



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY...

**LIFE AT ITS BEST —
A Life of Service**

We live in a ME generation often making it our life goal to put ourselves first. But this attitude of selfishness prevents us from developing a caring and serving lifestyle, blinding us to opportunities to serve. By consistently and lovingly looking upon Jesus, (Who is revealed to us through Word and Sacrament) the Holy Spirit will quietly change the focus from ourselves to Christ. It will no longer be about us, but Christ Who lives in us, molding and transforming us into servants who desire to serve.

- Do you look out for number one or are you humble and caring?
- Do you love money, success and notoriety or love God and others?
- Do you store up for yourself or give generously?
- Are you seldom content or do you seek the true life.

The above list was taken from "Living Wisely in an Unwise World" by Ronald and Phyllis Chewing. To find out more, join the adult Bible study on Sunday at 10:15 am.

JULY

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY EVENING—6:00 pm

SUNDAY MORNING —9:00 am

This schedule runs July through August

HOLY COMMUNION—July 1, 2 and 15, 16

BIBLE STUDIES, CLASSES and ETC...

EDUCATION HOUR FOR ALL AGES—Sunday following the 9:00 am service

LADIES MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

July 10—6:30 pm. We will discuss chapters 1 and 2 from "A Case for Miracles" by Lee Strobel. Questions? Contact Mindy Braun at 608-792-9238.

CASUAL CONVERSATION with Pastor Mark and Marilyn Kolander

Each Tuesday from 9:30—11:00 am and from 6:30—8:00 pm beginning on July 11. Stop by the Narthex for conversation, encouragement, sharing of ideas and tasty baked treats!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday—9:30 am

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday—8:45 am *(time change for summer)*

HS YOUTH and BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday—6:30 pm

***Wednesday, July 12—Meet at the Ours' house in West Salem**

****See page 5 for information on upcoming Life Skills Workshops.**



ONGOING MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULE

DEAF MINISTRY—Interpreter for Sunday worship on the first and third Sunday of the month when communion is served. *(Verify schedule with Deaf Ministry.)*

COUNCIL — Tuesday, July 18 at 6:30 pm

EDUCATION— Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 pm in the chapel

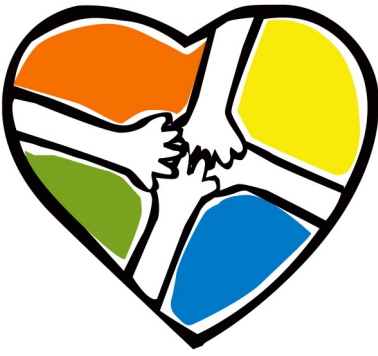
ELDERS — Tuesday, July 25 at 6:00 pm

FELLOWSHIP— Tuesday, July 18 at 11:30 am at Perkin's

LWML—Wednesday, July 19 at 11:15 pm at Huck Finn's on the Water

TRUSTEES—Thursday, July 13 at 5:30 pm

Schedules subject to change. Check the church bulletin, Facebook, Website or Weekly Update for updates.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Look no further! Your help is needed here—right now

GREETERS

Say “Hello” to people—members and non-members—who are joining us for worship

Greet people prior to the service. Following the service invite visitors to fill out a Connect Card and to pick up a “Goodie Bag”. To volunteer, sign up on the clipboard at The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

PROJECTOR

Advance the projector slides during the church service
To volunteer contact an Elder

COUNT OFFERING

Record the offering or help assist, organize and count funds.

To volunteer contact Betsy Jessie at betsylou13@hotmail.com

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

Provide treats, coffee and fellowship

Sign up sheet at The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

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Help people get to where they are going

To volunteer contact an Elder

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ABOUND!
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BOOK TALK

MEET WITH BOOK LOVERS FOR TALK AND TREATS

Stay tuned for upcoming Fall book selections...

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

July date TBD; information to follow...

Contact Shawn Mahoney at 608-797-1927

EDUCATION MINISTRY

ASSISTS WITH THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL through July 30 from 10:15—11:15 am. The theme for this session is “Prayer”.

VBS—“KEEPERS of the KINGDOM”—Tuesday through Thursday, August 8-10 from 5:00—7:30 pm. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm. In addition, the first lesson of VBS will be taught during Education Hour on Sunday, August 6; the last lesson will be taught on Sunday, August 13. Parents are invited to attend VBS with their children! Register using QR code on page 5.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS are available for members of Shepherd of the Hills, who have children (or grandchildren) in grades K - 12 who are registered at a LCMS or WELS school for the 2023/24 school year. Applications are available at The Welcome and Opportunity Center. Questions? Please contact John or Karen Gardner at 608-769-0271. Deadline, Monday, July 31.

Education Contact: Hanni Cowley at 608-863-6767 | hannicowley@yahoo.com

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

CONNECTS PEOPLE THROUGH FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP

KAYAKING OPPORTUNITIES! It’s time to hit the water! Available dates: Wednesday, July 12 at 10am; Wednesday, July 19 at 10am; Sunday, July 23 after church w/picnic; Thursday, July 27 at 5pm; Saturday, August 5 at 10am w/picnic afterwards and August 10 at 10am. Rent a kayak for \$10 per kayak (numbers are limited) or bring your own equipment.

THE “2ND SATURDAY MEAL” July 8 following the 6:00 pm Saturday service.

CALLING CRAFTERS—Monday, July 10 at 6:30 pm. Meet in the chapel to cross stitch Chrismons (Christmas ornaments) for this year’s Advent by Candlelight on Saturday, December 2. Patterns, materials and instruction provided.

MOON TUNES AT RIVERSIDE PARK—Thursday, July 13 at 5:30 pm. Music includes selections from: Mamma Mia and Jersey Boys & Rock ‘n Roll. Shade tents and water will be provided. Bring your own chairs and snacks. Carpooling is suggested.

5th SUNDAY POTLUCK - Sunday, July 30 following worship. Grilled brats, hamburgers, salads, beans, chips and root beer floats will be served. Food provided by the Council and Fellowship ministry.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME! Fellowship ministry is looking for someone to organize a family-friendly outing to a Logger’s Game. Tasks included choosing a date and securing group tickets with deck seating. Fellowship is happy to assist with planning.

Sign up for all events at The Welcome and Opportunity Center

Fellowship Contact: Jana Underkofler at jounder5js@gmail.com

HUMAN CARE MINISTRY

SERVES THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND OUR COMMUNITY

PRAYER CHAIN: to submit a request (or to join the prayer chain) please contact Sharon Ryan at sryan6731@gmail.com or 608-526-6731, or the church office.

ONALASKA FOOD PANTRY—July request—SpaghettiO's and canned ravioli. Donations may be left on the shelves located across from The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

THE PIECE MAKERS will not meet during the summer. Stay tuned for updates.

Human Care Contact: Sue Mravik at suemravik@gmail.com

LWML

SUPPORTS MISSIONS AT HOME AND ABROAD

"BABY SHOWER for MILITARY FAMILIES" - select a gift tag from the "garden display" in the Narthex, purchase the item and return your **unwrapped** donation (with the tag attached) to the Narthex. Donations are due by Monday, July 31. All items will be distributed at an area-wide Military Family Baby Shower.

SUMMER OUT FOR LUNCH—Wednesday, July 19 at Huck Finn's on the Water. Meet after the Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study (approximately 10:45 am) or meet at the restaurant at 11:15 am. This annual lunch is open to all women (and men).

MUSIC MINISTRY

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

Choir and Choir Chimes will resume this fall.

LWML and Music Ministry Contact: Kay Conzemius at bkconz@aol.com

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

Go ... Sell All You Have? - *From The LCMS stewardship Ministry*

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, "You know the commandments." And he replied, "All these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Luke 18:18-22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, "No!" But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn't excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These

stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing, and shelter for the members of your family.

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MAIN STREET LIVING—JULY SCHEDULE

July 2

10:00 am - **“Some People Need Help”** - An amputee from a Veteran’s hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him.

10:30 am - Rev. Tim Stein, pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Altoona, presents a message titled **“Forgiven and Free”**. This sermon is based on Matthew 18:21-35.

July 9

10:00 am - **“Jeremy”** - Deals with the relationship between a mother and a mentally challenged son who lives in a home.

10:30 am - Rev. Brad Thomas, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Chipewa Falls, presents a message titled **“Unburdened”**. This sermon is based on Matthew 11:25-30

July 16

10:00 am - **“Flight Plan”** - A man has to deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?

10:30 am - Rev. Jonathan Wessel, pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Augusta, presents a message titled **“It Works!”**. This sermon is based on Matthew 13:1–9.

July 23

10:00 am - **“Amazing Grace”** - A man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian faith.

10:30 am - Rev. David Shudy, pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Black River Falls, presents a message titled **“Grow Where You Are Planted”**. This sermon is based on Matthew 13:24-30.

July 30

10:00 AM - **“The Selling Price”** - A father and son face the issue of ethics, and how it relates to God’s law.

10:30 AM - Rev. Mark Meier, pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in La Crescent, presents a message titled **“What Kingdom”**. This sermon is based on Matthew 13:52.



Main Street Living

“Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service which broadcasts a different message from local LCMS pastors each Sunday morning, and airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life”.

Visit our website at sothonalaska.org or mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes

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But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock. This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into the summer season when giving is low due to vacations or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What’s more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don’t let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you,

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YOUTH MINISTRY

EVENTS, PROGRAMS and OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP YOU CONNECTED



LIFE SKILL WORKSHOPS

Gain skills that will help you get your life on track

BASIC BUDGETING

Thursday, September 21
6:00—8:00 pm
Holmen Community Center
Led by Todd Trautmann

Learn effective strategies for managing your money and for staying out of debt. This class is geared for grades nine and up, is **FREE** and is open to the public.

SAVE THE DATE!
MORE INFORMATION SOON!

COMING IN 2024

January
**TIME and STRESS
MANAGEMENT**

March
PERSONAL HYGIENE

June
BASIC CAR MAINTENANCE

Part of becoming an adult is taking responsibility for yourself. Be prepared for all that God has planned for you.

BE INFORMED.
BE SMART.
BE MORE CONFIDENT.



IT'S SUMMER—LET'S GO KAYAKING!

H.S. KAYAK

Wednesday, July 26 at 5:00 pm
Kayak the La Crosse River from West Salem to Veterans Park. This event is open to students grades nine through twelve. Bring a friend! Meet at the church to carpool.

Contact Martha at martha.keeffe@sothonalaska.com to reserve a kayak.

CONFIRMATION KAYAK

Saturday, August 26 at 3:00 pm
Kayak the La Crosse River from West Salem to Veterans Park. This event is open to students grades six through eight who will be enrolled in Fall confirmation classes. Picnic at Veteran's Park following kayaking. More information about this event will be sent to confirmation families.

Wear casual clothes (that you don't mind getting wet), bring a water bottle, sun glasses or hat and a towel. Kayaks, paddles and life jackets will be provided. Both events are **FREE!**

"GOD IS GOOD ALL OF THE TIME!"

We've all heard this before, but is it true? Angie Torgerud, who has overcome her share of life challenges, gives this answer...

No matter the circumstance we are in, God is there holding our right hand. It is easy to sing His praises when life is good and troubles are not on the horizon. Throughout the Bible we are reminded of God's grace and goodness time and time again.

It is much more difficult to see God's goodness when we are in the midst of hard times. Your world may be falling apart due to relationship, financial, health or mental health problems. You may wonder where His goodness in these times. It is during these difficult times our faith can be strengthened or weakened depending on the choices we make. During the darkest hours of my life, John 16:33 has lifted me up. "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." He has already completed the incomprehensible task of sending His son to die for us! Thank Him

for helping you through each day. He is the same God when we are in the lowest valleys of our lives as when we are on the mountain top. There is nothing but ourselves that can separate us from Him.

Keep in mind, God knew Adam and Eve were going to eat the forbidden fruit before He created them and He still did it anyway. The events of our lives are not surprising to God, for He already knows what is to come. It is in our darkest hours; we need to praise Him! Let me assure you He is still there holding your right hand.



REMINDER!

Vacation Bible School

SIGN UP NOW TO BATTLE FOR TRUTH
"AS KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM"!



Sunday, August 6 and Sunday, August 13 during the 10:15 Education Hour
Tuesday through Thursday, August 8-10 from 5:00-7:30 pm
Dinner Provided for the kids and their families!



If your yard sign needs to be replaced, please let me know. Or, if you simply never got one before, now is a good time to do so and place it in your front yard for everyone to see. I have a few left and can always order more. The price is \$5 but the return on your investment can be priceless! Contact Bill Van Ess at billve44@gmail.com or 608-799-4989.

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1	Alexis Eckert
2	Kylie Gilhausen, Jane Herrmann
4	Brian Knobloch
5	Patricia Ludington
6	Kira Peters
8	Philip Eckert
9	Sue Robertson
10	Tricia Finch, Terry Steffen
12	Amelia Doud
13	Gideon Baumgarn
15	Dolores Barker, Dax Jessie

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Jim Wells
Sally Ewing, Angie Horge
Nick Heiden, Parker Torgerud
Samuel Baumgarn,
Lyla Klemenhausen,
Patricia Lambert
Mark Wrolstad
Aidan Drury
Linda Trautmann
Beth Parcher, Barbara Paulson
Elias Baumgarn

Wedding Anniversaries

8	Dick and Judy Williams
10	Pastor and Jeanette Baumgarn
19	Charles and Alayna Matthews
29	Wayne and Kaye Lehrmann

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OFFICE HOURS/COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

Kira's office hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 am—3:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am—12:00 pm

OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAY, JULY 4. Pastor will also be on vacation through July 4. Kira will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday, July 6 and 7. In addition, the office will be closed on each Friday beginning July 14 through August 11.

Submit ALL bulletin, Weekly Update and Narthex TV entries to Martha by noon on Tuesday. Items received later than noon will not be included. August newsletter submissions must be received by noon on Tues., July 25.

CONNECT CARD for members, visitors and friends -

Provide your current contact information to receive up-to-date information on church activities and announcements! Connect cards are located in the back of the church pews.



SHEPHERD'S FLOCK PRESCHOOL

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Monthly Update

In June, Shepherd's Flock hosted two weeks of summer school. Our teachers stayed busy as 20 children attended each week- we were blessed to have past preschoolers, current preschoolers, future preschoolers and children in our community attend! Our theme for the summer was Finding Jesus: Under the Sea.

You may not see many preschoolers in our classroom in July and August, but our staff is staying busy preparing for the upcoming school year! We're emptying our classroom to have our floors waxed (Thanks Jim!) and then working to get our classroom put back together to welcome another young group of preschoolers! We hope you all have a wonderful 4th of July and hope you enjoy these photos from our summer program!



Onalaska Community Days

Be sure to stop by and visit Shepherd of the Hills Church & Shepherd's Flock Preschool at Onalaska Community Days at the Onalaska Legion on Saturday, August 5, 2023!

For more information on this event, go to onalaskacommunitydays.com

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