

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

CHOSEN IN LOVE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

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Pr. William Gruenstern

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“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.”

(Isaiah 60:1-2)

The above passage is a portion of our Old Testament lesson for the Day of Epiphany. “Epiphany” is from the Greek which means to “show” or “reveal”. Epiphany is always on January 6 which makes for a very brief Christmas season; too brief in my mind. Measuring it by weeks, we spend twice the time preparing for Christmas as we do celebrating it.

But here we are: If the trees and decorations have not already been put out, they are staring at us, reminding us that the time is nigh. We take time at this juncture of the year to remember the Baby Jesus who was visited by the Gentile Magi, the wise men who, though they were not of Jewish tradition, knew a good thing when they saw it and so followed a star faithfully for many miles until it rested over the birthplace of the King. They were not of the “Chosen Tribes” of Israel and yet recognized the wealth of God’s love whose passion for his own creation embraces a world of people made strangers through sin.

When you think about it, we are all strangers and all Magi; we grow up in a world of temptations which so often takes us to rebellious attitudes that drive us from God. Like the Magi, we see a glimpse of our Lord’s grace in many ways which cause us to journey beyond our routines, searching. To be sure, the Light did not “die out” in the Middle East after the discovery of the Christ Child. Indeed, it only burned brighter for others to discover, to

know, to come to believe. It continued to burn at the Jordan River, on the Mount of Olives, at Gethsemane, Calvary and at the tomb in the garden.

The Light burns for us today as we rediscover and explore our own spiritual connection with God and as we are able to sense our being searched out and redeemed in order to be driven by God’s Spirit to do powerful works of mercy in his name. Epiphany is not a speed bump as we rush headlong from Christmas to Lent; it is a time to contemplate our faith and our deep bond with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, who reveals his love and purpose in our lives anew.

May you always be searched out with all-embracing love of Jesus!

See You at Worship!

Pastor 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



YEAR ROUND WORSHIP HOURS

SUNDAYS: 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY Education Hr. (Fall-Winter) 9:15
WEDNESDAYS: 7:00 P.M.



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).

Memorial Gifts Received At Church of Our Saviour:

FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS: 12/5/09 Harry Miller

NEW MEMBER: 12/27/2009 Steven Michael Willner-Affirmation of Faith

BAPTISM: 12/27/2009 Ethan Cole Willner
Son of Steve and Nikki Jo Willner

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.



Thank you to Church of Our Saviour for the lovely Thanksgiving dinner.

Milly Toshner

Thank you to Church of Our Saviour for the gifts and everything they do.

Howard Bigsby

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and visits while I was recovering from knee surgery. I'm grateful to have such a caring church family. Also, thanks to both Lepien families who came a caroling.

God's Peace and Love,
Carol Hinz

I wish to thank Pastor Bill and his "Merry Trio" for the lovely Christmas Carols they sang for me.

Alice Streeter

Thank You all Church of Our Saviour members for all the Christmas gifts. It was very thoughtful of you!

God Bless, Sue Ann Phillip

IMPORTANT DATE!!

Annual Meeting January 24th immediately following 10:30 Service. All voting members are encouraged to attend!!!



Everyone is invited to attend the 20th annual Chamber Concert

Sunday, Jan. 31, 3:00 p.m.

at Church of Our Saviour.

Featuring soloists and ensembles from the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band, including a flute choir, brass quintet, trombone solo, and mixed wind ensemble

Free Admission – Free Will Offering



CROP WALK total from Church of Our Saviour is in with a total of \$771. 00 collected. We had 6 walkers, John and Joanne Talaska and the Gruenstern Family. Thank you to all who

supported this ministry.

CAROLING TO MEMBERS

Thank you to all who went caroling on December 13th to our special members. It was appreciated by all. Thank you to Steve Wilburn for making the Chili. Thank you to Roger and Char Searl, Gil and Lorraine Lepien, Jon and Linda Lepien and Jacob, Andy Flatt, Jason Gremminger, Joanne Talaska, Connie Wisner, Connie Weiss and Miranda, and the Nybergs and Pastor Gruenstern. Thank you to all members who donated gifts and WELCA Ladies for wrapping the gifts especially Jill Bjornstad, Maureen Kelm and Terri Garlow, and Norma Lynch and Ramona Bennett. Thank you to the youth for the cookies we were able to deliver. It takes many hands to accomplish these visits and warm hearts to spread God's love.



QUILTING NEWS

Starting in January and continuing through February, we will be collecting the following materials for the mission quilts that we sew together. Last year, with the help of the congregation, we sewed and shipped 252 quilts. This year, to help us with supplies, we would like to know if you can help us by donating any of the following supplies. Items will be collected in the basket by the elevator. :

- Thread (new spools)
- Fabric (cotton preferred)
- Quilt batting

Cash donations are always accepted

The following used supplies will be accepted if they are clean and in good condition:

Old sheets, quilts, bedspreads, mattress pads, blankets, and used clothing if quilt squares can be cut from it (no jeans, please).

Anyone interested in exploring helping with the quilts is invited to stop in and see what we do. We quilt on every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. until noon (bring your lunch and stay – coffee is provided). You can come and stay as long as you wish, there is no set time. Your help is also needed at home to sew quilt tops (see the basket on the table by the steps). HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!!!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund- YTD

Through—Offerings -Total Income-Expenses

11/30/08	\$188,115	\$202,351	\$227,504
11/30/09	\$183,373	\$200,494	\$226,490

Income Minus Expenses

11/30/08	\$(25,153)
11/30/09	\$(25,995)



NOVEMBER 2009

Change Jug \$76.20.

2009 YTD TOTAL

\$1,464.67

BIBLE

Monday,
10:30 –



STUDY

January 18th
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!**

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Monday January 18th
NOON IN PARLOR

Just Bring:

A dish to pass

Your own table setting

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

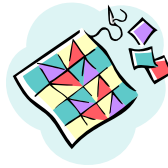
ALL ARE WELCOME-YOUNG AND OLD!!!

For a ride, please call 922-0020

EDUCATION

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

QUILTING CLASS TO START SOON



Are you interested in learning how to quilt? Laura Korff has agreed to help you get started by teaching you how to quilt a lap robe or a baby quilt. The quilt is called the "Yellow Brick Road". We will be meeting on January 11th, the 25th, February 8th and the 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Stecker Hall. If you are interested, or have any questions, please call Laura at 923-1693 or cell no. 948-3326. There will be a picture of the quilts at church, the **supply list is below.**

January 11, 2010

Beginning quilting Class Supply List

Rotary Cutter & Cutting Mat
Fat Quarters of Coordinating fabrics

For Baby Quilt size 48 x 57	6 fat quarters
Lap Quilt size 57 x 75	12 fat quarters
Twin Quilt size 66 x 93	18 fat quarters
Full Quilt size 84 x 93	24 fat quarters
Queen size 93 x 102	30 fat quarters
King size 120 x 120	48 fat quarters

Please purchase 100% cotton fabric. No polyester!

If you don't know what a fat quarter is just ask at the fabric shop and they will help you. The easiest way to choose fabric is to pick one focus print you like with lots of colors in it. Then choose your other fabrics from colors in the focus fabric. Or ask at the fabric shop for fat quarters from the same fabric line.

The quilt we are making is called "Yellow Brick Road". Cost of pattern is \$8.00. This pattern works with all kinds of prints or designs. It makes a great flannel baby quilt or a nice lap quilt for cold winter nights watching TV.

You will not need sewing machines for this first class. We will just be cutting our fabrics.

Call me if you have questions, or would like help choosing fabric.

Laura Korff 920-923-1693 or cell 920-948-3326

Thank You!!!!!!!

This was our most successful Thanksgiving dinner so far! We could not have accomplished it without the enormous outpouring of help and support we received! Thank you to everyone who pitched in And washed many many dishes, and cleaned tables. Thanks to Harvey Gysbers, John Gremminger and Jayson Gremminger for delivering the remaining food to the area shelters. Steve Wilburn and bob Denslow donated and cooked turkeys and Anola Huck made the most delicious stuffing! Pat Wallender and her gals brought amazing green bean casserole and Dee Gremminger brought jello and pumpkin desserts that were awesome. Thank you to Roxane Buerger for the dessert that had people coming for seconds. To Gil and Loraine Lepien a gracious thank you for setting all of the tables! A special thank you must go to Lynne and Marty Schibbelhut who delivered the meals to the shut-ins and an extra special thank you to Lynne for having so many youth and families help out Wednesday night! Please forgive me if I forgot anyone. Destiny Bortz, Carol Bortz, Aaron Schaefer, Cassidy Duquaine, Ari Schmidt, Jerod Boettcher, Bobby Gruenstern, Aaron Baldauf, Jacob Lepien, Andrew Lepien, Linda Lepien, Mirand Weiss, Abie Shippee, Sydney Schibbelhut, Meg McEssey, Shania Shcibbehut, Melanie Gruenstern, Amanda Frank, Heidi McEssey, Holly McEssey, Connie Weiss, GeGe Gruenstern, Pastor Gruenstern, Anola Huck, Marty Schibbelhut.

Sincerely Yours, Lisa Frank

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 and let Sherri or Kay know.



SAVIOUR BELLS NEWS:

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday.

The bellchoir did a wonderful job playing at the Mall. After the Mall we had some fellowship at our house with Trinity Bells bellchoir. A good time was had by all. They did a great job performing Christmas eve. Out next performance will be Jan.17 at the 10:30 service.

The Fond du Lac High School music department would like to again extend their thank you for the use of the Handbells. The Cardinal Ringerz did a wonderful job at the "Night of Silence" performance. Our next endeavor is Solo and Ensemble.

Keep on ringing,
Diana Jewson
Bell choir director

BUILDER ARTICLES deadline is the 15th of each month. The Deadline for the Next Builder is; **Friday, January 15TH**

(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

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR 12/21/09

- Meeting called to order by President Mary Arthur at 6:00 p.m. Devotions led by Pastor Bill
- Reviewed previous meeting minutes and January calendar.

ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, PROPERTY

We accept with regret the resignation of Janet Rabbitt from the Church Council.

Thank you, Janet for your service.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor will be on vacation the last week of December.

December 30th, the youth will be presiding over the end of the year service. ...please show your support.

Kay and Pastor have decided that staff meetings will be held on Wed mornings. Thank you to Deb Greuel for volunteering to be the Church Photographer.

Property Ministry:

No report.

Two Building requests: 1. Piano Teacher's Association would like to hold their annual piano festival on Sat Feb 6 8:30am – 2:30pm and Sat Feb 12th 5:30pm – 7:30pm...they will provide free piano tuning and will make a donation to COOS.

2. Narcotics Anonymous requesting to conduct their weekly meetings.....we need to know what night and how much room do they need?

Finance Ministry:

We did not borrow from the line of credit last month.

A 10% cut in salaries across the board was proposed to bring the deficit down to \$12,000. Council voted and approved proposed 2010 budget to be submitted to congregation.

Executive Ministry:

Annual meeting is set for Jan 24th at 11:45am.

Nominating Committee will be making phone calls first of the year to fill positions.

Committee Reports for Annual report are now past due.

Personnel Ministry:

No report

- **PARISH PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH**

Learning Ministry:

Pastor will be meeting with John Talaska and Linda Lepien to tweak the 9th grade confirmation instructional layout for the remainder of the year.

Lorraine Lepien suggested that FFF should have the opportunity to meet on the Sunday after Christmas; therefore, she and Kevin Mahoney will be offering a movie, popcorn and Christmas Carols on the 27th.

Youth Ministry:

Discussion will continue on a budget for our Youth.

Worship and Music:

Kim Jodarski and Pastor will be choosing the liturgy for church services.

The bells will be rung before each service. Ushers: please shut doors before services begin and reopen when the last stanza of closing hymn is sung.

Sandy suggested that the choir wear robes....should be discussed among the choir members.

The Choir sung at the Lutheran Home on Dec 8th.

Banners have been checked and are usable...except 75th celebration. Could the quilters use material?

We are still in need of Minister and Communion Assistants.

Lynne will be stepping down as Chair of Worship and Music as this is her 6th and final year on Council....she agreed to continue thru January.

Social/ Evangelism Ministry:

We are moving forward with the congregational photo directory. There is no cost to the congregation....info to follow. Lynne Schibbelhut offered to take over Birthday Card Ministry. Due to budget

restraints, a modification was suggested by Mary and Loraine. Janet Rabbitt said that the Endowment committee will be financially supporting this ministry along with Don and Janet Rabbitt. No modification needed.

Steve Wilburn offered to write up an article about Church of Our Saviour for the Progress Edition in the Action Advertiser.

Stewardship Ministry:

Inactive families: Pastor will be following up at the beginning of the year. Non-pledging units: Stewardship will be following up at the beginning of the year.

• **CLOSING**

Next Council meeting is scheduled for January 18th

At 6pm .

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

**Church of Our Saviour
Church Council 2009**

Term Expires 2010

Mary Arthur: 579-1535 President

Lynn Schibbelhut: 923-9778

Tony Schwartz: 922-0187

Term Expires 2011

Loraine Lepien: 922-3165

Dennis Mertens: 921-9672

Bob Miller: 921-1245

Term Expires 2012

Bart Christensen: 251-6494

Steve Wilburn: 922-6532 Vice-President

Jan Rabbitt: 923-3844

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: Loraine Lepien

ENDOWMENT: Marabell Juedes and Janet Rabbitt

FINANCE: Mary Arthur, Loraine Lepien, Jan Rabbitt, and Marcia Snyder

PERSONNEL: Mary Arthur

PROPERTY: Dennis Mertens and Steve Wilburn

SOCIAL/EVANGELISM: Toni Schwartz

STEWARDSHIP: Bob Miller, Jan Rabbitt, and Lynne Schibbelhut

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Lynne Schibbelhut

YOUTH: Bart Christensen

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

January 2010

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**OFFICE HOURS:
M-TH-8:30-3:30
F-8:30-12:30**

STAFF:
Pastor:
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
3 8:00 Service 9:15 Adult Forum/ FFF 10:30 Service	4 Noon Bible Study 7:00 Welca Board	5 9-1 Quilting	6 5:30-6:15 Bells 5:45-6:55 7 & 8 Grade Class 6:45 Choir 7:00 Service	7 7:00 Dartball	1	2
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24 8:00 Service 9:15 Adult Forum/ FFF 10:30 Service Annual Meeting following 10:30 Service!!	25 Noon Bible Study 10:00-12:30 Quilt- ing Class 6:30 Property 7:15 VV & M	26 9-1 Quilting	27 5:30-6:15 Bells 5:45-6:55 7 & 8 Grade Activity— 9th Grade Class 6:45 Choir 7:00 Service	28 8:30-5:30 LSS in Stecker Hall 7:00 Dartball	29 8:30-5:30 LSS in Stecker Hall	30
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