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### From the Pastor

Dear Beloveds!

Last month I shared one of my favorite hymns and why it holds a special place for me. This month, I will share another. It has been hard to narrow down which one to focus on, because I am in a similar boat as many of you, there are just too many to choose from. Do I choose a Communion hymn? Gathering hymn? Sentimental? The theology? I decided to go with one of my new favorites from the new hymnal supplement, All Creation Sings, #939 "Touch That Soothes and Heals." We have sung it a couple of times during worship.

I was introduced to this hymn at a retreat with some pastors from the Oshkosh conference. We decided to bring along our hymnals and have a hymn sing one evening. One colleague was excited to introduce to, "Touch That Soothes and Heals." The hymn is found in the Easter section, but the words are so much about our vocation.

The refrain goes, "'See my hands and feet,' said Jesus, love arisen from the grave. 'Be my hands and feet,' said Jesus, 'live as ones I died to save.'" We hear not only the cost of the cross for Jesus, but the cost of God's love in our lives. We hear that we are loved by God and from this love we are called to live as Jesus lived; we are called to reach out and be in the margins with the lost, the least, the oppressed. We hear the words in the verses, "Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care, give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there." And also, "Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least. Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased." This hymn hits fully on what we are called to do- to be Jesus' hands and feet in the world- because of the love found in the cross. This hymn holds the heart of what we believe and that is why it has become one of my favorite hymns.

Blessings+

*Pastor Crystal*



The WELCA Board, Tabitha and Lydia Circles will not be meeting during the months of July and August. Meetings will resume in September.

## CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS

There is a question as to whether we will be open on July 18, but the gifts you share will be saved for our August opening. It seems that there can never be too much clothing. We especially need all sizes (4T through 14) tee shirts for girls and boys. As always, any gift you donate will be put to good use. If you are wondering what to share this month, just think of what is cool and comfortable to wear in the warm weather.

Thank you for putting your faith into action. God calls us to love one another and to help our neighbors. That is what we are doing. Your caring and sharing make it possible for members of our community to provide for their children.

Just in case our July date for open closet works out, please bring your donations to the credenza in the hallway by Tuesday, July 16. May God bless you as you share those blessings.

## SCHOOL KIT DONATIONS

WELCA is collecting for Lutheran World Relief School Kits during the months of July and August. Items needed include: 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½" (no loose-leaf paper); 30-centimeter rulers, or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other; pencil sharpener; blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well); unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; ballpoint pens (no gel ink); boxes of 16 or 24 crayons; standard erasers- 2 1/2".

Your donations of items from the list are welcome, as well as money with which to purchase items. Leave items in the credenza in the main hallway.

## INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE



Church of Our Saviour is selling a Yamaha digital piano with bench for \$350 or best offer and also a 5 piece drum set with stool for \$200 or best offer. If interested, contact Janet: [music@oursavioursfdl.org](mailto:music@oursavioursfdl.org). There are larger, colored photos on the bulletin board.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
THE WEEK OF JULY 1 AND WILL  
REOPEN ON JULY 8.  
HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!**

## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Free concerts at Buttermilk Creek Park on Mondays and Wednesdays are underway. COOS members/friends performing in the FSB this summer include Joan Perry, Erin Steward, Linda Berres, Art Hintz, Dan Fee and John Lepien.

The July schedule includes:

### MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

MONDAYS, 7 p.m.

July 1 - Jesse Stratton Band

July 8 - Liquid Courage

July 15 - Three Card Stud

July 22 - Talk of the Town

July 29 - Page Four



### –4TH OF JULY –

*Americana Concert* by the Symphonic Band at Lakeside Park, followed by fireworks on the lakefront at dusk

### BUTTERMILK FESTIVAL WEDNESDAYS, 7:15 P.M.

July 3 - no concert

*July 10 - Symphonic Band "A Night at the Theatre"*

*July 17 - Fondy High School Summer Band*

*July 24 - Symphonic Band "Family Night - A Tribute to John Williams"*

*July 31 - Kate Voss and The Hot Sauce*

In the past, COOS members often sat together in the area just southeast (uphill) from the refreshment stand to enjoy these evenings of fellowship and entertainment together. Bring your lawn chairs, come and enjoy free music in the park together!

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.

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

Our "favorite hymn" series will continue throughout the month of July. Following are the hymns previously submitted by our members about which we will learn the history and sing during July.

### –FEATURED HYMNS FOR JULY–

July 7: 890- Mine Eyes 887- This is My Song  
756- Eternal Father Strong to Save

July 14: 793- Be Thou My Vision 742- What a Friend  
731- Earth & All Stars  
HFW 113 Be Still, My Soul

July 21: (supply pastor)

July 28: 631- Love Divine 723- Canticle of the Turning  
596- On Christ the Solid Rock  
LBW 324 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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

General Fund Income YTD: \$107,089

General Fund Expenses: \$103,820

Loan Principal Payments: \$ 1,549

Total Gen. Fund Expenditures: \$105,369

**Net Gain/Loss, to date 2023: \$1,720**

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

Addl. amount borrowed in May: \$10,000

MIF Loan Balance as of 05/31/24: \$154,035

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

CAPITAL IMPR. DONATIONS TO DATE: \$93,384

CAPITAL IMPR. EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$94,280

CAP.IMP. FUNDS ON HAND,05/31/24: (\$896)

## SUMMER NOON ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2024

The Fond du Lac Area Organists' Association is again 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
Father Tom Lijewski and Wendy Pelletier	July 11	Shepherd of the Hills, Co. B, Eden
Kenneth Hill	July 18	Hope Lutheran Church
Libby Reinbold	July 25	Salem Methodist Church
Kris Bartelt	Aug. 1	First Presbyterian Church

## VIDEOGRAPHERS NEEDED (WE WILL TRAIN)

Our tech team is stretched thin, with only three people currently trained and experienced in doing the Sunday Worship livestream on Facebook. With the system that was installed a year ago, livestreaming can easily be learned by anyone who is familiar with using Google Chrome (web browser) and online applications. In fact, if necessary you can even bypass the computer completely, and livestream by simply using the "record" and "stream" buttons on the encoder box.

One of our team would be happy to show you how it is done at your convenience. Even if you cannot schedule regular turns at doing video, it would be helpful if we had some folks able to take over in an emergent situation where the scheduled videographer was unable to be at church. Please contact Mary Arthur, [maryathur@charter.net](mailto:maryathur@charter.net) or 920-579-1535 for more information.

## SOLUTIONS CENTER "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

The July item is: **postage stamps**. Donations may be left in the credenza in the hallway.

## FOR THE RECORD

### DEATHS

*Milton Heimerl - 6/5/24*

*Marian Eggert - 6/21/24*

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

OCT. 27, 2024 - OCT. 26, 2025

A 100th anniversary task force, comprised of Janet Radke, Chris Carew, Cindy Decker and Mary Arthur with input from Pastor Crystal, began meeting early in May. They are planning a series of events and projects to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Church of Our Saviour.

The celebration will kick off on **Reformation Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024**. (October 24, 1924 was the date when the first worship service was held at the YMCA building.) The year-long observation will end on **Reformation Sunday, 2025** with a Festival Worship followed by a communal meal / potluck at the Lakeside Park Pavilion.

Among the things being planned are a summer picnic, worship events with guest preachers, a community outreach project, unveiling of a new logo, shirts and merchandise with the new logo, concerts, a video of compiled interviews with our members (youth project), and a church cookbook. We will begin gathering recipes for the cookbook soon, and you will have the option of entering your favorite recipes via an online link or submitting them on paper to be entered into the cookbook. (All you home cooks and bakers - start going through your recipe boxes now!!)

More details will be coming as they are confirmed. If you have any questions or suggestions, please speak to any member of the task force at your convenience.