

News & Notes

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 9:30-12:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday or by appointment; ordinarily he will be making calls and attending meetings in the afternoon and evening.

GIFTS FOR SHUT-INS

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 items. Please see list in past announcements or builder.

We will be gathering in the parlor on **Thursday, Dec. 10 at 6:00 PM** to wrap the gifts for distribution. We share some snacks and have a good time. We invite & WELCOME you to join us at any time!!!!

DARTBALL: 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.

CHURCH FUNNIES

"God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage."

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

The deadline for Committee Reports for the Annual Report Book is Monday December 14th, 2009.

Annual Meeting January 24th immediately following 10:30 Service

FEED THE PIG!!! There is a piggy bank in the Music Room that we are collecting money to try and purchase a pig "Gods Global Barnyard". We need to raise \$30.00 to purchase a pig- this will be our goal. Our lesson in FFF (Sunday school) is "Rich Christians in a Hungry World".

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: The Education Committee is looking to restructure. We feel that everyone would benefit if each group was represented, such as: Adult Forum, Confirmation, Youth, and FFF (Sunday School). Currently-Deb, Leann, and Patty are representing FFF piece. By doing this we are able to each take a month to attend the meeting. Please consider attending the next meeting which will be on **Monday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m.** We meet here at Church, we do need to work together to make all the programs successful.

IF YOU ARE A COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION STUDENT who has misplaced your Bible and catechism books, they await you in the church office.

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 December 6, 2009

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

BUDGET PRESENTATION AT ADULT FORUM – DEC. 13

At our Sunday morning Adult Forum on **Dec. 13 at 9:15 a.m.**, members of the Congregation Council and Finance Committee will be on hand to present and discuss the proposed 2010 budget. While a tentative budget has been prepared, congregational input is sought before it is presented to the Congregation Council for approval on Dec. 21. All voting members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend!!

THOSE WHO SERVE AT WORSHIP:

Sunday, December 6, 8:00 am-

Asst. Min: Jill Bjornstad

Lector: Joanel Wheeler

Acolyte: Sydney Schibbelhut

Ushers: Lynne Schibbelhut family

Greeters: Marlene Pressnell and

Yvonne Brunet

Sunday, December 6, 10:30 am-

Asst. Min: Ramona Bennett

Lector: Laura Franke

Acolyte: Austin Breitrick

Ushers: Earle Winberg, Gilbert & Loraine Lepien

Greeters: Harvey Gysbers

Communion set-up: Loraine Lepien
Connie Newman

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

2009 CONTRIBUTIONS:

All 2009 contributions **must be** received by the church **NO LATER** than December 31st, 2009 to be included in your 2009 giving.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2010 Church offering envelopes will be ready for you to pick up starting Sunday December 6th. Please do not begin using the new envelopes until January 1, 2010.

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FIRST FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

12-6-09-12-13-09 and 12-20-09 all FFF students should meet in the Drama room @ 9:15AM with Wendy Koepf for Christmas program practice. Regular FFF classes will resume on 1/3/10

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.

AT CONGREGATION

COUNCIL'S SUGGESTION, we have reduced the size of the bulletin to "go green" and save on the cost of paper. You are invited to share your comments on the change with a staff or council member.

Special Events in December

Thursday, December 10, 6:00 pm
Wrap Christmas Gifts for our special members. Appetizer potluck for the meal.

Sunday, December 13, Chili lunch
after 10:30 service, Caroling and shut-in visits after lunch.

Thursday, December 17, 6:30 pm
Chancel And Tree Trimming

Sunday, December 20, 10:30 am
Children's Christmas Program

Thursday, December 24
Christmas Eve Family Worship at 5:00 pm and Candlelight Service at 11:00 pm

Friday, December 25
Christmas Day Worship at 10:00 am

Sunday, December 27
8:00 am and 10:30 am Worship

XYZ LUNCHEON: Celebrate friendship and share a wonderful meal on Monday, December 21 at noon in the parlor. Please bring a dish to share and your own table setting. Call 922-0020 if you need a ride. All are welcome, especially those who are 60+ years old.

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SUNDAY- December 6- Advent

Worship	8:00 am
Sunday School	9:15 am
Adult Forum	9:15 am
Worship	10:30 am

MONDAY- December 7

Bible Study	12:00 pm
Education Ministry	6:00 pm

TUESDAY- December 8

Quilters	9:00-1:00
Finance	5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY- December 9

Savior Bells	5:30- 6:15 pm
Gr. 7-8 class	5:45 pm
Adult Choir	6:45 pm
Mid-week Advent Service	7:00 pm

THURSDAY- December 10

Book Study	1:00 pm
Gift Wrapping	6:00 pm
Book Study	6:30 pm
Dartball	7:00 pm

FRIDAY- December 11

SATURDAY- December 12

Youth Cookie Bake	9:00-1:00
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GENERAL OFFERINGS

RECEIVED FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 29th : \$3,768.00

**\$5,044.00 total weekly offerings needed to meet 2009 Budget of \$285,497.96

2009 Budget -23,200.00 Bright Beginnings Est. income
262,297.96 ÷ 52 Weeks = \$5,044.20

General Fund- YTD

Through	10/31/08	10/31/09
Offerings	\$170,515	\$163,098
Ttl Income	\$183,517	\$178,816
Ttl Expense	\$208,616	\$207,620
Inc less Exp\$(25,099)		\$(28,804)

Statistics for Our Ministry Together

Worship		Total Attend.
11/25/2009	7:00 pm	no service
11/22/2009	8:00 am	54
11/22/2009	10:30 am	61

REMINDER FROM

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Church of Our Saviour has received pledges from 86 families and individuals for our budget year 2010. The pledges have a pledge value of \$167,128.84 which is well below our operation expenses. For those who have not filled out a pledge card please do so within the next 2-3 weeks. (There are more pledge cards available in the office and on the usher's table if you have misplaced yours). Your pledges will allow us to complete our 2010 budget.

Thank You, Stewardship Committee