Caring & Sharing With Riverside Elementary

When Riverside Closet was open on Thursday, October 16, we served 24 families with 54 children. Thank you to members of Church of Our Saviour for your faithful and generous donations of clothing and money to help members in our community who are in need of clothing. We are so blessed to have this community outreach ministry that benefits our neighbors. We are grateful that it is housed at Riverside School where helping those in need is also a priority.

At the end of the day, we found that we would be needing the following items for our November opening:

- boys & girls underwear in sizes 4T - 14/XL
- boys & girls socks -any children sizes
- boys & girls winter pajamas in sizes 4T - 14/XL
- any clothing in our size range of 4T - 14XL that is appropriate for colder weather

Please put your gifts in the Riverside baskets in the hallway credenza by noon on Tuesday, November 17.

We thank our gracious God for the many ways we are blessed each day. We thank our loving God for the opportunity to pass those blessings on to those who are in need. May our lives be enriched as we go about our Caring and Sharing. God's blessings to all.

Special thanks to Principal Jessica Hughes for leading our Adult Forum on Sunday, October 18. It was good to learn of things that make Riverside Elementary School unique. Thanks also to Riverside's outstanding staff.

Please make checks for Riverside Closet out to WELCA with Riverside Closet in the memo line.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour or you will be early for worship on Sunday, November 1.

November Events

- **November 1— All Saints Sunday** 9:00 a.m. worship
- **November 8—Healing Service** during 9:00 a.m. worship
- **November 15 — Commitment Sunday** 9:00 a.m. worship
- **November 29—First Sunday in Advent** 9:00 a.m. worship

Coming in December

- **December 6**—Decorating and shut-in gift preparation at 6:00 p.m.
- **December 7**—Loaves & Fishes Meal
- **December 9**—Advent Music & Meal featuring Brass Menagerie
- **December 16**—Advent Music & Meal featuring FHS Cardinal Singers
- **December 24**—Christmas Eve worship at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Music & Ministry Coordinator

The search for our new Music and Ministry Coordinator continues. Please reach out to a member of the Personnel or Worship & Music Committees if you know of someone to recommend for the position, or if you would like to have additional information.

Property Committee Update

The Property Committee is currently seeking an individual or service to handle our custodial duties. If you know someone that is interested or that you would recommend, have them text Buck Giese at 920-517-1712.

Contact Information

Pastor: **open position**
Office Email: office@oursaviourfdl.org
Pastor Email:
Music Email: open position
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

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O Lord,

maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield its increase, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

O God of the Holy Unknown,

calm our minds and guide our hearts through this season of change. Grant the Congregation Council wisdom, discernment, and unity to find the leader you have prepared. Help our church family to remain grounded in your love, welcoming new beginnings with open hearts and resilient hope. **Amen.**

Holy God,

our Sovereign, our Wisdom, our Judge, as nature in the north cycles towards dormancy and death, we thank you for the sustenance of your Word. For your Word of life, we give thanks.

We praise you for speaking through Christ your Word, in whom is your authority, your truth, and the justice of your ways. When we are threatened by dangers and surrounded by evil, you speak to us of life that comes through Christ's death. For your Word of promise, we praise you.

Grant us the endurance of the Spirit of your Son. Upheld by the voice of your Word, may we persevere with courage, energy, and joy, serving our neighbors faithfully until the end of our days. For your Word of power, we plead. Abide with us in your Word, O God, that we may speak your blessing to others, today and forever.
Amen.

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Council Highlights

Council met on October 10 and 19.

- Council is working on transition planning. Supply Pastors have been scheduled for worship services through the end of December.
- A transition planning team has been chosen to assist with worship and pastoral care until a new pastor is called. One of their tasks is to communicate with the congregation.
- The Council is asking for prayers and patience during this transition time. There is a lot of work falling on a few individuals, so your support is both needed and appreciated.

Minutes from the last meeting of Council and committee reports from Worship & Music, Finance, and Property are posted on the bulletin board in the office hallway.

Please recognize that all submissions for the announcements and monthly Builder will be edited based on available space.

Third Quarter Giving Statements are on the credenza. Please take yours!

Financial Report

Year-to-Date (YTD)

As of 9/30/2026

General Fund Income (YTD)	$ 219,881.05
General Fund Expenses (YTD)	$27,901.52
Net Operating Surplus/**(Deficit)**	**($ 8020.47)**

MIF Loan Balance: $163,506.37

For the Record

Confirmed on October 25

Madison Abig, Jennsen DeRoo, Lily Freismuth, & Natalie Paul

Congratulations!

Advent wreath Lighting

Families, households or individuals are being sought to read the paragraph at the beginning of each Sunday Advent worship service and to light the candles on the Advent wreath. ALL ages are invited to participate. Advent begins November 29. If interested, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the office.

Fall Forums

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for Sunday Forum leadership and topics.
Forums can be led by members or guests on a variety of subjects: community outreach projects, a specific bible study, other work by non-profits in our community, and many other topics of interest.
As of this printing, there are no forums scheduled in November. Updates will be provided in the weekly announcements.

2027 Stewardship Campaign

You recently received a letter from the Stewardship-Finance Committee, asking for your support of our general budget by making a pledge to the general fund for 2027. Pledge cards will be received and blessed at worship on Commitment Sunday, November 15, or you may mail or drop off your pledge card at the church office any time.

WELCA News

WELCA Thankoffering

November is the time that the women of the ELCA collect Thankofferings. In our recent Gather magazine, it is noted that the spiritual practice of Thankofferings began in the late 19th century. Women would have a container or "mite box"and place small offerings into the box to count their blessings. These offerings would be collected in November to support missions in their communities and the world. You will find a Thankoffering envelope for your use with the November Builder mailing. This offering is used to support the churchwide ministries of WELCA. Those ministries include justice and advocacy, anti-racism training, scholarships, global education, grants, and resources for awareness of injustices. Please feel free to place your Thankoffering in the collection plate during the service anytime in the month of November. If giving by check, **please make it out to Church of Our Saviour. WELCA with Thankoffering in the memo.**

Church of Our Saviour WELCA is grateful for your generosity.

Care INC board Opportunity

Sue Schierstedt is seeking a replacement for her seat on the board of Care in the Name of Christ, Inc. Care is headquartered at Church of Our Saviour and is an ecumenical 501(c)3 non-profit. It has been a part of the Fond du Lac community for several decades, having assisted individuals whose needs cannot be met by agencies and public funds. The board meets for approximately an hour on a bi-monthly basis, if needed. It is required to meet at least once a year. If you would like to know more about Care INC and the board seat, please let Sue know. She would be happy to sit down with interested parties with more information about this opportunity.

Prayer List

Please call the church office (920-922-0020) or Jill Bjornstad (920-539-9389) if you or someone you know is in need of prayers. You can request names to be listed in the announcements, eNews, referred to the Prayer Chain, or all of the above.

Altar Guild Members Needed

There is an immediate need for more Altar Guild members. Please consider becoming part of this integral group. Responsibilities include communion preparation and cleanup, and other small tasks. There is a rotation so members are not "booked" every Sunday. Please contact Jill Bjornstad if interested: motherjill@att.net or 920-539-9389.
We appreciate your consideration.

Healing Service

A healing service will be included in the worship service on **Sunday, November 8**. 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.

Meet our Music Intern

Please meet Vicki Dietenberger, our Sunday School Music Intern. "Miss Vicki" has been helping Dan Fee with Sunday School Music. She will continue to do so until January, when she begins to expand her role to assume full responsibility. Vicki is a senior at Fond du Lac High School where she is active in choir, band, and drama/theatre. She hopes to attend UW Eau Claire next fall, where she will major in music education. Welcome, Vicki!

Solutions Center Donations

In **November, disinfectant spray and wipes; and bath and kitchen towels** are the requested items for donations. Please leave your donations in the hallway credenza. Thank you for your support!