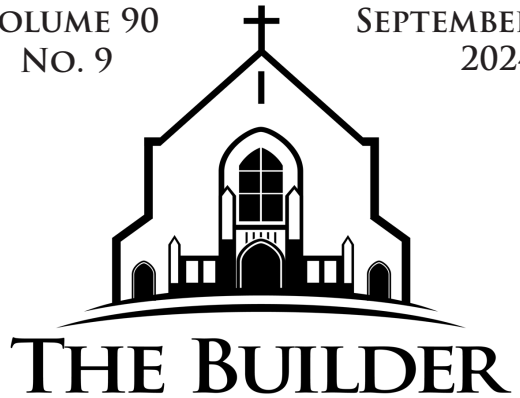




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From the Pastor

Dear Beloveds!

It is somehow September. If you are like me, you aren't sure where summer went and how we are at the new school year. With a new school year and the (almost) start of fall, activities are picking up. We see that even here at church. Youth Group, choirs, Sunday school, and Forum are all starting up soon.

At Synod Assembly this year, our main speaker asked the question: What does your soul need? Particularly, thinking about how we are in a divisive political landscape- what does your soul need in an election season? Which is a good question to think about as day-by-day we get closer to November 5. You can join me in September and October to talk about how our faith impacts our civic life.

Yet, I would also say that this question needs to be asked as summer fades and fall enters. As lives that were laid back and on vacation mode enter a more hectic pace. What does your soul need?

Each of us will answer that question very differently. This question makes us dig deep inside ourselves. We are to face what we feel and what we think. We are to face why we feel and think the way we do. This question is not about finding a right answer. The question is aimed to help us listen to where we are and what is happening inside. That while the world around us is hectic, we still need to find time to listen and understand ourselves. Taking time to ask ourselves- what does my soul need?- gives us a chance to acknowledge what we need, what are our concerns, and to listen for God's movement.

With schedules filling up, it might be hard to find a quiet moment. Yet, I strongly encourage you to find that moment- be it 1 minute, 5 or 30. And ask yourself: *what does my soul need?*

Blessings+

Pastor Crystal

Tabitha and Lydia Circles will assemble Lutheran World Relief health and school kits on **Tuesday, September 17**. We will start with health kits at 10 a.m. followed by lunch at Culver's at 11:30. School kits will be assembled at 1:00 p.m. in place of usual Tabitha Circle meeting.

Lydia Circle will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 24, at 1:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Synod WELCA Fall Retreat will take place from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. on September 14 at Imago Dei Camp. Featured speaker is Gaye Lindfors. More information is posted on the bulletin board.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thank you to all who donated items and/or money for our Lutheran World Relief kits. They will be shipped early in October. Your generosity will make a difference for many of those in need around the world. Thank You!!

CHURCH MUSICIAN & YOUTH POTLUCK AND GAMES

All church musicians - all ages - and youth are invited to a potluck meal on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share. Hot sandwiches will be provided. Dan Fee will lead fun activities for all after the meal. Sign up on the hall bulletin board. Bring a spouse, your family, a friend or prospective choir member!

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for adult choir and handbell choir will begin Wednesday, September 18. Bells meet at 5:45 p.m. and adult choir is at 6:45 p.m. Who will you invite to give choir a try? Church membership is not required to be in choir. Sign up on the hall bulletin board. Questions? Contact Janet at music@oursavioursfdl.org.

CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS

August 15 was a record day for shopping at the closet. We served 21 families which included 25 adults and 51 children. With that in mind, you will understand why we need any item of lighter weight clothing you choose to share. Our sizes range from girls and boys 4T through 14 which is an XL. Any types of shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, hoodies, pants, jeans and shorts will be loved by the shoppers. Thank you for remembering those in our community who struggle to get through each day.

We are still operating out of the balcony at Riverside School, but looking forward to making the transition to the first floor girls' locker room. Modifications need to be made; some shelving, rods and racks installed, and working out the time schedule and financing. Setting up for the shoppers will then need to be addressed. With all of this, we are remembering our goal to care for all of God's children.

Thank you for your faithful and generous help. Your gift of clothing and financial gifts for the closet touch many, many lives and make a loud witness within the Fond du Lac community. May God bless you as you continue to bless others.

HEALING SERVICE

The next healing service will be included in the September 22 worship service at 9:00 a.m. 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

There are opportunities to serve in any of these worship ministries: assisting minister, lector, usher, greeter, acolyte, running the video, running PowerPoint or preparing PowerPoint slides, communion assistant and special music. If you haven't served in any of these areas, but are interested in participating, sign up on the hall bulletin board. Youth and children are invited to participate also. Training will be provided if needed. If you are already serving, you don't need to sign up again.

FOR THE RECORD

BAPTISM

8/18/24 - ABEL EARLE RUKSTAD

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Endowment Committee will be awarding scholarship monies to Church of Our Saviour members, or children of members, who are enrolled full-time in post-secondary education for the 2024-2025 school year. The scholarship comes from the interest on generous donations from the estates of Martin Nelson, Megan Mauthe, and Bob and Delphine Miller.

The scholarship application can be picked up at the church office or downloaded using the link in eNews. You may also email the church office: office@oursavioursfdl.org and request that a form be emailed to you. Students interested in receiving scholarship monies for the 2024-2025 school year must complete the scholarship application and return to the church by October 1, 2024.

Applications can be mailed in or emailed to office@oursavioursfdl.org. Scholarship awards will be distributed by the middle of October 2024 to eligible candidates.

SOLUTIONS CENTER

“ITEM OF THE MONTH”

The September item is: **trash bags (all sizes)**. Donations may be left in the credenza in the hallway.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

The plexiglass stained glass window covers were removed. Windows were found to be in good condition; the framing and trim was repainted in August. Windows are being covered with glass; installation is about 80% complete. Property Committee is obtaining quotes for updating the security system, updating lighting, and installing a new heater in the elevator lobby.

VIOLIN CONCERT

Two violinists from the Fulton Chamber Players will present a concert here on Sunday, September 29 at 3:00 p.m. This ensemble unites world-class artists to present exceptional programs. They nurture students through dedicated music study to connect the dots between student life and the professional world.

Paul Hauer is a Fond du Lac native and began his studies with Gloria Schroeder. He is a member of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and received his degrees from Oberlin Conservatory and Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music.

Addison Teng is a sought-after performer and teacher. He has performed extensively in North America, Europe, and Asia. He is the founder of the Fulton Music Society and received degrees from Northwestern University Bienen School of Music and Oberlin Conservatory of Music. There will be a free-will offering. All are invited - bring a friend!

HANDBELLS

Would you like to play handbells? There are openings for 2 ringers in the handbell choir. Some music reading experience is desired. Contact Janet at music@oursavioursfdl.org if interested.

FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY, 2024 (YTD)

General Fund Income YTD: \$156,669

General Fund Expenses: \$135,817

Loan Principal Payments: \$ 8,839

Total Gen. Fund Expenditures: \$144,656

Net Gain/Loss to date 2024: \$12,013

Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments: \$810**

MIF Loan Balance as of 07/31/24: \$158,634

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND REPORT to 8/14/24

Donations received: \$ 99,574

Amount borrowed from MIF: \$ 22,052

Expenditures: (\$101,377)

Available to spend: \$ 20,249

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Backpacks will be blessed on September 8 at the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Bring your backpack, schoolbag, laptop bag, etc. - children, youth, adults, teachers - all ages!

BIBLE BINGO/RALLY DAY

Children and all ages are invited to play Bible Bingo on September 8 at 10:15 a.m. There will be prizes and fun! You don't need to have children in order to play. Parents can sign up their children for Sunday School during this time. Hope to see you there!

DISCOVER CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR - SEPTEMBER 22

Are you 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 on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 11:30 am. Please let her know if you have any dietary restrictions, as lunch will be provided. We will welcome new members on Oct. 13 during worship.

FALL FORUMS

Join Pastor Crystal Sept. 15, 22, Oct. 6, 13, and Nov. 3 for the **ELCA Study on Civic Life and Faith**- where we will dive into the question: What does our faith have to say about how we engage in civic life? Pastor Crystal is looking for a co-leader for this study- if you are interested, please reach out!

On Sept. 29, we will welcome Seminarian Sommer Loar-Johnson to the Forum. More info about the topic will be announced closer to the day.

Our Prayer Chain provides an opportunity for men and women alike, even those who are homebound or too busy for other activities, to make a meaningful contribution to our congregation's spiritual life! Contact Jill Bjornstad for more info - 920-922-1556.

YOUTH CORNER

Wed. Sept. 11- 6 pm- We will join the choirs for a potluck and games. Families are invited to join. Please bring a side or a dessert!

COOKBOOK ENTRIES WANTED

To date we have about 50 recipes submitted for our Centennial Cookbook. We hope to have a minimum of 100 recipes by the time the books go to print in time for Christmas giving. You can enter your favorite recipes online using the link in eNews or the QR code in the announcements, or you may mail hard copy to the church office, or email to maryarthur@charter.net. There is no such thing as submitting too many!! **Deadline for submitting recipes is September 30, 2024.**

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Please note that pastor has new office hours.

Monday & Tuesday- 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Wed- 10 am-2 pm

CENTENNIAL PREVIEW

Our 100th Anniversary Celebration Year will get underway on **Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024**. Pastor Matt Agee will be our special guest preacher that day. After worship we will have a coffee/social hour followed by a potluck lunch in Stecker Hall at 11:30 a.m. More special events are planned for November and December. A full schedule through the end of this year will be sent out early in October. Mark the date now, and join us in worship on October 27 to begin our year of **praise and thanksgiving for 100 years of service in God's Love!**

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.