

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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“Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Deuteronomy 11:19

When one considers the world that surrounds us today, there are a myriad of things which one can pass on to a child, whether that child be our very own or whether we are in the position of a guardian. As adults and older youth, each of us has found ourselves in a situation of modeling behavior to the young ones who look upon us for guidance – often in critical moments when we are least aware. As the Bible verse above states, our Lord shares with us a precious, precious responsibility. “Them” refers to words of faith that are inscribed on our hearts and that we are obliged to share always. This obligation begins with the Baptism of the young ones about us, but does not end there. We are part and parcel of an extravagant proclamation of God’s Holy Plan - the idea that we should be saved through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

For the greater majority of us, the summer months and with them, vacation, have come to an end. Schools crank up into action and in the church, many and various ministries that have been a bit on the dormant side spring to life. We see, however, about us a variety of means in which the youth of the congregation are taught and brought to greater faith in their Lord. First Footsteps in Faith, First Communion, Confirmation Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Youth United Ministries – all play integral roles in reaching out to those in the formative years of their growth in the faith. We cannot be spectators. We must not watch from the sidelines on this. People who will occupy places of responsibility in the parish long after we are all gone are currently looking to us in hope, that we will provide the means for them to be in

continuing communication with one another and their God as they grow in years.

There will be a meeting in the evening of the 15th of September for all students of confirmation and first communion age. At that time parameters of the programs will be gone over and a general discussion will take place in order that the needs of all are appropriately met. If this applies to you, please make every effort to be present. If both parents are able to make the meeting, great!

A reminder to all confirmation students who have finished their courses of study: confirmation will take place at the 10:30 service on Reformation Sunday, October 31st. Students should contact me about setting up a time in the month of September to sit down and talk for a brief time. You (confirmands) will be receiving a letter in the mail in the not-too-distant future with some items to consider in our talk. Please do not let this time of discussion be a cause for you to “get nerved up”. You have done fine and will do fine. A couple of you have one or two sermon reports to get in – make sure that is cleaned up.

We, the church, can be a strong support to the young as they grow and find their way in this mysterious thing we call faith. May we always accept our duty joyfully as we pursue God’s mission in this place!

See you in church!

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



PRAYER CONCERNS: Prayers for: Helen Hensel, Bruce, Lee Rasmussen, Earl Kettler and Paul Goldapske, 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 and let Sherri or Kay know.

A Message from Your Congregation President

Church of Our Saviour is about to hit a financial "wall"! Due to decreased summer giving and the depletion of our line of credit, we are currently having to hold back payments and temporarily delay payroll in order to keep our checking account from overdrafts. Congregation Council and committee members discussed possible short-term measures and long-term solutions at the Aug. 16 meeting. However, if we are unable to bolster our monthly income, we are facing some serious financial choices in the very near future!

If you have allowed your donations to fall behind during these summer months, you will be doing your congregation and council an enormous kindness by catching up on your customary giving as soon as you possibly can. Your Congregation Council and leadership teams are working hard on the various issues that currently challenge our church family. Working together for the GOOD OF OUR PARISH, we can and WILL get through this crisis and enter the new Fall season with renewed enthusiasm, strengthened faith, and hope for the future!! -- Mary A. Arthur, Congregation President

SIMPLY GIVING: Please consider using Church of Our Saviour's Simply Giving program for your weekly, bi-weekly or monthly giving. Your donation is a safe, convenient and reliable auto donation from your checking or savings account.

There is an insert in this month's Builder giving you a short description of the program, an article from Bob Miller; Simply Giving donation user, and a registration form.

NOTE: “I'm giving through Simply Giving” laminated cards will be on the “name tag table” for those of you who use the program. Please take one, prior to Service, and place in the offering plate at offering time.

Thank you.

THANK YOU

Dear COOS Members and Endowment Committee,

Thank you very much for the scholarship. I will be a senior this fall and on track to graduate in the spring with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies. It means a lot to me to have the support of my congregation as I transition from high school, to college, to a job in the real world. Thanks so much, again.

Sincerely,
Seth Wisner

FAITH, FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP

**Book Study: Our Lives
Are Not Our Own,
By Rochelle Melander
and Harold Eppley.**



**Starting on Thursday, September 9
1:00 – 2:30 P.M. Or 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.**

Meet at the Talaska home, 409 Pleasant Street. (one block east of Park Avenue between 10th and Boyd)

Anyone wanting to strengthen their faith and explore Christian living is invited to join this informal time of sharing on Thursdays.

Our study will help us, as Lutheran Christians, to better understand “God’s call to a life of accountability and how this accountability can be a blessing and not a burden.”

We are excited about this faith opportunity as we seek to more faithfully live out our Baptismal calling.

Our books will be arriving soon. The cost will be \$12.00 each. If you are able, you may help defray the cost. Book payment is not required for joining the group. Books can be picked up from Joanne or in the church office.

If you have any questions, please speak to Joanne Talaska, 923-1057.

We will be watching for you! Welcome.



RALLY DAY 2010

**Rally Day for First Footsteps
in Faith is Sunday**

September 12, 2010. All

children between age 3 (toilet trained) and grade 6 are invited to come with their parents to the sanctuary at 9:15 for **First Footsteps in Faith** Sunday School 2010-2011 opening. (At this time we also will have Bible presentation for our 1st Graders). The morning will include filling out forms, learning about the upcoming New Year, crafts, and refreshments. Thank you for your support with this program. Let's make this the best year ever, and continue to grow in our faith and community!!

Leeann Christensen, Patty Knubis, and Deb Greuel~ FFF Leaders.

***We are looking for a volunteer to teach our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Graders. If you are interested in this fun and fulfilling ministry please contact Leeann Christensen @ 924-6855 and leave a message. THANKS!!

2010 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The Sunday School program is looking for someone to Direct, plan and organize this years Christmas play. Wendy Koepp, who has directed the Christmas play for many years, has resigned from this ministry. We will truly miss Wendy's theater experience and directing skills!! If you are interested in volunteering as Director of this year Sunday School Christmas Program, please contact Leeann Christensen @ 920-924-6855.

SAVIOUR BELLS NEWS:

So the summer is coming to a close. School is just around the corner so that means.... yes it is time to ring them bells.

First rehearsal is Wednesday Sept .8 from 5:30 - 6:15ish. Everyone is welcome to join.

I hope to see some new faces.

Also a reminder on Sat. Sept 25, Handbell workshop at Trinity form 9-1. And our first Sunday to play will be the 19th of Sept. at the 10:30 service.

Have a great rest of the summer,

Keep on Ringing,

Diana Jewson

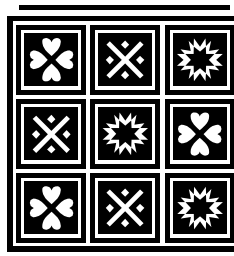
Saviour Bells Director

HELP CHOOSE WHERE THRIVENT FINANCIAL GIVES BACK!

Eligible Thrivent benefit members can participate in Choice Dollars. Through Choice Dollars, you can help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable funds among thousands of Lutheran organizations, **including Church of Our Saviour.** By now or in the near future, Eligible Thrivent members will receive a letter from Thrivent informing them on how to participate in designating their Choice Dollars. Please read through the letter you'll be receiving from Thrivent and know that you may **designate your Choice Dollars to Church of Our Saviour** AND that you may choose **Church of Our Saviour** as a recurring donation!!! Thank you in advance for considering directing your Choice Dollars to Church of Our Saviour!

*** **NOTE:** Debora Jaeger, Thrivent Rep., will be giving a Temple Talk regarding **Choice Dollars** and **Simply Giving** on Thursday, September 9th at the 7:00 p.m. Service and Sunday, September 12th during the 8:00 and 10:30 Service.

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 SAY THANK YOU AND ASK FOR CONTINUED HELP

Each Tuesday morning, approximately ten women meet to work on quilts for

Lutheran World Relief. To date, we have 177 quilts ready to ship. We are most grateful for everyone's help to get that many done but more help is needed. We are always close to being out of sewn quilt tops. If you can sew a straight seam you can do a quilt top. Instructions are on the packets in the basket on the table by the elevator. Thank you for your prayers and support.



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR

We are looking for helpers for coffee hour for the next school year. We need help with preparing the coffee before the 8 a.m. service, donations of treats, donation of juice, and someone to clean up after the Adult Forum, "In Touch" or after second service at 10:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet is posted on the large bulletin board in the main hallway.

We have supplies of coffee, cups, napkins, sugar, creamer and small plates. These treats are served in the parlor and everyone is invited to come in and enjoy some. Our first Sunday will be September 12. If there are any questions please call Jill Bjornstad at 922-1556.

Fondy Food Pantry Donations Needed

It has come to the attention of the Fondy Food Pantry volunteers that donations are needed. Any help you can give will be gratefully appreciated and gratefully received. Please bring to the cart in the hallway:

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned fruit
- Complete pancake mix
- Syrup
- Peanut butter
- Anything you wish

Thank you for your caring and sharing

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
FILL A SHOEBOX-CREATE SMILES!**



It is time again to begin thinking of sharing our blessings by making sure children around the world receive a gift at Christmas time.

Take a shoe box wrap it with Christmas paper, and then fill it with:

- Clothes
- Toys
- Hard Candy
- School supplies
- Health care items
- Book & games, etc.
- Please-no chocolate, no war toys, no liquids, no used items.

Anything that fits in the box and is appropriate for your age and gender choice would be a treat for the receiver.

Girls or Boys

2-4 years old

5-8 years old

9-14 years old

Also include a \$7.00 check payable to Samaritan's Purse to cover shipping costs.

Maybe this could be a special Christmas outreach project for your family. Would you consider this instead of a gift exchange?

Filled boxes can be brought to the church office.

Posters and brochures will be appearing soon.

Thank you for sharing and caring,

Joanne Talaska and Jill Bjornstad

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

JULY 2010

Change Jug \$23.96



2010 YTD TOTAL

\$599.44

BIBLE STUDY

Monday, September 20th

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, September 20th

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

FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SERVICE

SCHEDULE:

Our last Summer (2010) Worship Service is Sunday September 5th @ 9:00 a.m.

Fall/Winter Schedule begins

Sunday, September 12, 2010

SUNDAYS

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

9:15 Education Hour

First Footsteps in Faith (FFF)

Youth in Servants Quarters

In Touch (Adult Forum's)

THURSDAYS

7:00 p.m. Worship

**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 Synder
- 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.

BUILDER ARTICLES deadline is the 15th of each month. The Deadline for the Next Builder is; **September 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
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**FINANCIAL UPDATE – JULY 2010
GENERAL FUND**

Time Period	Total Income*	Expenses**	Net Results
JULY, 2010	\$ 15,365	\$17,001	(\$1,636)
Year-to-date	\$127,440	\$134,724	(\$7,284)

*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: 07/14/2010 to 08/18/2010
\$338,188.60 BALANCE FORWARD
\$50.00 PAYMENT 08/04/2010
\$50.00 Allocated To Principal
\$2,709.12 AUTO PAYMENT 08/04/2010
\$1,252.59 Allocated To Principle
\$1,456.53 Allocated To Interest
\$336,886.01 Current Balance

“OVER AND ABOVE”

**ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS
JUNE 1ST 2010 TO DATE**

Debt Reduction: \$1,086.00
Special Projects: 596.33
Benevolence: 57.00

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

Commemorative Labyrinth Walk

The Center to BE will facilitate an open labyrinth walk on Saturday, September 11, from 9:00 am to Noon at St. Agnes Chapel in St. Agnes Hospital, 430 E. Division St., Fond du Lac.

All are welcome to walk the labyrinth, a form of moving meditation in which we can find inner peace and come closer to the Divine. Drop in any time between 9 and Noon and stay as long as you can. The Center to BE will present a brief introduction about the labyrinth and some ideas for how to walk at 9:00 am. There will also be a prayer service to remember those affected by the terrorist attacks nine years ago.

No Fee or Registration is Required. For information, contact The Center to BE at 414-672-5932 or visit the website at www.centertobe.org

Congregation Council Highlights

Aug. 16, 2010

NOTE: Several committees did not meet or submit reports to Council for the mid-July to mid-August period.

Bishop's Initiative: Meeting opened with Powerpoint presentation and report by Connie Weiss on the Bishop's Initiative Certification School in which she has enrolled. We look forward to the benefits that her enthusiasm will bring to our congregation as the program unfolds!

Personnel Ministry

- Evaluations for Sherri and Kay have been completed. Committee has prepared Pastor's evaluation and will meet with Pr. Bill to review on Aug. 31. Other evaluations are in process.

Finance Ministry

- So far we have not been able to line up a volunteer to organize a Scrip program.
- We ended the month of July with a negative balance in the checkbook. Council authorized short-term borrowing from designated checking up to \$5000 ONLY if needed to pay bills in coming weeks.
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Learning (Education) Ministry

- FFF leaders have met and are preparing for Rally Day on Sept. 12.
- Committee meeting to review confirmation and other aspects of education ministry is pending.
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Youth Ministry

- Youth camping trip on Aug. 27-29 has been cancelled.
- Dessert donations needed for Symphonic Band Viennese Night, Aug. 25.
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Worship & Music Ministry

- About 70 people attended the Sounds of Faith worship during VBS week.