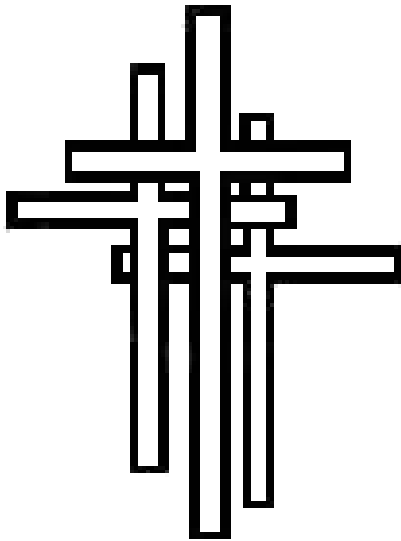


The Monthly Messenger

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

West Bend, WI



Our Mission

We gather together to explore and celebrate the wonder of Christ, equipping all to live a God centered life.

Dear Friends,

Once again, kids in church have taught me a valuable lesson about our faith. It came on the Sunday of the Sunday School Christmas Pageant, which I always consider and announce to be the best sermon of the year. They came through for us, too –sharing the scriptures which tell of Christ's birth, taking us to the overbooked inn at Bethlehem, and finally to the stable where God came into the world. The animals sang the Good News to us and so did the Magi. It was perfect, just as we all knew it would be. The Gospel had been proclaimed to us.

It was after the 10:15 that day when I got another spectacular dose of the Gospel. The narthex was jam packed with grown-ups and kids. Magi and angels were racing around and laughing. Shepherds giggled as they dodged through the grown-ups to a table loaded with cookies. It's not just that the narthex was physically full, it was also filled with the sounds of joy and love. I just stood still and soaked it in.

These young ones had just told us about the joy and love which Christ brought into our world; now here they were expressing the love and joy of Christ outside the sanctuary and into the world, so to speak.

The sounds that filled the Narthex that morning were joy, excitement, hope. Those kids had gone beyond telling the story of Christ, to living out his love in real time and place. What could we adults do but soak it up and join in with them?

Now, some may conclude that it was all that sugar from cookies and lemonade that had those kids dashing and bouncing around the place. I'll cling to the hope that it was the joy of the Lord that we were all experiencing, whether we knew it or not.

See you in church,

Pastor Daine



Lenten Services in February

Feb 14th **Ash Wednesday**
12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Feb 21st 7:00 pm

Feb 28th 7:00 pm

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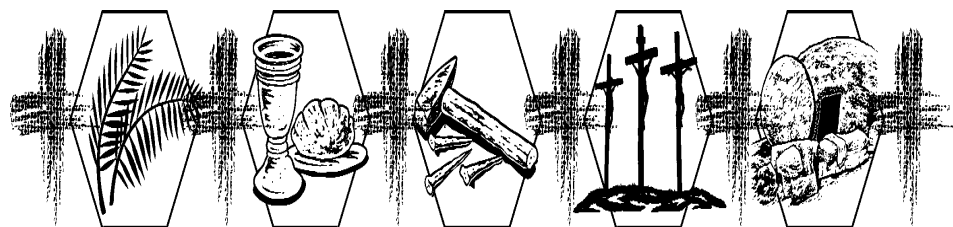
Youth

Kristi Schmidt 262-224-0783

Save the Date



Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 11th after the 10:15 worship**. The meeting centers on electing leaders and approving a Ministry Plan for 2018. All members of the congregation are invited to attend and participate.



Don't Miss All This Fun! January 19th!!

Our Savior's Family and Friends get your
"Game On!"

Friday, January 19 from 6:30 –9:00 pm
Fun for all ages

Adults, Kids, Friends and Families come
together for fellowship and fun!

Pack a snack to share.
Pizza & Beverage provided.

Children need to be accompanied by an adult



VARSlTY January 16th

Tour of Spaulding Clinical Research West Bend

We toured Spaulding Clinical several years ago and found it to be very intriguing. We've decided to go again and see how they have changed and what research they are working on now. Please join us.

We also decided at our December pot-luck, to do our VARSITY trips every other month instead of every month.

If you are 55 and over please join us for our January VARSITY outing.

Where: Spaulding Clinical Research
525 S. Silverbrook Dr. West Bend, WI

When: Tuesday, January 16

Cost: None

Time: tour starts at 10:00 We will meet at 9:55 at the Research Clinic (the old hospital). Park anywhere in the big parking lot on the west side of the building.

Lunch: to follow at your own expense somewhere in West Bend. We'll let you know!

Sign up on the information board in the Narthex or call Jean at 338-6407 by Sunday, January 14.

Need a ride to the Clinic? Call Jean – 338-6407



Harvest House

Our Savior's will be serving on Saturday, **January 6.** Volunteers are needed from 10:30 - 1:00



pm to help with meal preparation, serving, and clean up. Donations of desserts are also needed and can be dropped off at St. James Episcopal church on Saturday morning. Journey students, this a great activity for family service hours. There is a sign-up sheet on the service bulletin board. Any questions you can contact Kristi or Rich at 262-224-0783.



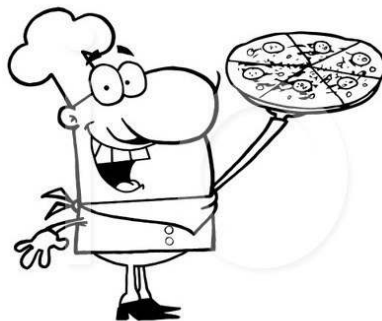
February Restaurant Opportunity

On Monday, February 19th, from 4-10 p.m. Texas Road House in West Bend will give 10% of the proceeds from meals back to the youth group for our trip to Texas. You will need to show a flyer with our organizations name on it for us to get credit. Please see an usher for a flyer.



January Restaurant Opportunity

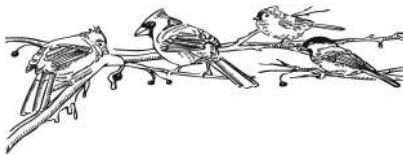
To get the new year started, we are going to mix it up a little with our restaurant opportunities. In January, we will be selling pizza cards for Pizza Hut and Papa Murphy's. Each card is \$10.00 and has 8-10 coupons on it for special offers or free items. We will be selling the cards at all services on the weekend of January 13th and 14th.



Snow Blowing 2018

Jan & Feb

1/6-1/12	Tom Steldt
1/13-1/19	Mark Zick
1/20-1/26	Todd Vance/Tom Lidtke
1/27-2/2	Dick Orlopp & Pete Schroeder
2/3-2/9	Pat Groth
2/10-2/16	Todd Vance
2/17-2/23	Dale Winker & Chuck Pamperin
2/24-3/2	Larry & Jacob Schwechel



2017 Family Promise Volunteers

On many occasions, it takes many people to serve as God's Hands to be a blessing to others. Following are the names of those who helped to make our ministry at Community Church a safe and healthy place to be in March, June, September and December 2017.

Thank you to each one of you:

Caden Curler, Jim Curler, Linda Brinkman-Somers, Rich Brinkman-Somers, Barb Gish, Kris Groth, Pat Groth, Audrey Hamann, Aimee Jeranek, Eli Jeranek, Hunter Jeranek, Ty Jeranek, Sherie Kruse, Gayle Morrison, Lyle Morrison, Marilynn Orlopp, Chuck Pamperin, Joan Petersen, Hannah, Herman & Sarah Schmidt, Peggy Schmidt, Rob Schmidt, David Slinde, Nancy Slinde, Todd Vance, Amy Berken & the Women's Ministry, Kristi Schmidt & the Youth cookie makers.

These wonderful people provided set-up and take-down, food, fellowship, and overnights. Every person makes a difference for the women and children of Family Promise. We invite you to join this ministry in some way in 2018.

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

December Promise Week

THANK YOU to all who helped during our December Promise week at Community Church:

Kris Groth, Pat Groth, Hunter Jeranek, Ty Jeranek, Sherie Kruse, Gayle Morrison, Lyle Morrison, Marilynn Orlopp, Chuck Pamperin, Joan Petersen, Rob Schmidt with Sarah, Hannah and Herman, David Slinde, Nancy Slinde

Our next service week is the end of March. More volunteers are welcome and much appreciated in all areas. Speak with Marilynn Orlopp (meals), Joan Petersen (over-nights), Ty Jeranek (set-up/take-down), Nancy Slinde (fellowship) or call the church office, 334-9551.

FAMILY PROMISE Ministry - 2017

Family Promise serves the needs of women who are temporarily homeless or at high risk of being without shelter and other basic human needs. Their lives are in transition and often chaotic. Many have children who make this journey with them.

Thank you to all who have donated important basic supplies.

Thank you to all who have provided for the babies and toddlers.

Thank you to all who have given toys and gifts so the children could have Christmas joy.

Thank you to all who pray for the women, their families and the staff of Family Promise who guide and counsel them.

Thank you to the very generous anonymous donor for the gift to “help the needy”. It will be put to good use and information will be shared in the newsletters.

Thank you to the anonymous donor who prepared the baby bath tub abundantly filled with a wide variety of newborn essentials.

The needs continue so your support is greatly appreciated. Please refer to previous lists of family items requested and the child and baby needs. Please share the list with friends and family to increase donations and awareness of the work of Family Promise in Washington County.



Weather Alert!



During the winter months if there is a winter storm, severe cold, floods or any other reason we might be closed, you can find out quickly by watching Channels 4, 6, 12 & 58.



Office Drop Box



There is a Mailbox just across from the church office. Please drop in any information such as paperwork with checks, personnel notes and forms that you need to leave for the Church. Thank you.



Middle School

Breakfast Conversations

9:15 - 10 a.m.

6th, 7th & 8th Graders will engage in faith conversations together with yummy breakfast snacks in the new middle school room downstairs in the old library.



Journey Open House

Wednesday Evenings before
Journey class (except during Lent)

6 - 6:30 p.m.

Come to Journey early to play games, enjoy a snack, and chat with friends.

Kids Conversation Starters

Sometimes engaging your kids in a meaningful conversation seems impossible.

I remember asking my kids the same questions parents have asked their kids for years “What happened in school today? And I’d get the same answers kids have been giving their parents for years; a shoulder shrug as they mumble “*Nothing.*” As a Grandma, I didn’t want to make the same mistakes with my grands. So I did a little research to help on the internet to find a few more tools to use to engage them in conversation that helps me get to know their thoughts and feelings better.

Using some of these questions I’ve even had texting conversations with my oldest granddaughter. Sometimes my attempts fall short but other times I hit the jackpot and a natural conversation flows. I wanted to share some of the conversation starters I’ve used. Remember don’t judge your child’s answers just listen and reflect.

And most importantly share your answers too.

Blessings,

Sherie

Tell me about the best thing that happened in your day.

Tell me something kind that you did for someone today?

How many stars would you give your lunch today?

Did you get a chance to help anyone today? How did you help?

Did anyone help you today?

Is there anything you wish you had done differently today?

Are you feeling sorry about anything that happened today?

What is one thing you are grateful for today?

How do you make yourself feel better when you feel frustrated or angry at school?

What about bored, tired or excited?

How can I pray for you today?

What was your favorite part of the Bible story you heard today? Why?

If the librarian said you could keep one book forever,
which one would you choose?

How would you change the world if you could?

Who is your best friend and why?





Sunday School Schedule 2018

January 7, 2017	Simeon and Anna
January 14	Jesus the Word
January 21	Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 28	God Calla Samuel
February 4	Joseph in Nineveh
February 11	Pancake Breakfast
February 18	Healing in Simon's House
February 25	Transfiguration Sunday

Pancakes and activities to follow

Pancake Flippers Need to help make pancake Sunday,
Feb.11 at 8:15 am

Contact Sherie if you want to lend a hand to "stack the jacks



Bringing people together in Christ so
that lives are changed and
communities enhanced.

CONFIRMATION CAMP

June 17-23

6th, 7th & 8th graders start planning
for a week of Confirmation Camp, as
we are heading to Imago Dei Village
June 17-23. It's a week filled with
faith, adventure, personal challenges
and loads of fun. And I want you to
come along!! Watch

for information in
the mail. Church
Scholarships are

available to help defer costs.



Journey Schedule 2018

6TH, 7TH & 8TH Grade January & February Calendar

Journey Open House – 6:00 – 6:30 pm

Class Wednesday Nights - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



January 3	Abraham & Sarah: The Ordinary Patriarchs
January 10	Jacob: The Conniving Survivor
January 17	Rahad: The Faithful Opportunist
January 24	Jonah: The Passive-Aggressive Coot
January 31	Deborah: The Exasperated Matriarch

February 7 Moses: The Frustrated Leader

February 14 **Ash Wednesday Noon & 7 pm Worship Class at 6:30 pm Worship at 7 pm**

February 21 Lenten Worship Class at 6:30 pm Worship at 7 pm

February 28 Lenten Worship Class at 6:30 pm Worship at 7 pm



Thank you to all those who generously give their time to help fold, staple, stuff envelopes and seal those envelopes! Our weekly bulletins and newsletters could not get out timely without your help. If you are interested in joining a wonderful group of people, please call the office at 334-9551.

Article Deadline.....

For the March/April Newsletter February 14th is the deadline. Submit all articles to the church office or email them to: Office@oslcwb.org



Every 5th Sunday

Every month that has a fifth Sunday is a Healing Service. It is a quiet, peaceful opportunity to bring our pains, fears, and ailments to God and to receive an anointing of oil and laying on of hands for prayers of healing. Next Healing Service Weekend is April 28th-29th, 2018.



In our Prayers:

Bold names are new additions...

Duane Apel
Sami Arndt
Alicia Balasch
Gary Bronson
Bill Buettner
Rich Ellingboe
Bill Fullhart
Maybelle Fullhart
Cynthia Handford
Marge Heisler
Hep Hepner
Reanne Hepner

Jean Kelley
Ken Miller (Lynn Schroeder's dad)
Bob Porath
Zachary Schmoldt
Joan Sherman
Mary Sherman
Rhonda Sutherland
Abbey Vickney
Arnie Wickland
Reese Widowski
Matt & Jennifer Wuensch

Our Men and Women Who Serve:

- Tina Anderson
- Max Baumgartner
- Darrin Ferguson Jr.
- Jason Krueger
- Troy Nienow
- Turner Pruett
- Jack Ramson
- Joe Ramson
- Collin Schmelebeck
- Nick Schroeder
- Christopher Zaczyk
- Chris Zeman
- Jonathon Osheim
- Bryan Sherman

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Monday - Friday
8:00am to 4:30 pm

If there is an Emergency please call
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