visger. Terry is an adjunct Instructor at Viterbo University. She began telling stories at a YMCA camp and realized she had found magic. Come and hear the magic as you listen to her tales. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a non-alcoholic drink after work as you listen to a talented musician (Bob Honeywell) play your favorite songs. The event is on **Monday, September 12, 2011** beginning at 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Terry's presentation begins at 5:15 pm. **Tickets are only \$7.00** and are available either from Esther Harman (788-8705) or Nancy Winberg (507-993-8314). We would love to see as many people from Our Saviors as possible there!

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our Membership Committee has put into place the plans for our new directory. The pictures for the most recent directory were taken in late 2005 and early 2006, so we want to have a current look at ourselves and help strengthen our connections.

Here are some new features this time around:

- Every individual or family photographed will receive a \$25 gift certificate for any package deal or a free 8x10 photo.
- You can choose from new poses and package options different from previous choices

Of course, no one has to purchase anything. Everyone who is photographed also receives a free church directory. Yes, we can take photo submissions from those unable to get here.

Dates are on Wednesday and Thursday September 14th and 15th. To schedule a date and time either schedule online through the Our Savior's website (www.oursaviorslutheranchurch.net) or in person on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Swedeen or Betty Linse. We are hoping for 100% participation in this important community building tool!

OSLC News

The Book Club will meet on **Thursday, September 22nd at 6:30** for our first 'show and tell' discussion.

Anyone is invited to bring in a book that they've read and would like to tell others about. We look forward to hearing about what you've been reading!

Our lineup of books to read for the next few months has been decided. We welcome anyone who would like to read one, two or all of the books.

October - *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay

November - *Shelter Half* by Carol Bly

December - Break

January - *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah

February - *Heaven Is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back* by Todd Burpo

March - *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman

Welcome back to all returning members of the choir, and a special invitation for you to join. Senior choir sings three times a month plus holiday services. We meet at **8 am** on Sunday mornings to go over the morning Anthem. **This month the choir will perform on Sept 11, 18, and 25.** Extra rehearsals with choir director Steven Marking will be announced as needed.

This year we want to start a more formal children's choir to perform once a month and on holidays and special occasions. Steve will be meeting with the children during fellowship hour on announced weeks. Please let Steve know if you have a child that would like to be in the choir, or a child that plays an instrument.



150th Anniversary Spotlight for September—Sunday School

For most of us every day is filled with learning experiences. What we learn may be simple, unimportant or even next to nothing, but we are still reinforcing good and bad habits, through repetition. Every day, all of us, including our children, learn new things. On the other hand, some things we learn will be memorized and transformed into skills we use every day. Things like being potty trained, learning to use a telephone, learning to use a computer; and learning to drive a car will change our lives. At some point, we wonder how we ever got along without these skills. While we live in a world that changes every day, the message of God's love remains the same, and is the most important knowledge we will ever learn. A trusted few carry that message to our children every Sunday here at Our

Savior's. Most of you can probably still remember your favorite Sunday school teacher. The one who made you feel important and who taught you things you still remember. Dedicated teachers that have touched generations. They have strengthened the faith of this congregation's children and have built warm memories just like the childhood memories we all cherish. Who doesn't remember their Christmas programs or singing in front of the congregation? These are important moments in our lives, and this fall, loving teachers will be creating memories for our children every Sunday, just as so many others have in years past. On those Sundays, when our children sing to us, we all go home with a stronger faith and the knowledge that Our Savior's is important to our children. And on those Sundays when they are not singing to us, we know that our dedicated Sunday school teachers are holding busy hands and carrying God's message to impressionable ears. What message could be more important and what messenger has a more important calling?

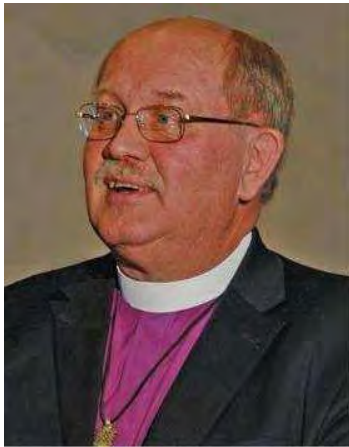
“Walking with Our Savior”

1861 – 150th Anniversary – 2011

September 18th

- 10:00 am** Worship w/Bishop Arends (note time change of service)
Rally Sunday
- 11:30 am** Buffet meal – Meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy
- 12:30 am** 150th Anniversary Program

Save the Date! Mark your calendars for Sunday September 18th for a great day of worship, fellowship and memories. Please note that the worship service **starts at 10 am** instead of 9 am. After this inspirational service come and enjoy a traditional meal of meatballs and mashed potatoes w/gravy followed by a short program about OSLC at 150!



Bishop Jim Arends was born in Willmar, Minnesota, to Willard and Joanne Arends, later moving to Walker, Minnesota. He graduated from Walker-Hackensack High School in 1970. He and Lynn McKibbin were married in August of 1973, and in 1974 Jim received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interpersonal Communications from Augsburg College, Minneapolis. He received his Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, in 1981 and was ordained December 6, 1981.

Bishop Arends has served the following congregations, all in Minnesota: Cross of Glory Lutheran Church - Brooklyn Center, Community Lutheran Church - Geneva, Trinity Lutheran - Spring Grove, and Prince of Peace Lutheran - La Crescent.

In the fall of 2005 Bishop Arends served as a teaching pastor for three months at the Nekemte Christian Education College, Nekemte, Wallaga, Ethiopia, which is a companion synod of the La Crosse Area Synod.

Bishop Arends was elected to a six-year term as Bishop of the La Crosse Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on June 7, 2008. He began his position with the 81 congregations and over 43,000 baptized members of the synod on October 1 of that year, being duly installed to that office on October 18, 2008.

Since being elected as Bishop of the La Crosse Area Synod, Rev. Arends serves on the State board of Lutheran Social Services, serves as secretary of the ELCA Region 5 Steering Committee, and is on the Board of Regents for Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.

Bishop Arends and his wife, Lynn, a public health nurse for Winona County, Minnesota, reside in La Crescent Minnesota, and have four adult children: Adam, his wife Kristen and daughter Annabelle, live in New York; David, his wife Arianna, and daughter Sadie, live in California; Rachel lives in a suburb of the Twin Cities; and Andy lives in Milwaukee.

Social Ministries September 2011

LWR School Kits

The Lutheran World Relief school kits are currently available in the Narthex. A list of what is needed is in each school bag which has been provided by Cheryl Vieth. Please remember, **ALL** items should be new. LWR has asked **NOT** to include items with any religious or military symbols, any items w/reference to the armed forces or anything w/camouflage. LWR and their partners have access to areas of the world others do not because they are impartial humanitarian organizations. Religious or military references could be misinterpreted by the governments of the receiving countries, jeopardizing the delivery to the people who need the items the most. All school kits are due back on **Sunday, September 25th**.

PLEASE Remember...

Lutheran World Relief Layette kits are due back on Rally Sunday, **September 18th**. All kits may be placed in the black metal dump table located in the Narthex. Any questions/concerns may be directed to Rod Tisthammer.

Heritage Night

On **Wednesday September 28th**, OSLC will be serving Norwegian Lefse Wraps (meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy wrapped up in a lefse) and pieces of lefse with butter and/or sugar at the annual Oktoberfest USA Heritage Night held at the La Crosse Center. The cost will be \$4.00 and \$1.00 respectively. Once again this year, Oktoberfest will **NOT** be requiring a button to get into this event. Please come and help support your church! The proceeds will go to the Come For Supper program to help fund on-going food purchases and supplies.

CROP Walk

Save the date for the annual Coulee Region CROP Hunger Walk which will be on **Sunday October 9th**. Registration for the five kilometer walk will be at 12:45 pm with the walk starting at 1:00 pm from the Myrick Park Main Shelter. Funds raised in the CROP Walk assist people around the world and right here in the Coulee Region (for 25% of the funds raised go to local food pantries).

Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water, and fuel and/or

to take their goods to market. Walking shows solidarity with their struggle for existence; walking shows a want to end hunger – one step at a time. For further details and to sign-up for this year's CROP Walk, look for the table in the Narthex area or contact Rod Tisthammer.

Share the Bounty

Please remember that if you have extra produce this summer, you can drop it off at the farmers markets on either Saturday (county parking lot) or Sunday (Festival Foods – Onalaska parking lot). You may also purchase produce from local farmers and donate it to the Share the Bounty Program.

Come For Supper

For the month of September, CFS is asking for egg noodles to serve in casseroles. In the last five weeks, the CFS Team has served over 900 meals! Here is the breakdown by each Tuesday:

July 26 th	265
August 2 nd	247
August 9 th	191
August 16 th	254

Fashion Cornucopia

Tickets are going fast for the WCC fashion show fundraiser Fashion Cornucopia. Tickets are available at the church office and cost \$30 each or a table of eight for \$200 (remember, two bottles of wine come with whole tables purchase of eight tickets). There will be two shows (a noon luncheon and an evening dinner) featuring fall and winter fashions from local businesses. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Betty Linse.



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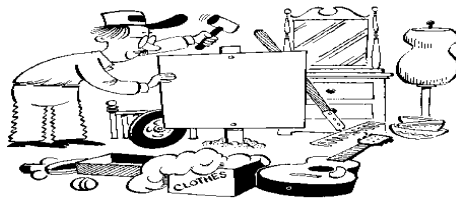
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Fall Rummage Sale

Dates: October 6th & 7th Our Savior's Lutheran Church
612 Division Street, La Crosse

Times: 8 a.m.—6 p.m. Thursday

8 a.m.—1 p.m. Friday