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## From the Pastor

Beloveds -

The new school year is either just about to start or just started. A new school year allows for new possibilities. For students it means a new teacher, possibly a new school, a new schedule, new classes. For teachers they have a new group of students and new personalities. For parents, it's a time to resettle into the school year routine. A new school year brings about a lot of new and a lot of change.

I have also been thinking about new and change. I mean, I just got a dog, and that has changed everything. She gets into more trouble than the cat. She and the cat are not best friends yet, meaning I find time to give them each attention, separately. I have to pay attention to how long I am away from the house.

At this time where change is all around us: What life changes have been affecting you? A family, job, or personal change? And how has this life change impacted how you see or define yourself? Have you had the opportunity to redefine yourself? What new things did you discover about you? What changed, either temporarily or permanently, that has surprised you?

What about us, as a family of faith? How have these changes made space for us to redefine ourselves as Church of Our Saviour? How have changes caused us to pause and pray, and dig deep to discover who and where God is calling us to be?

Are we able to see changes as opportunities for the Holy Spirit to move and shake us? I pray that we do, and that we ask God to help and guide us.

Blessings+

*Pastor Crystal*



**W**ELCA Board of Directors will meet on Monday, September 11, at 1:45 p.m. on Zoom.

**L**ydia Circle will assemble baby kits for Lutheran World Relief on September 12 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to help.

**T**abitha Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 19 at 1 p.m. to assemble LWR School Kits, and extra hands will be appreciated and put to good use.

**L**ydia Circle will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 26, at 1:30 p.m. in the parlor.

## CHURCH MUSICIAN POTLUCK AND GAMES

**A**ll musicians are invited to a potluck dinner at church on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share, your beverage, and your spouse, your family, friend, or prospective choir member! All ages are welcome to attend. Hot sandwiches will be provided. Dan Fee will lead after dinner activities. Sign up on the hall bulletin board.

## CHOIR REHEARSALS

**R**egular rehearsals for adult choir and handbell choir will begin Wednesday, September 20. Bells meet at 5:45 p.m. and adult choir at 6:45 p.m. Who will you invite to give us a try?! New members are always welcome! Sign up on the hall bulletin board.

## HEALING SERVICE

**T**he next healing service will be included in the September 17 worship service at 9:00. 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.

## CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS

**I**t was a busy day when the Riverside School Closet was open in August. We served over 20 people, and the totes were getting low on clothing. Any donations you wish to make will be put to immediate use, and the families are so grateful for the opportunity to care for their children in this way. When choosing what to give as gifts, please consider that the kids will be going back to school, so that means the need for more clothes that are a little warmer will be coming soon.

Immediate needs are as follows:

- Girls and boys underwear and sock in sizes 4T through 14/XL.
- Girls tops, shorts and slacks in sizes 5+6
- Girls shorts in size 7+8
- Girls shirts and slacks in size 10+12
- Girls sweat pants in sizes 4T 14
- Boys swimsuits in size 4T. 14
- Boys shorts and pants in size 14/XL

Thank you to all who have so generously shared gifts through the closet. Thanks also to those who have volunteered to make this closet the vital outreach ministry it has become.

## WISCONSIN BRASS QUINTET

**T**he Wisconsin Brass Quintet will present a concert at Church of Our Saviour on October 6 at 7:00 p.m. The quintet is composed of music faculty from UW-Madison. Mark your calendars and watch for more information!

## MONDAY BOOK CLUB

**Mondays • Noon – 1:30 p.m. on Zoom**

**T**he Monday Book Club has almost finished its current book and will be choosing a new book to read together in September. They have changed the name from "book study" to "book club," which is a better description of what the meetings are like. No study questions, leader or preparations - we just read and discuss informally! ALL are welcome! Contact Mary Arthur, [maryathur@charter.net](mailto:maryathur@charter.net) to receive the Zoom link each week.

## THANK YOU, KAY SALZMAN!

As previously announced, our Parish Administrator, Kay Salzman, will be retiring on August 31.

On Sunday, September 10, we will recognize Kay for her long and faithful service to our congregation with a special blessing during worship, followed by a cake and coffee reception. Plan to be with us to thank Kay in person and wish her well in her retirement!

### SOLUTIONS CENTER “ITEM OF THE MONTH”

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

### FOR THE RECORD

#### DEATH

Janette Keplinger • Aug. 24, 2023

## CHALLENGE TO INCREASE 2023 GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

An anonymous family has challenged our congregation to increase its giving to the general budget in 2023. The challenge is as follows:

For every dollar of general fund (offering envelope) income donated by Oct. 31, 2023 that is OVER the amount given in the same time period in 2022, the donors will make a contribution of 40% of the amount of increase, up to a total match of \$5000.

- For example, if offering envelope donations as of 10/31/23 are \$10,000 over what they were on 10/31/22, the donors will “match” that increase at 40%, or \$4000.
- If the increase is \$12,500 or more, the donors will contribute the full \$5000 challenge to our general fund.

***We greatly appreciate this generous offer, and we have every hope that the people of Church of Our Saviour will benefit from this additional income by meeting the challenge!!***

## REPORT ON CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED!

Some 44 voting members were in attendance at the special meeting of the congregation held on Sunday, August 27 following morning worship. The meeting was called to vote on a proposal to borrow up to \$150,000 for capital improvements, renovations and repairs, to be funded with pledges to a 3-year Capital Improvements Campaign.

Three informational forums were held prior to the congregational meeting, at which the projects were explained and questions addressed. There was no further discussion at the meeting. Voting was done by written ballot, and the motion to approve the proposal was carried unanimously: 44 - 0.

Thanks to members of the Property and Finance Committees who have worked together to organize and communicate the various aspects of the proposal to the congregation.

The Capital Campaign for funding will take place during the month of September. Watch your mail and eNews for information and pledge materials.

### FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY, 2023 (YTD)

General Fund Income YTD: \$161,883

General Fund Expenses: \$131,003

Loan Principal Payments: \$ 12,052

Total Gen. Fund Expenditures: \$143,055

***Net Gain/Loss, to date 2023: \$18,828***

Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments: \$\*\*1,230

MIF Loan Balance as of 07/31/23: \$157,354

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

General Fund Income YTD in 2022: \$144,704

***General Fund Income increase in 2023: \$17,179***



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 10 with Bible Olympics for all ages! Registration forms for children age 3 through grade 5 are available on the hall credenza. Mark your calendars for a fun-filled start to the school year!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Sunday School year is about to begin and we are still looking for 2 more teachers. Teachers rotate and do not have to be available every weekend. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pastor Crystal.

## SUNDAY FORUM SCHEDULE

On the bulletin board you will find a sign-up form for Sunday Forum leadership and topics. Maybe you want to lead a specific bible study or study a specific ELCA Social Statement (Pastor has resources available). Maybe you are willing to make a presentation about a community outreach project in which you are involved, or contact a local non-profit to come and talk about their work in our community. Please put your name next to a date and let us know the topic.

LET THE WISE HEAR AND INCREASE IN LEARNING,  
AND THE ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS OBTAIN  
GUIDANCE. *Proverbs 1:5*

# YOUTH CORNER

- Youth Group (for those in 6th-12TH grade):  
Wed. Sept. 13. 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Those in 8th-12th grade, ask Pastor Crystal for more info about the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer
- Share your schedules (what activities are you part of) with Pastor Crystal, she and other members of the congregation want to support you in what you love to do!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE YOUTH-SPONSORED FOOD CONCESSION AT THE FINAL SYMPHONIC BAND SUMMER CONCERT ON AUG. 23, INCLUDING ALL WHO HELPED SET-UP, COOK, SERVE AND CLEAN UP; AND ALL WHO PURCHASED FOOD EITHER AT THE CONCERT OR AT WORSHIP LAST SUNDAY!**

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.

*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.*

## TECHNOLGY HELP NEEDED

We still need helpers to rotate with Power Point (both prep and Sunday services), live-streaming and other tech-related duties. With the new streaming device that was installed with our sound system, live-streaming is very simple, and mentoring can be provided. For more info or to sign up, contact the church office – 920-922-0020 or Mary Arthur, 920-579-1535.