

News & Notes

RALLY DAY: Rally Day for First Footsteps in Faith is Sunday **September 12, 2010**. All children between age 3 (toilet trained) and grade 6 are invited to come with their parents to the sanctuary at 9:15 for First Footsteps in Faith Sunday School 2010-2011 opening. At this time we also will have Bible presentation to our 1st Graders. The morning will include filling out forms, learning about the upcoming new year, crafts, and refreshments. Thank you for your support with this program. Let's make this the best year ever, and continue to grow in our faith and community!! ***We are looking for a volunteer to teach our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Graders. If you are interested in this fun and fulfilling Ministry please contact Leeann @ 924-6855

Leanne Christensen, Patty Knubis, and Deb Greuel ~ FFF Leaders.

2010 FFF CHRISTMAS

PROGRAM: The Sunday School program is looking for someone to Direct, plan and organize this year's Christmas play. Wendy Koepp, who has directed the Christmas play for many years, has resigned from this ministry. We will truly miss Wendy's theater experience and directing skills!! If you are interested in volunteering as Director of this year's Sunday School Christmas Program, please contact Leanne Christensen @ 920-924-6855.

SIMPLY GIVING: Please consider using Church of Our Saviour's Simply Giving program for your weekly, bi-weekly or monthly giving. Your donation is a safe, convenient and reliable auto donation from your checking or savings account

There is an insert in today's bulletin giving you a short description of the program; an article from Bob Miller, a Simply Giving donation user; and a registration form.

NOTE: "I'm giving through Simply Giving" laminated cards will be on the "name tag table" for those of you who use the program. Please take one, prior to Service, and place in the offering plate at offering time. Thank you.

CROPWALK this year will be October 10th.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bulletin announcements are due in the office by **Wednesday at 9:00 am** for the next Sunday bulletin.

BUILDER ARTICLES deadline is the 15th of each month.

(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.

Church Of Our Saviour's Mission Statement:

Chosen In Love to Share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

News & Notes from Church of Our Saviour for August 29 & September 2, 2010

Phone: 920-922-0020

Email: coosfdl@mcleodusa.net

Hours: 8:30-3:30 Mon- Thurs
8:30-12:30 Fri

Web-Site: www.oursavioursfdl.org

Ministers: All the members of Church of Our Saviour

Pastor, Rev. Bill Gruenstern

Organist, Kim Jodarski

Choir Director, Sandy Albano

Bell Choir Director, Diana Jewson

Children's Choir Director, Loraine Lepien

Parish Administrator/Financial Secretary, Kay Salzman

Office Assistant, Sherri Bucher

Bookkeeper, Diane Vermillion

Maintenance, Scott Warner

"For parents with young children who desire to make use of it, there is a cry room in the rear of the church"

PASTOR BILL emphasizes that he is available for all your Pastoral needs 24/7! Please call him at 960-9996.

Pastor Bill's email is

pastorbill@oursavioursfdl.org

His office hours are **8:00-12:00 p.m.**

Monday thru Thursday or by appointment; ordinarily he will be making calls and attending meetings in the afternoon and evening.

THOSE WHO SERVE AT WORSHIP:

Sunday, August 29, 9:00 am-

Asst. Min: Ramona Bennett

Lector: Sydney Schibbelhut

Ushers: Bob & Lisa Baldauf

Greeters: Fran Hamilton

Thursday, September 2, 7:00 pm

Asst. Min: Dave Kohls

Lector: Sue Schierstedt

Ushers: Earle Winberg and Tim Kurtz

Greeters: Betty Kettler

*when none is listed, step up and do it!

FLOWERS: Today's flowers are given in honor of Virginia Pinno and Betty & Kevin's Birthdays.

LABOR DAY: The office will be closed on Monday, September 6.

REMINDER: Please return any communion kits you may have. Thanks!

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REMINDER: please let Pastor or the office know if you would like someone in the prayers or prayer chain. Prayer concerns will be put in bulletin for **2 weeks**. Please call the office if you would like this extended. Also, please let Pastor or the office know if you or a loved one is going into the hospital.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the lost and found box on top of the coat rack in the Gathering Space. Items not picked up by September 12th will be tossed or given to Goodwill. Among the items found is a Sam's cooler bag that was found in the Parlor.
Thank You

HANDBELL NEWS

We will have our first rehearsal Wednesday, September 8th at 5:30 - 6:15. Our first church service will be Sunday, Sept. 19th at the 10:30 service. Also, please mark your calendars for Sat., Sept 25 for a handbell workshop at Trinity from 9-1.

CHOIR NEWS

The choir will begin practices on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:45pm.

W.E.L.C.A. COLLECTION:

W.E.L.C.A. will be collecting materials for School Kits during the month of August. Stop by the W.E.L.C.A. display table in the hall to pick up more information relating to this worthwhile project. Leave your donation in the basket. If you prefer to donate money, please use a pew envelope marked "W.E.L.C.A.-School Kits.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Operating as we have for many years on a tight and often deficit budget, special projects are sometimes necessary. Our congregation has a solid history of meeting the challenge when needs are identified and presented; in recent years that has included partial funding of the new roof, resurfacing of the parking lot, and numerous "over and above" gifts by individuals who identified and funded a particular need.

Building on that concept, we will now have an ongoing "Special Projects" fund, to underwrite a list of projects that will be approved and prioritized by the Congregation Council.

The **first project** for which we will collect funds is the installation of **two removable oak hand railings** to facilitate access to the chancel area (lectern and altar). The estimate for the completed project by Capelle Bros. & Diedrich, Inc. is \$1877.00, and the project will start as soon as that amount has been collected.

Statistics for Our Ministry Together

Worship	Total Attendance	
08/22/2010	9:00 am	64
08/26/2010	7:00 pm	16

Kid B Fit classes are starting soon!

Kid B Fit Zumba starts Monday, September 13 at 5:30-6:15.
Kid B Fit Yoga starts Tuesday, September 14 at 4:45-5:30.
Kid B Fit Jump Rope starts Thursday, September 9 at 5:00-5:45.

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SUNDAY- August 29

Worship 9:00am

MONDAY-August 30

Staff Meeting 10:00 am
Laura's quilting class 10:00 am
Bible Study 12:00 pm

TUESDAY- August 31

Quilters 9:00-1:00

WEDNESDAY- September 1

THURSDAY- September 2

Worship 7:00 pm

FRIDAY- September 3

SATURDAY- September 4

SUNDAY- September 5

Worship 9:00am

Confirmation and communion-class youth,

along with their parents will take part in an organizational meeting on Wednesday, September 15th, 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.

LCM plant give-away. This is a reminder to keep growing your plants for the incoming freshman at UW Oshkosh. Contact Connie Weiss with any questions@ 231-1168.

A Message from Your Congregation President

Church of Our Saviour is about to hit a financial "wall"! Due to decreased summer giving and the depletion of our line of credit, we are currently having to hold back payments and temporarily delay payroll in order to keep our checking account from overdrafts. Congregation Council and committee members discussed possible short-term measures and long-term solutions at the Aug. 16 meeting. However, if we are unable to bolster our monthly income, we are facing some serious financial choices in the very near future!

If you have allowed your donations to fall behind during these summer months, you will be doing your congregation and council an enormous kindness by catching up on your customary giving as soon as you possibly can. Your Congregation Council and leadership teams are working hard on the various issues that currently challenge our church family. Working together for the GOOD OF OUR PARISH, we can and WILL get through this crisis and enter the new Fall season with renewed enthusiasm, strengthened faith, and hope for the future!! --

Mary A. Arthur,
Congregation President

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FAITH, FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP

Book Study: Our Lives Are Not Our Own, By Rochelle Melander and Harold Eppley.

Starting on Thursday, September 9
1:00 – 2:30 P.M. Or 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Meet at the Talaska home, 409 Pleasant Street. (one block east of Park Avenue between 10th and Boyd)

Anyone wanting to strengthen their faith and explore Christian living is invited to join this informal time of sharing on Thursdays.

Our study will help us, as Lutheran Christians, to better understand “God’s call to a life of accountability and how this accountability can be a blessing and not a burden.”

We are excited about this faith opportunity as we seek to more faithfully live out our Baptismal calling.

Our books will be arriving soon. The cost will be \$12.00 each. If you are able, you may help defray the cost. Book payment is not required for joining the group. Books can be picked up from Joanne or in the church office.

If you have any questions, please speak to Joanne
Talaska, 923-1057.

We will be watching for you!
Welcome.

HELP CHOOSE WHERE THRIVENT FINANCIAL GIVES BACK!

Eligible Thrivent benefit members can participate in Choice Dollars. Through Choice Dollars, you can help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable funds among thousands of Lutheran organizations, including Church of Our Saviour. By now or in the near future, Eligible Thrivent members will receive a letter from Thrivent informing them on how to participate in designating their Choice Dollars. Please read through the letter you’ll be receiving from Thrivent and know that you may designate your Choice Dollars to Church of Our Saviour AND that you may choose Church of Our Saviour as a recurring donation!!! Thank you in advance for considering directing your Choice Dollars to Church of Our Saviour!

*** NOTE: Debora Jaeger, Thrivent Rep., will be giving a Temple Talk regarding Choice Dollars and Simply Giving on Thursday, September 9th at the 7:00 p.m. Service and Sunday, September 12th during the 8:00 and 10:30 Service.

Fondy Food Pantry Donations

Needed: It has come to the attention of the Fondy Food Pantry volunteers that donations are needed. Any help you can give will be gratefully appreciated and gratefully received. Please place items in the cart in the hallway: Macaroni & Cheese
Canned fruit
Complete pancake mix
Syrup
Peanut butter
Anything you wish

Thank you for your caring and sharing

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FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Our last Summer (2010) Worship Service is Sunday, September 5th @ 9:00 a.m.

Fall/Winter Schedule begins
Sunday, September 12, 2010

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 Education Hour
First Footsteps in Faith (FFF)
Youth in Servants Quarters
In Touch (Adult Forum’s)

THURSDAYS

7:00 p.m. Worship

CONFIRMATION

A reminder to all confirmation students who have finished their courses of study: **Confirmation will take place at the 10:30 service on Reformation Sunday, October 31st.**

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR:

We are looking for helpers for coffee hour for the next school year. We need help with preparing the coffee before the 8 a.m. service, donations of treats, donation of juice, and someone to clean up after the Adult Forum, “In Touch” or after second service at 10:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet is posted on the large bulletin board in the main hallway.

We have supplies of coffee, cups, napkins, sugar, creamer and small plates. These treats are served in the parlor and everyone is invited to come in and enjoy some. Our first Sunday will be September 12. If there are any questions please call Jill Bjornstad at 922-1556.

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.

QUILTERS SAY THANK YOU AND ASK FOR CONTINUED HELP

Each Tuesday morning, approximately ten women meet to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. To date, we have 177 quilts ready to ship. We are most grateful for everyone’s help to get that many done but more help is 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.

CHURCH ONE-LINERS

“Never give the devil a ride. He always wants to drive!”