

FEBRUARY 2012

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR
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Robert Rosenberg, Pastor

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...

Wednesday, February 22nd, is called "Ash Wednesday" and marks the beginning of Lent. The name "lent" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning "spring," the time when the days "lengthen." And by the time Lent is over and Easter comes, we will be right in the middle of Spring.

The significance of the name "ASH Wednesday" is found in the medieval custom of people coming to church on the first day of Lent and, after finishing their prayers, they threw ashes made from the burned palms which were blessed the previous Palm Sunday over their heads as a sign of penitence.

The Lutheran observance of Lent is commemorative as well as penitential. We customarily regard the Lenten season as a time of special spiritual opportunity to contemplate the "Passion" or suffering of Christ as an incentive for self-examination, repentance, and growth in faith and grace.

Why are there 40-days of Lent? The early Christians remembered the forty HOURS during which Jesus lay in the tomb between Good Friday and Easter morning, and, eventually, in recognition of the forty days of our Lord's temptation, to forty days of Lent. Since Sundays were never "fast" days, or should I say "days of fasting," they are not considered as part of the Lenten season, and so four more week days were added to the six weeks and this finally fixed the season of Lent as "forty fasting days." (I suppose this is why a lot of people came to think of Lent as a time to "give up" something.)

These facts are interesting, but they're not really all that important. The one important fact is that Christ died so that our sins could be forgiven. That's a fact that is so simple, so familiar, that it's hard to grasp. But that's why Christians observe Lent: to set forty days aside to think about Christ's death and what it means for their lives.

Lent is a time to grow closer to God. It's a time to attend church more regularly, to pray more often, and to read the Bible more diligently. It is my hope that this Lenten season will be a meaningful experience in your life.

To that end, we will have Midweek Services each Wednesday beginning February 22nd. We will have a Service in the morning at 11:00 a.m. and one in the evening at 6:15 p.m. They will be the same. They should last about half-an-hour.

Following the morning Service we will have a brown-bag lunch in the parlor, (BYO=bring your own), while we watch a video and discuss. In the evening we will have a meal at 5:30 p.m. beginning February 29 prior to the Service at 6:15. The ladies will provide two meals, the choir one meal, the youth one meal which will be a fund-raiser, and the Council one meal.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

Pastor Bob

CONFIRMATION CLASS will be from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. during Lent. I will be sending parents a class schedule for the remainder of the year. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 29, at the 10:30 Service.

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. **NOTE:** *We are in desperate need of Ushers. If you are interested in ushering, please call the office or leave a note on Kay's desk. Families are welcome to usher! (That's kids too!) Dave Stuebs will lead an "Usher Training Class" for those willing to learn and will schedule it when it is most convenient for those volunteering.*

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 29

Three new people were elected to the Church Council for a 3-year term. They are Edith Hernandez, Audrey Jarvey, and Sandi Kunz. Bob Bohnsack was elected for a 1-year term to complete the term of Andy Flatt who is in college and couldn't finish his term.

At a short organizational meeting following the Annual Meeting, officers for 2012 were elected as follows: Mary Arthur, President; Bob Bohnsack, Vice President; Marabell Juedes, Secretary; Marcia Snyder, Treasurer.

Thank you to Bart Christensen, Andy Flatt, Jan Rabbitt, and Steve Wilburn for serving on the Council.

FOR THE RECORD

BAPTISMS: 1/29/2012

Bowen Michael David Steinbarth-Son of Shane Steinbarth and Heidi McEssey

Harrison Daniel St. Louis-Son of Daniel St. Louis and Tanya Brunelli

NEW MEMBERS: Adam and Brittany Belling-Affirmation of Faith

CAN'T COME TO CHURCH? CHURCH WILL COME TO YOU! Our Lay Eucharist Ministers are trained and willing to bring the Eucharist to those who are sick, shut in, or unable to come to church. If you would like Communion brought to you or someone you know, please contact the office at 922-0020.

BUILDER ARTICLE 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.

*Our new email is office@oursavioursfdl.org

The Builder is also available on the churches website at: www.oursavioursfdl.org

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DO YOU FEEL A NEED FOR PRAYER? 'It is necessary to rouse the heart to pray; otherwise it will become quite dry. The attributes of prayer are: love of God, sincerity, and simplicity.'

- John of Kronstadt

Church of Our Saviour's Prayer Chain is available for You!

Whatever your need, whether it's the concern of a desperate need, a joyous prayer of thanksgiving for blessings received, or something in-between, we will pray for you in all confidence. Simply call one of our prayer chair persons, Jill Bjornstad 922-1556 or Maureen Kelm 921-5474.



Thank you to all the gift wrappers and to Dave & Dolly Stuebs for delivering a bag of youthful, thoughtful gifts. God Bless you all.

Ellie Lohse

Thank you for the Thanksgiving dinner and the Christmas presents.

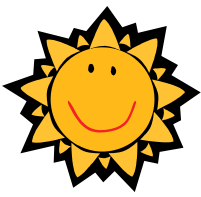
Milly Toshner

I would like to thank John & Joann Talaska for the pie, Ruth and the Confirmation girls for the Christmas card, and Church of Our Saviour members for the gifts and Karen Goldapske delivering them. I hope all had a wonderful Christmas!

Eldora Alby

Thank you all for the cards and prayers during my recovery! Ruth Hendricks

Church is the one place you can go where everyone encourages you to sing, even if you can't, and where you receive a blessing just for showing up.



CROSSWAYS' SUMMER CAMP

information is now available in the church office. There are individual programs for grades 1-12, adults, and programs for families of ALL shapes, sizes,

and definitions. Take a brochure and discover great summer adventure opportunities for your entire family. Remember: there is no better investment in your children's faith development than a week at Bible Camp! You can find out more about camp-the calendar, descriptions, and online registration at www.CrosswaysCamps.org. **HURRY! Early Registration deadline for summer camps is March 15th!**



Monday, February 20th 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
\$855.00

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 2, 2012

"Let Justice Prevail" is the theme of this year's World Day of Prayer program and is written by the Christian women of Malaysia. They strive to be neighbors within a multireligious country and among a Muslim majority, so they open the service with "Peace and Welcome". This greeting is a reminder that harmony as a people is rooted in peace and welcome. They name fair and just governance as the basis for harmony in the social order. They remind us, however, that the ideal of peace and harmony is undermined by corruption and greed, and it is distorted when voices for truth and justice are silenced.

The 2012 service encourages worshipers to respond from their own context to the theme "Let Justice Prevail". It takes courage, compassion and active engagement for justice to prevail.

World Day of Prayer's motto, "Informed prayer leads to powerful action," affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence.

This event will be held at Memorial Baptist Church, 645 Forest Av. FdL, on March 2 at 1:30 p.m. with refreshments to follow. For more information or any questions please contact Jill Bjornstad at 922-1556 or Pat Wallender at 929-9611.



WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A HEALTH KIT COLLECTION

During the month February we are collecting items needed for HEALTH KITS. People who must flee their homes quickly often do not have time to pack essential items. LWR health kits can help men; women and children who are refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. Items may also contribute to a new start for those who can return home. Items needed for a kit are: 1 bath towel, 2 new bath size bars of soap, 1 toothbrush, 1 comb, and 1 metal nail clippers. Please see WELCA book for more information.

WELCA Correspondence

Please see the bulletin board for correspondence from Jonathon and Nancy Burmeister as well as their Annual Report.

Also see correspondence from Immanuel-Trinity with information about Girls Unlimited (which is a place for women to connect and find the things they really want: 1) someone to care, 2) a place to belong, 3) significance. Their invitation is on the bulletin board or call Sandy Wickwice (238-9147), Chris Pieper (921-3192) or Audrey Greenwood (923-2246).

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 –DECEMBER 2011
GENERAL FUND**

Time Period	Total Income*	Expenses**	Net Results
DEC. 2011	\$ 29,178	\$20,484	\$ 8,694
Year-to-date	\$254,375	\$239,410	\$14,965

*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: 12/13/2011 to 1/24/2012

\$310,866.32 BALANCE FORWARD

\$2,709.12 AUTO PAYMENT 1/10/12

\$1,369.88 Allocated To Principal

\$1,339.24 Allocated to Interest

Current Balance \$309,496.44

"OVER AND ABOVE"

YTD

ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS

\$105.00

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!

We finished 2011 in the BLACK for the first time in many years! THANK you for your support. However, you need to continue your support as we will be calling a new pastor this year. So be faithful, as our Father is faithful in blessing us.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lois Weigelt
- 2 Justin Boris
- 2 Gary Kellett
- 2 Clayton Murphy
- 2 Kathleen Rasmussen
- 3 Joseph Blumke
- 3 Nicholas Gellings
- 3 Shania Schibbelhut
- 3 Mildred Toshner
- 5 Wendy Bauer
- 5 Toni Schwartz
- 6 Serena Grap
- 7 Michael Bayer
- 7 Jennifer Hyland
- 7 Isabel Karls
- 7 Linda Olwig
- 7 Barbara Reetz
- 8 Gary Wickert
- 9 David Stuebs
- 10 Marion Eggert
- 10 Corissa Sonnenfeld

- 10 Anna Steberg
- 11 Roger Flatt
- 11 Florence Schuppe
- 11 Fred Ziegler
- 12 Bradley Manthey
- 13 Howard Bigsby
- 13 Kelly Hendricks
- 14 Kirsten Baxter
- 14 Christiane Born
- 15 Samantha Rische
- 15 Holly Schwebke
- 15 William Sonnenfeld
- 16 Raymond Hinz
- 16 Kaitlynn Rische
- 17 Alfred Schmidt
- 17 Cody Wondrash
- 18 Joan Bell
- 18 Robert Miller
- 19 Kathy Burns
- 20 Bryanna Emery
- 20 Emily Franke
- 20 Abigail Long
- 20 Adler Roets
- 21 Catharine Eggers
- 21 Mark Steberg
- 22 Eleanoris Lohse
- 23 Janice Slater
- 23 Ruth Hendricks
- 24 Milton Heimerl
- 25 Aaron Bohnsack
- 25 Alyssa Jodarski
- 25 Deborah Lavrenz
- 25 Kameron Mand
- 26 Linda Lepien
- 27 Brent Anderson
- 27 Christopher Cardinal
- 27 Jason Schmidt
- 27 Jamie Stroh
- 28 Valarie Grap
- 28 David L. Olofson Jr.

Happy belated Birthday to Landon Karls, whose birthday was January 23rd, and William Olwig, whose birthday was January 22nd.



President's Perspective

Just a short column this month to express my personal thanks to the retiring council members: Janet Rabbitt, Bart Christensen, Andy Flatt, and Steve Wilburn, for their dedicated service to the congregation. Each of them has brought special gifts and insights to the Congregation Council. Special thanks to Steve Wilburn, who has completed a full 2-term, 6 year stint on the Council, much of it as Vice President. During those years Steve volunteered to take on many assignments, from chairing the nominating committee to heading up a kitchen crew to researching and organizing the disposal of outdated computer equipment, and much more! Thanks, Steve, for being a loyal and hardworking member of the COOS executive team!

While there were no volunteers to take over my spot as President when the Council organized following the annual meeting, Bob Bohnsack has accepted the Vice President nomination. Bob and I look forward to working together in 2012, to ensure a smooth transition when my second term expires at the end of this year.

I look forward with enthusiasm and excitement to my final year as your congregation president. God has done great things for our little flock. Let us continue to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance as we discover the future He has planned for us!

-- Mary Arthur

Council Highlights January 2012

- Pastor Bob reported 8 meetings/study groups, 14 home/hospital visits, 28 office contacts, 3 private communions, 2 funerals and other one-time events during the past month.
- We have 5 Wednesday evening Lenten services at 6:15 p.m. Council decided to serve a simple meal at 5:30 p.m. with the Council, Choir & Youth each hosting one meal & the 2 women's groups each hosting one meal.
- Call Committee is presently updating the contacts that are to be listed in the Call Process.
- The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, 1/29, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Nominating Committee has completed their work. An organizational meeting of the Council will follow the Annual Meeting to elect officers.
- With the new Council in place, Mary Arthur suggests updating our committee/organizational structure to make better use of existing resources, in order to meet congregational needs and goals.
- Finance Committee reported entries have been made to show the notes payable loan has been paid & put back in General Fund Checking.
- Council approved the proposed 2012 budget that shows \$259,750 for income & \$260,130 for expenses.
- Our next Executive Committee meeting with the Executive Committee of Immanuel-Trinity is Tuesday, 1/31, at COOS following the Ecumenical Potluck here at 6:00 p.m. This is a Ten Church potluck & everyone should come & bring a dish-to-pass.
- The office computers are old & not working properly. Council agreed to purchase 3 new computers at \$675 each from Priced Less Computers with payment being taken from Memorial Funds.
- Thanks to the Property Committee for putting up the Christmas tree and taking it down.
- This is the 25th anniversary year of our pipe organ. Mary Arthur has been working with Kim, Pam Lane, David Heller & David Hein to schedule some special events during the year.
- The Fond du Lac Symphonic Band will feature a concert of chamber music at 3:00 p.m., 1/29, at our church. The concert will be preceded with an organ recital by Pam Lane at 2:30 p.m. and will serve as the inaugural event of the 25th anniversary celebration. David Hein is scheduled to incorporate special organ and choral music at the March 7th Lenten Service.
- Special thanks to outgoing Council members Bart Christensen, Andy Flatt, Jan Rabbitt and Steve Wilburn for their service to the congregation.
- Next Council meeting is 2/20 at 6:00 p.m.

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STAFF:
Pastor: Bob Rosenberg
Choir Director: Sandy Albano
Organist: Kim Jodarski
Bell Choir Director: Diana Jewson
Office Manager/Financial Secretary: Kay Salzman
Office Assistant: Sherri Bucher
Bookkeeper: Diane Vermillion
Maintenance: Scott Warner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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