

News & Notes

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!!!

Quilting class with Laura Korff will continue on February 8 and February 22 from 10:00-12:30 in Stecker Hall.

Bethany Christian Services will be conducting a "Diaper Drive" from now until the beginning of March. Needed are diaper sizes 0-6 months as well as the various care items such as wipes, ointment (A & D and any zinc-based) and the like. Container in hall.

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 ½- 2 hours. Everyone is invited- need not be a member of COOS.

LIVING ROOM FURNITURE NEEDED

The youth would like some comfortable couches, chairs and end tables for their room "The Servant's Quarters". We already have two wing-backed chairs – but, couches would be a plus. Youth would love to have more comfortable seating in this room for fellowship activities.

Church of Our Saviour's kitchen is in need of **paper towel**. Please consider donating one or two rolls. They may be put in the church office or in the kitchen. Thank you in advance!!

Church Of Our Saviour's Mission Statement:
*Chosen In Love to Share the
Good News of Jesus Christ.*

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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

Adult Forum: Starting Sunday, February 7, a new discussion series will take place during the adult forum. It is the Book of Faith Initiative. We will look into the whys and wherefores of Holy Scripture. Please contact Pastor Bill or the office if you plan on attending.

Annual Reports are still available in the office.

THOSE WHO SERVE AT WORSHIP:

Sunday, January 31, 8:00 am-

Asst. Min: Wendy Koepp

Lector: Robert Miller

Acolyte: Aaron Baldauf

Ushers: Doug & Cindy Decker

Greeters: Janette Keplinger, Carol Bortz

Sunday, January 31, 10:30 am-

Asst. Min: Andy Flatt

Lector: Ida Seager

Acolyte: Madysen Weiss

Ushers: Sandy Kunz, Dave & Dolly Steubs

Greeters: Shirley Thiede

Communion set-up: Jill Bjornstad
Fran Hamilton

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

TODAY, JANUARY 31, we will be having a time of coffee and fellowship in the Parlor for members who have joined the church in the recently. If you have become a member of Church of Our Saviour since a year or so past, please stop by for this informal get-together as we share snacks and stories during the "In-Touch" time which takes place between the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services. This is an excellent opportunity for members to get to know one another.

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Applications are available to 2010 graduating seniors who are members of Church Of Our Saviour and are going on to college or students currently attending college. The applications can be picked up in the office for the *Meaghan Mauthe Scholarship* and for the *Martin Nelson Scholarship*. Applications are due no later than March 1st, 2010. If you have any questions, contact the office at 922-0020.

2009 STATEMENTS: 2009 giving statements are ready. Please help defray the cost of mailing and pick yours up today, they are on the table in the narthex.

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION- Parent led event on February 10,

5:45-7:00 pm, at the Flatt residence, 478 Meadow Court, FDL. We will be making Valentine's Day cards for the homebound people and others in the congregation. After that we will have ice cream. Please bring a few stamps, and you may also bring any material you have at home to make greeting cards.

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

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE 20TH ANNUAL CHAMBER CONCERT

A free Concert of Chamber Music will be presented today, Sunday, January 31 at 3:00 p.m. at Church of Our Saviour. The program will feature classical and popular selections performed by soloists and ensembles from the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band. Prior to the concert at 2:45, an organ prelude will be presented by Pam Lane, with John Lepien featured on trombone.

Featured groups include a mixed wind octet performing Mozart's *Serenade No 11 in Eb* and a clarinet duet performing *Aria and Waltz* from The Magic Flute by Mozart. A brass quintet will play Arthur Frackenpohl's *Quintet*, along with *Bugler's Holiday* by Leroy Anderson and *When I'm 64* by The Beatles.

Trombonist Jason Ehlert will perform *The Holy City*, and flutist Marla Cohen will perform Bach's *Siciliano* from Sonata in Eb. Completing the concert fare will be a 10-piece flute choir, with voicing from piccolo to bass flute, playing Anne McGinty's *Masques*, a traditional English folk song: *I'll Love My Love*, and the German march *Under the Double Eagle* by Wagner.

There is no admission charge; a free-will offering will be received.

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SUNDAY- January 31

Worship	8:00 am
New Member Coffee	9:15 am
FFF	9:15 am
Youth in Servants Quarters	9:15 am
Worship	10:30 am
Symphonic Band	3:00 pm

MONDAY- February 1

Bible Study	12:00 pm
WELCA Board	7:00 pm

TUESDAY- February 2

Quilters	9:00-1:00
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WEDNESDAY- February 3

Savior Bells	5:30-6:15 pm
7 th -9 th confirmation	5:45-6:55 pm
Adult Choir	6:45 pm
Evening Prayer Service	7:00 pm

THURSDAY- February 4

Dartball	7:00 pm
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FRIDAY- February 5

SATURDAY- February 6

Romans Bible Study	9:00-10:30 am
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SUNDAY- February 7

Worship	8:00 am
Book of Faith Discussion	9:15 am
FFF	9:15 am
Youth in Servants Quarters	9:15 am
Worship	10:30 am

GENERAL OFFERINGS

RECEIVED FOR THE WEEK OF Jan. 3rd \$3,117.00

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.
01/24/2010 8:00 am	45
01/24/2010 10:30 am	88
01/20/2010 7:00 pm	17

CHURCH ONE-LINERS

"It's hard to stumble when you're on your knees"

Acolyte Schedule for February

7	8:00	Andrew Lepien
	10:30	Katie Flatt
14	8:00	Shania Schibbelhut
	10:30	Rachel Hedman
21	8:00	Miranda Weiss
	10:30	Rachel Mahoney
28	8:00	Aaron Schaefer
	10:30	Alyssa Jodarski

Picture Directory Reminder: If any members need to reschedule their appointments, or if they have any questions, please call the Olan Mills appointment center at 1 800 866-2263, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm EST.

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YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THAT THERE IS AN EXHIBITION OF THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS AT THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM.

They will be on display through June 6th. Saturday tours are from 8 am to 7 pm. Groups of 15 or more are subject to a \$2 discount. If you have interest in seeing this once-in-a-lifetime display, *please* make sure to sign up in the hallway. Our numbers will decide if we drive by car or consider renting a school bus with another church.

Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible:

Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures brings together archaeological objects and manuscripts to tell a story 2,000 years in the making. Witness actual Dead Sea Scrolls and other early biblical artifacts to learn how transmission of these early writings has shaped the beliefs of Judaism and Christianity and influenced aspects of Islam.

The largest temporary exhibit ever produced by the Milwaukee Public Museum, *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible* explores the archaeological history of the Holy Land during the period the Scrolls were written, from the third century BCE through the first century CE. The exhibit also tracks the discovery of the first Scrolls and subsequent realization of their extraordinary significance.

Tickets are as follows:

Adults \$ 26

Seniors(60+), Teens(13-17), Students w/ID \$ 24

Children / Youth(3-12) \$ 18

Centering Prayer

The Center to BE will present Silent Sunday: An Introduction to Centering Prayer, on Sunday, February 21 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in Founder's Hall at St. Agnes Convent, 320 County Road K, Fond du Lac.

The practice of Centering Prayer is a way to facilitate an opening of our whole beings to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words and emotions. We will learn what Centering Prayer is and is not and then experience this prayer form in a communal setting. Facilitator Ann Koerner, CSA, serves on the leadership team of Contemplative Outreach of South Eastern Wisconsin.

Cost of the program is \$20.

Registration is required by Wednesday, February 17. For information, contact The Center to BE at mwilbur.centertobe@sbcglobal.net

or
414-672-5932 or register on-line at www.centertobe.org/shortprog.php

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WHERE HAS GOD BEEN IN YOUR WEEK?

Why don't you join the conversation others are having at Church of Our Saviour? We have been starting our book and Bible studies with this question. And have had many surprising and amazing answers, such as: thinking about my son and he calls; the interaction amongst the quilters as they work and talk each week; to be amazed by the Christian witness of little children even as young as two years old.

There is a poster up for all members to write their response to this question so others may hear and read. Please take time to participate. You may write your response on a post-it note if that is easier. Look for the poster on the parlor windows.

PRAYER CIRCLE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010 IN THE PARLOR 8:15 TO 9:00 A.M.

As individuals, we often turn to God for support and in thanksgiving. You are now invited to join with other congregation members and friends to share together in prayer.

God always hears us when we pray, but think of the power behind a prayer that is being sent to our Lord from the hearts of many. This informal prayer circle will gather to pray for our congregation and its members, for concerns brought forward in the Prayer of the Church from the previous Sunday, for our Pastor, and for any other concerns or joys we wish to include. Some of our prayers will be read and some time will be spent in silent prayer. At the end of our talk with God, we will close with the Lord's Prayer. This is meant to be a relaxed and quiet time that simply offers the opportunity for us to be together as we care for God's creation in this special way.

Please join us to see if this ongoing ministry works for you. "Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry." Psalm 39:12

BIBLE STUDY-Books of Faith – ROMANS

Please see the poster in the hallway and sign up to be a part of this 6 session bible study. We will meet Saturday mornings from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the parlor starting January 23, (please feel free to join at any time). Please come and join in on conversation and fellowship. Looking for people 9th grade through our XYZ'ers and everyone in between. It would be great to get a diverse group of ages together to discuss, share and grow in the bible. No books other than your bible needed. It will all be done in class. No homework, unless you want to read bible readings ahead of class. If you have any questions please contact Linda Lepien 921-0591.

“OUR FATHER, WE HAVE WANDERED”

Have you ever wondered, “Where is God in my world?” Is He present at work, at school, when I'm fixing diner, or working on my car? The answer, of course, is “yes.” God is always present. Perhaps we, His children, are not present. Perhaps we are the ones who “have wandered.” We will be reflecting on this question through our Lenten discussions which will begin on Thursday February 25th at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor and at 6:30 p.m. as well. A devotional, which will help guide our discussion, will be available for you to purchase at a small cost. Bring your Bible, an open heart, and a desire to grow in your faith through this Lenten journey. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, see Joanne Talaska.