

Along The Way

Lessons...

Vacation Bible School was a really great week with record attendance for recent years and a surprising number of older children participating as helpers, of course. As in any educational experience there are the planned lessons and then there are the **lessons along the way**. It is often the **lessons along the way** that become unforgettable moments.

On Ian Erickson's last day, he sought me out "to tell me something." He waited his turn but he was not going to be missed and so he told me again, "I have something to tell you." From a 5 year old, "something to tell" could be about what was for breakfast or about a favorite game or a friend but Ian had urgency in his voice. I listened, as did a few other little children in his class and his big brother Austin, who gave him an encouraging pat on the shoulder.

Ian explained that his pet bunny, Dizzy, had a back leg that wasn't working. "We're going to take him to the vet to see if it can be fixed, but, if not, he's putting him to sleep, which means he's dead."

We were on holy ground here: the death of a family member! As a small support group, the little children agreed he was going to Bunny Heaven, as did Ian's grandmother who had just joined the group. That seemed comforting to Ian, especially since it meant that Dizzy could join Boo (a previous pet bunny).

Dizzy did die. Ian asked if I could come over to his house afterward I wondered if it was for the burial, but his parents took care of that and Ian is doing just fine, though he does talk about Dizzy still. Fond memories are part of grief. Grief touches us all, no matter what our age.

God's love is for all creatures. St. Francis of Assisi wrote a Canticum of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. *"All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."* St. Francis also said, "If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."

This is a lesson that Ian and his Bible School friends learned along the way!

See you in church.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Cath

Youth News

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING – Grades 9 & up

We're heading to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering! The trip will take place July 18–22, 2012. It seems like a long way off, but we need to start planning and register ASAP! Interested in going? Contact Marcie at 725-3956 or mkimmes@our-saviors.org.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Parent/Student meetings

Our 2011-2012 confirmation classes are just around the corner. The mandatory parent/student meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wed., August 31, 6:00–7:00 pm for grade 9. We will meet in the Gathering Area.

Wed., September 7, 5:30–6:30 pm for grades 7 & 8. We will meet in the Sanctuary.

Please note: Acolyte schedule sign up will take place at this meeting.

Sun., Sept. 18, 9:15–10:15am for grade 6. We will meet in the Media Room.

Confirmation Teachers Needed

Are you able to give our youth an hour of your time each week? We need teachers and helpers for our Wednesday evening and Sunday morning classes. All curriculum and materials are provided with a minimal amount of prep time. Please contact Marcie Kimmes or Pastor Cath if you are interested.

Confirmation Teachers' Meeting

This year's Confirmation Teachers' meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 6:45–7:45 pm** in the Library. We'll go over the curriculum, expectations, schedules, etc. and answer any questions.

Worship Training – Grades 6, 7, & 8

All confirmation students are required to attend the worship training on **Sunday, Sept. 25 at 9:15 am**. Students who do not attend will have to participate in a make-up class yet to be determined. Parents, this is also your opportunity to sign up your students to greet, and usher. Bring a calendar so you can choose the dates that work best for you.

YOUTH WORSHIP WEEKEND – Grades 6 & Up

Mark your calendars now for the Youth Worship Weekend on **Saturday/Sunday, Oct. 1 & 2**. We will lead *ALL three services* (5:00 pm, 8:00 am & 10:30 am). Our rock band will perform. **WE NEED YOU** to sign up to be a reader, greeter, usher; help with special music, a skit, or the children's sermon for one of the services.

YOUTH PIE SALE – Grades 6 & Up

The **6th Annual Youth Pie Sale** will take place Oct. 1 & 2 at all three services. We need YOUTH FAMILIES to help make this event a huge success. We're asking each family to provide 2 home-baked pies OR whole breads or cakes. Please contact Marcie Kimmes at 725-3956 or mkimmes@our-saviors.org to sign up to help during the sale.

OCTOBER YOUTH EVENT – Grades 6 & Up

Mark your calendars for our "Welcome Back" Youth Event

When: Wednesday, Oct. 5. Time: 3:30 - 5:30 pm (right after school). Dinner is served at 5:00 pm

Cost: \$3.00

Hope to see you there!

***ATTENTION PARENTS: ALL YOUTH MUST HAVE A PERMISSION SLIP ON FILE
TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH EVENTS.***

Sunday School News!

**REGISTRATION DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
9:15—9:45 am**

It is time to begin a new year in Sunday School. We have a new schedule, some familiar faces, and a fantastic year planned!

Be sure to stop by the registration table where we'll have handouts of our schedules, the classes, and other important information for you.

**Sunday School classes begin on
September 18.**

**For more information,
contact Ruthie Melzer at 725-3956.**

YOUTH MISSION TRIPS UPDATE

Our Savior's can be very proud of the work that our youth did this summer. Here's a look at both mission trips.

GAUTEMALA – In June, eight high school/college age youth and four adults built two houses through "From Houses to Homes." We also had the opportunity to explore and learn about life in Antigua. We made great memories and have stories to tell. Would you like to hear more? Ask any of the following participants: Jonathan Hurley, Amara Heroux, Erin Shannon, Kelly Shannon, Matt Burmeister, Keaton Kappes, Casey Regnier, and Benjamin Zimmerman. A special "Thank You" to our chaperones: Joe Pudlowski, Rich and Pam Garman, and Marcie Kimmes.

OHIO – Fourteen middle/high school youth and four adults went to Caldwell, OH the first week of August. Through Lutheran Social Services, we helped elderly and disabled homeowners with yard work and simple maintenance. Interested in hearing more? Ask any of the following participants: Katherine Cocherl, Delaney Doersch, Elle Freeders, Sarah Kimmes, Drew Meinke, Aaron Siegrist, Kaylin Tyczkowski, James Verbrick, DeAnna Doersch, Nathan Hietala, Anna Koeppel, Ariel Sangraw, Austin Schlack, and Erika Schlack. A special "Thank You" to our chaperones: Kim Benson, Dean Doersch, Marcie Kimmes, and Alley Shepeck.



Youth & Sunday School Calendar

Aug. 31

6:00 pm **Grade 9 Confirmation Meeting**

Sept. 7

5:30 pm **Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation Meeting**

6:30 pm **Confirmation Teacher's Meeting**

Sept. 11 *Rally Day*

8:00 am **Worship**

9:15 am **Sunday School Registration Begins**

9:15 am **Family Activities**

10:30 am **Worship**

11:30 am **Corn Roast & Brat Fry**

Sept. 14

5:30 pm **Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation Class Begins**

Sept. 18

9:15 am **First Day of Sunday School**

9:15 am **Grade 6 Confirmation Meeting**

9:15 am **Teen Time Youth Group**

10:30 am **Grades 6, 7, 8 Grade Honored**

Sept. 21

5:30 pm **Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation Class**

6:30 pm **Grade 9 Confirmation Interviews**

Sept. 25

9:15 am **Sunday School**

9:15 am **Grade 6, 7, & 8 Worship Training**

9:15 am **Teen Time Youth Group**

Sept. 28

5:30 pm **Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation Class**

Sept. 29

6:30 pm **Grade 9 Confirmation Interviews**

Oct. 1

5:00 pm **Youth Worship Weekend**

Oct. 2

8:00 am **Youth Worship**

9:15 am **Sunday School**

9:15 am **Grade 6 Confirmation Class**

9:15 am **Teen Time Youth Group**

10:30 am **Youth Worship**

Oct. 5

3:30 pm **"Welcome Back" Youth Event**



“SINNERS TO DINNER”

The weather cooperated for several of our outdoor Sinners to Dinner gatherings this summer, so we have decided to try it one more time before the snow flies.

We will be going to dinner following 5:00 pm worship on Saturday, September 17, to Pullman’s in Appleton.

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

Please contact Roberta Golden at 920-722-5476 or by email at roberta_golden@hotmail.com by Friday evening, September 16, if you will be able to come so we can make reservations. We hope you can join us.

**Organized by the
Worship Ministry Team**

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We need pies – lots of pies. The youth will be selling the pies as their fall fundraiser.

The sale will take place on Oct. 1 & 2 at all 3 services and your donated pies will be greatly appreciated.

Please drop off pie donations at the church on Friday, Sept. 30, during office hours or before service on Saturday, Oct. 1. Be sure to mark them “YOUTH PIE SALE.”

Thank you in advance for your support of our youth.

RALLY DAY



A PLACE TO



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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|---------|---------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| 8:00 am | Worship (in the Sanctuary) | 9:15 am | Family Activities & Snacks |
| 9:00 am | 9-11 Remembrance Around the Flag Pole | 10:30 am | Worship (in the Sanctuary) |
| 9:15 am | Sunday School Sign-up | 11:30 am | Corn Roast & Brat Fry |



Mark Your
Calendar!

FALL SCHEDULE STARTS

SEPT 10 & 11

**Worship Times:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
& 10:30 am**

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:00 pm at the home of Ardy Kreuter, 2103 High Meadows Lane, Neenah.

We will begin this year’s Bible study using the September issue of “Gather” (formerly “Lutheran Woman Today”). All women are welcome.

Please call Ardy at 722-6930 for directions.



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.

Looking ahead:

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

NEW MEMBER WEEKEND: Members received during worship services on Sat., Oct. 15, at 5:00 pm, and Sun., Oct. 16, at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

Men's Breakfast Group

Sept. 13 & 27
8:00 am
at Perkins in Neenah



Women's Retreat

Mark you calendars NOW for the annual Fall Women's Retreat to be held October 7-9 at Crossways Camp, Imago Dei Village!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity of fellowship and faith building with friends. Look for more details in the Gathering Area, October VOICE and church bulletins.

Contact person: Ardy Kreuter at 722-6930.



All Creatures of Our God and King "Blessing of the Pets" September 17 at 5:00 pm Our Savior's Lutheran Church Gym

The 5:00 pm worship service on Saturday, September 17, will be a special "Blessing of the Pets" service for all of God's creatures. The service will be similar to our regular service except it will be held in the gym and your pets are invited to join you.

Remember to bring whatever equipment you feel is necessary to keep your pet safe while transporting them and at worship. Please bring your pet through the Meade St. or Lennox St. doors that bring you directly to the gym.

The "Blessing of the Pets" will only be during the Saturday evening service. Please do not bring your pets to the Sunday services.

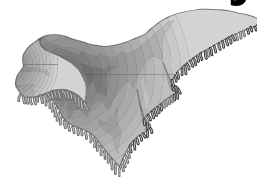
Hope to see you and your pets at church for this special service. If you can't bring your pet—please bring a picture.

Food Pantry Item of The Month

This month the food pantry is in need of donations of peanut butter and jelly.

If you can help, donations can be dropped off in the Donation Drop-off Closet during worship or office hours.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Watch for an announcement in the Sunday bulletin for the date we resume in September.

Bring a friend!

PIES NEEDED!

As a member congregation of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, we have been asked to donate 6 to 10 pies (homemade preferred) in support of their Faith in Action Committee's Pie & Ice Cream Fundraiser on September 18.

If you would be willing to donate a pie (or two), please contact Cheryl Timm at 725-3956.

Pies can be dropped off at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, 425 N. Linwood Avenue, Appleton, on Saturday, September 17, or at the church office on Friday, September 16.

OSLC Library



Stop by the OSLC library and check out the newly donated fiction and nonfiction books, Bible studies, CDs, and DVDs. Our thanks to all who have chosen to share them with us.

Advertisers Needed!

Do you own a business or know someone who does? We're looking for people interested in advertising with us on the back of the VOICE.

If we fill the entire back page with advertising, we will receive major discounts.

For more information, please call Alley at 725-3956.

THANK YOU!

We want to thank all of you at OSLC who have been praying for our granddaughter, Samantha.

It means so much to all of us.

We will be in Dallas while she is going through her treatments & surgery.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. We appreciate it so much.

Doris & Ken Schmidt family

Altar Guild Meeting

**Tuesday, September 20
6:30 pm**

Anyone interested in joining or learning about our Altar Guild group is welcome to attend!

CAN YOU DO SOME SIMPLE SEWING?

I need your help! For those of you who sew, even beginners, we have baby sleepers and onesies that need to be hemmed.

You can do this by hand or by machine, and the thread color doesn't need to match the garment.

Please watch for a box of items (with instructions) in the gathering area.

For those of you who'd like to make some diapers out of t-shirts, we have patterns and supplies for you!

Questions? Contact Ann Pokel at wapokel@athenet.net or 722-4098.

Thanks in advance for your generous help.



I want to thank all of you for your help these many years we have been quilting together. Thanks to everyone's hard work we have accomplished quite a lot. We have put smiles on the faces of many recipients of our quilts all over the world.

We still have not had anyone to take over for me. It is a job that could be shared by two people. We have cut our general meetings to three times a year in Sept., Feb., and May. Changes can be made to simplify more things. Anyone can volunteer. It is a rewarding job and the quilters are wonderful. I hope, when I return we will have a new leader. Sept. 1 will be our first business meeting and Sept. 15 will be just quilting.

We meet the 1st Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 am. Let's keep it going!

Doris Schmidt

Lay School of Ministry Moves to Our Savior's in January!

Are you looking for an opportunity to study the Bible in depth? Do you ever wish you knew more about the history of the church or about Martin Luther? Are you looking to enrich your faith? Would you like to learn about spiritual disciplines, prayer, and the gifts God has given you?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Lay School of Ministry may be just what you are looking for! The purpose of the school is to provide quality, affordable and accessible education for the lay people in our Synod and now we're excited to announce that the school is moving to Our Savior's!

One of the unique features of the school is the high level of theological education provided by current and retired seminary professors, ordained clergy, and gifted church leaders. The two-year program purposely does not offer academic credit or certification. Students are not trained to engage in congregation-wide pastoral leadership nor preside at the Sacraments, marriages or funerals. However, each graduate is prepared to engage in life-long learning and has the opportunity to decide on their own how to use the knowledge they obtain—whether it be to help their congregation or for their own personal walk.

There are no tests or quizzes. Seminary-level textbooks are used, and students are highly encouraged to actively study between sessions. Classes for this two-year program meet one Friday night and Saturday a month from September to May. Classes start at 5:30 pm on Friday and conclude Saturday at 2:45 pm. Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast and lunch are also provided. Classes include Systematic Theology, Spiritual Formation, Worship & Liturgy, Old & New Testament Theology, Church History, Luther for Today, and Daily Walk.

Our Savior's graduates are Alley Shepeck, Ardy Kreuter, Barb Klamm, Cindy Helein, Cheryl Timm, Dean Doersch, Joe Pudlowski, Kelly Arens, Marcie Kimmes, Ruthie Melzer and Sue Englebert. Any one of them would love to talk with anyone interested in attending or wanting more information. You are also welcome to sit in on any classes to try them out.

Alley is also a part of the Lay Ministry School coordinating team and has Lay School brochures, student handbooks, and class schedules available in her office.

Classes begin September 9. Please see Alley or other OSLC graduates for more information.



PIE & ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN HOMES (FVLH)

The FVLH Faith in Action Committee is sponsoring a pie and ice cream fundraiser.

**Sunday, September 18, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
425 N. Linwood Avenue, Appleton**

Cost: \$10/person or \$30/family

Other events that day include:

- Silent Auction Theme Baskets (winners will be notified after event)
- Apartment Tour

Proceeds benefit the affordable senior living and community outreach ministries of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes (FVLH)

Tickets are available from Cheryl Timm, Office Manager and FVLH Board Member. Our Savior's is a member congregation of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes.

FALL SHOPPING? LWR NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Have you noticed all of those back-to-school sales lately? How about picking up a few items for Lutheran World Relief! Our congregation will send off baby layettes, school kits, and health kits this fall. Your contributions would be much appreciated as we reach out to children and families all over the world.

Below is a list of items we need; we can also purchase items on your behalf if you prefer to donate by writing a check. Please make them out to "Our Savior's Lutheran Church—LWR."

PERSONAL CARE KITS

- Bath-sized towels (NEW this year) 52" x 27" preferred
- Sturdy combs
- Adult-sized toothbrushes
- Nail clippers with file attached
- 4 to 5 oz bars of soap, any brand

SCHOOL KITS

- 8.5 x 11" notebooks of lined paper, any number of pages
- Rulers with inch AND centimeter markings
- No. 2 pencils (new, unsharpened)
- Crayons - 24 per box
- Children's scissors
- Small pencil sharpeners
- Ballpoint pens, blue or black ink (NEW this year)

BABY CARE KITS

- Bath-sized bars of gentle soap (4 to 5 oz size)
- Cloth diapers
- Flannel receiving blankets (NOT fleece)
- Cotton t-shirts, size 6-24 months (NOT onesies this year, just t-shirts, any style and color, doesn't need to be an undershirt)
- Baby gowns and sleepers, without feet (or with foot part cut off and legs hemmed)
- Baby socks (NEW this year)
- Hand towels (NEW this year)
- *Note: baby items may be new or gently used

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

Adult Forums Starting in Oct.

Adult Forums will be starting again in October. Watch the October VOICE and the bulletins for details.



CALLING ALL YOUTH MUSICIANS Grades 7 & up

Our youth band is starting their 5th year and they'd like YOU to be a part of it!

We need musicians – guitars, horns, strings, vocals and more! You'll "jam" once a week & play at all Youth Services (and other services too).

Contact Marcie Kimmes at 725-3956 or mkimmes@our-saviors.org



APPLE, PUMPKIN, CHOCOLATE... Oh, My!

The 6TH Annual Youth Pie Sale is almost here. The sale will take place on Oct. 1 & 2 at all three services. You can buy by the slice for \$2.00 or buy a whole pie.

All proceeds will be used for future youth events. What a "sweet" way to support our youth ministry!

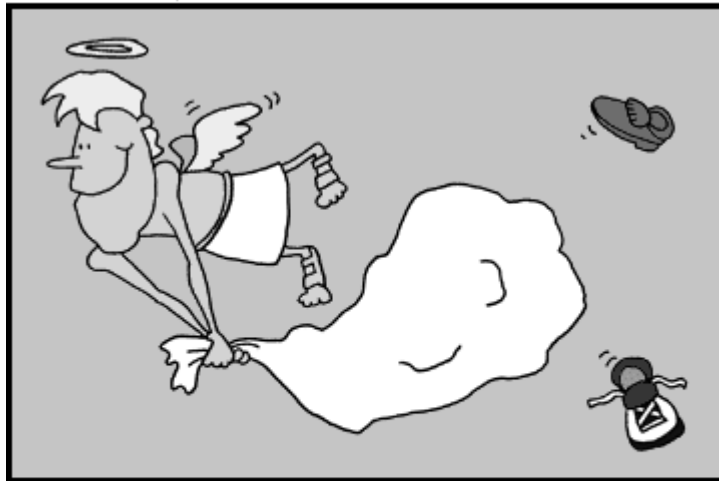
Memorials & Honorariums

\$10 in memory of Wayne & Caroline Gregory
 \$10 in memory of Tyler Baseman
 \$530 in memory of Marge Nielsen
 \$1225 in memory of Gladys Peotter

GENERAL OPERATING FUND	YTD through July 2010	YTD through July 2011
Income	\$209,066.03	\$215,950.19
Expenses	\$221,486.92	\$224,499.68
Over / (Short):	(\$12,420.89)	(\$8,549.49)

SPECIAL FUNDS	2011 Beg. Balance	2011 Expenses	2011 Income	YTD BALANCE
Heat/Energy	\$699.50	\$2,261.00	\$1,860.50	\$299.00
Capital Repairs	\$2,412.23	\$345.00	\$1,066.00	\$3,133.23
HELP Fund	\$2,246.67	\$1,702.17	\$128.89	\$673.39
Ministry Program Expansion	\$2,759.25	\$621.58	\$456.65	\$2,594.32
Youth Gatherings Fund	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Sunday School Missionaries	\$0.00	\$459.70	\$459.70	\$0.00
Mission—Disaster Response	\$47.41	\$47.41	\$1,112.02	\$1,112.02
Lutheran Campus Ministry	\$0.00	\$1,112.04	\$1,112.04	\$0.00
Guatemala Missions	\$164.15	\$735.68	\$1,112.02	\$540.49
World Hunger	\$0.00	\$362.06	\$362.06	\$0.00

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 THAT, INSTEAD OF JUST BRINGING SOLES TO
 HEAVEN, IT WOULD BE A WISE IDEA TO BRING
 THE WHOLE SHOES

ATTENDANCE		
July	2010	2011
Week 1	129	151
Week 2	173	158
Week 3	157	117
Week 4	155	158
Week 5	n/a	159
Weekly Avg.	154	149