



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN - MILWAUKEE

to bring God's justice, love, and mercy to the **heart** of Milwaukee

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Worship Leaders

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	Sunday May 5 10:00 a.m.	Sunday May12 10:00 a.m.	Sunday May 19 6 a.m.	Sunday May26 10:00 a.m.	
Assisting Minister	Paul Brynildson	Phil Enockson	Kari Zieminski		
Reader	Sterling Biggers	Cyndi Benner	BJ Mosley	Mike Festge	
Communion Server	Anna Johnson, Gary Christianson	Cyndi Benner, Karen Nimz	Vivian Gray, Beth Jaeger	LaVonne Williams, Doreen Festge	
Acolyte	Maurice Scruggs	Bennie Thompson	Kevin Gray	Maurice Scruggs	
Sacristy	Aija Jasourowski	Wendy Enockson	Beth Jaeger	LaVonne Williams	
Gift Bearer	Julie Carr, BJ Mosley	Gary Christianson, Steve Oakland	Kevin & Vivian Gray	Tom & Judy Pinger	
Sound Room	Daren	Daren	Daren		
Ushers with Steve Oakland	Maurice Scruggs	Bennie Thompson	Kevin Gray	Maurice Scruggs	

*We are in need of people to serve in all areas of worship. **Especially Sound Room (it's not that hard, I do it)**, and Assistant Minister (Even I'd do it but I'm stuck in the Sound Room). Let the Holy Spirit Move you to move others in the joy of worship!*
Daren



Our Savior's is an ELCA congregation, member of Central City Churches, Inc. and is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

- Larry Prochnow - President
- Julie Carr - Vice President
- Mike Festge -Treasurer
- Cyndi Benner- Secretary
- Paul Brynildson - Elected Congregational Member
- Paula Holman- Elected Congregational Member

MISSION

To Bring God's Justice, Love and Mercy to the Heart of Milwaukee

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2019/2020

STRATEGIC VISION

- We will be the "Hub" for the Heart of Milwaukee optimizing our facilities with unique partnerships in the city.
- We will have 400 in weekly worship attendance.
- We will be relevant and exist for the next generation through healthy finances and a thriving family ministry, reaching over 100 kids and students.
- 50% of our congregation will be connected in life-giving small groups.
- Our membership will mirror our community as a leading, multi-cultural church on the front lines for social justice.

GROWTH ENGINES

Sunday AM Experience	Family Ministry	Discipleship Path	"Heart of Milwaukee"
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop guest services strategy (include follow-up)• Appoint/find a connections leader• 8:30 and 11:00 services aligned to our new guests• Simplify & streamline process• De-clutter & update key traffic areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop, clean space for nursery & kids up to 3rd/4th grade• Determine where/when kids will either be in classes, service, during or between• Curriculum and how/what they will learn• Determine who we can partner with already doing great things/resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear serving on-ramps at church and during week/lower level (Connections Leader)• Visual for discipleship path• Define what a disciple is• Invite strategy• Gifts assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leader to run point on community partnerships• Next door foundation• CCC Relationship defined• Strategize with existing partners• City/county government connect w/ vision• Develop our "story"• Wednesday prayer launch integrated in with vision & next steps

From your President

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Our Savior's and other churches on the Avenue provided opportunities for study, reflection, and worship during Lent, culminating for us on Easter Sunday at Our Savior's where 92 worshipped in two worship services. Worship will continue being led by Pastor Wendy Wirth-Brock in the coming weeks. Pastor Ed Ruen continues to visit our homebound members. Daren Jasourowski continues to serve part time Office Coordinator and Penny Schwid has begun assisting in the church office part time doing administrative work.

The Council and leadership of OSLC is committed to keeping the congregation informed regarding our transition status. On April 15th the Council and leadership met with Rev. Kristin Nielson of the Synod and Pastor John Holm who is a transition consultant. After much discussion, Pastor Holm said he would give us a proposal. The Council has accepted that the proposal over the next four months we will be exploring options for the future of OSLC. All members will be asked to participate in the discussions once we have established the options.

The Strategic Planning process that has guided us since November 2016 will serve as background. But a lot has changed at Our Savior's since then. In December the congregation authorized the Council to explore joint ventures for the use of the church building and list the church building for sale. In that regard, an ELCA Mission Investment Fund Consultant, Jeff Spann, will visit Our Savior's and 5 other ELCA churches in Milwaukee to learn more about our buildings - their needs and possibilities.

While Plan for Giving through March is close to Budget, Total Income is \$6,500 under Budget as some of the income from other sources anticipated for the first quarter has not come in. With Total Expenses \$12,000 under Budget, the Net Loss of \$53,500 is \$5,500 under Budget. We will be having extra expenses with the consultant so please keep up your giving and add a little more if you can. Also, be aware that as we are moving forward we still have to operate the church so any possibility about volunteering to help would be greatly appreciated, even serving coffee or in any aspect of parish life.

We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation for Vacation Bible School, so that will continue this summer. Barbara J. Mosely and





YARN MINISTRY IS GROWING (STITCH BY STITCH?) Reminder and a Request from Our Saviors Yarn Ministry

Yarn Ministry will meet on the first Saturday of Each Month. Please join us if you enjoy knitting or crocheting or want to learn how. We meet at:

Brumder Mansion
3046 W Wisconsin Ave
10 AM-12 noon



May Birthdays

Giese, Barbara	05/02
Hyland, Rose	05/02
Ross, Joshua	05/05
Sebesta, Jena	05/13
Zimmermann, Josef	05/20
Ross, Robert Jr.	05/23
Menting, Christopher	05/25
Palmer, Ginnel	05/27
Lenz, Geraldine	05/29
Briggs-Hyland, Cataleya	05/30
Ross, Joseph	05/30



Happy Birthday One and All!

Paul Brynildson will represent Our Savior's at the Synod Assembly May 31st and June 1st. The ELCA Church wide Assembly is being held in downtown Milwaukee Monday, August 5 to Saturday, August 10 at the Wisconsin Center. About 600 volunteers will be needed in the coming months. Consider volunteering. Contact the Church Office for information.

Together we will have an opportunity to determine the future of this congregation.

Larry Prochnow,
Congregation President



2019 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

AUGUST 5-10, 2019 • MILWAUKEE

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. Finding ourselves in Christ, the fifteenth Churchwide Assembly will be a time for us to be the living body of Christ guided by the Spirit and conformed to God's will.

We will meet at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 5-10, 2019 to discuss and make decisions about how to go about God's work as a church. This year the assembly will gather under the theme "We are church."

When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units;
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies;
- Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws;
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy;
- Worship together;
- Adopt a budget; and
- Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

Let me also highlight one of the important responsibilities of the assembly -- the elec-

tion of the Presiding Bishop and Secretary as well as persons to the Church Council and to churchwide boards and committees. Voting members will receive information regarding nomination and election processes in early 2019. Please think about gifted people willing to serve this church.

As we prepare ourselves for the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, let's remember that it is a process of communal spiritual discernment to bring about God's will for God's people. Together, we will worship, pray, engage in Bible study, deliberate and conduct business in plenary sessions.

When members of the assembly participate in and make decisions about the mission and ministry of the ELCA: We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world.

God's blessings,

Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop

How does one volunteer to help at the churchwide assembly?

We are always grateful for volunteers. You are welcome to register to volunteer at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly at www.CWA19.org.

Where will the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly be held?

The 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be held in Milwaukee, Wisc., at the [Wisconsin Center](#).

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

Your prayers are requested for the people whose names are found below.

Tim Larson and Family (esp. Phil Swasko)
Sue Miklautsch
Lora Monfre
Gary Christianson
Bob & Mary Foley
Katie Ruen

Richard Gielow
Marrien Walker
Paul Brynildson
Jessica Monfre
Ginnel Palmer & family
Ella Schumacher

& all off our homebound saints



MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. During May, NAMI and the rest of the country are raising awareness of mental health. Each year we fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families.

WHYCARE

The WhyCare? campaign is an opportunity to share the importance of care in our relationships to others, in mental health treatment and services and in support and education to millions of people, families, caregivers and loved ones affected by mental illness. Demonstrating how and why we care brings more to awareness by showing our actions and connections to others. Care has the power to make a life-changing impact on those affected by mental health conditions.

Why?
Care?

1 in 5

adults in the United States experiences a mental health condition in a given year. That's 46.6 million people per year.

nami.org/whycare



Why?
Care?

43.8 Million

Approximately 43.8 million adults in the United States face the day-to-day reality of managing the symptoms of a mental illness.

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Why?
Care?



Half of all lifetime mental health conditions begin by age 14 and 75% by age 24. Early intervention programs can help.

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Why?
Care?

**Mental health
care is
health care!**

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Pastor

Daren Jasourowski, PT Office Coordinator

Alex Letser, Facilities Manager

Nila Wooten & Bennie Thompson, Custodians

John Seboldt, Organist & Choir Director

Larry Prochnow, Congregation President

Rev. Marie Avilés de Jesús, Pastor Emerita

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