

Parish Voice



**OUR SAVIOR'S AND SKOGDALEN
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PASTOR PERSPECTIVE

Last Sunday I was privileged to preach at Westby Coon Prairie as we gathered with our sisters and brothers from WCP to worship our Generous and Loving God. We are truly blessed to have vibrant ELCA congregations in our area who strive together to live faithful lives of service and ministry. In the coming months I will be lifting up some of the diverse ministries of the ELCA as we celebrate 25 years of ministry as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Good stuff to know about the ELCA

We are the ELCA along with 4,059,785 other disciples of Jesus in 9,638Congregations around the USA

We are the LaCrosse Area Synod which is one of 65 Synods of the ELCA

We have one Pastor who is among the 16,773 pastors in the ELCA

We support missionaries and programs in over 90 countries

We provide relief in times of disaster in our country and around the world. 100% of the funds sent to disaster relief and hunger goes directly to those in need. The overhead cost is included in the annual budget.



We are the Hands and Feet of Jesus as the Body of Christ at Skogdalen, Our Savior’s and the ELCA!

In God’s Surprising Grace!
Pastor John



HOLY HILARITY

Two rabbis were sitting in the temple and one says to the other, "I'm so sad, My son has decided to become a Christian." "Funny you should mention it," said the second rabbi, "my son too has decided to become a Christian." They moaned about the situation for a while and decided that the best thing for them to do would be to pray. "Oh God," they prayed, "Our sons have decided to become Christians!" They waited and presently a voice came to them and said "Funny you should mention it."

AUTHORIZATION FORM

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OS WELCA

The OS’s WELCA met on April 11, 2013. Meeting called to order by President Joan Anderson. Dee Goss gave devotions. The secretary’s report and treasurer’s report were given. Sytende Mai was discussed. The Sarah Circle did the program with Hildur leading the ladies a demonstration of “Live in your grandmother’s time.”. Thanks to Norma Bekkum and Shirley Aarness for the lovely lunch. In May, the officers do the program and Kari Hanson and Pat Engen are the serving hostesses. A full report is available in the church office.

SKOGDALEN WELCA

On April 6th, the Skogdalen WELCA met. Shirley Herricks called the meeting to order. The opening hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” was sung. Devotions were given by Gwen . The secretary’s report and treasurer’s report were read. Shirley handed out salad luncheon work schedules and discussion was had. Discussed paper products concerns and discussed. Birthdays for April are Terry. Thank you to servers today which include Nancy & Ericka. Next month is Salad Luncheon and in June, Annette and Hilary serve. The Lord’s Pray was said and Table prayer sung. A full report is available in the church office.

Skogdalen Salad Luncheon

Saturday, May 4th 11:00 to 1:00

Cost is \$5.00 Everyone welcome!



THE SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

Travelers keep up with regular offerings by giving electronically Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, Our Savior's relies on your regular contributions.

Our Savior's appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year - especially during popular winter and summer travel periods. To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions.

An authorization form is provided in this newsletter for your convenience. Please complete this form and drop it off at the church office (do not take it to your banking institution). If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Jayne Anderson for details.

OSLC COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Complete minutes are available in the office.
Used the Great Permission Handbook to talk about becoming a permission giving congregation that focuses upon abundance rather than scarcity.
Upon the recommendation of the Stewardship committee a ministry task force will be formed to address the need to increase involvement of young people especially as it pertains to worship.

Tracy Constalie agreed to take the lead with our marketing/evangelism ministry. Also hoping to have a “missing-member” ministry that focuses upon members who have missed 3 worships in a month.

Becca Maxwell and Brock Leum will be attending the Ministry Leadership Training Camp this summer at Wartburg Seminary.

Synod Assembly is April 26th to the 28th. The Friday night event in LaCrosse event featuring Tony Compolo is open to the public. Saturday the Assembly will meet in session for the work of the synod concluding with a Banquet celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ELCA. On Sunday the 28th, we will be joining WCP in worship and for a day of service. Schedule is 9:00 Skogdalen – Pastor Dennis preaching, 9:30 joint worship at WCP - Pastor John preaching, 10:30-12:30 servant events: Clean City Park, make fleece blankets to take on mission trips, visit Old Times and Norseland and other community clean up.

Syttende Mai Sunday is May 19th – There will be a joint worship with WCP at OSLC with Pastor Dennis preaching.

Gary & Kathy Volden who are in charge of the Nursery for church services, are in need of helpers.

The Kitchen project is progressing along well and we are waiting for quotes for the electric and roof repairs.

SKOGDALEN RUMMAGE SALE

On June 15th, the Skogdalen Church is having a rummage sale with all proceeds going to the church. Also on that day, the Sunday School/Youth of the church will be having a lunch/bake sale with the proceeds going to the Sunday School/Youth.

If you have anything you want to donate towards the sale, please contact Heidi Brueggeman – 654-7942 or Heather Euler -608-397-1923.



OS USHERS FOR MAY

Head Usher: Howard Langhus
Balcony: Peter Leum

Wally Breuer, Scott Meyer,
Ed Pedretti & Christian Pedretti



ALTAR CARE: Marianne Weidenbach

COMMUNION CARE: Cheryl Bland & Lynn Marks

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**Leo & Darlene Ostrem**

**MEMORIALS  
Youth**

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LAST MONTH’S OFFERINGS:



	Offerings, Memorials	Other Income	Attendance	
April 7	\$ 3,653.00	(* \$1490)	\$ 18.54	91
April 14	\$ 1,910.00	(* \$250)	\$ 59.50	156
April 21	\$ 3,370.00	(* \$2080)	\$ 276.00	133
April 28	\$ 1,009.00	(*250)	\$37.62	

*Auto Giving included in Total

CHURCH RECORDS

Funeral: Richard Christianson
April 13th at OS



High School

Breakfast at Borgens! -7am on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

A time for eating (\$2 gets you a big sticky roll)

A time for talking (youth will be leading topical conversations)

SUMMER EVENTS

(For those entering high school to 99)

SONSHINE CONCERT

Wednesday, July 17th - Saturday, July 20th

Join 20,000 others for a fantastic weekend of great music, and so much more! Check it out at <http://sonshinefestival.com>



Cost will be around \$100 bucks which will include admission, transportation and most meals. **Registration deposit due May 15**

Adult chaperones and drivers needed. Earplugs will be provided!

MISSION NASHVILLE

Sunday, July 28th to Friday, August 2nd

Cost – Around \$175 includes transportation, food, programing, and some surprises. (depending upon transportation costs)

Registration deposit due May 15

Spend the best week of your summer working up a sweat as you serve Jesus by serving others in the Nashville area. We will be staying and working with Mercy House, a Lutheran social ministry center that focuses on providing a “hand-up” for people in need.

See Pastor John for more information. Adult chaperones and drivers needed.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS

The following individuals will be confirmed on Sunday, May 5, 2013:

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| Quentin Furlano | Owen Gluch |
| Alyssa Hass | Sawyer Kabat |
| Evie Lovstad | Erik Luebke |
| Courtney Moser | Trent Mowery |
| Nathan Normann | Konner Olson |
| Tara Reber | Lucas Skaaland |
| Jesse Solberg | |



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES:

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| Chelsea Daines | Kody Green |
| Joshua Hass | Tyler Ihrcke |
| Kyle Johnson | Alexis Leum |
| Madilyn Lovstad | Rachel Maxwell |
| Samantha McGarvey | Olivia Nottestad |
| Sadie Olson | Ricki Parshall |
| Katerina Sines | |



PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS

As a reminder, if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically rather than by paper copy, please call the church office or send an e-mail to oursav@mwt.net, letting us know your wishes, and providing your e-mail address.

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**WEB SITE UPDATE:**

Our new website address is as follows:

[www.oursav-skogdalen.org](http://www.oursav-skogdalen.org)

We have now added the newsletter as well as the church calendar. Make sure to check it out.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 to 4:00

TYPICAL OFFICE HOURS FOR PASTOR JOHN

- Monday: Available in the morning and afternoon
- Tuesday: Bible Study in morning, available most afternoons
- Wednesday: Office in the morning, available most afternoons
- Thursday: Office in the morning, available most afternoons
- Friday: Sabbath/Day Off

**If there is anyone in need of pastoral care
or visits,
please contact the church office
at 634-4871.**



OSLC and WCP are joining forces in providing some Summer Fun Events this summer for people of all ages!



A joint ministry of Our Savior's and Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Churches



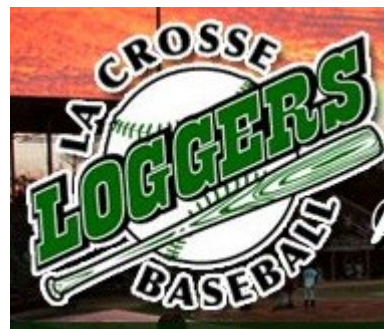
Noah's Ark at Wisconsin Dells Friday June 7th

A great way to start off the summer! The cost is \$20 which includes admission and a hot dog lunch. Car pools will get us there. Sign up by June 2nd



La Crosse Loggers Baseball Thursday July 25th

Cost: \$17.00 for adults (includes picnic and grandstand ticket); \$12.00 for children 12 and under (picnic and ticket)
Picnic 4:30 to 6:00 p.m Game 7:00 p.m. Sign up by July 14th



Summer Bash Sunday August 18th A great way to celebrate summer and school. Games, music, inflatables, food and fun!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Syttende Mai Food Tent

~ Proceeds benefit the youth of our church ~

We are in need of volunteers & donations for the church sponsored Syttende Mai Food Tent. Any willing volunteers are very much needed to work a 2 hour shift either Saturday, May 18th or Sunday, May 19th. Donations are also being accepted. Ideas for donations include: fruit (apples, oranges, bananas, baggies of grapes); baked goods (individually wrapped to sell); rommegrot fixings (brown sugar, cinnamon, butter); or of course cash would be accepted & used to purchase needed supplies.

If you are willing to help out, please sign up at the back of church on Sundays, or contact Marlene Olson at 606-3687.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

To the Our Savior's/Skogdalen Church Family:

Food ForThe Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended Pastor Schmeelcke on his recent visit to your parish.

On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They and you, are blessed by your generosity. Food for the Poor received 17 generous gifts that totaled \$959.00.

In Christ,

The Food For The Poor Family



Our Savior's
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Greetings from the Sunday school! As the year draws to a close we want to thank everyone who has participated in the Sunday school program. Also, thank you parents for entrusting us with the role of educating your children about God. A special thank you to all of the teachers for the time and effort they have invested, words cannot express our appreciation. Just a reminder, the last day of Sunday school will be May 12. Families are invited to attend and enjoy donuts with us at 9:15 a.m. The kids will be singing, reading, greeting and ushering that Sunday in church as well. Thank you for a great year!
Kelly, Janessa & Eileen.