

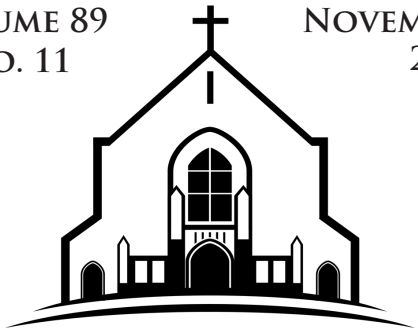


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### From the Pastor

Greetings Beloved,

I do not know how we are to November already. The year has gone by so fast, and I know these next two months will be no different. As we enter November, it is a month we pay extra attention to giving thanks. Yes, there is Thanksgiving at the end of the month, where many will gather with family and friends and give thanks for the people and what they have in their lives. We will also remember those who do not have family, friends, or support systems; who do not have a safe place to live or food regularly to eat.

November is also a month of giving thanks from the first day. November 1 (and observed on the first Sunday of November) is All Saint's Day. On this day we remember and give thanks for the lives of those who died, especially those who have died since this day last year. We give thanks for Resurrection hope.

So, here at the beginning of the month, let's take a moment early on to think about what we give thanks for that happened in the month of October.

Here is my list of 5:

1. My gym- a place for my mental and physical health
2. A trip to visit seminary friends and to see the people of my internship site, who I haven't seen since before the pandemic started.
3. For Henry and Gracie, and that they finally started get along and I was able to snuggle with them both, at the same time.
4. For confirmation- we had our first lock-in- it was a small group who loved being there and excited for future ones, including a synod youth gathering in February at Imago Dei Village. Also, we had 4 youth confirmed on Oct. 29.
5. It is not from October. However, I want to acknowledge that Nov. 1 is my 2 year anniversary here at Church of Our Saviour, and I give thanks for the people in this place!

Blessings +

*Pastor Crystal*

*Here is space for you to fill out 5 things you are thankful for from October.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



**WELCA Board of Directors** will meet on Zoom on Monday, Nov. 6 at 1:45 p.m.

**Tabitha Circle** will meet on Tuesday, October 21, 1:00 p.m. in the parlor.

**Lydia Circle** will meet on Tuesday, October 28, 1:30 p.m. in the parlor.

**F**orty-five boxes were sent to Lutheran World Relief on October 7 from our church. Included in these boxes were 46 school kits, 42 personal care kits, 13 fabric care kits, 161 baby care kits and 16 quilts made by our quilting ladies. Thanks to all who donated to any of these kits or quilts.

Special thanks to John Lepien for transporting our boxes, along with those of our sister congregation Immanuel-Trinity, to the collection center in Appleton this year. This is a task that John has been doing in alternating years with the other ELCA congregation(s) for a long time!!

## THANKOFFERINGS

**I**n November, WELCA members think of Thanksgiving and Thankofferings to support the work of Women of the ELCA. The founders of WELCA decided back in 1988 to use Thankofferings to support ongoing ministries, including communications, justice and advocacy work, leadership development, local and synodical women's organizations support, grants, scholarship programs, and much more.

In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we collect these offerings during the month of November. **Please use the enclosed THANKOFFERING envelope for your donations.** Thank you for your support of WELCA.

**P**lease 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.

## REMINDER TO "FALL BACK"

Daylight saving time ends  
on November 5 at 2:00 a.m.  
Set your clocks back one hour!

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ▸ NOV. 5

**A**ll Saints Sunday will be celebrated November 5 at the 9:00 worship service. You will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

## ADVENT FESTIVAL OF HYMNS, LESSONS AND ANTHEMS

**T**he Adult Choir and Handbell Choir will lead this special worship service on December 10. The festival will combine both scripture and music to tell the story of the expectation and birth of Christ. If you aren't able to sing with the choir on a regular basis, maybe you'd like to be a choir temp and join us to sing for this festival. We are just starting to rehearse this music at our Wednesday rehearsals which begin at 6:45pm. All are welcome! Just come on Wednesday – I'll have music for you!

## ADVENT WREATH CANDLELIGHTING

**W**e are looking for families, households or individuals that would like to read the paragraph at the beginning of the Sunday Advent worship services and would light the candles on the Advent wreath. All ages are invited to participate. Advent begins December 3. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Janet Radke.

## SHEEP COSTUME

**D**o you have a sheep costume that could be used for the Sunday School Christmas program, or would you be interested in sewing one? Please contact Janet if interested - music@oursavioursfdl.org.

## FINANCIAL REPORT - SEPTEMBER, 2023 (YTD)

General Fund Income YTD: \$198,137  
General Fund Expenses: \$166,517  
Loan Principal Payments: \$15,531  
Total Gen. Fund Expenditures: \$182,048  
**Net Gain/Loss, to date 2023: \$16,089**  
Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments: \$\*\*1,845  
MIF Loan Balance as of 08/31/23: \$153,260  
*\*\*gifts designated for debt reduction are sent to MIF at the end of each calendar quarter.*  
General Fund Income YTD in 2022: \$179,553  
**General Fund Income increase in 2023: \$18,584**

## CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS

At our October 19 open closet event, we served a large group of families. Because of your generous gifts, many children are now feeling confident and warm! The parents are so grateful for all they find when they come to shop.

As the winter months approach, we continue to need girls and boys clothing- sizes 4T through Youth XL, with a priority for warm clothes (jackets, sweats, sweaters, etc.)

You may place your gifts in the credenza in the hallway. We pray that we have full totes when the parents come again in November. As we have been blessed, may we bless others.

## GENERAL FUND PLEDGES FOR 2024

Because of the Capital Campaign held during the month of September, we did not have our customary fall stewardship drive for the general budget this year. Nevertheless, the need for your support of our general budget is ongoing. Money donated to the general fund pays the salaries of our pastor and staff, plus utilities, insurance, maintenance and repairs. It also supports our wonderful music ministry, fellowship opportunities, and provides for regular, budgeted support of the East Central Synod of WI, Lutheran Campus Ministries, Crossways Camps, World Hunger, and Missionary Support.

A 2024 General Fund pledge card is enclosed with this mailing. While we will not have a scheduled "Commitment Sunday" this year, we ask that you prayerfully consider and pledge your support of our general budget by filling out a pledge. You can put it in the offering plate, or mail or drop off at the church office any time. Additional pledge cards are available at church.

## COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES

We need snacks and other goodies to pack for our college students. Confirmation students will pack these in November to be sent early December. Please donate individually wrapped pre-packaged, store-bought items by Nov. 5. You can drop in the office with a note that says "College Care Packages."

## MEET EMILY ZEISE OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Emily Zeise began her job as our new Parish Administrator on October 2. She recently moved to the Fond du Lac area with her husband Travis. They both grew up in the Milwaukee area but have most recently moved from Virginia Beach upon the completion of Travis' Navy career. Emily grew up attending Gethsemane Lutheran in Brookfield; she is extremely excited to be a part of another ELCA church that already has welcomed her with open arms.

In her free time Emily spends a good amount of time traveling to Milwaukee to see her family. When she isn't visiting Milwaukee, she and Travis enjoy visiting state parks and even national parks when able. Emily has a passion for traveling and is always ready for an adventure, especially to a new place. Together they stay busy with their two dogs (Finn and Willow), and even their cat (Leaf) keeps them on their toes.

## SUNDAY FORUM

10:15 A.M. IN THE PARLOR

*All above Sunday School age are welcome to attend the Sunday forum.*

**SUNDAY, NOV. 5**

Manuel Santos, shelter coordinator, will be here to talk about the new Holy Family Warming Shelter on E. First Street. Host: Sue Schierstedt.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 12**

Pastor Crystal will lead the 3rd session on our Mission, Values and Vision (Mission Statement).

**SUNDAY, NOV. 19**

The Congregational Vitality Survey that was completed last January will be reviewed and discussed, led by Donn Stout.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 26**

Pastor Crystal will lead an Advent Craft Event.

### SUNDAY FORUM SCHEDULE

There is a sign-up form for Sunday Forum leadership and topics on the bulletin board. There are dates still open in December.

### SOLUTIONS CENTER

#### “ITEM OF THE MONTH”

The Solutions Center's November items are disinfectant spray and wipes; and bath & kitchen hand towels. Donations may be left in the hallway credenza.

Fond du Lac Symphonic Band • 47<sup>th</sup> annual

### CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Sunday, Nov. 12 • 3:00 p.m.

Cathedral Church of St. Paul

*A concert of sacred and classical music including All the Day Long (Based on Blessed Assurance), Finlandia by Sibelius, Sleep by Eric Whitacre, Gloria by Randall Bass, and With Every Winter's Breath by Standridge*

**ORGAN RECITAL BY KEN HILL AT 2:30 P.M.**

*Free Admission • Free Will Offering*

## FOR THE RECORD

**CONFIRMATION (AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM)**

**OCTOBER 29, 2023**

Sophie Freismuth

Richie Haegler

Emily Jodarski

Layton Pahnke

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

***Thirty-six (36) pledges to our Capital Improvements Fund Campaign have been received through October 18, totaling \$144,830. We are SO close to our goal of \$150,000!!***

If you have not made your pledge yet, pledges may be made at any time. Extra pledge cards are available on the hallway credenza, or you may call the church office to have one mailed to you. You may mail or drop off your pledge card at the church office any time, or put it in the offering plate at worship.

Contracts for the roof and lower level window replacement have been signed, and down payments made. When total pledges are calculated at the end of October, additional projects will get underway, according to the priorities set by the Property Committee.

Thank you for your prayerful response to our congregation's needs. Your generous support will allow us to complete most or all of the projects on the "to do" list.

## YOUTH CORNER

**Youth Group** will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Nov. 1 and 8.

Mark your calendars now for:

**Thurs. Dec 7:** Decorating the church for Christmas with WELCA

**February 16-18:** Synod Youth Gathering for those in 6th-12th grade

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Emily Zeise, Parish Administrator  
Kim Jodarski, Organist  
Janet Radke, Music Ministry  
Coordinator  
Jeff Jodarski, Custodian

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<u>1</u> 5:45 Bells 6:30 Youth Group 6:45 Adult Choir	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> 	<u>4</u> Daylight Savings Time Ends
<u>5</u> <b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Fellowship & Education	<u>6</u> 12:00 Zoom Book Club 1:45 WELCA Board– Zoom 5:30 Property	<u>7</u> 9-1pm Quilters	<u>8</u> 5:45 Bells 6:30 Youth Group 6:45 Adult Choir	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
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<u>19</u> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Fellowship & Education	<u>20</u> 12:00 Zoom Book Club	<u>21</u> 9-1pm Quilters 1:00 Tabitha Circle	<u>22</u> NO CHIOR REHEARSALS THIS WEEK	<u>23</u> <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> Office Closed	<u>24</u> <u>25</u> 	
<u>26</u> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Fellowship & Education	<u>27</u> 12:00 Zoom Book Club 6:15 Council	<u>28</u> 9-1pm Quilters 1:30 Lydia Circle	<u>29</u> 5:45 Bells 6:45 Adult Choir	<u>30</u>		

