

# CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

CHOSEN IN LOVE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

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*“Make me know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation.*

*(Psalm 25:4-5a)*

When we hear that something is “new”, there is a pretty good chance that it will grab our interest, if only to size up a new idea and see how it “fits” within our own thought pattern. There is just such an opportunity for you as Church of Our Saviour is about to embark on a new format for doing Vacation Bible School. Years back it was the common model for teachers (usually moms who did not work outside the home and gave generously of their precious time) to meet with students in classrooms which were portioned off by grades just as in school. The two weaknesses in that model are that far more women are in the workplace and kids are not always up for transferring from one school situation to the next, no matter how hard we try to make it exciting.

A new design we wish to try this year is one that will meet the second week of August from Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> through Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>. It is an arrangement in which we will begin with a light supper at 5:30 pm in Stecker Hall and then continue on to rotational groups that will deal with Bible stories, crafts, worship, games, drama and more until 8 pm. Helpers will be needed and as you are called upon to assist (likely before you have received this), do respond with a firm “Yes!” knowing that you are important in supporting a portion of the ministry at COOS.

This is *not* seen as a time just for kids, but rather will be *intergenerational* in nature. ALL members of the congregation will be asked to participate. Maybe you cannot be in attendance for the entire week; maybe you can help out only on Tuesday for a half-hour and Thursday for twenty minutes. How-ever we gather our talents together, it is important for the mission of the church to be met. Interested friends? Invite them!

Thursday night of our Vacation Bible Experience will be a little bit different as we play host to the *Sounds of Faith* who will lead us all in worship. They are an in-house group of members from Faith Lutheran in Valders who have assembled their talents and lead the mid-week service there. Their talents are many and they guide a worship that is at once very lively and extremely inspirational. I promise you that if you stop in you will not be disappointed. Do make a note that our regular Thursday night worship that week will begin at 6:45, just a hair earlier than normal. It will be followed by an ice-cream social immediately afterward.

Do attend and take part in this worthy ministry this August. See you there and see you in church!

*Pastor Bill*

**Pastor Bill will be taking vacation on the following Sundays this year with the listed pastors being responsible for worship:**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> (Rev. Carol Christianson)**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> (Rev. Dave Redman)**

**November 28<sup>th</sup> (Rev. Dave Redman)**

**December 26<sup>th</sup> (Rev. Dave Redman)**

## 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



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** For the families of Carol Rhode, Viola Shady, Helen Glissendorf, and Robert Grahl, upon their deaths. Prayers for Helen Hensel, Bruce, Lee Rasmussen, Doug Decker and Earl Kettler for health concerns.



**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).

### 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](mailto:coosfdl@mcleodusa.net) and let Sherri or Kay know.



**Sundays**  
9:00 a.m  
**Thursdays**  
7:00 p.m.

### Eucharist at Both Services

### FOR THE RECORD

**DEATHS:** 6/5/10 Helen Glissendorf  
6/22/10 Robert Grahl

#### **MARRIAGES:**

6/05/10 Jeremy and Mary Pressnell (Schibline)  
6/12/10 Daniel and Tanya St. Louis (Brunelli)

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

6/3/10 David Kohls-Transfer from Peace Lutheran  
6/5/10 Jeremy and Mary Schibline – Affirmation of Faith

### MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED AT CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

- Church of Our Saviour received \$1,315.00 from Family and Friends of Wil Pagel, designated towards World Hunger.
- Church of Our Saviour received \$25.00 from Family and Friends of Wil Pagel, designated towards the Endowment Fund.
- Church of Our Saviour received \$1,645.00 from Family and Friends of Wil Page, designation yet to be determined.
- Church of Our Saviour received \$25.00 from Family and Friends of Helen Glissendorf, designation yet to be determined.

### Nathan H. and Laura M. Schmidt Church of Our Saviour Endowment Fund:

Because of their love and commitment to Church of Our Saviour, Nate and Laura Schmidt established in 1994 the Nathan H. and Laura M. Schmidt Church of Our Saviour Endowment Fund. Income from this fund is used for Youth Related Activities.

Church of Our Saviour recently received grant monies from this Fund.

Anyone can make a tax-deductible contribution to this fund at any time by sending the donation to the Fond du Lac Area Foundation, 384 N. Main Street, Suite 4, Fond du Lac, WI. 54935 or call (920) 921-2215

## Thank You

Our sincere thanks is extended to all who expressed sympathy with prayers, telephone calls, conversations, memorials, flowers and food, at the time of Wil's death. God's love and care has been evident through all your gifts.

Helen, Karen, Mike and families

For the last eight weeks, COOS helped children ages 6 - 10 throughout our community get physically fit thru a kids zumba and yoga class. The very first night Monday April 12th we had over 70 children turn out for their zumba class. Thank you Church of Our Saviour for allowing us to utilize the basement for the children. My instructors donated their time so we were able to offer these classes free of charge. I'm hoping this mission will be in existence for years to come. A special thank you to Scott for moving the tables to make room for the kids. The feedback has been tremendous....

thank you for helping me make a difference for our children.

Lynne Schibbelhut  
Kids B Fit  
B 104.7  
OshVegas Palms Resort  
920-923-9778  
920-979-8634 cell  
Po Box 163  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

**BUILDER ARTICLES** deadline is the 15th of each month. The Deadline for the Next Builder is; **Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.** (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)



### **OFFICE CLOSED:**

The office will be closed Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

Our annual church picnic will take place on Sunday, July 18th at the shelter closest to the Dairy Queen (on Fond du Lac Avenue) located at County Fairgrounds park.



As usual, the church will provide an assortment of hot dogs, hamburgers, brats and soda. If you could, please bring your favorite dish to pass, listing it on the sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the sanctuary. Games for the young and young at heart. Please make this important note : there will be no services that day at 9th and Main. We will have worship with Communion at 10:00 am at the shelter. Our picnic will follow immediately and Bingo and games thereafter. Along with the park permit we have put in a reservation for fine weather, but do bring an umbrella as well as a lawn chair as park seating is limited. Should you need assistance in getting to the park, do contact a church member or the church office.

### **CALLING ALL THUMBS**

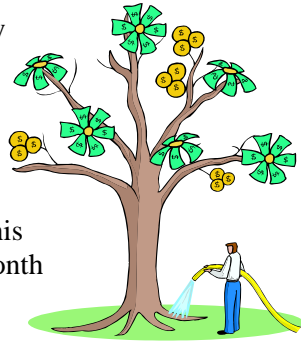


Lutheran Campus Ministry at UW Oshkosh is once again gearing up for our annual plant give away for incoming freshmen students this fall. Please consider planting some easy-to-grow houseplants this month and have them ready by September. Help minister in a most welcoming way! Here's what you need to do....

- Begin by creating small houseplants
- Have plants ready and labeled with plant type
- Include your name, church and address
- Drop plants off Sat. Sep.4-Mon. Sep.6<sup>th</sup>
- The Gathering Place, 620 Elmwood Ave.,
- (Drop on back porch or knock on door)
- For questions, call Diane @ 920- 231-1168

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR "OVER AND ABOVE" GIVING

As announced at the special congregational meeting on May 2, Congregation Council has approved a new, monthly "Over and Above" giving opportunity to address some of our ongoing needs and goals. A special envelope for this purpose will be mailed each month in *The Builder*, beginning with this edition.



### *Highlights of the Plan are as follows:*

**First**, and most important: *continue support of general budget* as you have in the past.

**Next**, prayerfully consider whether you can increase your gifts to the General Fund. An average 5% increase would allow us to meet our budget for 2009. If we can increase our overall giving average by 15%, we will both meet our current budget and be in a position to reinstate our staff salaries to their former levels next year.

**Third**, as you are able and willing, begin making a monthly "over and above" gift to support any or all of the following choices, as recommended by our Finance Ministry and approved by Congregation Council:

- **Benevolence:** These gifts will be ADDED to the amount already included in the general budget, and will be forwarded to the Synod Treasurer on a monthly basis.
- **Debt Reduction:** These gifts will be paid to National Exchange Bank at the end of each month to reduce the principal balance on our loan, over and above the scheduled monthly payment.
- **Special Projects:** These projects include improvements, repairs, and unfunded program needs, as approved and prioritized by the Congregation Council. Fully developed project proposals may be submitted by committees or individual members, using the Proposal Form available in the church office. A project list will be published in *The Builder* and posted on the bulletin board. Projects will not be started until they are fully funded, and any excess contributions will roll over to the next project on the list.

(Please note: this plan does NOT allow for individuals to create their own "wish list" for future expenditures that are not on the official list. Without restrictions, such a plan would turn into a bookkeeper's nightmare!!)

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

Operating as we have for many years on a tight and often deficit budget, special projects are sometimes necessary. Our congregation has a solid history of meeting the challenge when needs are identified and presented; in recent years that has included partial funding of the new roof, resurfacing of the parking lot, and numerous "over and above" gifts by individuals who identified and funded a particular need.

Building on that concept, we will now have an ongoing "Special Projects" fund, to underwrite a list of projects that will be approved and prioritized by the Congregation Council.

The first project for which we will collect funds is the installation of two removable oak hand railings to facilitate access to the chancel area (lectern and altar). The estimate for the completed project by Capelle Bros. & Diedrich, Inc. is \$1877.00, and the project will start as soon as that amount has been collected.

### **-The Lutheran-**

In summer, 2008, our congregation was enrolled in the Congregational Plan for *The Lutheran*, the official publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In 2009 subscriptions were renewed for congregational leaders and all other active members who requested continuation.

Each subscription under the Congregational Plan costs \$7.95. (Individual subscriptions are \$17.95, so the group rate is a very good deal!) Original enrollment in the "Congregational Plan" was a gift from Congregation President Mary Arthur, and she has continued to underwrite the program over and above contributions received.

While not required, gifts toward the cost of your Congregational Plan subscription are appreciated. Mark your check or envelope "The Lutheran", or write "The Lutheran" in the "other" category on your weekly offering envelope.

If you are not currently receiving "The Lutheran" and would like to be added to the list, please contact Kay or Sherri at the church office.

## CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION CLASSES

Confirmation and communion-class youth, along with their parents will take part in an organizational meeting on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45 pm in Stecker Hall. We extend our appreciation to John Talaska and Linda Lepien for their service in the past as mentors even as we welcome the talents of Dave Kohls and Lori Rozelle who will be assisting Pastor Bill in this important area of our church's ministry.

## GROWING IN FAITH: UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Summer has begun and a slower, more relaxing pace is a welcome change for many. It's not too early, however, to begin planning for fall, and we are excited about an opportunity available to you in September. Our Lives Are Not Our Own-Saying "Yes" To God" by Pastors Rochelle Melander and Harold Eppley is a thoughtful and challenging book which helps Christians to see God's call to a life of accountability as a "way to bless them, not burden them." I think we would agree that in our stressed-out culture and increasingly more violent world, we can be tempted to "retreat into watching out only for ourselves." Pastor Melander and Eppley write that God's unconditional love frees us from bondage to sin for empowered servanthood. "We are accountable to one another, yet in Christ, our accountability stops being about rules and begins to be joyful and spontaneous," says Pastor Norm Cook Everist, a professor at Wartburg Seminary. Watch for more information about this learning opportunity in September. If you would like to be a part of this discussion or may have additional questions, please see Connie Wisner.

A donation of \$12, to cover the cost of the books which will be ordered soon, would be appreciated.



## Women of the E.L.C.A. NEWS

The WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A. are collecting items to assemble School Kits during July & August. Lutheran World Relief school kits may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war. School kits help parents continue their children's education while living in refugee camps or adults needing literacy classes.

### **Please donate one or more of the following items:**

- ❖ Padded or spiral notebooks 8 1/2 x 11 with 150-200 sheets (no loose-leaf)
- ❖ One blunt scissors
- ❖ One 30 Centimeter ruler or a ruler with inches on one side centimeter on other
- ❖ One pencil sharpener
- ❖ Six new #2 pencils with eraser
- ❖ One eraser, 2 1/2 inches long
- ❖ 12 sheets const. paper, assorted colors
- ❖ One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ❖ One sturdy cloth bag approximately 12 x 14 inches with cloth handles.

**Place items in basket in hall or consider a cash donation.**

## **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.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

**May 2010**  
Change Jug \$50.83  
**2010 YTD TOTAL**  
\$412.65



### **BIBLE STUDY**

**Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
10:30 – 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!**

### **XYZ**



**Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**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

**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



### **QUILTERS NEED YOUR HELP!**

We have one sewn quilt top. Could you please help us? Packages are in the basket on the table by the

elevator. We usually put five quilts together on a Tuesday, so please consider giving this a try. Sewn tops may be brought to the church office.

## **Church of Our Saviour Church Council 2010**

### **Term Expires 2011**

Loraine Lepien: 922-3165  
Dennis Mertens: 921-9672  
Bob Miller: 921-1245  
Ken Bengel: 923-3419

### **Term Expires 2012**

Bart Christensen: 251-6494  
Vice President - Steve Wilburn: 922-6532

### **Term Expires 2013**

President - Mary Arthur: 579-1535  
Andy Flatt: 929-8817  
Dee Gremminger: 921-0540

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:** Bart Christensen

**ENDOWMENT:** Marabell Juedes

**FINANCE:** Loraine Lepien and Marcia Snyder

**PERSONNEL:** Mary Arthur

**PROPERTY:** Dennis Mertens and Steve Wilburn

**SOCIAL/EVANGELISM:** Ken Bengel, Andy Flatt, and Dee Gremminger

**STEWARDSHIP:** Bob Miller and Steve Wilburn

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** Loraine Lepien

**YOUTH:** Andy Flatt

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

**FINANCIAL UPDATE – MAY 2010  
GENERAL FUND**

<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Total Income*</b>	<b>Expenses**</b>	<b>Net Results</b>
May, 2010	\$19,403	\$16,954	\$2,449
Year-to-date	\$96,181	\$99,702	(\$3,521)

\*Income includes daycare rent payments.

\*Loan payment principal is not included in Expenses.

**LOAN    \$340,899.83 NEW NOTE 5/4/2010**  
           2,709.12 PAYMENT 6/4/10  
           1,241.36 Allocated to Principal  
           1,467.76 Allocated to Interest  
           \$339,658.47 Current Balance

**“OVER AND ABOVE”**

**ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS**

**JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> 2010 TO DATE**

Debt Reduction:    \$162.00  
 Special Projects:    175.00  
 Benevolence:        17.00

\*Debt Reductions will not show on LOAN report until next installment

**THANK YOU'S TO THE  
MANY WHO SERVE:**

Our heartfelt thanks to those who are so often giving of themselves, behind the scenes, to beautify our property, organize and carry out a special project and/or ministry, care for others in our midst who may have needs we are unaware of as well as those who work hard to maintain and repair our church when a significant need arises. At the risk of forgetting someone who so deserves a special thanks, we would like to acknowledge those we are aware of at this time who give of themselves in significant ways at Church of Our Saviour. If you are aware of others who may not be mentioned, please stop by the office and let Kay and Sherri know so that we may extend our thanks and appreciation.

**Bob Miller** who comes in faithfully every Monday to help Kay count our offerings.

**Deb Greuel** who is spending endless hours working on our photo history located in the elevator lobby.

**Mary Arthur** who also assisted Deb in scanning many pictures to make this project possible and is also volunteering her time and talents playing the piano at our Thursday evening worship services so that accompanied music may be shared.

**Jill Bjornstad** who works tirelessly organizing, making phone calls, and following through on special events and happenings taking place at our church.

**Linda Lepien** who shared a desire to develop and carry out a Bible Study which met on Saturday mornings and will begin again in September.

**John, Linda, Jacob, and Andrew Lepien** who came to vacuum water and clean the lower level after the recent deluge of storms this past week.

**Char and Roger Searl** for the beautiful pots of flowers that greet us as we enter our building.

**John and Joanne Talaska** who share their time and talents organizing and planning XYZ fellowship each month and **Jill Bjornstad** who assists them.

**Joanne Talaska** who organized and ordered materials to provide inspiring book studies on Thursdays these past months and will begin again in September.

**Lynne Schibbelhut** who worked many hours to organize and implement a wonderful effort, Zumba and Yoga classes, to encourage and help our young people be healthier and for the time given to send out birthday greetings each month on behalf of the congregation.

**Chuck Halfman** who comes in during the week, when he is not working, to clean, polish, repair and take care of any other things that need attention.

**Loraine and Gib Lepien** and **Deb Greuel** for their generous time given organizing and working on our new church directories.

**Leeann Christensen, Patty Knubis** and **Deb Greuel** for the planning and organizing of our Learning Ministry- First Footsteps in Faith and for the many others who serve each Sunday as Trailblazers and Pathfinders to provide meaningful Christian education for our children.

**Linda Lepien** and **John Talaska** for their faithful service as Confirmation guides to our "soon to be confirmed", 10th graders.

**To the many who made endless phone calls** to our members, who have been missed, at Church Of Our Saviour and extended invitations to return to our Family.

Again, our apologies to those we have not recognized. It was certainly not intentional but only because we weren't aware of your service and "quiet" ministry. Please let us know how you are serving so that we may express our gratitude for your ministries.