

JANUARY 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...

LIGHT plays a very important part in our lives...both physically and spiritually. Without SUNlight there would be no life. God must have known that from the beginning, because the first thing He CREATED was LIGHT. And "God called the light 'day' and the darkness he called 'night.'" And it is still the same to this day. There is LIGHT and there is DARKNESS; there is DAY and there is NIGHT.

December 21<sup>st</sup> is the shortest day of the year. After that, the days will again start getting longer. I know that because God is faithful. Over the centuries there have been people who loved the light so much that they virtually "worshipped" the sun. And so as the Christian Church began to grow and reach out to the world, the presenters of our faith decided to fix the date of our Saviors birth as December 25 (the darkest time of the year) and talk about the SON of God who came into the world who is "the Light of the world."

And just as sunlight is essential to our physical life, Jesus is vitally essential to our spiritual life. In the first chapter of the Gospel of John, it says, "In him was life, and that life was the light of men." He came that we may have life...REAL life! And yet, John says, even though "the light shines in the darkness, the darkness has not understood it."

("The more things change, the more they stay the same.") We STILL don't get it; we don't understand! JESUS is "THE way, THE truth, AND...the LIFE," and yet, we wander around in the dark.

I don't think that I'm being overly dramatic when I say that there are people in this world who are lost in darkness and they're looking for a light—ANY light—to lead them to spiritual, emotional, and mental safety. And how are they going to see the light?  
Through YOU and ME...

Jesus said, "YOU are the light of the world." That's YOU, and ME...and ALL who name the Name of Christ.

We've HEARD that Scripture verse so OFTEN that we may have become IMMUNE to what Jesus was trying to convey with these words. But listen to them again after hearing what Jesus said to someone else: "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)

In that verse, Jesus used the word "Light" to describe something of His substance, His radiance, His witness to the world. So when He says to US: "YOU are the light of the world," He's saying that we are to carry His substance, radiance, and witness. The "light" that Jesus calls us to radiate isn't our OWN light, but the light of GOD as channeled THROUGH us.

In a very real sense, when Jesus said, "You are the light of the world," He was calling us to be channels to convey His light to a world that knows a lot of darkness and to places where His light wouldn't otherwise reach.

It remains a mystery as to why God chooses to convey His light through the likes of us, but that is the reality of which this verse speaks. We who claim the name of Christ are to "let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven." We who CONVEY the light give WITNESS of the One who is the source of the light. The One who has touched our lives and given us the power and the authority to touch others.

That's an awesome responsibility—to be God's light. But as we grow in Christ, we discover that our witness happens naturally, as a result of the inner light that God gives us. WE are not the light but merely reflectors—reflectors of the true light of Jesus the Christ.

Gerhard Frost wrote, "If I am asked what are my grounds for hope, this is my answer. Light is lord over darkness, truth is lord over falsehood, life is lord over death. Of all the facts I daily live with, there's none more comforting than this: If I have

two rooms, one dark, the other light, and I open the door between them, the dark room becomes lighter without the light one becoming darker. I know this is no headline, but it's a marvelous footnote; and God comforts me in that." (From "A Second Look")

And so, my friends, "walk in the light" and be comforted, because "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

### SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

Pastor Bob

**PLEASE PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!!**  
**The NEXT ECUMENICAL POTLUCK will be at CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.** The "ecumenical" group is made up of the following congregations: Ascension Lutheran, Immanuel Trinity, Memorial Baptist, Church of Our Saviour, Community UMC, Salem UMC, First Presbyterian, Pilgrim UCC, and St. Paul Episcopal Church.

Bring a dish to pass. The main purpose of these gatherings is to get acquainted so try to sit with people you DON'T know. After all, we are "brothers and sisters" since God is Our Father!

### PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION

**STUDENTS...**By way of reminder, we start with pizza at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. CLASS starts at 6:45 and ENDS at 7:45.

ALSO, classes with instruction are on the first and third Wednesday ONLY. The second Wednesday of the month is a work/fun night with kids and their Guide. And there is NO class on the fourth Wednesday. Just FYI.

### 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.*

### FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS: Nov. 18, 2011 Alice Streeter  
Nov. 29, 2011 Lawrence Zentner

**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.**

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

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**CALL COMMITTEE** continues to work on the Ministry Site Profile. We hope to have it available at the Annual Meeting or prior for review. We welcome members input and questions. Char Bohnsack, Bruce Nyberg, Don Jarvey, Lynne Schibbelhut, Patty Shippee, Natalie Wilburn

**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.

### ANNUAL MEETING:



The Annual Congregational Meeting of Church of Our Saviour will be Sunday, January 29, 2012 following the 10:30

Service.

## SAVIOUR BELLS: HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

The bellchoir did a wonderful job out at the Mall. Afterwards we had a party at our house and a good time was had by all. Christmas Eve also went well. We are off on the 28th and will resume on Jan. 4th. We could use ringers!!!!!!

Fond du Lac High school music department again thanks the church for the use of your bells for the "Night of Silence" concert. For those of you that managed to hear it, it was an awesome program.

Keep on Ringing,  
Diana Jewson  
Saviour bells director



**Monday, January 16th  
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  
\$799.33

### **A Warm Place to Sleep**

Would you like to help serve the homeless in our community? Might you be able to provide some food or personal interaction with people who have come upon hard times? Well consider this:

St. Paul's Cathedral has graciously converted one of their buildings into a Warming Shelter which will be open this year from Nov. 1-March 31. The hours are from 8:15 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Nightly needs include 3 volunteers each night to help out the staff member who is ALWAYS present.

Hot soup to serve for dinner and/or breakfast for 15.

If you are interested in signing up to help or in learning more, please visit [www.solutionsfdl.com](http://www.solutionsfdl.com) or call 923-1743.

## Community of Faith Events

Cathedral Church of St. Paul: [stpaulsfdl.org](http://stpaulsfdl.org)

Church of Our Saviour: [www.oursavioursfdl.org](http://www.oursavioursfdl.org)

Community United Methodist: [www.gbgm-umc.org/nfdl](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/nfdl)

Immanuel Trinity Lutheran Church: [immanueltrinity.org](http://immanueltrinity.org)

### FINANCIAL UPDATE -NOVEMBER 2011 GENERAL FUND

Time Period	Total Income*	Expenses**	Net Results
NOV. 2011	\$ 17,546	\$15,872	\$ 1,674
Year-to-date	\$225,197	\$201,798	\$23,399

\*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: 11/15/2011 to 12/13/2011

**\$312,721.30 BALANCE FORWARD**

\$450.00 Payment-Allocated to Principal  
11/28/11

**\$2,709.12 AUTO PAYMENT 12/10/11**

\$1,404.98 Allocated To Principal

\$1,304.14 Allocated to Interest

**Current Balance \$310,866.32**

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"OVER AND ABOVE"  
YTD

ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS  
\$3,070.83

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5	Jerry Gordon
7	Mildred Herman
8	Sue O'Connell
8	Grace Roets
8	Gwen Roets
8	Shandra Lyn Schibbelhut
10	Greg Burns
12	Kelly Maurer
13	Kathleen Fenhouse
14	Gary Peterson
15	Jean Hanisch
15	Arthur Toshner
18	Shirley Thiede
19	Desmond Krahn
22	Arlene Neumann
24	Marabell Juedes
28	Andrew Schmidt
28	Abilgail Shippee
29	Victoria Walters



## President's Perspective

As the year draws to a close, it's appropriate to reflect and give thanks for the many ways in which our parish has been blessed in 2011. We continue to appreciate the legions of mostly-unheralded volunteers who keep our congregation vibrant and moving forward. At the risk of forgetting some (and sincere apologies if I have done so) -- thanks to our FFF and confirmation program staff and assistants, WELCA members who are involved in a myriad of servant and learning ministries, quilters, adult and bell choir members, praise band, worship assistants - from ushers to greeters to lay readers/ministers and communion assistants, XYZ facilitators, office volunteers, the many who help maintain our building and property, committee members, congregation council, youth volunteers and leaders, befrienders and bereavement ministers, and others who lead and/or participate in our various studies and ministries, along with community efforts such as the Food Pantry and Church Women United. We also appreciate and give thanks for Pastor Bob and our dedicated staff, who on a regular basis give more than expected to ensure that our congregation continues to thrive.

A special note to those who are new and/or less-involved in the life of our congregation: WE NEED YOU!! No "body," including this "body of Christ" called Church of Our Saviour, can fully function without the involvement of ALL of its members!! Do you have gifts you can share with us? Do you like to sing, or teach, or crunch numbers, or read, or tend flowers, or paint woodwork, or???? Don't be shy!! Call the church office, talk to Pastor or any one of our leadership team, and we will be happy to get you connected with the ministry or ministries that would give you a sense of joy and involvement!!

In this past year of transition, we have largely met the goals we set forth. Trusting and relying on the Holy Spirit's guidance, we have stabilized, improved our finances so that we can afford a new pastor, and our call committee is actively engaged in the call process. As we continue into the new year, may we continue to call on God's unfailing strength to guide us on the path that He would have us follow!

In closing, my personal thanks for the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and other expressions of support during my second hip replacement surgery. My recovery has gone exceedingly well, and I look forward to lots more activity and energy as time goes on!

■ Mary Arthur

## Council Highlights December 2011

- Call Committee members were in attendance to review and explain the Ministry Site Profile which they had prepared for the coming call process. Council approved the Profile with suggestions for changes in the references section.
- Pastor's Report included 12 hospital visits, 31 office contacts, 10 home visits, 1 Baptism, 8 Private Communion and 2 funerals, 3-1/2 hours of counseling, and 15 meetings.
- Annual meeting scheduled for Jan. 29 following 10:30 a.m. service. Committee reports are now due!!
- Nominating committee has filled most slots for January elections, including Sandy Kunz, Audrey Jarvey, and Edith Hernandez for 3 year terms on the Congregation Council. We still need one person for a 1 year term to replace Andy Flatt who is in college and cannot complete his term.
- Personnel Committee met in December to review and update staff job descriptions. Council approved.
- Executive committees from COOS and Immanuel--Trinity met on Nov. 29 and discussed potential new community outreach projects to be researched by committee members.
- Next ecumenical potluck to be hosted at COOS on January 31, 6:00 p.m. followed by Immanuel-Trinity and COOS Executive Committees' meeting.
- Council approved 2012 Budget to be forwarded for congregational approval, January 29.
- Council was in agreement to upgrade telephone and Internet service to Charter Communications to take advantage of increased speed and telephone features.
- Property Ministry has repaired stone wall around bell tower. Old computers in FFF "mousepad" have been recycled, and new computers put in place. Thanks to Jerry Gordon for arranging for more-serviceable equipment from Senior Center.
- John Lepien has ordered two new lapel microphones for worship have been ordered through the supplier that we are consulting with on sound system upgrades. Work on the upgrade will continue after the holidays.
- The Christmas program by First Footsteps on Dec. 18 was a great success - thanks to the FFF staff, Wendy Koepp and all who helped put it together.
- Worship & Music is planning to switch to a different liturgy after the Christmas/Epiphany season.
- Christmas caroling to shut-ins did not take place this year, but shut-in gifts have been delivered thanks to many volunteers. Our adult choir went caroling at the Lutheran Home, and has gone the extra mile by participating in collaborative efforts for the joint concert Dec. 18 and Christmas Eve both at St. Paul's.
- In lieu of an annual canvas of time and talents, there will be an outreach to new members to acquaint them with opportunities to volunteer for various ministries and tasks at COOS.

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Parish Administrator/Financial

Secretary: Kay Salzman

Office Assistant: Sherri Bucher

Bookkeeper: Diane Vermillion

Maintenance: Scott Warner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Happy New Year 10:00 Service	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b> 9-1 Quilting	<b>4</b> 1:00 Living The Question 5:45-6:30 Bells 6:30-7:45 Conf. Class 6:45-8:00 Choir	<b>5</b> 5:00-5:45 Kids B Fit 7:00 Dartball	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 In Touch/FFF 10:30 Worship	<b>9</b> Noon Bible Study 5:30-6:15 Kids B Fit 6:15 Nourishing You 6:30 Welca Board	<b>10</b> 9-1 Quilting 4:00 Finance	<b>11</b> 1:00 Living The Question 5:45-6:30 Bells Fellowship Event 6:45-8:00 Choir	<b>12</b> 5:00-5:45 Kids B Fit 7:00 Dartball	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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