

# CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

## CHOSEN IN LOVE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

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Pr. William Gruenstern

AUGUST 2010

“What God does first and best and most is to trust His people with this moment in history. He trusts them to do what must be done for the sake of the community.” (Walter Brueggemann)

There is a very instructive parable from the writer Peter Steinke which goes like this:

“An old, blind woman lived on the town’s outskirts. Several of the town’s children decided to fool her. They went to her as a group and one boy stated that he had a bird in his hand. He asked the woman to tell them if it was alive or dead. The woman was silent for a long time. Finally, she announced, “I don’t know whether the bird you are holding is dead or alive, but what I do know is that it is in your hands. It is in your hands.”

The bird can be a symbol of stewardship in the congregation; that is, how we care for our parish and its mission. The question is not whether the parish is dead or alive (the Spirit of God is eternal and is always alive where the community of Christ gathers). The question is how we as a body of believers are caring for the gift which God is presenting to us continually, daily.

Just as the blind woman stated to the children, “It is in your hands”, so is the business of the church, the mission of Christ, the sharing of the Gospel, all also in our hands. We, each one of us, are the ones upon whom this responsibility eventually rests. We are the “doers” of God’s love, who extends to us unending amounts to pass on to others. Our activity in the church embodies itself in many different ways. Our sharing the Gospel is very simple, very concrete and very personal. One way in which you can “plug in” to your mission as a Christian serving God in this place is to volunteer a

bit of time for this year’s Vacation Bible School. Monday through Thursday, August 9 – 12. Stop in for an hour. Stop in for an evening. All ages are welcome to take part.

Remember.... The body of Christ is primarily about sharing the Good News of Jesus; secondly, it is about having fun while we do it!

See you at worship –

Pastor Bill

### **CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION CLASSES**

Confirmation and communion-class youth, along with their parents will take part in an organizational meeting on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45 pm in Stecker Hall. We extend our appreciation to John Talaska and Linda Lepien for their service in the past as mentors even as we welcome the talents of Dave Kohls and Lori Rozelle who will be assisting Pastor Bill in this important area of our church’s ministry.

Pr. Bill

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

**If You Would Like To Volunteer For Any Ministry, Please Call the Following:**

### LECTOR / USHERS / GREETERS

Church Office—922-0020

OR

Natalie Wilburn-922-6532



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Prayers for Robert Jr. Denslow and family on the death of Bob's dad Robert Sr. Denslow, Wendy Koepp upon the death of her Great-Uncle, Paul Wagner and John Gremminger on the death of John's Uncle, Larry Wohlwend Jr. Prayers for; Helen Hensel, Bruce, Lee Rasmussen, Earl Kettler and Paul Goldapske for health concerns.



**PRAYER CHAIN:** May we include you in our prayers? Do you have a prayer-need that we can help you with. If so, please call one of our prayer chair persons, Jill, 922-1556 or Maureen, 921-5474. If you would like prayers offered for you or others—please fill out the yellow prayer request forms in the pew/chair racks. We do need personal permission to publish names, however.

**Prayer Chain Request:** When you submit a request for prayers for someone on the Prayer Chain, please:

- 1.) Know that we'll keep that person on the Prayer Chain for 2 Weeks unless otherwise requested.
- 2.) Provide some feedback over those two weeks that can be passed along to those offering the prayers on the Prayer Chain. (i.e.- an update on the situation or persons condition).

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS REQUEST**

Please let the church office know if you move **OR** if your **zip code** has been changed. We pay return postage between .50-\$1.50 per "Builder" or letter to have it returned to the office. You can either call the office @ 922-0020 with your new address or email us at [coosfdl@mcleodusa.net](mailto:coosfdl@mcleodusa.net) and let Sherri or Kay know.

## THANK YOU

*Thank you so much for the scholarship money for my continuing education at UWM. I appreciate it very much! I will be starting my senior year this fall. God's blessings to all of you.*

*Kyle Duquaine*



**Sundays**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Thursdays**

**7:00 p.m.**

## FOR THE RECORD

### **REMOVALS BY OWN REQUEST: 7/1/2010**

Kevin, Margaret, Heather, Andrew, Mary and Peter Jessen

**REMOVALS BY OWN REQUEST:** The following members asked for removal during the Stewardship calling process. Council approved their removals during their June meeting.

Al Hanisch  
Leah Hanisch  
Rachel Hanisch  
Shirley A. Hiley  
Barbara Hoffman  
Aaron Inks  
David Olsen  
Daniel Preissner  
Chad Rispalje

**DEATHS:** 7/25/10 Robert Sr. Denslow

## **MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED AT CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR**

- Church of Our Saviour received \$480.00 from family and friends of Carol Rhode.
- Church of Our Saviour received an additional \$125.00 from Family and Friends of Wil Pagel, designated towards World Hunger.
- Church of Our Saviour received an additional \$135.00 from Family and Friends of Wil Page, designation yet to be determined.

**Nathan H. and Laura M. Schmidt Church of Our Saviour Endowment Fund:**

Because of their love and commitment to Church of Our Saviour, Nate and Laura Schmidt established in 1994 the Nathan H. and Laura M. Schmidt Church of Our Saviour Endowment Fund. Income from this fund is used for Youth Related Activities.

Church of Our Saviour recently received grant monies from this Fund.

Anyone can make a tax-deductible contribution to this fund at any time by sending the donation to the Fond du Lac Area Foundation, 384 N. Main Street, Suite 4, Fond du Lac, WI. 54935 or call (920) 921-2215

**THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE** has awarded scholarships from the Martin Nelson & Megan Mauthe Scholarship Funds to the following students:

Kaitlyn Cardinal  
Kyle Duquaine  
Kristen Nyberg  
Andrea Schaefer  
Seth Wisner

Congratulations to these students, we wish them great happiness and success!

*Church of Our Saviour Endowment Committee*

**Handbell News**

Greetings Ringers,

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. I can hardly believe that September is just around the corner! So with that in mind we will have our first rehearsal Wednesday September 8th at 5:30 - 6:15ish maybe go until 6:30. Our first church service will be Sunday Sept. 19th at the 10:30 service. Also PLEASE MARK YOU CALENDARS FOR SAT. SEPT 25 HANDBELL WORKSHOP AT TRINITY FROM 9-1.

We will be reviewing techniques and working on a piece that we will have looked at before hand and getting it ready for a future Sunday service. So it would be very beneficial if everyone could make it. We could use a few more ringers, if anyone is interested please let me know or come to our rehearsal on the 8th.

Have a great rest of the summer.  
Keep on ringing,  
Diana Jewson  
Saviour Bells director

**SYMPHONIC BAND "Night In Old Vienna"**  
**August 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

**COME SUPPORT THE YOUTH**



On August 25<sup>th</sup> this year Church of Our Savior is hosting the annual Symphonic Band, Vienna Night at Buttermilk Creek Park. It is a night of great friendship, fellowship, and food; a great family as well as individual time. Please sign up to help set up, cook, serve, or bring a dessert (Pies AND brownies) are always the biggest hits, but note it does not have to be either. Please bring your pies or brownies to COOS's kitchen before noon on the 25<sup>th</sup>, or to the concession stand at Buttermilk Creek Park. We will start to set up at the park around 3 PM. Sign up sheet is on the youth board.

Andrew M. Flatt

**Camping in August**



Are you a Youth that likes to camp? Or maybe you want to try something new? Then this is for you! It is the first Youth camping trip that you run the show. From making dinner-to just sharing stories around the fire. It will be a great time to not only learn about one another, but also learn about yourself in new and exciting ways. All major items are covered with the cost of only \$30, however once you sign up you will have the opportunity to attend meeting or get a mailing which will include liability form and list of what to bring. **The dates are: August 27-29, 2010.** Both YOUTH and ADULT chaperons are needed.

Andrew M. Flatt



Women of the E.L.C.A. NEWS

**Missing from kitchen**

The large Nesco is missing from the kitchen. If anyone has borrowed it and forgot to return it please do so asap...we may be needing it in the near future. In the future we would appreciate anyone borrowing anything from the kitchen to leave, in the WELCA mailbox, a signed/dated note of what you're borrowing and when you'll be returning it. Much appreciated☺

WELCA

The WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A. are collecting items to assemble School Kits during July & August. Lutheran World Relief school kits may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war. School kits help parents continue their children's education while living in refugee camps or adults needing literacy classes.

**Please donate one or more of the following items:**

- ❖ Padded or spiral notebooks 8 1/2 x 11 with 150-200 sheets (no loose-leaf)
- ❖ One blunt scissors
- ❖ One 30 Centimeter ruler or a ruler with inches on one side centimeter on other
- ❖ One pencil sharpener
- ❖ Six new #2 pencils with eraser
- ❖ One eraser, 2 1/2 inches long
- ❖ 12 sheets const. paper, assorted colors
- ❖ One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ❖ One sturdy cloth bag approximately 12 x 14 inches with cloth handles.

**Place items in basket in hall or consider a cash donation.**

**ALTAR FLOWER FUND**



*Please remember your loved ones, birthdays, anniversaries and special moments by making a donation to the flower fund.*

The arrangements cost \$25.00 PER vase. You may donate any amount towards the cost of the Altar flowers, please make your check out to "Church of Our Saviour" and drop off or mail it to the church office. We will be happy to print an announcement regarding your celebration or memorial. Include your announcement and the date you would like it published in the bulletin along with your check.

If you have any questions, please contact Kay at 922-0020. Thank you for your support.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

**JUNE 2010**

Change Jug \$65.00



**2010 YTD TOTAL**

\$550.48



**BIBLE STUDY**

**Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 – Noon

Please join in the fellowship and share your insights every third Monday each month. We are a small group of interested, inspired people who meet in the gathering area to share reflections about the Bible and our own faith. **Everyone is Welcome!**

**XYZ**



**Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**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



### **QUILTERS NEED YOUR HELP!**

We have one sewn quilt top. Could you please help us? Packages are in the basket on the table by the

elevator. We usually put five quilts together on a Tuesday, so please consider giving this a try. Sewn tops may be brought to the church office.

### **Church of Our Saviour Church Council 2010**

#### **Term Expires 2011**

Lorraine Lepien: 922-3165  
Dennis Mertens: 921-9672  
Bob Miller: 921-1245  
Ken Bengel: 923-3419

#### **Term Expires 2012**

Bart Christensen: 251-6494  
Vice President - Steve Wilburn: 922-6532

#### **Term Expires 2013**

President - Mary Arthur: 579-1535  
Andy Flatt: 929-8817  
Dee Gremminger: 921-0540

Marabell Juedes            Secretary  
Marcia Snyder            Treasurer

### **COUNCIL LIAISONS for the COMMITTEES**

To insure good communication between the working committees of the church, Council members volunteered to attend committee meetings and bring a report to the Council. Following are the various committees and the Council liaison:

**EDUCATION:** Bart Christensen

**ENDOWMENT:** Marabell Juedes

**FINANCE:** Lorraine Lepien and Marcia Synder

**PERSONNEL:** Mary Arthur

**PROPERTY:** Dennis Mertens and Steve Wilburn

**SOCIAL/EVANGELISM:** Ken Bengel, Andy Flatt, and Dee Gremminger

**STEWARDSHIP:** Bob Miller and Steve Wilburn

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** Lorraine Lepien

**YOUTH:** Andy Flatt

If you wish to participate on any of these committees or have a concern regarding any of them, speak to a liaison.

**BUILDER ARTICLES** deadline is the 15th of each month. The Deadline for the Next Builder is; **August 15<sup>th</sup>.**

(Articles are always welcome earlier in the month!).

**Remember! Please submit everything for Builder and announcements in electronic format, so we can integrate it for the website.**

The Builder is also available on the churches website at: [www.oursavioursfdl.org](http://www.oursavioursfdl.org)

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### **FINANCIAL UPDATE – JUNE 2010**

#### **GENERAL FUND**

<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Total Income*</b>	<b>Expenses**</b>	<b>Net Results</b>
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JUNE, 2010	\$15,893	\$18,021	(\$2,128)
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Year-to-date	\$112,074	\$117,723	(\$5,649)
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\*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: 06/05/2010 to 07/13/2010

\$339,658.47 BALANCE FORWARD

\$176.00 PAYMENT 06/30/2010

\$176.00 Allocated To Principal

\$2,709.12 PAYMENT 07/07/2010

\$1,293.87 Allocated To Principle

\$1,415.25 Allocated To Interest

\$338,188.60 Current Balance

#### **“OVER AND ABOVE”**

#### **ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS**

**JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> 2010 TO DATE**

Debt Reduction: \$226.00

Special Projects: 380.00

Benevolence: 32.00

\*Debt Reductions will not show on LOAN report until next installment

**PICK N' SAVE WE CARE:** Remember to fill out a "We Care" card to have a percentage of your grocery bill go towards the youth of COOS. Our "WE CARE" number is 119200

# August 2010

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M-TH-8:30-3:30  
F-8:30-12:30

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Rev. Bill Gruenstern  
Choir Director: Sandy Albano  
Kim Jodarski: Organist  
Diana Jewson: Bell Choir  
Director  
Kay Salzman: Parish  
Administrator/Financial Secretary  
Sherri Bucher: Office Assistant  
Diane Vermillion:  
Bookkeeper  
Scott Warner: Maintenance

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 Service	<b>2</b> 10:00 Staff Mtg.	<b>3</b> 9-1 Quilting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 12:15 Organ Recital Church of Our Saviour- Pam Lane 7:00 Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 2:00 Helen Glissendorf Memorial Service
<b>8</b> 9:00 Service	<b>9</b> 10:00 Staff Mtg. 5:30—8:00 VBS	<b>10</b> 9-1 Quilting 5:30 Finance 5:30-8:00 VBS	<b>11</b> 5:30—8:00 VBS	<b>12</b> 12:15 Organ Recital Cove- nant United Methodist Church 5:30—8:00 VBS "Sounds of Faith" <b>6:45 Worship</b> (Notice -Worship time change)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Pr. Bill Vacation 9:00 Service Rev. Carol Christianson	<b>16</b> Pr. Bill Vacation 10:30 Bible Study Noon XYZ 6:00 Council	<b>17</b> Pr. Bill Vacation 9-1 Quilting	<b>18</b> Pr. Bill Vacation	<b>19</b> Pr. Bill Vacation 12:15 Organ Recital Hope Lutheran Church 7:00 Worship- No Communion	<b>20</b> Pr. Bill Vacation	<b>21</b> Pr. Bill Vacation
<b>22</b> Pr. Bill Vacation 9:00 Service Rev. Dave Redman	<b>23</b> Pr. Bill Vacation 7:15 W & M	<b>24</b> Pr. Bill Vacation 9-1 Quilting	<b>25</b> Pr. Bill Vacation Pies for Concert brought to COOS - before noon <b>3PM</b> Youth & Adult volunteers needed at Buttermilk Park 6:15 Symphonic Band Vienna Night @ Butter- milk Creek Park	<b>26</b> Pr. Bill Vacation 12:15 Organ Recital St. Peter's Lutheran 7:00 Worship- No Communion	<b>27</b> Pr. Bill Vacation Youth Camping	<b>28</b> Pr. Bill Vacation Youth Camping
<b>29</b> 9:00 Service Youth Camping	<b>30</b> 10:00 Staff Mtg.	<b>31</b> 9-1 Quilting				