

The Messenger

Our Savior's Lutheran Church's Newsletter

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 11
2022

HAWAIIAN SHIRT SUNDAY



Sunday,
Sept. 18



Care For Creation
Intergenerational Event

Sunday,
Sept. 25



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

GENEROSITY

*But I will say this to encourage your generosity:
the one who plants little harvests little, and the one
who plants plenty harvests plenty. Giving grows out
of the heart—otherwise, you've reluctantly grumbled "yes"
because you felt you had to or because you couldn't
say "no," but this isn't the way God wants it.
For we know that "God loves a cheerful giver."
(2 Corinthians 9: 6-7; translation: The VOICE)*

On Wednesday, August 23 this year's stewardship theme was introduced to our council members: Generosity. "Generosity" seems an obvious choice for stewardship. But, what is generosity? Is generosity about money? Time? Talent? Compassion?

St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth: giving grows out of the heart. What does your heart tell you?

On Sunday, September 25 we will introduce our stewardship theme as we introduce a monthly Care for Creation program. Generosity & Care for Creation are obvious partners. We will host an intergenerational Care for Creation activity following worship.

On Sunday, October 2 the sanctuary will be transformed, quilts covering pews, kits stacked for shipping to Lutheran World Relief. Worship will focus on Generosity around the World.

On Sunday, October 9 we will ask the question: Generosity: Who and How?

On Sunday, October 16 we hear a promise: Our help comes from God, allowing us to be generous people.

Early in October a letter is sent along with 3rd Quarter statements to all donors.

On Sunday, October 23 generosity will be linked with humility.

A letter will be sent to all members along with Pledge Cards the week following Oct 23.

On Sunday, November 13 our final focus on generosity will return to our theme verse: "the one who plants plenty will harvest plenty."

Pledge cards will be received.

Pastor Joanne Richmond

HAWAIIAN SHIRT SUNDAY

Sunday, September 18

Aloha! Remember to wear your favorite Hawaiian (or colorful) shirt to worship.
Leis will be provided!



PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISM

Jackson Christopher Pitz, Sunday, August 21, 2022—9:30am, Pastor Joanne S. Richmond, Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Jackson is the son of Justin & Nicole Pitz. He is the grandson of Rich & Colleen Pitz and little brother of Jameson. Welcome to God's family Jackson!

FUNERALS

Galen Olson, Saturday, August 6, 2022—11am, Pastor Joanne S. Richmond, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI and interment at the Mabel, MN Public Cemetery following.

Edna Larson, Monday, August 8, 2022—1pm, Pastor Joanne S. Richmond, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI.

Warren Engelson, Friday, August 12, 2022—11am, Pastor Joanne S. Richmond, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI.

Milton Kling, Friday, August 19, 2022—11am, Pastor Joanne S. Richmond, Fred C. Olson Chapel, Rockford, IL and graveside service at the Arlington Memorial Park, Rockford, IL..

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY

On **Sunday, September 11**, our congregation, along with over 8,900 congregations across the country, will observe "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. We will engage in service work to make a positive change in our community, build and deepen relationships, and share God's love. Join us as we do God's work with our hands!

Projects for the day: yard clean-up; write letters to our Synod Missionary family: Pastor Kyle and Anna Svennungsen in Bratislava, Slovakia; draw pictures for our home-bound members; write thank you notes to anyone each of us wants to thank; cover pinecones with peanut butter and birdseed to hang in our trees; and pack Baby Care Kits and School Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Following our service projects, we will be sharing a **potluck sandwich lunch!** Sign up on the bulletin board at church to bring needed items for this lunch - to ensure that we don't end up with 20 loaves of bread with nothing to put on them! :) Please bring items to the Fellowship Hall before or after church that day. Thanks!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) SEMI LOAD

Help loading the semi is needed on **Saturday, October 8, 7—11am**. The loading site is **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** (4141 Mormon Coulee Road, La Crosse). *Questions?* Please contact Jim Balow at 608.788.8408. You can also check for updated info on the La Crosse Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LaCrosseLWRingathering/.

BABY CARE KITS & SCHOOL KITS

Please remember to return all Lutheran World Relief Baby Care and School kit items to church (on or before Sunday, September 11) so we can package them and get them ready to ship. Thank you for your generosity in turning ordinary items into extraordinary gifts.

Take photos of your kits and share on your social pages with #KitsofCare to encourage others to get involved, too!

Kay Rowe, Social Ministry Chair

DORCAS SOCIETY

Wednesday, September 7, 6pm—Fellowship Hall

Join us as Aubrey Clark will be teaching us how to make Norwegian flat bread. Anyone wishing to join our fun group is welcome to attend.

Remember to save the date for our upcoming annual Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, November 12, 2022.

Lois Losby, President

CARE FOR CREATION EVENT #1

Sunday, September 25

Save the date and plan on joining us for the kick-off to our Fall Stewardship campaign (Generosity) with an intergenerational activities event focusing on our care for creation.

WELCA NEWS

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Our August Rummage Sale was a huge success. And it's all thanks to the people that helped set up, worked the Sale, donated and shopped. It was a lot of work (and fun) and we made \$3,886. We use these funds to support many people and programs in our Church and community. Good job everyone!

Root In Crown, a local thrift store on Copeland Avenue, accepted all of our leftover items and will resell most, if not all we donated. We selected the La Crosse Family and Children's Center to be the recipient of some of the proceeds of the items we donated. It's always a big job to clean up after the sale. Root In Crown helped to make it easier this year.

WELCA will be having a breakfast meeting in September. It is Thursday, September 15, at 9:30am. The servers are Vera Wensole, Martha Sesvold, Linda Baehr, Lois Losby, and Patti Hanson. Come and enjoy coffee and conversation.

The Sugar Creek Quilt Auction will be Saturday, September 10. Also, save the date for "Load the Semi" on Saturday, October 8 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. For details, contact Doris at 608.784.5238.

The WELCA Board

SEPTEMBER 2022 @OSLC*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Open	9am – 1:30pm	9am – 1:30pm	9am – 3pm	9am – 1:30pm	Closed	Closed
HC—Holy Communion CFS—Come For Supper WCC—Women's Clothes Closet W&M—Worship & Music				1	2	3 9am-1pm WCC
4 Pentecost 13 9:30am Worship/HC Online & In-Person 6:30pm Y.E.S. AA mtg.	5 Labor Day Church Office Closed	6 1—5pm WCC open 4:15—5:15pm CFS	7 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person 6pm Dorcas mtg.	8	9 Pastor's Sabbath	10 9am-1pm WCC Sugar Creek Bible Camp Fall Festival and Quilt Auction
11 "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday 9:30am Worship/HC Online & In-Person 10:15am Service Projects and Lunch 6:30pm Y.E.S. AA mtg.	12 6pm Priscilla Circle	13 9am Quilters 1-5pm WCC open 4:15-5:15pm CFS	14 10:30am Finance mtg. 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person	15 9:30am WELCA Breakfast mtg.	16 Pastor's Sabbath	17 9am-1pm WCC
18 Hawaiian Shirt Sunday 9:30am Worship/HC Online & In-Person 6:30pm Y.E.S. AA mtg.	19 Messenger Articles Due	20 1—5pm WCC open 4:15—5:15pm CFS	21 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person 1pm Art & Faith 6pm Council mtg.	22	23 Pastor's Sabbath	24 9am-1pm WCC
25 Pentecost 16 *Cookies due* 9:30am Worship/HC Online & In-Person 10:15am Care for Creation Event #1 6:30pm Y.E.S. AA mtg.	26	27 9am Quilters 1-5pm WCC open 4:15-5:15pm CFS	28 Cookies for Campus 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person	29	30 Pastor's Sabbath	October 1 9am-1pm WCC
October 2 Quilt Sunday 9:30am Worship/HC Online & In-Person	October 3	October 3 Francis of Assisi 1—5pm WCC open 4:15—5:15pm CFS	*Events subject to change; up-to-date information at www.allarewelcome.org . To access this and other publications online visit allarewelcome.org . Please call the church office (608.782.3468) to receive October 2022 and November 2022 calendars when they become available.			

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1	Gifford Collins
9/1	Sam Lindner
9/1	Joanne Richmond
9/2	Betty Linse
9/3	Teresa Kocimski
9/3	McKinze Stugelmayer
9/4	Tabatha La Seure
9/5	Nance Klapper
9/5	Maria Rudrud
9/6	Michael Jendro
9/6	Sue Staples
9/8	Tanner Bjorge
9/8	Denise Fisher
9/8	Jeff Krueger
9/8	Kay Rowe
9/9	Amanda Black
9/10	Sarah Migas
9/10	Brittany Mighall
9/11	Jesse Fanciuli
9/11	Cheri Starch
9/12	Michelle Mitchell
9/13	Cory Onsrud
9/13	Curtis Root
9/13	Hannah Von Ruden
9/18	Justin Pitz
9/19	Aimee Glocke
9/19	Mary Hayek
9/20	Debbie Dukatz
9/20	Dejah Milliren-Pohlman
9/20	Mayumi Moore
9/21	Shawn Brantner
9/21	Laurie Engen
9/21	Sadie Nelson
9/23	Lisa Kehr
9/23	Marilyn Smaby
9/25	Charlene Glocke
9/25	Maureen Rouse
9/27	Liam Collins
9/27	Dorothy Gray
9/27	Sonna Severson
9/28	Roxanne Root
9/29	Jessica Zinniel
9/30	Alicia Gallup
9/30	Jordan Gallup
9/30	Shanna Jensen



COOKIES FOR CAMPUS

We are signed up to provide home baked cookies for Campus Ministry (LuMin) on Wednesday, September 28. Please spread the word to your friends and groups you are in at church. We need to provide **500 cookies** (42 dozen).

You DO NOT need to individually wrap the cookies. Also, please do not bring them in containers you would like back. We have found that those large disposable aluminum baking pans work great, and LuMin washes them and uses them for meals!

Please bring your home baked cookies to church on **Sunday, September 25** and we'll get them to Pastor Ben. Thanks for supporting this huge part of LuMin's ministry!

2022 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

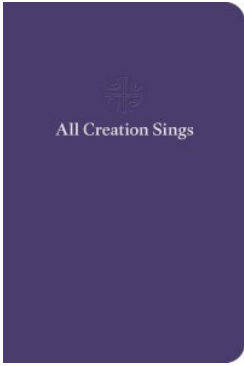
The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly convened in Columbus, Ohio, Monday, August 8—Friday, August 12. Gathering under the theme “Embody the Word,” voting members acted on key legislative business on behalf of the church.

- Imran Siddiqui was elected to a six-year term as vice president.
- The assembly received a presentation on “A Declaration of the ELCA to American Indian and Alaska Native People.”
- Voting members acted on memorials related to the restructuring of church governance, called for reconsideration of the 2009 social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*, and encouraged deeper engagement with Indigenous partners through the Land Back movement.

You can find all the actions of the 2022 Churchwide Assembly in the legislative update (scan the adjacent QR code).



Learn more in this summary from ELCA News.(www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8172).



ALL CREATION SINGS:
*a liturgy and song supplement in
the Evangelical Worship resource
family.*

In 2020, Augsburg Fortress released a new hymnal supplement titled, ***All Creation Sings***, as a collection of new hymns, liturgies, and prayers to

supplement our current hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). You've experienced many of these new hymns in worship over the past year and now it's your chance to help us buy these books for our sanctuary.

The Worship & Music Committee is in offering an opportunity to sponsor a hymnal for **\$14.50**. It's a lovely way to remember or honor a loved one and a gift that supports the worshipping community at Our Savior's for many years to come. You may also purchase a personal copy for use at home.

Please use the following form to complete your purchase or sponsorship. We hope to add **132 new books** to the book racks (118 hymnals for the Sanctuary and 14 hymnals for the Chapel), alongside the existing ELW Hymnals, in time for Reformation Sunday (October 30, 2022).

Orders will be collected until October 15, 2022. Each book is \$14.50 and cash or check can be brought or mailed to the church office along with this order form.



Please print clearly for each dedication.

All Creation Sings Hymnal Order Form

In memory of / In honor of: _____

by _____

In memory of / In honor of: _____

by _____

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by _____

Would you like one for your own use at home?

I would like to purchase my own copy.

Total number of hymnals _____ **x \$14.50 =** _____

In case we have questions:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Any questions? Please contact Pastor Joanne at
pastor@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Jan. 1 – July 31 2022 Actual	YTD Budget
Income		
General Income	\$141,940.48	\$165,083.31
Other Income	\$5,456.31	\$9,100.00
Mission Support	\$14,705.50	\$19,833.31
Other Mission Support	\$3,820.00	\$2,537.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$165,922.29	\$196,554.12
Expenses		
Total Expenses	\$188,651.31	\$196,554.12
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$188,651.31	\$196,554.12
OVER/UNDER	(\$22,729.02)	(\$0.00)

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS

Our Savior’s gratefully acknowledges and sincerely appreciates your gifts over and above your regular giving. The following gifts were from Friday, July 1, 2022—Thursday, August 25, 2022. Thank you!

Come for Supper

In memory of Warren Engelson by the Engelson Family, Mary Fillner, Howard Dunnum, Dorothy Gray, Darlene Kroner, Bruce & Lois Losby, Bob & Carol Miller, Joanne & Andrew Nordeen, Rich & Colleen Pitz, Bev Sanborn, Martha Sesvold, Kay Rowe, and Cheryl Vieth

In memory of Galen Olson by Roy & Doris Modahl, and Megan & Kevin Wurzel

In memory of Edna Larson by Cheryl Vieth

Come for Supper by Ellie & Paul Gillis

Sugar Creek Bible Camp

In memory of Warren Engelson by Roy & Doris Modahl

In memory of Galen Olson by Rich & Collen Pitz

Undesignated

In memory of Edna Larson by Linda & David Adams, E. Altig-Reynolds Family, Jim & Rachel Balow, Pat Blanchard, Margaret Husman, Dorothy Gray, and Mildred Larson

In memory of Galen Olson by Deb Congdon, and Bev Sanborn

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical and mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, 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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Sunday 9:30am in-person,
online, and phone live stream

Wednesday 12pm in-person

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