

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

CHOSEN IN LOVE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

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“Jesus, looking at the man, loved him....”

Mark 10:21

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

Helen Keller

As our path through Lent goes on, we are struck by the many familiar aspects of the season itself. If we look back in our lives, some a bit older than others, we might ask ourselves the questions – Which specific day in Holy Week is the most striking? The praise and celebration of Palm Sunday? The gloomy overtones of Maundy Thursday? The bitter sadness of Good Friday? The glory and festiveness of Easter Sunday? We all have our own particular take about Lent and the various foundations that make it what it is. We are able to point to a prominent feature which reaches out to us, which we have claimed as special to us in the season. I recall that while attending a seminary in Germany there arose in class a discussion and eventually an argument among students as to what day of Holy Week was the more important – Good Friday or Easter: The Crucifixion or the Resurrection. The exchange was never really resolved very likely due to the fact that it is very difficult for either of these important days in the church year to stand alone. We view them together as an important building block of our faith that really cannot be split.

Our passage involves Jesus' encounter with the man who possessed many material things. Our Lord challenged the fellow to commit himself fully to God, to remove those items that were leading him away from a life of dedication to the One who created him. We are familiar with this story. It was too much for the man and he walked away from

Jesus for he was “a man of great wealth”. God does not desire to punish us if we happen to have been blessed with material gifts. What God *is* wondering is how our entire life of faith is “packaged” in our devotion to him. Our connection to God is nothing short of love – love that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. In the words of Helen Keller, the emotion of the heart – love – is what our Lord truly desires that we share with him and with others.

Lent is a time to reflect and consider what our Lord has done for us through the cross and tomb – all out of perfect love! It is a debt which we can never find ourselves able to repay; it is a grand gift which we have neither earned nor deserved. Still, the wondrous love which God provides for us in turn urges us on toward acts of kindness and love in his name. As we move onward to the day of the Resurrection of our Lord, may we take to heart all that God has done for us through his Son. Join one another in worship and fellowship at the following times!

Wednesday Lenten Worship through March 24
10:00a.m & 5:30 p.m. Worship
6:15 p.m. Light Supper
6:55 p.m. Confirmation Instruction

April 1st 10 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Worship
April 2nd 10 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS take note that worship attendance is expected!

Continuing on the Lenten Journey with You,

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



MARCH ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Mar. 7	8:00	Steven Compton
	10:30	Alyssa Jodarski
Mar. 14	8:00	Austin Breitrick
	10:30	Rachel Mahoney
Mar. 21	8:00	Cassidy Duquaine
	10:30	Aaron Baldauf
Mar. 28	8:00	Aaron Schaefer
	10:30	Miranda Weiss



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

NEW MEMBERS:

2/9/2010 Linda Olwig



Ed and I thank all of our Church members for making our Christmas lovely. We loved the cookies, and the gifts. All of you sang such pretty songs.

Thank You,

Ed and Clydice Fauska

Dear members of Church of Our Saviour, I'm sorry I wasn't home to enjoy your Caroling in December. But, I do want to thank you for the Christmas gifts. I really appreciated them and John Talaska for delivering them!

Sheila Hodgden

Thank you to Church of Our Saviour Youth for sending me a Valentine in the mail! It was a very nice surprise.

Howard Bigsby

Dear Bereavement Team Ministry,

We truly appreciated receiving your thoughtful card and note. Reading your comforting words and reflecting on Psalm 23 helped soften missing Julia on her "birthday." Thank you for being there with your support and for the time you give to the Bereavement Ministry.

Gratefully,

Kathy and Lee

WHERE HAS GOD BEEN IN YOUR WEEK?

Please share your God moments by writing on the poster on the window by the parlor doors.

PRAYER CIRCLE IN THE PARLOR

8:15 TO 9:00 A.M.

Prayer Circle continues to meet each Monday in the parlor at 8:15 am. All are invited to join with others in prayer.

BIBLE STUDY-Books of Faith –ROMANS

Please plan to join the group on Saturday, March 6 for their last session.

Be watching for a new study to continue our Saturday mornings sharing time.

“OUR FATHER, WE HAVE WANDERED”

Please consider attending our Lenten Conversations on Thursdays throughout Lent. We'll meet from 1:00-2:30 pm and have a duplicate session from 6:30-8:00 pm. Come share your thoughts about this special Lenten Devotional Book.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Scholarship applications are available to 2010 graduating High School Seniors who are members of Church Of Our Saviour and are going on to college, also to students currently attending college. The applications for the *Meghan Mauthe Scholarship* and the *Martin Nelson Scholarship* may be picked up from the church office. Applications deadlines have been extended to March 12th, 2010. If you have any questions, contact the office at 922-0020.



SPECIAL FUNDRAISER FOR LENTEN SUPPERS

On March 10 and March 24 the Church Council and the Women of the ELCA will be donating the proceeds from the Lenten Suppers to our Missionaries: Rev. Brian & Kristen Konkell in South

Africa and Jonathan & Nancy Burmeister, Lutheran Bible Translators and for Benevolence. We encourage everyone to attend all the Lenten meals and to be generous with your donation. Supplemental funds will be provided by East Fond du Lac County Chapter #30061 of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

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.



HEALTH KIT COLLECTION

During the months of March & April 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.

Include the following items in each health kit:

- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- One washcloth, dark color recommended
- One bath-size bar of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- One toothbrush, in original wrapping
- One comb, wide tooth
- One metal nail file, or nail clippers with file attached, unwrap packaging
- Six Band-aids preferably 1/2” to 3/4”

Wrap items in the towel, and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. One LWR volunteer suggests wrapping smaller items in the washcloth.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CELEBRATION**

Will be held on Friday March 5th at First Presbyterian Church, 1225 4th St., Fond du Lac. Service starts at 1:30 and the program is centered around PSALM 150:1-6

Let everything that has a breath praise God.

We are called to Worship and Praise the Lord, to make a praise offering to God's "Excellent Greatness".

The Host church will be serving refreshments after the service. Transportation will be provided for anyone that would like to come-just call Pat at 929-9611 to make arrangements. Or leave a message at the church office. 920-922-0020.

Hope to see you there.
Your CWU rep. Pat Wallender



SAVIOUR BELLS NEWS:

I would like to thank Jayson, Charlene, John, Lorraine, and Gil for playing for the Symphonic bands' Chamber Concert. The ringers did a nice job.

Saviour Bells did a wonderful job on the 21st of February. Thanks again to Kim, Jimmy and Paul for helping out.

Our next Sunday to perform will be Palm Sunday the 28th of March. We will be performing "In the Garden".

The Cardinal Ringerz did a wonderful job performing at the Paine Art centers' "Nutmacker in the Castle". Now we will be concentrating on Solo and Ensemble, which is on the 6th of March at Oshkosh North.

Keep on Ringing,

Diana Jewson
Saviour Bells director

Lenten Worship Schedule

**10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
at
Church of Our Saviour**

Wednesday, March 3rd

10:00 a.m. Midweek Service @ COOS
5:30 p.m. Midweek Service @ COOS
6:15 p.m. Lenten Supper @ COOS
6:55 p.m. Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 10th

10:00 a.m. Midweek Service @ COOS
5:30 p.m. Midweek Service @ COOS
6:15 p.m. Lenten Supper @ COOS
6:55 p.m. Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 17th

10:00 a.m. Midweek Service @ COOS
5:30 p.m. Midweek Service @ COOS
6:15 p.m. Lenten Supper @ COOS
6:55 p.m. Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 24th

10:00 a.m. Midweek Service @ COOS
5:30 p.m. Midweek Service @ COOS
6:15 p.m. Lenten Supper @ COOS
6:55 p.m. Confirmation Class

April 1 Maundy Thursday

10:00 a.m. & 7 p.m.

April 2nd Good Friday

10:00 a.m & 7 p.m.

April 4th Easter

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Service

SOCIAL MINISTRY



JANUARY 2010
Change Jug \$17.51.
2010 YTD TOTAL
\$241.51

BIBLE STUDY

Monday, March 15th
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!**

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**Monday March 15th 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

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.

BUILDER ARTICLES deadline is the 15th of each month. The Deadline for the Next Builder is;
Monday, March 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 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.

Council Highlights • Feb. 15, 2010

Devotions were led by Loraine Lepien. Bob Miller will lead next month.

WELCA representatives explained new Kitchen Policies to be posted in the kitchen.

New members: Andy Flatt, Dee Gremminger, and Ken Bengel, welcomed to Council.

Officers elected for 2010:

President: Mary Arthur
Vice President: Steve Wilburn
Secretary: Marabell Juedes
Treasurer: Marcia Snyder

Dee Gremminger will summarize meeting minutes for The Builder.

Council Representatives for the following Ministries are:

Youth Andy Flatt
Education Bart Christensen
Evangelism/Social Dee Gremminger, Andy Flatt, Ken Bengel
Property Dennis Mertens, Steve Wilburn
Stewardship Bob Miller, Steve Wilburn
Finance Mary Arthur, Loraine Lepien
Worship & Music Loraine Lepien
Personnel Mary Arthur
Endowment Marabell Juedes

Pastor's Report:

- Local Ministry relationship with Memorial Baptist in planning stages, including possible mission trip and cooperative effort serving at Loaves and Fishes
- No dollar totals available yet for Haiti Relief offerings
- At recent Oshkosh Conference meeting, Sue Schierstedt was elected lay president for the next term

- Dead Sea Scrolls trip - 80 have signed up - looking for dates
- Midweek services during Lent - 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- FdL Area Ministerial Association is developing an online community assistance database, in which we will be participating as a member congregation.

- Denny Mertens and Steve Wilburn to plan Council Lenten Supper on Mar. 24.
- Ad-hoc committee to review all previous and current mission statements and Church goals.
- Property Committee: Reviewing placement of lectern. Reviewing costs and design for railing for chancel steps.
- Finance: Bright Beginnings is at full capacity. Will be contracting for more rooms. Spending freeze lifted, but we have to live within our budget. January Financial Statements reviewed and approved. Plan for implementing 10% reduction in staff costs explained. Vacation time will not be affected.
- Learning: Saturday Bible study and Lenten study groups planned. 2010 VBS will be family-oriented.
- Youth: Planning small dinners and gatherings for March. Youth lock-in being planned. Bright Beginnings office and Servants' Quarters will be swapping rooms.
- Worship and Music: Needs chairman. Bells will be run prior to service. Liturgies have been selected through the end of church year. Healing services: Mar. 21, June 20, Sept. 9.
- Social/Evangelism: Photo sessions almost finished for new directory.
- Stewardship: Plans are completed for contacting inactive members.
- Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.