

June 2026



# The Messenger



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**Sunday School 8:45 am**  
**(September-May, every**  
**other Sunday)**

**Adult Forum**

**Sundays 9:00 am**

**Worship**

**Sundays 10:00 am**  
**(Holy Communion on 1st**  
**and 3rd Sundays)**

**Bible Study**

**Thursdays 1:30 pm**

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Dear Beloved Children of God gathered  
as St. Mark's Lutheran Church,  
Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ.



On May 13 and 14, I had the opportunity to attend the Siebert Lutheran Foundation conference, "2026 Inspired to Thrive Conference." It was a deeply encouraging and thoughtful gathering, filled with creative ideas, honest conversation, laughter, learning, and meaningful reflection on the future of ministry and the church. I returned with a renewed sense of gratitude and hope, encouraged by the many ways the Holy Spirit continues to guide and sustain the church in changing times.

One of the most meaningful presentations I attended was "Leaders as Stewards of Organizational Culture," led by Kurt Nitz. The session explored how culture shapes so much of what we do in churches and organizations—from the ways we communicate to the ways we solve problems and care for one another. I especially appreciated the reminder that leadership is not only about titles or decisions, but also about attitude, emotional presence, curiosity, and relationships. One phrase that stayed with me was, "Your influence is always on." The presentation invited leaders to nurture cultures marked by compassion, collaboration, accountability, and hope rather than fear or division. It was a timely reminder of how important it is for the church to listen deeply, walk together, and build healthy relationships as the body of Christ.

Another engaging session was "AI for Mission-Driven Work: Practical Steps for Getting Started," led by Joanna Drew. Yes—we even spoke about artificial intelligence in the context of church ministry. The session explored how AI tools such as ChatGPT are already shaping communication, research, education, and ministry planning. I learned more about the possibilities these tools may offer, along with the important ethical concerns they raise regarding privacy, bias, and responsible use. It was both fascinating and grounding to consider how churches might thoughtfully and faithfully engage new technology while remaining rooted in Christian wisdom, discernment, and care.



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## Inspired to Thrive Conference

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The third presentation that deeply resonated with me was “You’re Not Alone: Caring for Mental Health in Ministry,” led by Kirk Triplett. This session spoke honestly about the emotional challenges many pastors, church workers, and leaders experience, including stress, isolation, burnout, and unrealistic expectations. The presenter emphasized the importance of healthy boundaries, rest, supportive relationships, and self-care. It was both comforting and encouraging to hear such open and compassionate conversation about clergy wellness and the need to care for the emotional and spiritual well-being of church leaders. I left that session especially grateful for the kindness, encouragement, and support that St. Mark’s so faithfully extends to ministry and leadership.

Beyond the presentations themselves, one of the greatest joys of the conference was reconnecting with colleagues and meeting leaders from different church traditions, including the Wisconsin Synod, Missouri Synod, and the ELCA. Sharing ideas, stories, laughter, and hopes for the future of ministry was both refreshing and inspiring. It was a beautiful reminder that the church is still very much alive — growing, learning, adapting, and faithfully responding to God’s calling through God’s abiding grace.

I give thanks to God for opportunities to continue learning, growing, and serving alongside faithful leaders who seek to strengthen Christ’s church for future generations. I remain grateful to share in this ministry with you, and I thank God for the witness we continue to offer together.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras



**Moses**



**Message**



It was another good year for Sunday School. We ended with a project for Pentecost Sunday, some games, and some snacks. Each student was given a certificate and a gift card to Culver's. I have enjoyed having the students in class and look forward to next fall. Thank you to the parents that helped in the class and to the parents for getting your child/children to class.

I hope everyone will have a good summer and a safe one.

Don't forget about Vacation Bible School at Our Savior's Church on Commercial Street in Neenah on August 3-6 from 9 - 12. You can sign up by calling the church office.

Birthdays

Hunter Brill 6-28 Keegan Odekirk 6-28  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY HUNTER AND KEEGAN!

With God's Blessings,  
Gwen Hoehne  
Sun. Sch. Superintendent





**No minutes this month, but here are the monthly reports from Pastor Niveen and the Ministry Teams.**

**Pastor's Report ~ *Pastor Niveen Sarras***

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

The month of May was filled with signs of the Holy Spirit moving among us at St. Mark's through worship, care, learning, service, and fellowship. As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost, I am reminded that the Spirit continues to renew and guide the church in powerful and meaningful ways.

On Saturday, May 2nd, I attended the funeral service of Dixie Lynn Marie Hoover, the daughter of Matthew and Crystal Odekirk, and offered pastoral care and consolation to the grieving family. In times of sorrow, we continue to trust in the resurrection promise of Christ and the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit.

On May 3rd, we celebrated the baptisms of Vayda Zielinski, and Josie and Layla Parker. These baptisms were joyful and holy moments in the life of our congregation. Through water and the Word, the Holy Spirit welcomed these children into the family of Christ and reminded all of us of God's promises and abiding grace.

On May 10th, I attended the Christian Education Ministry Team meeting. We discussed the future of Sunday School and began planning for additional volunteers and support. Since I will begin teaching confirmation classes in September, this transition is important for the continued growth of our educational ministries. I am grateful for the faithful leaders who are willing to serve our children and youth.

On May 11th, I attended the Social Ministry Team meeting. We discussed members of our congregation who need special care, support, and attention. We also planned to honor our graduates during the May 24th worship service, celebrating their accomplishments and praying for their future journeys.

I also participated in Community Table ministry, where we served many guests from the community. It was inspiring to witness hospitality, compassion, and fellowship shared around the table, reflecting Christ's love through service.

During the middle of May, I attended the "2026 Inspired to Thrive Conference" hosted by the Siebert Lutheran Foundation at the Brookfield Conference Center in Milwaukee. The conference was educational, inspiring, and enriching. We discussed leadership within changing church cultures, building bridges across differences, clergy wellness and exhaustion, and the growing role of artificial intelligence in ministry. It was also a meaningful opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and meet leaders from ministries and organizations representing the Wisconsin Synod, Missouri Synod, and the ELCA.

On May 15th, I concluded my final class for the academic year at Lay School. This year was filled with teaching, mentoring, learning, and spiritual growth. I am grateful for the opportunity to accompany students in their formation for ministry.



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On May 18th, I attended the Worship and Music Ministry Team meeting. Together we discussed worship planning for the summer months and explored ways to make worship and music more engaging and meaningful for the congregation.

Looking ahead, I am preparing for the baptism of Ella Jo Dieck, daughter of Christian Lee Dieck and Abby Mae Rieckmann, on Saturday, May 23rd. This will be a private family baptism service requested by the family, and I look forward to sharing this special day with them.

I am also preparing for our Pentecost worship celebration on May 24th as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. This service will highlight the Spirit's movement among us and the many ways God continues to renew our congregation. I also look forward to continuing to teach Sunday morning Bible study.

In early June, I will attend the Synod Assembly from Thursday, June 4th through Saturday, June 6th. In addition, I continue to work with Patty, youth leader at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, as we prepare for Vacation Bible School, which will take place August 3rd–6th.

Finally, I will take three days of continuing education from Tuesday, May 26th through May 28th to write three short articles for Augsburg Fortress Publishers. I will also be on vacation from Monday, June 8th through Saturday, June 13th, and I will ensure pastoral coverage during that time.

Throughout this month, I have witnessed the Holy Spirit at work through worship, service, learning, pastoral care, leadership, and fellowship. I give thanks for the many faithful people who continue to share their gifts and participate in God's mission in our congregation and community.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras

### **Ministry Team Reports:**

#### **Christian Education Ministry Team~ Sunday May 10, 2026 ~ Submitted by Jean Memken**

Present: Gwen Hoehne, Sherri Denney, Joy Case, Jenny Case, Dawn Jones, Pastor Niveen, and Jean Memken

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gwen Hoehne at 11:10 am. Pastor Niveen opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Summary of Year
  - a. Gwen reported that we started the school year with 14 students and we ended it with 12. There were six children in each class and Avery attended confirmation classes at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Amy.
  - b. Gwen mentioned moving Hunter up to the upper level class. She felt he could handle the upper-level class, based on his experiences in the 1<sup>st</sup> communion class and his initial experience in the upper-level class.

*Please be  
Praying for...*

Ellen LaMarche  
Sarah Lamb  
Richie Sczerzen  
Mary Ellen Tracey  
Chris  
Alex F.  
Delores Jacobson  
Don Burghardt  
Kieth  
Linda  
Steve Paters  
Julie Neppel  
Mike Ihde

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- c. Pastor reported that she felt the children were more comfortable with her as their teacher and seemed to be more engaged with the learning. Gwen feels the children are more advanced academically (ability to read and reason) than children in past classes.
  - d. Gwen felt that in all, it was good year for our Sunday School.
2. Vacation Bible School
- a. VBS will be August 3-6 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. Pastor has a link for the curriculum and can share it with anyone who is interested in volunteering to help.
  - b. Pastor, Joy, and Jenny went to the initial planning meeting at Our Savior’s last month.
  - c. Jean volunteered to help with snacks if they need her.
  - d. Jean said she had received a flyer about VBS from Patty at Our Savior’s and she will make copies that the Sunday School children can take home after class next Sunday.
3. Things to think about for next fall:
- a. Class Size – Number of Students
    - i. Gwen listed the proposed class rosters. The upper-level class will include Zayden, Mason, and Dylan. The lower-level class will include Josie, Keegan, Miriam, Layla, Lyla, and Henley. Gwen felt it was better to keep the older girls in this class one more year as there would be a great age difference between them and the boys in the upper-level class if they were to move up. Sunday School will begin on September 20, 2026.
  - b. Confirmation Class
    - i. Confirmation students will be Vayda, Tyler, Hunter, and Avery.
    - ii. Pastor questioned when the best time for Confirmation would be to meet. Typically, Confirmation classes are held before worship services each week. However, Avery has been attending her first year of confirmation with the students from St. Paul Lutheran Church on Sunday evenings. Pastor thought we should consider moving it to the evening, so it is consistent with our current joint confirmation class with St. Paul. Also, if she is teaching Confirmation on Sunday mornings, she would not be available to teach Sunday School or Adult Forum. Gwen mentioned Tyler and Hunter would be coming from Oshkosh, and Avery from Appleton (although Avery has been doing this for a year, so it wouldn’t really affect her) and Vayda from Appleton. Hunter would need some support during the class, so if his mom can’t come, they will need to have Nancy Rose attend to help him. Families of the confirmation students will be surveyed to see if the Sunday evening time will be feasible next fall.
    - iii. Pastor is trying to put together a team of teachers for the upper-level class. She would like to have enough teachers so each teacher would only have to prepare one lesson a month. Tammie Kersten and Tracy Johnson were mentioned as possibilities. Pastor asked Jean if she would agree to teach once a month, and she agreed. Sherri Denney volunteered to take one of the monthly slots.
    - iv. It was suggested that Jenny could be the Craft Coordinator for the upper-level class.
    - v. Pastor will make the curriculum available to all the teachers and Craft Coordinator, so they have ample time to prepare their lessons. Jean asked if Gwen could put together a list of all the volunteers who help with Sunday School so they could be acknowledged in next Sunday’s bulletin. Gwen agreed to do so.

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- vi. Gwen mentioned that Mason, Dylan, Tyler, Vayda and Avery would be acolytes beginning in the fall. Mason and Dylan will need some instruction on the acolyte duties. Jean said she would remind the ushers to make sure someone lights the candles on Sundays during the summer and on Sundays during the school year when there is no assigned acolyte.
- 4. New Business: Next meeting will be in August after Vacation Bible School.
- 5. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.
- 6. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

**Property Ministry Team—Monday, May 4, 2026 ~ Submitted by Jason Blank**

Members Present: Bruce Grundman, Jason Blank, Ginny Schieck, John Olson, Joe Rehorst, Jeff Tharp

- We will be asking for some volunteers to help with landscaping after the parking lot is completed.
- The church lighting update to LED is completed.
- We have a service coming in to treat the lawn for weeds this summer.
- The front "St. Mark's" sign is prepped for the curbing company to begin work.
- We approved the use of some memorial funds to pay for the landscaping around the front sign.
- We continue to work with the paving company to complete the parking lot.

**Social Ministry Team—Monday, May 11, 2026 ~ Submitted by Gwen Hoehne**

Chairperson: Karen Jordan

Present: Phyllis Ziemke, Jane Arps, Pastor Niveen, Gwen Hoehne

Absent: Pat Thompson, Mary Jane Hartley

Pastor Niveen opened with a prayer.

Graduation recognition will be on May 24, 2026. We have 1 college, Eric Blank, 2 High school, Trista Nelson and Dakota Lemmers. Phyllis will order a cake. Karen is waiting for the graduates to return their information to her.

No Meetings this summer. Will meet again in September.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**\*\*2 Reports\*\* Worship and Music Ministry Team — Monday, April 20, 2026 ~ Submitted by Judy Hellman**

The Worship and Music Ministry Team met on Monday, April 20th. Members present were Jenny and Joy Case, Ardys Seelow, Mary Jane Hartley, Pat Westphal, Judy Hellman and our new member, Phyllis Ziemke.

Devotions were given by Pat Westphal. Jenny Case volunteered for devotions in May.

The main topic of our meeting was a discussion of new ways of worship and different types of music. The Praise Choir will be introducing some contemporary music and, in the future, lead the congregation in learning new music. Hopefully, we can have a nice blend of new and old music in our worship services.

We discussed several ideas for enlightening some of our worship services. Some ideas were a clown service, worship outside on the lawn, blue-grass or gospel service, and a polka service.

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We will present candy bars and small magnets for Mother's and Father's Day this year. The candy bars will be purchased from Vandewalle's Candy Store.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

**Worship and Music Ministry Team — Monday, May 18, 2026 ~ Submitted by Judy Hellman**

The Worship and Music Ministry Team met on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Members present were Jenny and Joy Case, Pastor Niveen, Judy Hellman, Ardys Seelow, Pat Westphal and Phyllis Ziemke.

Devotions were given by Jenny Case based on the hymn: "Leave It There." Pat Westphal will do devotions in June.

We will have a hymn-sing on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May. Songs will be taken from the list of the congregation's choice of songs.

An outdoor service and potluck were discussed. This idea will be postponed until fall.

We plan to have a "Clown" service sometime in September. This has not been done at our church for a long time. It was well received in the past.

For Father's Day, all men will receive a candy bar and a magnet.

Out meeting ended with the "Lord's Prayer."

**Youth Ministry Team—Sunday, May 17, 2026 ~ Submitted by Sherri Denney**

Call to order

Present: Ginny Sheik, JT Rose, Nancy Rose, Jeff Tharp, Sherri Denney, Pastor Niveen

Prayer: Ginny

Business for Consideration

- Review Synod Bowling-April 25 (20 youth & adults attended). Consensus was that it was a good turnout. Sabre lanes offered more of a food selection. See what price is for next year
- May-Carwash May 31: who's working & supplies- Working is Ginny Jeff, Nancy, Joey JT, Braeden, Braeden's friend, Sherri, Will call Rose. Everyone is encouraged to bring towels. The Pastor will take care of soap. Supplies from last year. Parking lot should be done by then.
- Senior yard clean-up. Will need to be rescheduled. Looking forward to hearing from Jan's family for a better date.
- National Youth Gathering-We will talk about the NYG at the next youth meeting on 7/14/26. Everyone is to come up with fundraising ideas.
- Badger Sports Park. Date/time/cost-To be decided. During the week of EAA is a possibility. Ginny will find out more info by next meeting
- Mural design. Set up a meeting with Pastor (use Chat GPT) to come up with a simple design. Chuck Baugartner will purchase 3 mounted canvases about the size 3'x 4' and other art supplies.

**Connections Ministry Team**

The Connections Ministry Team did not meet this month.

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**Racial Equity Ministry Team – Tuesday, April 21, 2026 ~ Submitted by Laurie Olson**

**Members Present:** Pat Westphal, Mary Jane Hartley, Barb Girod, Dawn Jones, and Laurie Olson

**Members Absent:** Pastor Niveen

Barb opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Reviewed Kartika Putri's Visit** - The team members thought Kartika's music leadership and the sharing of her faith journey was well received by the congregation. The Indonesian fellowship dishes were also well received.

Revisited the request for St. Mark's to consider hosting an *exhibit on Palestine's history of Displacement and Fragmentation, and vision for return*. This exhibit is available for use free of charge. It's 25 visuals printed and laminated and can stand on easels provided). The team discussed the weekends of Oct. 3/4 or 17/18. Barb will check those dates, and we will discuss this matter further at our next meeting.

**Book Study** will be Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at St. Mark's. The book will be *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Discussed the study format. Team members were encouraged to personally invite church members, friends, and family. Books are available in the church office.

Discussed options for our next book study for early next year. The team is looking a book relating to the Hispanic culture. Dawn shared links to options.

Members of the Racial Equity Team attended the movie "*All That's Left of You*" which followed three generations of a Palestinian family and was shown at Lawrence University on April 17.

Laurie will provide a book review of the book "Selma's Bloody Sunday" for the May newsletter.

The 2026 **Synod Civil Rights trip** was canceled and will take place in 2027. Dates are June 9-15.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:30 pm.

Next Meeting: May 12

**Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team—Tuesday, May 19, 2026 ~ Submitted by Pat Westphal**

**Members Present:** Pennie Linna, Financial Secretary Pat Westphal, Pastor Niveen, Fern Fuhmann, and Jason Blank

**Members Absent:** Treasurer Laurie Olson and Mary Jane Hartley

**Opened with a Prayer by Pastor Niveen.**

Pat reviewed current account balances through end of April 2026. April's giving to current monthly expenses was \$13,731.76 and giving of \$14,443.37. The difference was \$721.61.

Year-to-date: Actual spending from January through end of April was \$54,992.39 and giving was \$57,965.10 with a difference of \$2,972.71.

Total Associated Bank checking has a balance of \$165,622.82 which includes \$70,052.84 allocated to designated accounts and \$95,569.98 for current operating. Additionally, \$176,070.99 in the Thrivent money market and \$1,068.40 in Thrivent TIPS account and \$59,103.16 in the ELCA Mission Investment Fund.

In other financial business, Pastor Niveen reported a donation of \$500 from the Appleton Conference for our food pantry. Jason provided an update concerning the parking lot. (Finishing will be dependent upon weather conditions.)

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In accordance with our desire to focus on stewardship during all the seasons, two points were opened for discussion to be continued at the June meeting. (1) A report of special items like the donations for flood victims can be included in the July Messenger so the congregation is reminded of year-round stewardship. We will bring ideas for the June meeting. (2) We discussed the possibility of participating in the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Parade of Lights. It begins on Main St. at 9 pm and ends in Menasha. Pennie will find out registration information and particulars for the June meeting to determine feasibility.

Closed at 7:15 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Next regular meeting is June 16, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

## Synod Assembly 2026

June 4–6, 2026 - Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center  
The 2026 Synod Assembly will include the election of a bishop through the ecclesiastical ballot process, as voting members prayerfully discern God's call for synod leadership for the next six years. The assembly will also include worship, learning opportunities, fellowship, and celebration.



Jason and Jennifer Blank will serve as our church representatives at this year's assembly.

## Watch Them Grow!

This week, our custodian, Ginny Schieck, planted flowers in our courtyard, along with some help from Jim Immel and Angela Klockzien. Jim and Angela came to us through our member Rhonda Smith, who works for Clarity Care, an agency that supports adults with disabilities.

Jim and Angela live in the Community Support Living Program (CSLP) apartments. These are fourplexes designed for adults who have higher functional abilities than those in group homes and are able to live more independently. They were great helpers! Thank you all for beautifying our church!



*Here's Jim prepping a pot for planting.*



*Angela plants some petunias in the courtyard.*



*Our master gardeners: Jim, Angela, and Ginny.*



As usual, the Food Pantry was very busy in April. We had several new people sign up and they have been coming regularly in addition to our regular patrons. In April, we served 109 people coming for food to feed 302 family members. Fortunately, we still had pork chops from the Elks Club and Feeding America has been supplying us with hamburger and chicken. We also benefited from the post office canned goods collection. At the moment, we are quite well supplied. We always appreciate cash to help us purchase dairy, fresh fruit and vegetables. Thank you very much for your continued support.

On May 24 we honored our 2026 graduates. They are Trista Nelson and Dakota Lemmers graduating from Neenah High School. Rhonda Smith's granddaughter Kara Anna Froom, graduated from UWGB and Wausau West, and Eric Blank graduated from UW-Madison. Our best wishes to all! —*Karen Jordan*



Millions of people in the U.S., many of whom are our neighbors, friends, and family, lack the blessing to access to primary healthcare. This includes those who are uninsured, underinsured, facing language barriers, geographical barriers, cultural barriers, and lack of availability of quality healthcare services. Founded in 2015 and located within the Goodwill Headquarters for NE Wisconsin in Menasha, Hope Clinic and Care Center (HCC) partners with the surrounding communities to provide collaborative wraparound support to over 700 patients annually, each of whom are living at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. The clinic offers primary care, specialty care, labs, medications, counseling, and social assistance referrals and navigation to rent support, utilities, dental, vision, job placement and training, and more.



By addressing the immediate healthcare needs of patients, Hope Clinic helps to break the cycle of poor health and limited access to care and improves the health and quality of life for those who might otherwise go without care. Through meticulous effort, we hope to make a positive impact on the health and well-being of the communities it serves and works to create a more equitable and just future.

Please consider supporting this worthwhile non-profit agency by including a donation in your offering envelope for "Mission of the Month" in May or by making an electronic donation with VANCO.

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Neenah-Menasha Communityfest  
**4TH OF JULY**  
**PARADE OF LIGHTS**  
**HELD ON**  
**Friday, 3rd JULY | 9PM**  
**(be at parade start site by 8PM)**

We will have a walking entry. All those able to walk from downtown Neenah to downtown Menasha are welcome to participate. FREE t-shirts and glow sticks to participants.

Sign up at church - give us your t-shirt size. In order to get shirts ordered, please sign up by June 12th.



St. Mark's is the *volunteer sponsor* of this event!  
 Held on Saturday, July 11 at O'Hauser Park, Neenah  
 7:00 am – Noon (usually done earlier)

**14 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers needed for registration, parking, obstacle course stations, etc. All volunteers receive a t-shirt.

**Sign Up Sheet is on the table in church narthex. .**

**A Note of Thanks!**

Thanks for everyone who helped celebrate the Baptisms of Vayda, Josie, and Layla on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. And an extra special thanks to those who generously gave them fun and meaningful little gifts. They (we) are truly blessed and the girls enjoyed that "one-of-a-kind" day very much.

God's Blessings,  
 Ginny Schick and Family

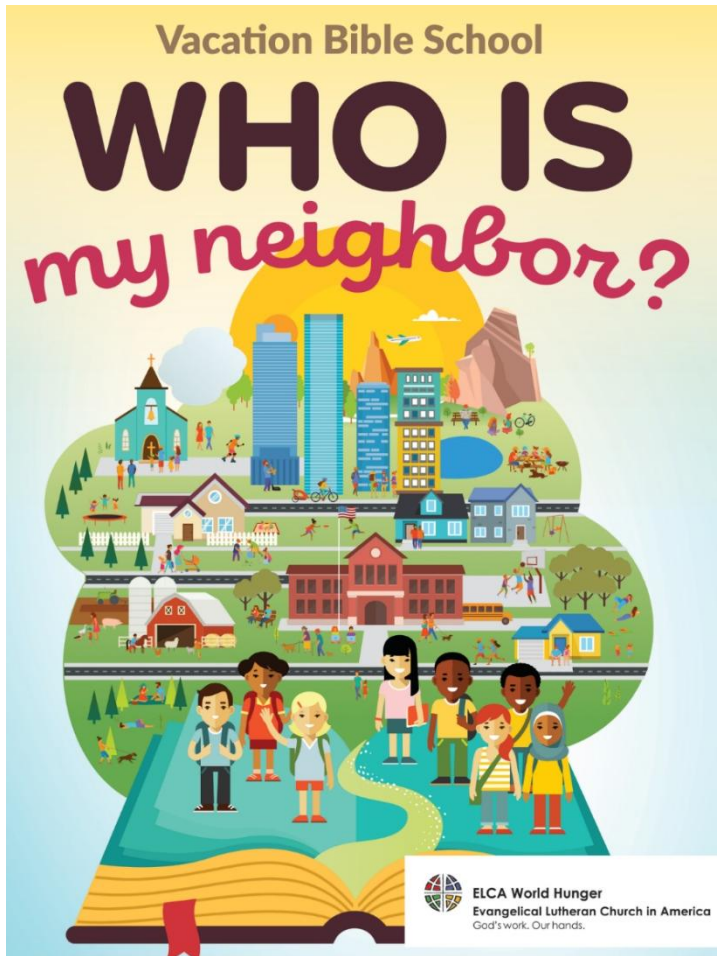
**Our Sunday Servants**

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Greeters	Ushers	Counters
June 7	Jean Memken	Pennie Linna	Joe & Linda Rehorst	Sherri Denney J.T. Rose	Jeff Tharp Fern Fuhrmann Lorrie Wood
June 14	Dom Christofilis	Jeff Tharp	Doug & Renie Sebstead	Joy Case Jenny Case	Pat Westphal Jason Blank Jenny Blank
June 21	Judy Hellman	Pat Westphal	Jeff Tharp Wanda Webster	LaVerne Arndt Rosemary Cermak	Gwen Hoehne Doug Sebstead Renie Sebstead
June 28	Jeff Tharp	Bruce Grundman	The Clifford Family	Linda Anderson Nancy Maslow	Bruce Grundman Lois Kemp Linda Anderson

**Communion Assistants:**

June 7 – (At the Rail) – Laurie Olson, Sherri Denney, and Pennie Linna  
 June 21 – (Intinction): Mary Jane Hartley, Gwen Hoehne, and Dom Christofilis

**Altar Guild:** Gwen Hoehne and Linda Anderson



## VBS is Happening in August

Who really is YOUR neighbor? Come and find out at this year's Vacation Bible School, being held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on August 3-6 from 9:00 am to noon.

This year's theme lends itself to studying about people from all over the world. Each day will focus on a different country. Pastor Niveen will be leading a special study on Palestine one day. There will be Bible Stories, songs, crafts, games and, of course, snacks, every day.

To sign up to either attend or offer yourself as a volunteer, please use the QR codes below. If you have questions, contact Patty Koplitz or 920-725-3296 or call the church office.

Register your child



### AUG 3-6

**9:00 to Noon**  
**Early drop off at 7:30 am**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**809 S Commercial St Neenah WI 54956**

Register to volunteer



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