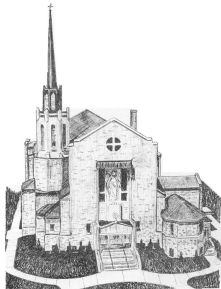


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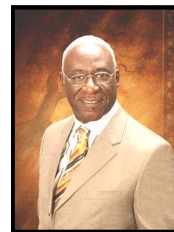
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From Pastor Keen



Dearest People of God,

I am privileged to offer yet another page in "The Messenger" to you. It has already been over a month since the passing of my wife Catherine and this happens to be my first week back after taking two weeks off to grieve and refocus. The question that I am often getting as you would imagine is "how are you doing?" The honest answer is not well. However, by God's grace I am getting better as time progresses and the reality continues to sink in. Anthony said to me a few days ago, "Grandma is really gone isn't she?" That is the reality that we and anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one must face.

I will confess that I am not well yet and I know that it is a work that happens over time. I do want to thank each and every one who sent a card or left a phone message, those who were physically present and those who lifted up a prayer in our behalf. Whatever you did and however you chose to do it has made the difference in our recovery. We are able to continue to stand as witnesses to God's grace, mercy and love, because of the prayers of you, God's righteous people.

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Synod Assembly
June 2-4
Carthage College

Memorial Service
for Shirley Deer
Sat June 11
Visitation 10am
Service 11am

Celebrate with
Pastor Keen
June 12 9:30 am

Clean up Garage
June 18 11:30 am

Hear the Summer
Choir on Sunday
June 19

both services and
in concert June 24
at Redeemer 7pm

Sunday June 26
10 am Service,
Congregational
Meeting & Lunch



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

**Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly
June 2-4, 2016
Carthage College, Kenosha WI.**

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A church where God's diversity works

Church Council

Wendy Enockson - President

Julie Carr - Vice President

Linda Moore -Treasurer

Mike Festge - Secretary

Paul Brynildson - Elected Congregational Member

Frank Schultz - Elected Congregational Member

Tim Larson - Elected Congregational Member

Our Savior's Mission Statement

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a diverse community of loved sinners gathered in the central city of Milwaukee:

created by God the Father Almighty;
redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ;
united in celebrating God's act of salvation in Word and Sacrament;
called to be the body of Christ;
and empowered by the Spirit with a variety of gifts for ministry.

Our purpose/ as a congregation and as individuals/ is to:

be a visible and tangible sign of the body of Christ in metropolitan Milwaukee;
acknowledge the reign of God by living out God's forgiveness, love and justice with all creation
and use the diversity of gifts given us by the Spirit for proclaiming anew the healing and liberating Good News of Jesus Christ.

As the body of Christ in this city we:

celebrate the presence of the living God in our lives/ congregation/ community and world;
proclaim the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ
administer the sacraments of Baptism and Communion;
welcome as sisters and brothers, persons of any age/ gender, racial/ or ethnic heritage/economic status, mental or physical ability or sexual orientation;
act as a messenger of hope in the redemption of the city;
empower people to live as children of God;
respect the witness/ insight and gifts of one another;
support ministries of service to people in need locally and globally;
advocate on behalf of those who are oppressed;
and establish partnerships with the Global Christian Community.

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I thank everyone who gave a monetary gift towards her memorial fund. I am led to utilize those gifts to sponsor an ecumenical conference or seminar for clergy spouses, particularly pastor's wives. This is an area that Cathy was passionate about and wanted to help make happen over the years. I know that she would be excited to know that something is being done to address the women who stand behind and in support of pastors. This would be a salute to the women who give themselves to the ministry of ministering to the pastor, when the pastor has finished ministering to others. This program would be recognition of women who are often forgotten and neglected by the ministry of the church...**The First Ladies of the church.**

I am also back after a week of workshops and events at the Festival of Homiletics in Atlanta, GA. What a joy and pleasure it was being a part of that great gathering of preachers from across the country that came to be renewed. Being there was affirming as I heard things being discussed that I have employed in my preaching for years. I pray that I have come away with tools that will enable me to be a better preacher. I pray that you will be able to tell that something is different about my preaching.

Finally, we have lost two more members of this congregation to death. We join their families in grieving the death of Shirley Johnsen and Shirley Deer, who passed away days apart. Both of these ladies have made tremendous impacts upon this congregation and upon individuals within this congregation including myself. I am honored to have served as their pastor, if only for a little while. Rest in God's Peace dear ladies, rest in God's peace.

Pastor Keen

The Archives Team has been busy exploring the storage rooms and sorting and organizing their discoveries. You can see some of their findings in the History Room located in the Narthex. Ask about what they have found - Tim Larson, Joan Totten, Karin Nimz, Sue Miklautsch, and Lolita Lukach will be happy to share the stories. The team is working with a representative of the ELCA Archives to preserve Our Savior's historical records. Thank you!

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 26

10:00 a.m. Worship

followed by meeting and lunch



We will have this congregational meeting

in the Fellowship Hall

for a mid-year check in about

- ◆ the Strategic Plan
- ◆ 2016 Goals
- ◆ Stewardship for All Seasons
- ◆ the 2016 budget

And lunch will be served!

The currencies are flowing in the Cycle of Blessings for Our Savior's Lutheran Church! Wisconsin Injured Workers (WIW) will provide the lunch for our meeting as a thank offering to the congregation for use of the kitchen and Fellowship Hall. The currency of Gracious Leadership, Time and Place, Money, Relationship and even Wellness are all at work here. Can you see it? As you visit with the WIW members on June 26, you will be keeping the cycle moving. These are the currencies that support healthy congregations for sustainable missional ministries.

**First Anniversary
of Pastor Keen's
Installation**

Come join us

Sunday, June 12

9:30 - 10:45 a.m. (between services)

in the Narthex

for refreshments

Sponsored by the Special Activities Team

All are welcome. Donations appreciated.

Note: June also marks the 24th anniversary of Pastor Keen's ordination in the Lutheran church. He *began* his ministry in 1973. It is right to give God our thanks and praise as we celebrate Pastor Keen's first year of ministry with us here.

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12 pm Prayer Service/Lunch 2pm VBS meeting	2	3	4 9 am NA* 3 pm NA Speak-a-thon*
	Synod Assembly at Carthage College 6/2-6/4					
5 8:30 & 11 am Worship	6 3 pm KBS	7 9:30 am L&M	8 12 pm Prayer Service/Lunch	9 6:30 pm Council/PLT Meeting	10	11 10 am Visitation 11 am Memorial Shirley Deer 2 pm diakonia graduation*
12 8:30 & 11 am Worship 10 am Pr Keen Anniversary celebration	13 3 pm KBS	14 9:30 am L&M	15 12 pm Prayer Service/Lunch 1:30 WE Landlord Compact Meeting	16	17	18 9 am NA* & Council/PLT 11:30 Clean Garage Day 3 pm WIW dinner*
19 8:30 & 11 am Worship Visiting Youth arrive	20 3 pm KBS 4pm CCC Board* 6pm Personnel 7:30 pm OS Foundation	21 9:30 am L&M	22 12 pm Prayer Service/Lunch	23	24 7 pm Summer Choir Concert at Redeemer	25 9 am NA*
26 10 am Worship, 11:30 Lunch and Congregational Meeting	27 3 pm KBS	28 9:30 am L&M	29 12 pm Prayer Service/Lunch	30		

* indicates "Guest"

KBS - Kaleidoscope Bible Study (all are welcome)

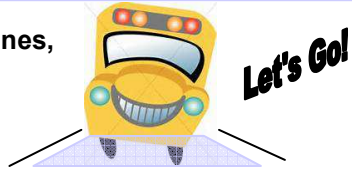
L&M - L&M Payee Service office hours for clients

WIW - Wisconsin Injured Workers

CCC - Central City Churches

WE - West End

A call for VBS volunteers - teachers, chaperones,
cooks, crafters, singers, organizers.
You are invited to a meeting
Wed. June 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the church office.



Meeting Jesus through people in the city
PART II



**Vacation Bible
School**

at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

July 18-21

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

July 22

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

for children ages 5-12

Children will learn about the City of Milwaukee, its people and its neighborhoods, through daily field trips.

Through Bible stories, books, songs and games, learn about the cultural groups in our city.

**How can you help? Come to a
VBS Planning Meeting
Wednesday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m.**

This program is sponsored by a grant from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation



Thank you to those who participated in the Next Door Walk for Children - Mike Festge, the Saunders and Roby-Brown families, Phil Enockson and others walked for Bob Seymour, who was unable to do it this year. They raised \$1200 and wish to thank all of the contributors.

Thank you to all the people who helped out on **Clean up Day May 14th.**

Dave & Joan Totten
 Mike & Doreen Festge
 Paul Brynildson
 Tim Larson
 Cyndi Benner
 Karin Ziemienki
 Phil Enockson

In spite of the cold weather, we all worked hard together and got a lot accomplished. Building & Grounds thanks everyone for all their efforts in making the church grounds clean and inviting.

Did You Notice?

The Dale, Tori and Gunnar Saunders family was featured in the June issue of "Living Lutheran" in an article entitled "Religion-good for our health and wellness". A copy of the article is posted in the parking lot lobby. Be sure to read the story they share about faith and the power of prayer.



Speaking of Faith Stories, many of those were shared as we celebrated Shirley Johnsen's life on May 25th. And the Archives Team took time to share their own stories of faith at a recent meeting. (We can share pews with folks for years and not really know their stories until we make time to share them...amen?) One way we are doing this at Our Savior's is by having Bible Study at the beginning of our meetings where we invite one another to reflect on a scripture reading and share what God is calling us to do, to be or to change. How can YOU share your faith story and invite others to share theirs?

Sign Up Now
Support Outreach for Hope
Share the Fun

9th Annual Family Bike Ride

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016

St. Bruno Parish, Dousman



Now is the time to get your bike out of storage, put air in the tires, check the chain, take a few rides, and get your legs in shape for the **Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride**. There is something for everyone to support the churches of the Greater Milwaukee Synod doing ministry in the very heart of low income communities in Southeast Wisconsin. Join in the fun as together we ***Pedal to Push Down Poverty***.

Registration is now open. A generous Action Grant by Brennan's and Pavement Consulting will provide an additional \$25 for each registered or virtual rider. For information and to register visit the website www.ofhbikeride.com. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Bishop's Election

An election for Bishop will take place during the June 2-4, 2016 Synod Assembly at Carthage College. <https://milwaukee-synod.org/bishop-election/> is the webpage with all the information you need to learn about the Bishop Election process and prospective nominees.


Prospective Nominees were identified by members of congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Nominations will occur at the Synod Assembly. Get to know more about the Prospective Nominees by watching video from the Pre-Assembly Forums, reading their bio sheets, or contacting them directly.

Lisa Bates-Froiland, David Dragseth, Paul Erickson, Lindsay Paul Jordan,
Joy Mortensen-Wiebe, Harvard Stephens, Jr., Jennifer J. Thomas

Pre-Assembly Forums These forums took place throughout the Synod so that everyone had an opportunity to hear from the prospective nominees. You can get the link to forum recordings at milwaukee-synod.org

Our Savior's will be represented by Pastor Keen and voting members will be Miguel de Jesus and Cyndi Benner.

Worship Leader Schedule for June, 2016

	Sunday June 5 8:30 & 11 a.m.	Sunday June 12 8:30 & 11 a.m.	Sunday June 19 8:30 & 11 a.m.	Sunday June 26 10:00 a.m.
Assisting Minister	Paul Brynildson	8:30 Paula Holman 11:00 Kari Zieminski	Linda Moore	10:00 Miquel de Jesús
Reader	8:30 John Schneble 11:00 Jena Arvelo Sebesta	8:30 Cyndi Benner 11:00 Larissa Roby-Brown	8:30 Gary Christianson 11:00 Marquitta Wells	10:00 Norma Fogle
Communion Server	8:30 Steve Oakland, Linda Wright 11:00 Paul Brynildson	8:30 Cyndi Benner, Norma Fogle 11:00 Kari Zieminski	8:30 Mike & Doreen Festge 11:00 Linda Moore	10:00 LaVonne & Jerry Williams
Acolyte	8:30 Steve Oakland 11:00 Tammy Arvelo Sebesta	8:30 Steve Oakland 11:00 Larissa Roby-Brown	8:30 Steve Oakland 11:00 Isaac & Aaron Wells	10:00 LaVonne Williams
Sacristy	8:30 Aija Jasourowski 11:00 Tammy & Jena Arvelo Sebesta	8:30 Nancy Schultz 11:00 Penny Schwid	8:30 Wendy Enockson 11:00 Julie Carr	10:00 LaVonne & Jerry Williams
Gift Bearer	8:30 Westcott Family 11:00 Tammy & Jena Arvelo Sebesta	8:30 Tom & Judy Pinger 11:00 Roby-Brown Family	8:30 Phil & Wendy Enockson 11:00 the Wells family	10:00 LaVonne & Jerry Williams
Sound Room 8:30 a.m.	Paul Schneble	Paul Schneble	Paul Schneble	10:00 Paul Schneble
Usher 11:00 a.m.	Tammy & Jena Arvelo Sebesta	Antoine Roby	Marquitta Wells	

Thank you for serving in these diaconal positions as assigned. Please contact the church office (Penny 414-342-5252) with your availability for the next several months. If you cannot serve as assigned, please arrange a substitute for yourself and advise the church office of the change.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; Hebrews 12:28

Happy Birthday to You! June Birthdays

Brynildson, Paul	06/01	Hauser, Judith	06/13
Carini, Kathryn	06/01	Jacobsen, David	06/14
Gutowski, Lori	06/01	McLean, Michael	06/14
Thielsen, Thelma	06/02	Schroder, Amanda	06/21
Brynildson, Ardell	06/04	Gielow, Marian	06/23
Runt, Judith	06/04	Clark, Paj	06/25
Flatten, David	6/07	McLean, Danielle	06/25
Williams, Lavonne	06/08	Prochnow, Larry	06/27
Schneble, Paul	06/09	Westcott, George	06/27
Banks, Lucille	06/11		



YOUR PRAYERS ARE INVITED FOR:

All who grieve for those who have died:
 Gary Christianson for his sister, Sharon Christianson
 The Johnsen and Jacobsen families, Shirley Johnsen
 Sheryl Deer, the Deer and Haberman families, Shirley Deer

Floyd Cason
 Mary Foley
 Ruth Williams
 Mae Weichart
 Pastor Keen, & Anthony Boose
 Tammy Arvelo and Miguel Arvelo
 Ella Schumacher
 Lenore Blasier
 Betty Anderson
 Geraldine Lenz
 Elizabeth Seymour
 Maude Wilson
 Lisa Anderson Norgard, & her daughters Kristina & Betsy
 Debbie Hyland
 Lakelyn Ruth Poeppel
 The Burns, Johnson, Clark and Elam families

Let us pray



DEATHS :

We are saddened by the loss of God's servants and Sisters in Christ **Shirley Deer** (May 17) and **Shirley Johnsen** (May 20). Shirley Johnsen was a lifelong member of Our Savior's, baptized on May 8, 1927 at the old church. Shirley Deer joined the church in 1950.

Shirley Johnsen's celebration of life was held on May 25. Shirley Deer will be remembered with a memorial service on June 11. Visitation 10 am, Service 11 am, followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall.

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July Messenger**