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*(\*Office hours will vary during April. Call ahead before coming to the church office during the week.)*



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## From the Pastor

Shout it at the top of your lungs: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Well, I guess it might be just a little too early when you get this to truly shout those words. We are sending the newsletter a little early and you will be receiving it in the midst of Holy Week. We will have recently shouted, “Hosanna, save us!” And soon, we will hear the Jesus command, “love one another, as I have loved you!” We will join the crowds in yelling, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” And then there will be Saturday, a somber day, a day of remembering God’s creative and redeeming work which leads us into Easter Sunday. The day where we finally exclaim, “Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!”

The celebration does not end at the end of Easter Sunday. Easter is not only one day. Easter Sunday is only the beginning; it is the first day of the Easter season which lasts 50 days! It is 50 whole days to celebrate the glory of Easter and the Resurrection! The Easter season is time to take in the mystery and majesty of what happened that day- that Jesus was no longer in tomb. It is 50 days to celebrate that death has been defeated, sin conquered, and evil vanquished! This is a bright season where we will shout “Alleluia” more and celebrate with joyous singing. So, let us celebrate for the whole 50 days!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Blessings+

*Pastor Crystal*

# WELCA NEWS

Women of the ELCA Board will meet via Zoom on Monday, April 1, at 1:45 p.m.

Tabitha Circle meets on Tuesday, April 16 at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom and in parlor (blended).

Lydia Circle meets on Tuesday, April 23 at 1:30 p.m in the parlor. All are invited to join us.

## SPRING EVENT AT OSHKOSH

The 2024 WELCA Combined Oshkosh/Appleton Conference Spring Event will be held on Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1860 Wisconsin Street, Oshkosh. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

The theme is "Good Neighbors", based on Christ Our Savior's experience sponsoring a Syrian family this past year. The main speaker will be Tara Koji, an Oshkosh North High School teaching assistant, who has a classroom of refugee students. Just Fare from Fond du Lac will be present with merchandise from their store, and Susan Schnoor will share Just Fare's history and the countries they work with. The in-kind gifts this year will be divided between the Oshkosh North classroom and Birdies Box. Suggested items include hygiene products, toothpaste and toothbrushes, body wash, deodorant, sanitary napkins and tampons along with snack and grocery items (no glass containers).

The price for material and lunch is \$20.00. Registration form is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway; registration deadline is April 8. Please see Jill Bjornstad, WELCA president, for more information. Lutheran Church, 1860 Wisconsin Street, Oshkosh. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

## QUILTING DONATIONS

WELCA is collecting materials to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief during March and April. Needed items: large pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabrics, sheets (including flannel), tablecloths, cloth shower curtains, lightweight bedspreads, curtains, thread, and money to purchase supplies (use the WELCA envelopes).

Donations may be brought to church on Sunday mornings or during weekly office hours.

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REPORT

The Property Committee continues to work on the project list that was approved for inclusion in the 2023 Capital Improvements Campaign. Current status includes:

- Bill Grede has been hired to repair the east parking lot main entrance doors, at a cost of \$1800 - \$2000, which is significantly less than the original estimated replacement cost of \$12,500.
- Capelle Brothers & Diedrich will install new Main Street education wing doors after Easter.
- Ideal Glass has been contacted about taking down the current plexiglass stained glass window protectors and replacing them with clear glass.
- Bids have been solicited for a new elevator lobby heater.
- Klapperich Flooring will begin installation of the kitchen floor on Saturday, April 13 to minimize disruption to Bright Beginnings. The kitchen will not be available that weekend. Installation of the hall and gathering space floors will begin the following Monday, April 15. Activities and traffic should be kept to a minimum during the new floor installation.
- Property will paint the upper classroom hallway after Easter but before April 13th. Prep work for painting (cleaning, patching, taping) will begin immediately.

## THANK YOU

I had the privilege of returning to my home town for a short visit and my church on Feb. 11. Thank you, Mary Arthur, for inviting me to Sunday service. It was so good to see everyone! You all made me feel so special. Thank you! I'm so glad I decided to attend. *--Dawn Turner*

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.

## CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS

Thank you for all your generous support to meet the needs of our neighbors at Riverside Elementary School.

The closet will be open on Thursday, March 21, just after this edition goes to print. Please check the Sunday announcements and eNews for a current list of needed items, and place your gifts in the baskets in the hallway credenza.

*Thank you for caring and sharing.*

## 2024 OFFICERS - UPDATE

At the March 18 Council meeting, Mary Arthur was elected to a one-year term as council / congregation secretary. She is willing to mentor a successor who would be expected to accept the appointment when Mary's term expires next January. Please contact Mary or Pastor if you would be interested in this position next year.

## SOLUTIONS CENTER

### "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

The April items are HOUSEHOLD CLEANING BASICS (ALL-PURPOSE CLEANERS: PINESOL, MR.CLEAN, ETC., AND TOILET BOWL CLEANER). Donations may be left in the credenza in the hallway.

### FINANCIAL REPORT - FEBRUARY, 2024

General Fund Income \$47,181

General Fund Expenses: \$41,596

Loan Principal Payments: \$ 1,065\*

Total Gen. Fund Expenditures: \$42,661

**Net Gain/Loss, to date 2024: \$ 4,520**

Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments: \$0.00\*\*

MIF Loan Balance as of 02/29/24: \$148,607

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

General Fund Income to date in 2023: \$54,364

**Gen. Fund Income decrease in 2024: (\$7,183)**

*\*Loan principal adjusted when existing loan was converted to a new loan in January.*

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STARVING  
CHILDREN



# MOBILEPACK™

Saturday, April 6

New Opportunities

Pack-day tasks:

1. Online registration before a session at the Fairgrounds.
2. Accepting donations at the T-shirt table.
3. Overseeing four funnel locations during and at the close of the session.
4. Contact: Sue Schierstedt, [rstedt@charter.net](mailto:rstedt@charter.net), to offer your help.

There are still 200 volunteer spots open for this pack. Can you spare 2 hours on April 6?

Donations -- Use an envelope and unclaimed heart, or donate online at [give.fmssc.org/fdl](http://give.fmssc.org/fdl) using the MobilePack number, #2404-0325C.

Your prayers, helping hands, and financial gifts are all necessary to help us provide food and hope to those in dire need around the world. Thank you for your generous prayers, gifts, and service!

## YOUTH CORNER

NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

6:30-8:00 p.m. • Wed. April 10 & 17

**Confirmation Camp:** we are looking to take our 6th-8th graders to camp this summer. Pastor Crystal will be sending out an email to find the best week to go. If you would like more info about camp, please reach out to Pastor.

# Organ Concert

## Brent Erstad, Organist

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21 • 3 P.M.**

**Church of Our Saviour**

**9th & Main Street • Fond du Lac**



Fond du Lac native Brent Erstad serves as Director of Music and Organist at St. John's Church, Lafayette Square "The Church of the Presidents", located across from the White House in Washington D.C. where he leads the professional St. John's Choir, a volunteer Parish Choir program, and the children's Choristers. He previously held positions as Director of Choral Music at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA and on the faculty of St. Paul's School in Concord, NH. Brent is deeply involved with choral music in our nation's capital, having served on the staff of the Children's Chorus of Washington and the Capitol Hill Chorale. He is an active member of the Association of Anglican Musicians, American Guild of Organists, and the Royal School of Church Music. He holds degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music, Boston University, and the University of PA.



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