

NOVEMBER 2011

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Mission Statement of Church of Our Saviour
We come together to receive and
celebrate the Good News of God in Christ
through worship and learning so that we grow
in faith and are sent to serve.

**FALL/WINTER
WORSHIP SCHEDULE**
SUNDAYS
8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.
IN TOUCH (Adult Ed.)
AND
SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15 A.M.

***Ministry Schedules for upcoming Month on back of Calendar

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN...

NOVEMBER, 2011

As I contemplate my message to you for November, I am but two days away from a long-anticipated family vacation. The planning began almost a year ago when my son, Chris, asked if we might journey to Orlando and Disney World once again. This will be the first time in 2 years that our entire family will be together. So this will be a truly "family" vacation as my wife, two sons, one daughter, one daughter-in-law, and two grandsons will be together. So I anticipate this event with high expectations and much joy. I mention this vacation to let you know what I am doing and also to say that my mind is not upon the task at hand. BUT...God has prompted me! So to my pastoral message.

Last month in my epistle I said that the Council was in the process of selecting the Call Committee. (In "church-parlance" those are the people who will choose your next pastor.) In reality, it is the Holy Spirit who "calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies, and keeps the Church united in faith." So it is expected that every step of the call process will be surrounded by prayer asking for the Spirit's direction and wisdom in selecting the right person.

God has chosen the following members of Church of Our Saviour to serve on our Call Committee: Char Bohnsack, Don Jarvey, Bruce Nyberg, Lynne Schibbelhut, Patty Shippee, and Natalie Wilburn. It is YOUR responsibility to continually and regularly lift up the members of the Call Committee to God in prayer.

The Call Committee in collaboration with the Church Council will develop and refine the congregational profile that reflects our congregation's ministry and pastoral needs. Mary Arthur came up with a great survey which has been tabulated and which you should have received. Your answers from the survey will be incorporated in our profile which pastoral candidates will each receive. The Bishop will nominate pastoral candidates to the Call Committee after reviewing the congregation profile and the Call Committee will interview each candidate and then make their recommendation to the congregation. The process continues until there is unanimous agreement among the members of the Call Committee as to whom we should Call.

As always, how long the process will take depends upon the candidates. I think of the process in much the same way as we find a mate. We see someone we like; we date; we fall in love; we marry. In Toby's and my case the process took three long years from dating to marriage. BUT, we've been married 50 YEARS! So be patient. God has someone in mind for us. And, I hope, it will be a long and happy "marriage!"

In the meantime...SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

PASTOR BOB

ATTENTION ALL GREETERS, LECTORS, & USHERS!!

The schedule for the month is on the BACK OF THE CALENDER of your "Builder." Be sure to check it to see if and when you are serving each month.

Dear Endowment Committee,



Thank you so very much for the scholarship, it has helped a lot. There are so many opportunities out there, and the scholarship I have received from you will certainly help. I plan on making a career in Physical Education.

God Bless,

Erica Emery

I am so grateful for all the get well prayers and cards I have received. I thank God for this loving family of God that prays for me and calls me a sister. His will be done.

Your sister in Christ,

Sue Schierstedt

THANK YOU TO SCOTT WARNER FOR 15 YEARS OF SERVICE!!

When we became aware of the fact that Scott has been at COOS for fifteen years, the Church Council decided to recognize this significant milestone with a card and a \$50.00 community gift card. Thank you, Scott!

FIRST FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH children will be gathering items, until December 4th, to donate to local schools. There is a box in the narthex (for placing the items) for anyone willing to donate slightly used kid's coats, clothes, school supplies or old books. You may also contact Debbie Greuel at 920-266-3780.

"Just Fare" Shop



On November 6, 2011 Kathleen Stetter and Mary Walrath from the Just Fare shop will be our guest presenters for the Adult Forum. They will be telling us the work of the Just Fare Shop and also will be bringing items from the shop for the congregation to purchase during their time with us. This will be a good time to look for gifts for Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthdays or anniversaries or just to treat yourself to a new item for your home. Or maybe you would like to try the chocolates or coffee they sell that allows the growers a fair price for their product.

Plan to join us for the whole hour or just a few minutes from 9 to 10:30 or after the late service. Like always the coffee will be hot, the juice cold and there will be treats to eat.

This program is presented by the Women of The ELCA at Church of Our Saviour. If you have any questions or want more information talk to Jill Bjornstad.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

WINTER WILL BE UPON US SOON & PEOPLE NEED A WARM PLACE TO SLEEP.

While it may be hard to admit, we have many homeless people in our community. St. Paul's Cathedral has converted one of their buildings into a "Warming Shelter" which is open November 1st through March 31. The hours people may be there are from 8:15 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Now here is where YOU come in.

They need **THREE VOLUNTEERS EACH NIGHT** to help the staff member who is in charge for the night. There is soup to serve for the nightly meal and breakfast in the morning. If you are interested in helping, call 923-1743.

NOVEMBER 1st @ 6:00 p.m. there will be another **ECUMENICAL POTLUCK** at ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL. These were started LAST Fall with Immanuel-Trinity and St. Pauls alone, which then grew to include Church of Our Saviour, and NOW includes seven other congregations. These potlucks are one way of maintaining our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope to see you there! (Pastor Bob)

Community Thanksgiving Service



The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7 p.m. Our host this year is Ascension Lutheran Church, which is located at 901 Cty Tk V. They will be accepting non-perishable food items at this service.

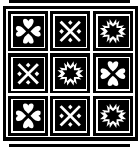
We hope you can join us for this service!

SAVIOUR NEWS:

The bell choir did a wonderful job performing in September and October. Thanks for helping out Kim. On November 27th we will be playing "Sing to the Lord of Harvest." In December we will be playing twice; on the 18th "Oh, Come, Oh Come Emmanuel and Christmas eve "On Christmas Night."

We would also like to invited everyone out to the Mall on Friday Dec. 2nd for our annual Christmas at the Mall performance from 6-7pm. They will be joined by Trinity Bells and the Cardinal Ringerz from Fondy High.

We still could use ringers!!!!
Keep on ringing,
Diana Jewson
Saviour Bells director



**QUILTERS SAY THANK YOU
AND ASK FOR CONTINUED
HELP**

Each Tuesday morning, approximately ten women meet to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. This year we sent 238 quilts! We are most grateful for everyone's help to get that many done, but help is once again needed. We are always close to being out of sewn quilt tops. If you can sew a straight seam you can do a quilt top. Instructions are on the packets in the basket on the table by the elevator. Thank you for your prayers and support.

STEWARDSHIP...

There's that WORD again! I'll bet you get tired of seeing it and/or hearing it, but I felt compelled to say a few things in light of the fact that Fall is the usual time churches trot it out and I've seen newsletter articles on the subject, and some of you actually look forward to it, for which I am actually grateful.

Many of us have grown up in a church which "always" had a "Stewardship Drive." But too many people are "turned off" when they hear "Stewardship," because all they hear is MONEY... The church wants more MONEY!" Now I am well aware that Jesus talked more about MONEY than any other subject, but I have found from my pastoral experience that "the less said about it, the better."

In my experience people give more when they know the need(s) and they choose to give themselves. I just preach the Word and God does the rest. Just look at where we are at COOS right now. When I came a year ago, we were "in the red," now we are "in the black." I take no credit; it was the Spirit working in you.

With that said, I would like to share some words I have in my file from Pastor Larry Smith on what it means to be a "steward."

"To be a steward is to manage something that is owned by another. It strikes me that the ownership issue in stewardship is the key issue, the heart of it all. All other issues will have a good chance of falling into place once this issue is settled. If I say I am a steward then I must acknowledge that I am not an owner but rather a manager for someone else."

"It all begins with grace, with a recognition that I am nothing and have nothing but the underserved gifts of grace that God has blessed me with."

"The money I have is not mine. It belongs to God who...gave me the talent and time I have so that I could earn some treasure, that is money. This money, this talent, this time that I have is all owned by the one who shaped and fashioned me...It all belongs to the one who made me and who claimed me in holy baptism."

So now you heard the Word. May it remind you once again whose you are and may you grow ever closer to your Father and respond to His promptings.

P.S. If you feel you would like a pledge card for 2012, let me know. I'll see that you get one. Otherwise, just continue filling your envelopes and keep track yourself. What you give is between you and God.

Pastor Bob



GIFTS FOR SHUT-INS

November is here and Christmas is fast approaching. Each year Women of the E.L.C.A. collect a variety of items to take to our Shut-ins for Christmas to let them know they are not forgotten. Please consider donating one or more of the following suggested items. Bring the items to church and place in the basket on the table near the elevator.



- Toothbrush/Paste
- Hand Lotion Paper/Pens
- Slippers/Slipper Sox Combs/Brushes
- Hand Sanitizer Winter Scarves
- Cologne/Aftershave Facial Tissue
- Stamps/Stationary
- Hats/Mittens Perfume/Nail Polish
- Emery Boards Playing Cards
- Puzzle-Adult & Child Greeting Cards
- Men's Socks Lg. Print Crossword

Money for Special Needs (Place in envelope marked "Shut-in Gifts")

We will be gathering in the parlor on **Thursday, Dec. 8 at 6:00 PM** to wrap the gifts for distribution. We'll have an appetizer potluck for the meal and share a good time. We invite & WELCOME you to join us at any time!!!!

LOOKING AHEAD



December 15, 6:30 p.m.

Chancel & Tree Trimming

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Completed Committee reports for the Annual Report will be due in the office, **Wednesday December 14th**



LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0

*Unit I: "Invitation to Journey"
November- December, 2011*

If you haven't experienced it yet, you are MISSING it! And I sincerely MEAN that. This is great stuff. We have two sessions, one on Sunday morning and one on Wednesday afternoon. The Sunday morning has been well attended with 20 to 30 people present, while the Wednesday afternoon session has seen 3 people present, two of whom are there Sundays. So we may be dropping the Wednesday session. (If there is some other time that might work for you, let Pastor know.)

There will be NO session on Sundays, October 30 or November 6. October 30 is Confirmation Sunday and the forum time will be a time to greet our new members. And November 6 we will have a guest speaker. (See elsewhere in the "Builder.")

On November 13 the topic will be "Stories of Creation." November 20, "Lives of Jesus." Come once and I'm sure you will come again!

Nov. 6: Guest Speaker

Nov. 13: Stories of Creation (4)

Nov. 20: Lives of Jesus (5)

Nov. 27: Prepare Christmas Cards/Gifts

Dec. 4: Christmas Workshop - tentative

Dec. 11: A Passion for Christ: Paul (6)

Dec. 18: Out Into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians (7)

PRAYER CHAIN: Please call one of our prayer chair persons, Jill Bjornstad 922-1556 or Maureen Kelm 921-5474.

If you would like prayers offered for you or others-please know that we'll keep that person on the Prayer Chain for two weeks unless otherwise requested

FOR THE RECORD

BAPTISM: 10/08/2011 Leigha Ann John
Daughter of Nicholas John and Ashley Wiesner

10/09/2011 Ivy Rose Bauer
Daughter of Brandon and Wendy Bauer

DEATH: 10/7/2011 Joyce Klahn



Daylight Saving Time Ends on Saturday, November 5th. Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour when you go to bed....so you won't be late for church on Sunday!



**Monday, November 21st
NOON IN PARLOR**

Just Bring:

A dish to pass

Your own table setting

No need to sign up. Come, as you are able.

ALL ARE WELCOME-YOUNG AND OLD!!!

For a ride, please call 922-0020

SOCIAL MINISTRY

WORLD HUNGER

2011 YTD TOTAL

\$696.87

MEN'S DARTBALL begins this month. Come and join in on the good fellowship, fun, and camaraderie starting November 10th at 7:00 pm.



Teams are chosen every Thursday evening, so, regular attendance is not necessary. So, please come whenever it is convenient for you. The games usually last between 1 1/2- 2 hours. Everyone is invited- need not be a member of COOS.

Community of Faith Events

Cathedral Church of St. Paul: stpaulsfdl.org

Church of Our Saviour: www.oursavioursfdl.org

Community United Methodist: www.gbgm-umc.org/nfdl

Immanuel Trinity Lutheran Church: immanueltrinity.org

**FINANCIAL UPDATE –SEPTEMBER 2011
GENERAL FUND**

Time Period Total Income* Expenses Net Results**

SEPT. 2011	\$ 21,641	\$19,115	\$ 2,526
Year-to-date	\$186,876	\$169,308	\$17,568

*Income includes daycare rent payments.

*Loan payment principal is not included in Expenses.

LOAN \$340,899.83 NEW NOTE 5/4/2010

Transaction date range: 9/22/2011 to 10/11/2011

\$315,470.52 BALANCE FORWARD

\$2,709.12 AUTO PAYMENT 10/10/11

\$1,393.54 Allocated To Principal

\$1,315.58 Allocated to Interest

Current Balance \$314,076.98

"OVER AND ABOVE"

YTD

ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS

\$2,570.83

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS,

As we come to the end of another church year and start our journey once again from the manger to the cross, I would like to share with you some exciting news about a journey that I am embarking on. Some of you may know that in September I began a two year journey of attending the Lay School of Ministry through the East Central Wisconsin Synod. As part of the application process I was asked why I wanted to attend the school. Simply put, God nudged – I should say shoved me to attend. I had been contemplating and praying for a couple of years about attending and last fall, at a seminar in Wausau, the Lord answered my prayers and gave me a gentle shove. So, here I am in the middle of the book of Exodus and learning that wherever I am at in my faith and life journey, God was and is always with me.

Throughout the two years that my fellow students and I will gather we will be learning Lutheran Systematic Theology, living our faith, worship and liturgy, church history, faith and spirituality and oh yes, read the WHOLE Bible from Genesis to Revelation while studying the Old and New Testaments. We will pray with and for each other along with turning our minds and hearts toward God. To be honest I do not know where this will lead me (that is up to the Lord) but I am sure the answer will be given to me somehow. Perhaps even a nudge or gentle shove.

Many of you have been an important part of my faith journey and I wanted to share with you what was going on in my journey and ask that you keep me, my fellow students, the coordinating team, and our teachers in your thoughts and prayers as we journey together to where only God knows he needs us in his plans.

Blessings,
Wendy Koepp

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jeffery Jodarski
- 1 Jonah Long
- 6 Braelyn Cary/Fenhouse
- 6 Edward Emery
- 6 Donald Strohschine
- 8 Paul Goldapske
- 9 Peter Burns
- 9 Russell Peterson
- 9 Adam Rabbitt
- 9 Jacob Rabbitt
- 10 Ethan Willner
- 11 Roger Searl
- 11 John Talaska
- 14 Alicia Guell
- 14 Rosemary Mathews
- 16 Anthony* Goldapske
- 16 Sheila Hodgden
- 18 Colleen Rispalje
- 18 Daniel Senger
- 21 Joanel Wheeler
- 23 Kaetlyn Fenhouse
- 24 Beverly Collins
- 25 Joyce Klahn
- 26 Leland Rasmussen
- 29 Scott Schwebke

**COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
OCTOBER 2011**

- Pastor Bob reported 13 meetings/study groups, 12 home/hospital visits, 30 office contacts, and other one-time events during the past month.
- The next Ecumenical Potluck is 11/1 at St. Paul's Cathedral.
- Pastor's vacation days: 10/22-28 and 11/20. Pastor Carol Christianson will be our supply pastor.
- Our Call Committee members are Char Bohnsack, Don Jarvey, Bruce Nyberg, Lynne Schibbelhut, Patty Shippee and Natalie Wilburn. We will set a date and time for an information meeting for the entire congregation with Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe, Associate with our Synod Bishop. She will then meet with the Call Committee to get them started on their task.
- To date 5 people has agreed to serve on the Interior Decoration Committee: Jill Bjornstad, Toby Rosenberg, Lynne Schibbelhut, Joanelle Wheeler and Natalie Wilburn. Steve Wilburn will set up their first meeting.

- John Lepien is working with the company on cost figures for our sound system.
- Pastor Bob and the Executive Committee met with Pastor David Pavesic and Pastor Shari Routh of Immanuel-Trinity (IT) on 10/4. Our next meeting is Tuesday, 11/29 at 6:00 p.m. at COOS to discuss new ministries we can do together.
- We are doing o.k. with our finances at the present time. Next month the Finance Committee will have a preliminary budget for 2012.
- On 11/1 the Personal Protection Act will go into effect which allows WI individuals with a State-granted license to carry a concealed weapon. We will wait and see, as all the facts are not clear.
- Our Custodian, Scott Warner, has 15 years of service. He will be honored with a gift certificate.
- A suggestion was made to open our front Main Street door. This door would be seldom used as our main parking lot is on the backside of our church. This Main Street door was retired because of a very high price tag to make it safe and useable.
- Beginning 10/30 we will be using LBW Setting 2 and we will need cantors for both services.
- We will have 2 Christmas Eve services. One at 3 PM and one at 5 PM. We are invited to the late night (11 PM) service at St. Paul's Cathedral. We will have only one service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day at 10 AM.
- A Vibrant Faith Workshop will be held 11/12 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in West Bend. Council approved paying the \$100 fee so that anyone who registers from our congregation can attend this workshop.
- Next Council meeting is 11/21 at 6:00 p.m.



President's Perspective

By now you should all have received the letter announcing our Call Committee, with the Congregational Survey results attached.

Special thanks to those six members who have accepted election to the Call Committee: Bruce Nyberg, Char Bohnsack, Don Jarvey, Lynne Schibbelhut, Patty Shippee, and Natalie Wilburn. I sense that each of them feels truly "called" to do this special service for their congregation. I also know that they will be supported both by our prayers and by the Companion and Guide that we name the Holy Spirit.

Looking back, I'm happy to note we have met most of the goals we set, putting us in a much better place than we were in fall of 2010. Looking ahead to a new year, there will be vacancies on the congregation council, and new faces and ideas are always a good thing. If you'd like to explore the possibility of serving the congregation in this way, please get in touch with Pastor Bob or me in the next few weeks so we can pass that information on to the nominating committee.

There's a prayer I've shared before that has special meaning for my family; we prayed it when my husband passed away and again at his funeral. Taken from the LBW Vespers Service, it is especially appropriate at any time of transition or change. I share it again and ask you to pray it often, as we continue to explore what God has in store for COOS in the months and years ahead.

"Lord, God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

LBW, p. 153, Evening Vespers

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Bell Choir Director: Diana Jewson
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Bookkeeper: Diane Vermillion
Maintenance: Scott Warner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9-1 Quilting 6:00 Ecumenical Pot Luck @ St. Paul's Cathedral	2 5:45-6:30 Bells 6:30 Confirmation Class 6:45-8:00 Choir 2:00-3:30 "Living the Questions" study	3 5-5:45 Kid B Fit	4 1:30 Church Woman United World Community Day @ Church of Peace	5
6 All Saints Day 8:00 Worship 9:15 In Touch/FFF 10:30 Worship	7 Noon Bible Study Laura's Quilting 5:30-6:15 Kid B Fit 7:00 WVELCA Board	8 9-1 Quilting 4:00 Finance	9 5:45-6:30 Bells 6:30 Fellowship Event 6:45-8:00 Choir 2:00-3:30 "Living the Questions" study	10 5-5:45 Kid B Fit	11	12 8:30-3:30 Vibrant Faith Workshop
13 8:00 Worship 9:15 In Touch/FFF 10:30 Worship	14 Noon Bible Study Laura's Quilt 5:30-6:15 Kid B Fit Nourishing You 6:30 Stamping	15 9-1 Quilting 1:00 Tabitha	16 5:45-6:30 Bells 6:30 Confirmation Class 6:45-8:00 Choir 2:00-3:30 "Living the Questions" study	17 5-5:45 Kid B Fit	18	19
20 Pr. Carol Christianson Here 8:00 Worship 9:15 In Touch/FFF 10:30 Worship	21 Laura's Quilting 10:30 Bible Study Noon XYZ 6:00 Council 5:30-6:15 Kid B Fit 7:00 Lydia	22 9-1 Quilting	23 5:45-6:30 Bells No Confirmation No Choir 2:00-3:30 "Living the Questions" 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service @ Ascension Lutheran	24 Thanksgiving Office Closed 11:30-1:30 Thanksgiving Dinner @ Im- manuel-Trinity 20 Wisconsin American Dr. "See Insert"	25 Office Closed	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent 8:00 Worship 9:15 In Touch/FFF 10:30 Worship	28 Laura's Quilting Noon Bible Study 5:30-6:15 Kid B Fit 6:15 Evangelism/Social 6:30 Property 7:00 W & M	29 9-1 Quilting 6:00 p.m. COOS and I.T. Executive Committee Meet at COOS	30 5:45-6:30 Bells 6:30 Confirmation Class 6:45-8:00 Choir 2:00-3:30 "Living the Questions"			