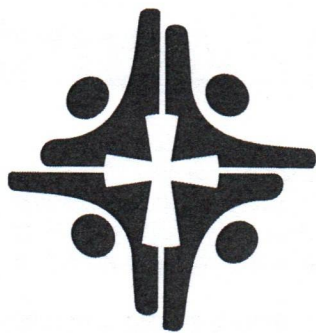




SEPTEMBER BUILDER CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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Hello Beloveds!

We are entering September. The air is already starting to get crisper, some leaves are already starting to change color. The unofficial end of summer is here with Labor Day weekend and many heading back to school. As the school year starts, as events pick up here at church, I want to provide a prayer. The prayer is meant for teachers, staff, and students; however, it is for all as we all continue to learn about the world that God has created. Blessings to you as schedules change, as bed times are earlier, and as life seems to get more busy.

Blessings+

Pastor Cuptal

God our creator,
you surround us with the marvels of this world
and give us the ability to explore the mysteries of creation.
You fill the earth with the Spirit of wisdom and inspire us to search for the truth.
You have sent us prophets and teachers as witnesses to your love for us.
You have come among us in Jesus Christ to teach us your saving truth by word and example.
Help us to enjoy our learning together and enable us to take delight in exploration.
Give us patience in our studies and strength to meet new challenges.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life, now and forever.
Amen.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council took the month of July off. At our meeting in August, there were two main topics of discussion.

A motion was made to approve the lease agreement with FDL Symphonic Band, so they will be using the classroom in the southwest corner of the Sunday School hallway. We will keep the congregation apprised of when they will be moving in.

A motion was made to send the council's updated version of the constitution to the synod for review. After the synod's review, and any subsequent changes that need to be made, council will present the updated constitution to the congregation and a vote will be held at our annual meeting in January.

FORUM SEPTEMBER 7

Jessica Hughes, Principal of Riverside Elementary School, will be at the Church of Our Saviour Adult Forum on **Sunday, September 7**, to tell us about the start of a new school year, what the staff and students can look forward to, and the school's perspective and involvement with the Riverside Clothes Closet. Please join us to learn more about Riverside School, our ministry at the school with the Closet, and maybe learn there are some things we could help with that we have not considered. Your questions will be welcomed and answered, if possible.

PLEASE RETURN AVAILABILITY FOR GROUP BIBLE STUDY FORMS TO THE BASKET ON THE CREDENZA.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of July 31, 2025

General Fund Income:	\$ 21466.10
General Fund Expenses:	\$ <u>16802.52</u>
Net Operating Expenses:	\$ 4663.58

MIF Loan Balance: \$175,133.13

FROM THE ARCHIVES

From the June 1957 Builder:

The Builder proposes to build a better church attendance, more family altars, a sound program of religious instruction, a missionary spirit, a better understanding of stewardship, and a greater loyalty to our Christ. The name chosen expresses the way our parish has grown.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

In honor of Church of Our Saviour's 100th Anniversary, let us show love and service to our neighbors by helping at the Fond du Lac Food Pantry. This will be a multi-generational occasion for us to celebrate God's grace together!

This coincides with ELCA's "God's work. Our hands" Sunday, September 7. The Fond du Lac Food Pantry is not usually open on Saturdays. However, since our church organized the Fondy Food Pantry in 1973 and housed and staffed it from 1973-2008, they will open just for us.

God's work. Our hands.

Saturday, September 6

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Fond du Lac Food Pantry

573 W. Rolling Meadows Drive

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
Let's get a good group going!



God's work. Our hands.



Join us for a day of service!

CARING & SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY

The Riverside Clothes Closet, our outreach ministry to Fond du Lac residents in need of clothing, will be open on **Thursday, September 18**. We are blessed to receive all the gifts you so generously provide. The clothing you give is sorted, hung, and made ready for our shoppers to receive. It is wonderful to see the excitement when someone has found just what they need.

Although temperatures have been on the warm side, we know that cooler temps are coming. Girls and boys long sleeved shirts, sweaters, hoodies, pants and jackets will be on the shoppers lists soon. Many girls especially like dresses, skirts, leggings and tights. Our sizes range from 4T to 14(XL). Please bring your donations to the credenza in the hallway by Tuesday, September 16.

We could not have this ministry without you. Your gifts of love and caring make it possible for many families in Fond du Lac to experience the love and compassion show by your giving. Shoppers often tell us what a difference your sharing makes for them. God bless each of you as you are led by God to love your neighbors.

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

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The property committee is looking for a couple of people willing to be on a task force to plan the upgrading of the outdoor signage for the church. The time commitment would be a couple of meetings over the next 2 to 3 months. If interested, or if you have any questions, contact Rich Radke. rradke3@new.rr.com or 920-486-1998.

YOUTH CORNER

Youth group meetings this fall begin with the **Potluck and Games on Wednesday September 10th at 6:00 p.m.**

EVENTS

- ♦ **Saturday, September 6**, from 8:30—11:30 a.m. **God's work. Our hands.** — volunteer to assist at Fondy Food Pantry.
- ♦ **Sunday, September 7**, **Blessing of Backpacks** at 9:00 am worship. Bring your backpack, schoolbag, laptop bag, etc. - children, youth, adults, teachers - all ages!
- ♦ **Monday September 8**, 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. in Stecker Hall, Gathering with David Metzger. Bring a treat if you are willing.
- ♦ **Wednesday, September 10**, at 6:00 p.m. **Church Musician and Youth Potluck with Games!** All church musicians — all ages — and youth are invited to a potluck meal. Bring your spouse, a friend, your family and a dish to pass. Hot sandwiches will be provided. Back again (by popular demand?), Dan Fee will lead fun activities for all after the meal! Sign up on bulletin board.
- ♦ **Sunday September 14, Rally Day** 10:15 a.m.— Seek and Ye Shall Find - multi-generational activity
- ♦ **Sunday, September 14**, at 3:00 p.m. — David Heller will present an organ concert as part of our Centennial Celebration and the Performing Arts Series. See insert for more information.
- ♦ **Loaves and Fishes Meal Monday September 22**, More information to follow.
- ♦ **Sunday, September 21**, at 9:00 a.m. worship Pastor Andy Flatt will be our guest preacher. A pancake brunch will follow worship.

COMING IN OCTOBER!

- ♦ **WELCA Sunday October 19**
- ♦ **Sunday, October 26**—Reformation Sunday—100th Anniversary Celebration with special meal at Lakeside Park Pavilion

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

WELCA NEWS

Thank you to all who donated for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits in July and August. We plan on gathering the supplies and packing the items in a backpack on **September 16th at 1 PM in Stecker Hall**. We should have enough supplies to send 60 Kits. Please join WELCA members on the 16th to help pack. Thank-you, WELCA and Members of Tabitha Circle.

FABRIC KITS

Fabric Kits are collected in the months of September and October. Sewing is a valuable skill, one that leads to a reliable income for many women and men. Fabric kits supply vocational training programs with fabric for teaching sewing, and for newly trained tailors to launch their sewing businesses.

The following items are in each Fabric Kit:

- ◆ Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring:
 - 2 1/4 yards of 60 " wide fabric, or
 - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
 - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric
- ◆ Two spools of matching general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

Donations of one or more kit items and money donations are appreciated. Please make check out to WELCA and note on memo Fabric Kits. Donations may be brought to church on Sunday or to the office during weekly office hours. They can be placed in the credenza marked LWR. Thank you.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

PRAYER LIST

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

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Adult Choir and **Handbell Choir** rehearsals will resume Wednesday, September 17.

- ◆ **Handbell Choir** meets at 5:45 p.m. and is for adults, senior high, and middle school youth. New members are welcome. Some music reading experience is desired.
- ◆ **Adult choir** meets at 6:45 p.m. New members are always welcome! Adults, senior high, and middle school youth are encouraged to join. No experience is necessary.

Please sign up on the bulletin board for either choir – returning members also.

Contact Janet if you have any questions – music@oursaviourfdl.org

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Endowment Committee will be awarding the Martin Nelson; Megan Mauthé; and Bob and Delphine Miller scholarship monies to Church of Our Saviour members, or member children, who are enrolled full-time in post-secondary education for the 2025-2026 school year. The scholarship application can be picked up at the church office, or found online on the Church of Our Saviour website. Students interested in receiving scholarship monies for the 2025-2026 school year must complete the scholarship application and return to the church by October 1, 2025.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

SOLUTIONS CENTER DONATIONS

In **September**, **trash bags** (all sizes) will be the requested item for donations. Please leave donations in the hallway credenza. Thank you for your support.



Welcome!!

Pastor Andy Flatt-Kuntze

Sunday, September 21
9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Pancake Brunch
at 10:30 a.m.

served by our youth

PASTOR ANDY FLATT-KUNTZE

Pastor Andy Flatt-Kuntze will be guest pastor at the 9 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 21, as part of our Centennial Year Celebration. The son of longtime COOS members Barbara Maher-Flatt and Roger Flatt, Andy was confirmed by Pastor Bob Rosenberg with the COOS Confirmation Class of 2008. After graduation from Fond du Lac High School, he completed his undergraduate degree at UW-Oshkosh in 2015 and his M.Div. at Pacific Lutheran Seminary in 2019. During seminary, he interned at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu, Hawaii and served a short-term assignment in Shishmaref, Alaska before being called as pastor of Emmaus Lutheran in Falmouth, Maine, where he was ordained on September 20, 2020.

In September, 2023, Pastor Andy began his ministry as Lead Pastor of University Lutheran Church in Seattle, a progressive community where faith is less about having all the answers and more about living into the mystery with curiosity and courage. At University Lutheran, the Gospel does not collect dust; it disrupts the comfortable, liberates the captive, gathers people together, and propels them into a world renewed in love. Pastor Andy shares life with his husband and best friend, Justin, a skilled sous chef, ever-willing travel companion, and the constant eye-roller at his jokes. He is captivated by history because it tells the truth of where humanity has been, driven by justice because it demands deliberate choices about where it is going, and devoted to stories because they hold the power to transform lives.

Following Jesus, Pastor Andy believes, is a revolutionary act in which strangers are embraced, the broken are lifted, and love transcends the borders people draw. He feels called to proclaim that welcome clearly, confront the world's injustices relentlessly, and lead the community toward an ever-resurrecting hope. Whether in worship, around a shared table, or on journeys across the world, he believes the church is at its most alive when it listens with care and empathy, acts with resolve, and lets love blaze the path forward.

Organ Concert

David Heller, Organist

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 • 3 P.M.

Church of Our Saviour

9th & Main Street • Fond du Lac



Fond du Lac native David Heller has risen to prominence as an outstanding organist in the United States and beyond. The American Organist has described him as “an eloquent performer,” and his playing as “an excellent demonstration of outstanding music making on a contemporary American organ.” He has performed extensively throughout the United States and in Canada, France, Germany, Guatemala, Mexico, and South Korea. Dr. Heller holds degrees from Lawrence University and the Eastman School of Music, which awarded him the Performer’s Certificate in Organ. He has been on the music faculty at Trinity University in San Antonio TX since 1986 and currently serves as Associate Organist at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in San Antonio.

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PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

All are welcome! Free Admission • Free Will Offering

–Centennial Stories–

Sharing Our Memories to Celebrate 100 Years of Serving in God's Love

As we look back with gratitude on 100 years of serving in God's Love here at Church of Our Saviour, we invite you to share your memories and reflections in writing. The stories will then be edited and combined into a booklet to be published later in fall, as an “amen” to our year of celebration.

The questions below are not intended as a format but rather as a guide to spark ideas and help you tell your story in narrative form. ***Write as much or as little as you wish.*** Your memories—whether simple or detailed—are a gift to the story of our church family.

Your Story with the Church

- When did you first become part of this church?
- What drew you here, and what made it feel like home?
- How has your faith or spiritual journey been shaped here?

Worship & Spiritual Life

- Is there a sermon, hymn, scripture reading, or moment in worship that stands out in your memory?
- How has worship here brought you comfort, joy, or strength?
- Are there special services (Christmas, Easter, baptisms, confirmations, etc.) that hold particular meaning for you?

People & Relationships

- Who are the pastors, leaders, or members you remember most fondly?
- What friendships or family connections were formed here?
- Do you recall a story—funny, touching, or inspiring—about life in the church family?

Events & Traditions

- What church events or traditions (potlucks, youth trips, music programs, forums, etc.) are unforgettable to you?
- How did the church mark holidays, milestones, or special occasions in ways that shaped your memories?

Service & Outreach

- How has the church made a difference in the community or in the wider world?
- Have you been part of a program, group, project or outreach ministry that deeply touched you or others?
- What did you learn about serving God and serving people here?

Change & Continuity

- What changes have you seen in the church over the years?
- In what ways has the heart of the church remained the same?
- Do you remember a time when the church helped people through a difficult season?

Looking Ahead

- What do you hope future generations will carry forward from this church's legacy?
- What blessings, prayers, or words of encouragement would you share with those who will worship here in the next 100 years?

Please submit your story by October 1, using one of the following three options:

- as an email, or attached to an email as a Word document or plain text file – email to maryarthur@charter.net (preferred)
- handwritten or typed. Drop off or mail to the church office, and it will be converted to a digital file.
- voice interview – please contact Sue Schierstedt, 920-251-8027, to arrange to be interviewed, and the interview will be transcribed for the booklet.