

Along The Way

An “App” for God...

I watched *Antiques Road Show* on Sunday night and someone had brought in a gyrocompass that would have been used on a ship. A ship has a lot of metal in its structure so this compass pointed to True North rather than Magnetic North to help navigate ships during WWI and WWII. This invention was a huge step in helping sailors orient themselves and navigate the seas.

During the Fall Women’s Retreat, the weather was unseasonably warm. This enabled us to build a big campfire, roast marshmallows, make some s’mores, and sing and sing and sing around the fire until late into the evening. Without the light pollution and with flashlights turned off, the stars were beautiful in the black sky. An old camper myself, I started trying to orient myself to the visible stars.

Kelly Arens was way ahead of me and knew what she was looking for. I was impressed with her star-gazing abilities...until I realized she was using her phone with an App that would tell her exactly which constellations were above us based on the time and our GPS location. Wow, this was way-cooler than an App that would locate the next gas station or restaurant. It made me want to go out and buy a new phone.

I thought of all the ancient cultures which trusted the stars, especially the North Star, to guide them. I also thought about the Bible’s “Wisemen from the East.” What would they make of this new App?

Sailors, Wisemen from the East and campers are not the only ones who appreciate help navigating. We too, as Christians, want to keep God in sight. Jesus Christ is the “True North” of our faith. So how do we align ourselves with God’s grace?

Hey guess what! There is an App for that! It’s called Worship.

Through Word and Sacrament, prayer and song we are given the direction and guidance, hope and assurance, which keep us oriented toward our loving God.

The best part is that this App comes free and you won’t need to buy a new phone!

See you in worship.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Cath Mode.

Youth News

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the youth families for helping with our 6th Annual Pie Sale. All of the homemade goodies were a hit! We raised \$502 for future youth activities.

NOVEMBER YOUTH EVENT

We're going to Cavanaugh's for a hayride, dinner, and bonfire!

When: Wednesday, November 2

Cost: \$10 per person. *Financial Assistance is available* - please talk to Pastor Mode or Marcie.

The bus will leave the church parking lot by 3:45 PM, so make sure you get here right after school. We'll be returning to church by 7:00 PM

This event is open to all youth in Grades 6 – 12.

Parents, just a reminder that we must have a completed permission slip on file for all youth attending any youth events.

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Reminders

Our last confirmation class for the semester is Wednesday, November 16.

Thanksgiving Eve worship (November 23 at 6:30 pm) is required for all confirmation students. Attendance is taken and points given.

Acolyte Reminder: If you are unable to acolyte at your assigned service, you must find a replacement.

CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS – Grades 9 & up

We're heading to New Orleans for the ELCA National Youth Gathering!

The trip will take place July 18-22, 2012.

Seems like a long way off, but we are meeting and planning now!

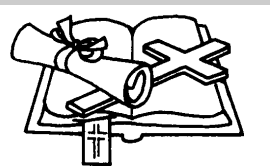
Interested in going? Contact Marcie at 725-3956 or mkimmes@our-saviors.org.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Sunday, November 27– Intergenerational Day

Wednesday, November 30 – YOUTH EVENT (Christmas Project)

Congratulations To Our 2011 Confirmation Students!



Ian Crum, Bradley Dordel, Brent Huebner, Vanessa Jones, Megan Judnic, Anna Koeppel, Daniel Oyler, Austin Ramcheck, Johnathan Rohm, Tyler Sauer, Morgan Schumacher, Adria Shelley, Brett Swannell, Kaylin Tyczkowski

We are very proud of you!

Sunday School News!

This month's story line:

Advent & Christmas

The Bible story this time is about a very special gift that everyone on earth can receive.

Join us on Sunday to find out what the gift is.

Spark Rotations Include:

Art—Kelly Arens

Games—Royal Rondeau

Video—Kristin Oyler

Science—Ann Pokel

Storytelling—Kristi Armstrong

Cooking—Amy Hansen

Photographer—Jennifer Hogenson Music—Vicki Meinke

A thank you goes out to Tami Dietzen, Angie Schabo, Tammy Rabe, Joan Terry, Jen Paulson, Rachel Terry, Matthew Terry, La Vonne Pockat, Annamarie Zimmerman, Benjamin Zimmerman, Gwen Sargeant, Julie Judnic, Karrie Hoks, Rebecca Danke, Melissa Harrington, Kerin Harrington, Christine Rondeau, Cary Myska, Karen Whitmer, Kelly Shannon, Suzanne Hietala, Lonnie Baldauf, Chad Baldauf, Debi Baldauf, and Alan Dordel. Thank you for all you have done for the children of Our Savior's.

We would also like to thank Diane Doersch and Delaney Doersch for teaching the children a great song!

Sunday School begins each week in the Sanctuary at 9:15 am.

See you there!

Looking Ahead

Preparing for the Christmas Program



Youth & Sunday School Calendar

Nov. 2

3:45 pm Youth Event

5:30 pm Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation Class

7:45 pm Youth Band Practice

Nov. 5

5:00 pm First Communion (Grade 2 & Up)

Nov. 6

8:00 am First Communion (Grade 2 & Up)

9:15 am Sunday School

9:15 am Grade 6 Confirmation Class

9:15 am Youth Group (Grade 7 & Up)

10:30 am First Communion (Grade 2 & Up)

Nov. 9

5:30 pm Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation Class

7:45 pm Youth Band Practice

Nov. 13

9:15 am Sunday School

9:15 am What is Prayer—Age 5

9:15 am Grade 6 Confirmation Class

9:15 am Youth Group (Grade 7 & Up)

Nov. 16

5:30 pm Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation Class

7:45 pm Youth Band Practice

Nov. 20

9:15 am Sunday School

9:15 am Grade 6 Confirmation Class

9:15 am Youth Group (Grade 7 & Up)

Nov. 23

6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

Nov. 27

9:15 am Intergenerational Event

9:15 am Grade 6 Confirmation Class

9:15 am Youth Group (Grade 7 & Up)

Nov. 30

3:30 pm Youth Event

5:30 pm Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation Class

7:45 pm Youth Band Practice



“SINNERS TO DINNER”

Sinners to Dinner will be going to Famous Dave's in Appleton for dinner following the 5:00 pm worship service on Saturday, November 12.

Everyone is welcome and invited to join us when it works into your schedule. Dinner is “Dutch Treat.”

Please contact Roberta Golden at 920-722-5476 or by email by roberta_golden@hotmail.com by Friday evening, November 11, so reservations can be made. We hope you can join us.

Organized by the
Worship Ministry Team

Sunday School News Flash:

Would you like to be the one who changes a life? You could do it in an hour!

We need people to help with Sunday school shepherding, workshops, and substituting.

The commitment is only five Sundays from 9:15-10:15 am.

If you are interested in helping, please call Ruthie Melzer for more information at 725-3956.

Thank you and God's Blessings.

Ruthie



FREE TO GIVE AWAY

Memberships in a thriving, healthy, Lutheran congregation to anyone who is looking for a church home that not only teaches and preaches the good news of Jesus Christ but puts that love into action through many community and global ministries.

Interested? Call Cheryl Timm, Office Manager, at 725-3956.

Not sure? Need more info? Have questions? Have doubts? Call Pastor Catherine Mode at 725-3956.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: Thursday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Area. Call Cheryl Timm to indicate you are coming.

NEW MEMBER WEEKEND: Members received during worship services on Sat., Dec. 3, at 5:00 pm, and Sun., Dec. 4, at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

“God’s Goodness and Blessings” Thanksgiving Taize Worship at Our Savior’s

Taize worship offers the opportunity to listen to the scriptures, to pray, to sing and to open our hearts to God, in a calm, meditative setting.

Please join us at Thanksgiving Eve Worship on Wednesday, November 23, at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm.

We will have a special offering of non-perishable food items. You are invited to bring a donation if you are able. Refreshments will be served following both services.

Please watch for sign-up sheets in the gathering area for donations of refreshments.

If you have any questions, call Roberta Golden at 722-5476.

Rebekah Circle

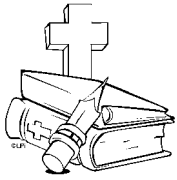
Rebekah Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00 pm at the home of Sue Englebert at 223 Carey Ct., Neenah.

We will continue our study of Mark's Gospel using the October issue of *Gather* (formerly *Lutheran Woman Today*). All women are welcome.

Please call Sue at 419-0231 for directions or more information.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 15
9:30 A.M.



Attention Parents!

Check out this class for you and your child(ren)

Age 5—What Is Prayer?

Children and parents will talk about prayer, learn about the importance of talking to God, and each child will receive their very own prayer pillow to take home. The class is Sunday, Nov. 13, at 9:15 am and the students will be honored at the 10:30 am worship service.



4th Annual Family Advent Craft

Please join us in the gym on **Sunday, Nov. 27, at 9:15 am** for a truly special event.

That day we will have our 4th Annual Family Advent Craft Day. This is NOT just an event for our Sunday School children; families of all sizes and all ages, including single person households, are encouraged to attend.

A limited supply of materials will be provided.

Men's Breakfast Group

Nov. 12 & Nov. 26
8:00 am
at Perkins in Neenah

Feeling Tense All Stressed Out?

Having daily headaches, heartburn, insomnia and trouble concentrating?



Come and learn from Dr. Rick Klamm about the science of the Relaxation Response and how meditation can open doors to a more peaceful co-existence with the rigors of our daily life.

Classes will meet Monday evenings for four weeks at Our Savior's from 7:00-8:00 pm. **Classes start November 7.**

Interested? Please RSVP on the sheet by the Nursery.



Do You Have An Idea To Improve What We Do At OSLC?

Our NEW OSLC Suggestion Box is located in the Gathering Area and is ready and waiting for your ideas! Just complete the Suggestion Form (including your name) and we will respond!

Suggestion responses will be printed in the VOICE.

No anonymous suggestions allowed – we want to give credit where credit is due! Drop in an idea today!

BAPTISM

CLASS

If your family will be planning a baptism soon because of an anticipated or recent birth or if you are a person of any age and have not been baptized but would like to be, you are invited to a one-session baptismal preparation class.

The next class is scheduled for **Sunday, Nov. 13, at 11:45 am.** Please contact the church office at 725-3956 if you are interested in attending or are planning a baptism.



Attention Pie Lovers!

Thank you so much for supporting our youth program during our 6th Annual Pie Sale.

Through your generosity, we raised \$502! All money will be used for future youth activities.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Alicia Hanson for building our beautiful new OSLC Suggestion Box!

If you see Alicia, please let her know we appreciate her hard work.

Thank you, Alicia!



Adopt a Member

As the holidays approach, the staff is compiling a list of individuals and families who are in need and would appreciate support for gift-giving. If you know of any particular situations that we should be aware of, please contact Pastor Mode, Vicar Basemen or Cheryl Timm, Office Manager.

Also, if your Bible Study group, small group or family would like to help make someone's Christmas a little brighter, please contact the office and we will match you with a family.

We would appreciate hearing from you by **November 15**. Thank you.

Pastor Mode



Tuesday, Nov. 8 4:00 - 7:30 pm

It's that time again! Bring your friends and family to eat chili made from our "secret" recipe. We will also serve buns, crackers, cheese, coffee, milk, and hot dogs for the kids. Top off your meal with wonderful homemade desserts.

We cannot put on this community favorite event without your help! Donation and volunteer sign-up sheets are located in the Gathering Area. Any questions, contact Alley at 725-3956 or ashepeck@our-saviors.org.

See you there!

Sharing Our Blessings

During Thanksgiving, please consider giving a gift that will last a lifetime to those who are less fortunate.

The emergency shelter of the Fox Valley needs your financial support to guide homeless individuals toward sustainable independence. Helping the homeless by providing an opportunity to learn the skills needed to become self-sufficient costs approximately \$100 a week.

Please send donations to: Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley, 400 N. Division St, Appleton, WI 54911, or give online at www.emergencysHELTERfoxvalley.org

Fair Trade Fair

November 8, 4:00-7:30 pm November 13, 8:00 am–Noon

Purchase beautiful and unique Fair Trade items handmade by disadvantaged artisans in developing regions. With each purchase, you help artisans maintain steady work and a sustainable income so they can provide for their families. You help artisans like A. Dowlethbee, a basket weaver who works in India. She says "Customers who buy our baskets can be a part of creating a future for us." Cash and checks will be accepted.

We are also looking for people to sell products in two-hour shifts on Sunday, November 13.

If you have any questions or would like to help with the fair, please contact Chris Boehnlein at 722-1563 or at cnoeffke1023@sbcglobal.net

Make a difference for people all over the world with your purchases.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WILL NEVER FEEL SO GOOD!



Thanksgiving Eve Services

Wednesday, Nov. 23
10:00 am & 6:30 pm



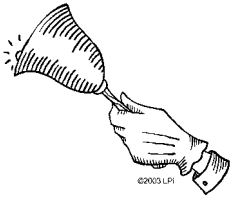
Quilting in November

November 3 at 1:00 pm
November 17 at 9:00 am

Holiday Volunteer & Giving Opportunities

Are you and/or your family looking for possible volunteer and giving opportunities for the Thanksgiving & Christmas Seasons?

Check out the bulletin boards in the new office wing for current community opportunities and the December VOICE for a special community giving insert.



Attention Bell Ringers

Please reserve an hour or two in December to ring the bells for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. The majority of their donations are received during the Christmas season, which is why the red kettles are so important.

Our Savior's dates Are:
Saturday, December 3
Saturday, December 17

Sign-up posters will be in the Gathering Area in early November. Thank you for helping this organization raise needed funds to assist families in our community. God bless you for helping.

Any questions, please call Bonnie Vogt at 725-6993.



2012 National Mission Trip Dates Are Set!

The dates for two 2012 National Mission Trips are...

January 7-14
Tuscaloosa, Alabama (or surrounding area)
for tornado recovery

June 24-29
Joplin, Missouri
for tornado recovery

The details of the trips are yet to be determined. The trips are open to anyone. You do not need to be a member to attend.

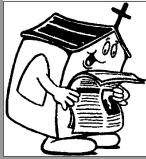
The first meeting for the January trip will be Thursday, November 3, at 6:30 pm.

Contact Alley Shepeck at 725-3956 or ashepeck@our-saviors.org for more information.

God's Work. Our Hands.

Christmas Services

Sat. December 24 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 10:00 pm
Sun. December 25 9:00 am



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 6
11:30 am



Thanks For Your Frogs!

Thank you to everyone who dropped off frogs for us to use in our frog display this summer.

You frogs are ready for pick-up during office hours or during weekend worship.



Noisy Offering November!

During the month of November we will be having noisy offerings at every worship service.

Please bring your spare change with you when you come to church.

All the money collected in the noisy offerings will be used to purchase ham for the Neenah Brigade's Christmas baskets.

We're on Facebook!
Check us out today!

Stories To Tell



Gifts To Share

We all have stories to tell: funny experiences, learning experiences, news about our families, triumphs and tragedies, and plans for the future. And as the people of God, we have stories to tell about what God has done for us and about how God's grace has changed our lives. Sometimes we are not really aware of these stories until they are coaxed out of us—but they are there, part of who we are.

That's not all. Whether we know it or not, we also have stories to tell about what God has done *through* us—stories about how God has used us to make a difference in the lives of others. Getting to know those stories makes us even more aware of God's grace.

God has given us so much—and the gifts of God are for sharing.

The Bible is a collection of stories about people with gifts to share—stories about people whose lives were so changed by God that they were able to make a difference in the lives of others.

Each month the **Stories To Tell; Gifts To Share** column will share a story from one or two of our members that focus on stewardship in action or how God has worked through one of us to make a difference.

If you have a story to tell, tell it! Contact any one of the following: Pastor Mode, Vicar Baseman, Alley Shepeck, Dean Doersch, Pat Arens.



SNOWBIRDS

Are you getting ready to head south for the winter?

Please be sure to contact the church office at 725-3956 with your address and the dates of your departure and return so we can update our records.

Memorials & Honorariums

\$20 in memory of Tyler Baseman, \$1,380 in memory of Ervin Volkman, \$50 in memory of Ron Ruesch

GENERAL OPERATING FUND	YTD through Sept	YTD through Sept*
Income	\$241,011.00	\$274,915.58
Expenses	\$255,185.00	\$281,224.44
Over / (Short):	(\$14,174.00)	(\$6,308.86)

* When we apply the currently available specified funds (heat Confirmation camp, debt reduction, etc) we are actually in the black by \$9,413.35

The SIMPLY GIVING Program

Endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank

Were you able to attend church this weekend? If not, will you wait until next time to pay your weekly pledge amount? Will you be able to meet next week's contribution along with the week you missed or will you fall behind? Just like your family budget counts on regularly scheduled income to pay the monthly bills, Our Savior's Lutheran Church counts on a steady and uninterrupted income to pay our monthly bills. Paying those bills in full and on time can be difficult if member giving does not come in on a regular basis.

How can we as members, help out with this situation? One way is by participating in **SIMPLY GIVING**. This is a program endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank and provides a low-cost way to make donations for payments to Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

How does this work? Thrivent Financial Bank has contracted with Vanco Services, LLC, an industry leader in electronic payment solutions, to administer the program at reduced rates. Participants need only enroll and their electronic gifts or payments are automatically withdrawn from their checking, savings, credit card, debit card on a pre-authorized transfer date. The funds are then deposited into Our Savior's bank account.

How can I get started with Simply Giving? Enrollment forms are available in the Gathering Area. Complete the form and return it to church. Enrollment forms will be submitted to Simply Giving by the church office.

When I renew my pledge for next year, how do I change my giving amount? Pick up a form in the Gathering Area. Complete the form with your new contribution amount and return it to church. The form will be submitted to Simply Giving by the church office.

Greater financial stability allows Our Savior's Lutheran Church to better budget for monthly expenses, missions and programs. Your assistance in providing this financial stability can give you a feeling of personal accomplishment by regularly meeting your pledge amount and by knowing that, with your regular giving, Our Savior's Lutheran Church will continue to provide you with those things that made you want to be a part of God's family when you joined.

God Bless,

Judy Erickson
Church Council Treasurer

ATTENDANCE		
September	2010	2011
Week 1	154	122
Week 2	306	292
Week 3	259	288
Week 4	395	244
Weekly Avg.	279	237

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HAS IT ALREADY BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE WERE THANKFUL?