



CHURCH OF OUR
SAVIOUR
— FOND DU LAC —

363 S. MAIN ST. • 54935 • 920-922-0020

Pastor: Rev. Crystal Lee

Web-site: www.oursavioursfdl.org

Office Email: office@oursavioursfdl.org

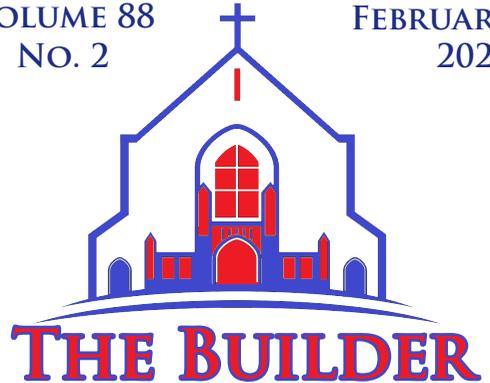
Pastor Email: pastorcrystal@oursavioursfdl.org

Music Email: music@oursavioursfdl.org

Office Hours: M-TH: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

VOLUME 88
No. 2

FEBRUARY
2022



FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings Beloveds!

We have just about made it through the first month of a new year! As we have passed Advent, Christmas, and the start of a new year, I have started to get my footing here at Church of Our Saviour. As I continue to get to know you, and the congregation, I invite us together to spend time sharing our stories- our personal stories, congregational stories, and to see how those stories intersect with God's Story. Starting in February, we will take time in Sunday morning Forums, in small cottage meetings, confirmation classes, and one-on-one conversations hearing these stories. The stories will be good, bad, mundane, and thrilling, as they all tell the story of Church of Our Saviour, its history, and its identity.

After we spend time in hearing personal stories and the stories of the congregation, we will then turn toward how the stories connect to God's Story. We will take time to find one bible story that represents the story of Church of Our Saviour. We will choose a story that shares the same themes and challenges of our congregation. Once we have the basis of our identity, based in our past and in the bible, we will allow that story to inform how we interact, in our congregation, community, and the world, going into the future.

Our congregation will be spending the next few months hearing about how "Story Matters.," taking us up to summer. We will also use the theme for Lent- for a congregational devotional (see announcement!) and for mid-week services. Get ready to be immersed in Story!

Blessings+,

Pastor Crystal

-LOOKING AHEAD-
Ash Wednesday is on March 2.
Worship services will be held
at noon and 6:30 p.m.

WELCA NEWS

Women of The ELCA Board will meet via Zoom on Monday, February 7, at 1:45 p.m.

Lydia Circle meets on Tuesday, February 22 at 1:30 p.m. Jean Hoppman will be our Bible study leader using the January Gather magazine. All are invited to join us.

Tabitha Circle meets on Tuesday, February 15 at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom with Mary Arthur leading the discussion of an article from "Living Lutheran" magazine. Copies of the magazine can be picked up at church, and the article and study guide will be emailed to circle members.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

WELCA is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief PERSONAL CARE KITS during the months of January and February. Money or actual items may be donated. Items needed are bath size towels, bath size bar soap, adult size tooth brushes, combs and metal nail clippers. Donations may be brought to church on Sunday mornings or during weekly office hours.

Thank you to Kari and Richie Haegler, Layton Pahnke, Jean Hanisch, Darlene Otte and Pastor Crystal for helping me take the Christmas decorations down, and the property committee for putting the Christmas trees and wreaths away.

-- Jill Bjornstad

THANK YOU!

Thank You, for the beautiful poinsettia plant and cookies that I enjoyed. I'm still enjoying the plant.

--Carol Hinz

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia and prayers. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

-- Sheila Hodgden

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.

SOLUTIONS CENTER "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

The Solutions Center's Twelve Months of Humanity Program features one item from their "wish list" each month, with a goal to collect enough of that item to last an entire year! The February item is **TOILET PAPER**. Donations may be left in the credenza in the hallway.

CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS

After spending Thursday, January 20, at the closet at Riverside School, our volunteers discovered that the following items are needed: -

- snow pants, sizes 4, 5 and 6X
- assorted clothing for boys and girls, sizes 5 - 14
- boys underwear, sizes 4 - youth XL.



NO ADULT CLOTHING PLEASE.

Please put your gifts in the Riverside baskets in the credenza in the hallway by Monday, February 14. Thank you for your generous support to our community and to the kids in our grade schools.

God Bless You.

BOOK STUDY

Mondays • Noon – 1:30 p.m. on Zoom

The Monday noon book study group has moved on to the fifth book, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* in *The Chronicles of Narnia* series by British author and lay theologian, C. S. Lewis. Newcomers are welcome!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR, OTHER EVENTS PUT ON "HOLD"

Fellowship Hour between services has been discontinued until gathering without masks is once again determined to be safe. The Culture Rock event in January was postponed, and a decision on holding Lenten suppers has been deferred until later in February. We appreciate your patience as we continue to monitor pandemic conditions.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Church of Our Saviour will be creating our own Daily Lenten Devotional for this year. The theme of the devotional will be "God's Story. Our Story." Please contact Pastor Crystal if you are interested in contributing to the devotional. Contributors will be given a biblical story, and asked to write a devotion (it can be short!), and how their story, or the congregation's story, connect with that biblical story. All ages and writing abilities are encouraged to take part. Devotions will need to be submitted to Pastor by Wed. Feb. 16, so the booklet can be made and sent before Ash Wednesday.

DISCOVER CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

Are you, or someone you know, looking for more information about Church of Our Saviour, or interested in joining the congregation? If so, please contact Pastor Crystal at the church office (920-922-0020) or by email (pastorcrystal@oursavioursfdl.org), as she is planning an inquiry class to occur either the end of February or the beginning of March.

COVID POLICY UPDATE

Due to the continuing surge in covid infections and updated Synod and WCC recommendations, our Pandemic Task Force has reinstated a mandatory mask policy for worship and activities. The task force will continue to monitor local conditions. The mask requirement will remain in effect until it is safe to return to a voluntary policy.

Masks and vaccinations are the most effective tools against spread of the virus. Disposable masks are available in the narthex. If you have not yet been vaccinated, the vaccine is widely available, at little or no charge, through local pharmacies and health care providers.

Thank You for Your Cooperation!

CHAMBER CONCERT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Soloists and ensembles from the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band will present the **32nd annual Chamber Concert** at Church of Our Saviour on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. An organ prelude by Bob Martin will begin 10 minutes before the concert.

The program will feature trombone and piano solos, flute trio, saxophone quartet, euphonium/tuba quartet, and clarinet duet. Also performing are a woodwind choir, brass choir, wind quintet, and piano duet. Selections include classical music from many eras, along with favorite American pop music and jazz.

There is no admission charge. A free-will offering will be received. **Face masks will be required to attend.** If cancellation is necessary due to covid, notices will be posted on the band's Facebook page and website.



ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:00 P.M. DINNER • 6:00 P.M. SHOW

All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate! Here are some ideas – vocal solo, instrumental solo/ensemble, dancing, piano solo, standup comedian, karate demonstration, juggling, magic acts, card tricks, cooking demonstration, jump rope demonstration, whistling, dramatic reading, gymnastic routine, comedy skit and celebrity impressions. If you'd like to participate, but need help with an idea or need music, give Janet a call – 920-979-3416! Sign up on the bulletin board.

FOR THE RECORD

Baptized • 1/16/2022

Sebastian Paul West and Jolene Noelle West

Children of Joshua and Lacey West

FINANCIAL REPORT - YR TO DATE (12/31/2021)

General Fund Income \$209,057
General Fund Expenses: \$* 199,852
Loan Principal Payments: \$ 19,698
Total Gen. Fund Expenditures: \$219,550
Net Gain/Loss, YTD: \$ *-10,493

*Expenses include portion of elevator repairs, plus \$10,000 transferred to Pastoral Contingency Fund for calling a new pastor.
Balance in fund: \$15,938

Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments: \$ 5,669**
Additional Loan for Roof Project: \$58,915
MIF Loan Balance as of 12/31/21: \$194,860
**gifts designated for debt reduction

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Please note that if it is necessary to cancel Sunday worship/education hour due to weather, we will notify local radio stations including B104.7 FM, KFIZ Radio (AM 1450) Website:www.kfiz.com, WFDL(Sunny 97.7 FM) and WFRV TV-Channel 5 (Green Bay) as soon as the decision is made. We will also post the information on Facebook.

Even if we decide NOT to cancel, please use your own good judgment on whether it is feasible for you to brave the weather (the difference between city and country driving is often great).

During the week, our events and office will be cancelled when the public schools are closed.

YOUTH NEWS



On January 19th the youth split into two groups and delivered a bed to two different homes for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. After the deliveries and setups were complete, they finished at the church with cookies and hot chocolate.

In February, the youth will be serving chili for the church talent show on February 27th. There will not be a service event on the 16th.

