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## From the Pastor

Hello Beloveds!

As you know, for the months of June and July, we will have the sermon series, "This is My Story. This is My Song." I have asked you all to share your favorite hymns and we will be singing many of them this summer. We will also hear about their history and their composers. So for my Builder articles for these two months, I will talk about two of my favorite hymns (which is hard to limit to). This month, my hymn is ELW 608- *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*.

My first encounter with this hymn, was before I knew it was a hymn. There is a Christian acapella group called Acapella, who did a version of this hymn that included parts in French. I listened to it often on CD while on the bus, and I listened to it so much I still have it memorized.

This hymn is also important to me for the same reason that so many of the hymns you all suggested are your favorites. The hymn connects me to the memorial services for two of my grandparents. When my paternal grandpa died in 2008, I was asked to sing a solo. I chose this hymn. I then sang it again at my paternal grandma's memorial service about two and a half years later. When I chose this hymn, I especially thought about the chorus, "Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home.' Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, 'O sinner, come home!'" There are multiple ways to hear and to understand those words. For me, I have always heard them as Jesus' words of comfort at the time of death. That Jesus is waiting just on the other side of life to welcome us to what we do not know. I hear the good news of God's love. And when I hear this hymn, I think about my grandparents.

I look forward to singing through many of your favorites this summer and to hear the stories you tell about them in our fellowship time after service.

Blessings+

*Pastor Crystal*

## WELCA NEWS

Women of The ELCA Board will meet via Zoom on Monday, June 3 , at 1:45 p.m.

Lydia Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Tabitha Circle will not meet during the summer.

### LADIES' NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Our annual "LADIES NIGHT OUT" will be on Thursday, June 13 at Sunset on the Water, N7364 Winnebago Dr. in Taycheedah.

We will have the private room next to the main entrance, and order from the menu. (The Sunset has a great variety - from sandwiches and salads to full dinners!) We will gather at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails, and order our meals at 6:00 p.m.

All ladies of Church of Our Saviour and their guests are welcome to join us for good food and fellowship at this annual outing! A sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway , and transportation can be arranged for those who prefer not to drive. If you have any questions, contact WELCA officers: Jill Bjornstad or Char Bohnsack.

### BLESSING OF GRADUATES - JUNE 9

High School and college graduates will receive a special blessing on Sunday, June 9 at the 9:00 a.m. worship service. If you have one of these grads in your family that will be present for the service, please let the church office know.

### HEALING SERVICE - JUNE 16

The next healing service will be included in the June 16 worship service at 9:00. All who sense a need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives are welcome to receive a word of blessing and a prayer.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The worship assistant schedule will be made soon for July – September. There are opportunities to serve in all areas, and all ages are welcome to participate. Training will be provided if desired. Contact Janet with any questions - [music@oursavioursfdl.org](mailto:music@oursavioursfdl.org).

## THIS IS MY STORY; THIS IS MY SONG! FAVORITE HYMNS

Over the summer months, Pastor Crystal will be doing a sermon series on the favorite hymns that were submitted by the congregation during May. We will hear about their history and composers, and sing many of them.

### —FEATURED HYMNS FOR JUNE—

**June 2:** 77- The Old Rugged Cross; 779- Amazing Grace; 856- How Great Thou Art

**June 9:** 574-Here I Am Lord; 787- On Eagle's Wings; 824- This is My Father's House; 773-Precious Lord, Take My Hand

**June 16:** 661- I Love to Tell the Story; 592- Just As I Am; 767- Lord Take My Hand; 638-Blessed Assurance

**June 23:** 629- Abide with Me; 838 Beautiful Savior; 732- Borning Cry

**June 30:** n/a (supply pastor)

## BABY CARE KIT DONATIONS

WELCA is collecting for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits during the months of May and June. Each kit includes:

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts
- Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

Your donations of items from the list are welcome, as well as money with which to purchase items. Donations may be brought to church on Sunday mornings or during weekly office hours.

## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Free concerts at Buttermilk Creek Park on Mondays and Wednesdays will get underway on June 12 with a concert by the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band. COOS members/friends performing in the FSB this summer include Joan Perry, Erin Steward, Linda Berres, Art Hintz, Dan Fee and John Lepien.

The June schedule includes:

### MONDAYS, 7 p.m.

June 10: The Best Westerns

June 17: Comin' In Hot (country, rock, bluegrass)

June 24: Groeschl Band (old-time)

### WEDNESDAYS, 7:15 p.m.

June 12: FdL Symphonic Band -  
Hands Across the Sea

June 19: Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra

June 26: Dorf Kapelle (Jon Dietz performs at 6:15)

In the past, COOS members sat together in the area just southeast (uphill) from the refreshment stand to enjoy these evenings of fellowship and entertainment. Come, bring your lawn chairs (or use one that is provided at the park), and enjoy free music in the park together!

## SOLUTIONS CENTER

### “ITEM OF THE MONTH”

The June item is: **cleaning equipment (mops, pails, brooms)**. Donations may be left in the credenza in the hallway.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL, 2024 (YTD)

General Fund Income YTD: \$90,293

General Fund Expenses: \$87,922

Loan Principal Payments: \$ 1,549

Total Gen. Fund Expenditures: \$87,922

**Net Gain/Loss, to date 2023: \$2,371**

Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments: \$445\*\*

MIF Loan Balance as of 04/30/24: \$145,548

*\*\*gifts designated for debt reduction are sent to MIF at the end of each calendar quarter.*

CAPITAL IMPR. DONATIONS TO DATE: \$91,784

CAPITAL IMPR. EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$85,925

CAP.IMP. FUNDS ON HAND, 3/31/24: \$5,859

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

East Central Synod of Wisconsin

Synod Assembly – May 18, 2024

**“To proclaim the Good News of God through Word and Deed”**

*Together we will get to lean into the call to be curious, to be courageous, to be Christ together in 2024 and beyond.*

**Vice President Report:** Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Treasurer Report:** Bucks and Budget. Also Endowment Committee Financial Summary.

**Lay School Report:** Students come to deepen their knowledge about the Bible, faith, history, theology, spirituality, and so much more.

**Racial Equality Team Report:** The mission of the ECSW Racial Equality Team is to educate, equip, and empower individuals and congregations to work for racial justice. There are only two ways to do this work, imperfectly or not at all.

**Synod Youth Report:** This work is an opportunity to help nurture young people, adults who accompany them, families, and congregations as they work together in God’s Mission that we all share.

Other issues reported and voted on as far as continued support:

**Land acknowledgement** for indigenous siblings of the world given by the orator.

**Racial equality** for individuals and congregations to act boldly to transform our ministries and communities by working for racial justice.

**Israel and Palestine** land issues.

**Break out sessions:** discussing everyday things about congregations’ problems and addressing change.

We managed to sing a couple of songs between the talks and prayers. I have never prayed so much at one time. On Friday there was a worship service at Peace Lutheran Church just a short walk from the conference center.

The Assembly was an interesting time and informative. There is a lot more to this church thing than just Sunday Worship.

-- **Merle Knudtson, Jean Hanisch**

## SUMMER NOON ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2024

The Fond du Lac Area Organists' Association will again be presenting a series of organ recitals by area organists this summer. Concerts are held on Thursdays beginning at 12:15 p.m. Free-will offerings will be taken, and proceeds will go to a scholarship fund to support the training of young people to become organists. For more information, please visit their website: [fdlareaorganists.com](http://fdlareaorganists.com)

Recitalist(s)	Date	Location
Ann Lemmenes	June 13	Cathedral Church of St. Paul
Brent Nolte	Sun. 4 pm June 16	St. Patrick's Concert Hall
Kenneth Hill	June 20	Cathedral Church of St. Paul
Wendy Pelletier and Mark Bullum	June 27	St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lomira

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REPORT - MAY, 2024

- Flooring installations are complete; still waiting for final base molding to be installed. Property Committee finished painting hallways on May 25.
- Main Street - new doors have been installed; new exterior trim wood needs painting. If a contractor cannot be engaged, Property Committee may need to finish painting.
- Parking Lot doors - Hinges and jambs were inspected and adjustments made. New weather stripping was installed, but it is keeping the doors from self-latching. Will have the contractor address this.
- Elevator lobby heater - one quote obtained; waiting for one additional proposal.

### COUNCIL VACANCY FILLED

At the May 20 monthly meeting of the Congregation Council, Corey Calvey was appointed to serve the remainder of the vacant one-year term on the Council, per the provision in our constitution for filling vacancies. We thank Corey for stepping up and volunteering to serve, and we welcome him to the Congregation Council!

Please call the church office (920-922-0020) or Jill Bjornstad (920-922-1556) if you or someone you know is in need of prayers. You can request them to be in the Prayers of the Church, the Prayer Chain or both.

### CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE FAMILIES

Thank you to all who have shown their love and support to those in need in Fond du Lac. The gifts you give and the message those gifts share are an enormous witness to our community. When we were open in May, we had first time visitors who had two children. They were so excited to see what we had and could not believe that they could just shop without money. When they were done, the Mom took her husband's phone, hit translate, and told us "Thank you so much for what we found and God bless you." Those of us who were close by smiled, patted our hearts and fought back the tears. This is what your caring and sharing means to those in need. It made our day!

Items in short supply for our June 20 closet opening are:

- Girls underwear -size 16
- Girls shorts -size 5, 6, 6X, 10, 12
- Girls short sleeved shirts and tops -size 7, 8, 10, 12, 14
- Girls jeans, slacks -size 6, 6X
- Boys slacks, jeans, shorts, short sleeved shirts -sizes 4T through 14/XL

Please bring donations to the closet to the baskets in the hallway credenza by Wednesday, June 19.

THANK YOU.

### SUMMER SUNDAY SOCIALS

Summer Sunday Socials will be held outside under the canopy following the 9 a.m. worship service. All are welcome to enjoy a snack!