

FINANCIAL REPORT - as of March 31, 2025

General Fund Income \$68,967

General Fund Expenses: \$63,824

Net Gain/Loss: \$ 5,142

The transfer of our accounting system to QuickBooks is still in progress. Detailed reports will be available in coming months.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Pastor Crystal is convening a small committee of long-time members to help with the process of updating our membership rolls.
- After input and approval from the donor, an anonymous donation of \$23,000 was designated as follows: Prayer Garden - \$5,000; handbell refurbishing - \$1,000; establishment of an elevator replacement fund - \$17,000.
- Proceeds from the Council's Lenten supper will be used to provide a taco bar on May 16 and pay for other "wish list" items at Cafe Q, a project that provides a safe gathering space for LGBTQ youth at the Open Circle Unitarian Church on E. 3rd Street.
- A new heater will be installed soon in the elevator lobby by Fenner Plumbing & Heating, as part of the capital campaign improvements.
- 83 people attended the Mariachi Mexico concert on March 30. Taco meal expense was covered in part by a grant from Kwik Trip.

CENTENNIAL APPAREL READY FOR PICK-UP!!

Centennial apparel that was ordered through the Hopper's online store has arrived and may be picked up at church on Sunday mornings. You may also pick up your order during the week, but it is suggested you call the church office first to make sure someone is there to give you access to the building.

There were a total of 38 orders placed; the total number of garments sold was 80. Proceeds will be returned to the Centennial Special Events fund to help defray centennial expenses.

HANDBELL CONCERT MAY 3

As part of our Performing Arts Series and the Centennial celebration, the Encore Handbell Ensemble from Oshkosh will present a concert at Church of Our Saviour on Saturday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. Their concerts showcase a wide variety of music including sacred, secular, traditional, and classical handbell pieces. With diversity from Mozart to Led Zeppelin and from German polkas to holiday favorites, they provide a visual and musical show that appeals to all ages. Free will donations are appreciated. All are welcome



Centennial Year Events

Saturday, May 3

Encore Handbell Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 4

Hymn Sing with Dan Fee and Bob Martin
Sing hymns from through the decades since
COOS was chartered in 1925.

Sunday May 18

Guest Preacher:

Pastor Dewey Wisner, Pastor of COOS
from 1990 - 2006

Trivia Event with Pastor Crystal in the parlor
following worship.

Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost

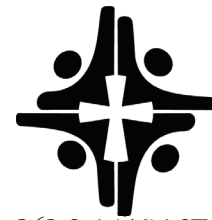
Cornerstone items will be on display in the Youth
Room following worship.

--Historical Note--

Church of Our Saviour became affiliated with the
United Lutheran Church in America on June 10,
1925

Sunday, June 29 - 11:30 a.m.

Picnic at Buttermilk Creek Park - North Shelter



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From the Pastor

Hello Beloveds,

Where did you see God this month?

Maybe you saw God in our Lenten midweek worship services and dinners. Maybe you saw God during Holy Week on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. Maybe you saw God on Easter as we shouted "Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!" Maybe you saw God somewhere in between.

I saw God in the 6 confirmation students that spent Saturday April 12 at church for a lock-in. During the lock-in they made communion bread and learned how to setup communion, practiced their parts for Sunday morning, and had lots of time to talk and have fun. Then they helped lead worship. I saw God in the worship leadership of our youth from reading, to ushering, and acolyting.

We are entering another month and so I ask you to pay attention. Where are you seeing God active? Maybe it will be at church as we continue celebrating our 100th Anniversary. Maybe you will see God as we take pictures for a new photo directory, or during the handbell choir concert. Maybe you will see God when Pastor Dewey preaches at Church of Our Saviour again or as we face off in Decade Trivia.

During this Easter season, I invite you to pay attention. Where do you see our living God active in our world?

Pastor Crystal

WELCA NEWS

Women of The ELCA Board will meet via Zoom on Monday, May 5, at 1:45 p.m.

L Lydia Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the parlor.

LUNCH AT GILLES MAY 20

The Tabitha and Lydia Circles, along with the quilters, will have a joint luncheon meeting at Gilles on Tuesday, May 20 at 12:30 p.m. If the weather is unsuitable, we will move our gathering to the church and have someone pick up food from Gilles. ***All the ladies of our congregation are welcome to join us for this afternoon of fellowship.***

LADIES' NIGHT OUT JUNE 12

Annual **"LADIES NIGHT OUT"** will be Thursday, June 12; location TBA. Gather at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Watch the announcements for more information. A sign-up will be posted.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AND BLESSING OF TIME/TALENTS

All volunteers will be recognized and thanked on Sunday, May 4 at the 9 a.m. worship service.

Time and Talents surveys were mailed to members last week, and the form is also available online using the link in eNews. Please fill out the form either on paper or online. Forms received by May 4 will be received and blessed at the May 4 worship service. You may also mail your form to the church office, or drop it off at your convenience.

YOUTH CORNER

- Youth Group- May 7 & 14 will be our last meetings for this school year
- Confirmation students- watch for more information about Confirmation camp!

SUNDAY FORUM

10:15 A.M. IN THE PARLOR

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Dan Fee and Bob Martin, hymn sing featuring hymns from through the decades since COOS was chartered in 1925.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Decade Trivia with Pastor Crystal

BABY CARE KIT DONATIONS

WELCA is collecting for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits during the months of May and June. Each kit includes:

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts
- Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

Your donations of items from the list are welcome, as well as money with which to purchase items. Donations may be brought to church on Sunday mornings or during weekly office hours.

OUTDOOR CLEAN UP DAY MAY 17

Mark your calendar and plan to help with cleaning up the grounds at COOS on Saturday, May 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Property Committee would welcome anyone that can help for a couple hours. Bring gloves!!

CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS

When the Riverside Closet was open on Thursday, April 10, we were blessed in many ways. We had an amazing amount of donations to sort and organize.

- There were 40 children who received clothing from all those who made donations. The smiles and excitement as they found items was a reminder for all of us about why we have the closet.
- The custodians had added two sets of shelves to help us be more efficient.
- In the last two months, we have gained three new volunteers.
- We received financial gifts for the closet from two separate sources.

Any clothing suitable for warmer weather can be used. The size range is from 4T to size 14/XL. Thank you for your generous sharing.

Our next date for the closet to be open is Thursday, May 15. Please bring your gifts to the credenza in the hallway by noon on Tuesday, May 14.

Your answer to God's call to love your neighbor is a blessing beyond description. You have been good and faithful servants. Thank you so much for your loving support to the closet and to our community. God bless you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School children will sing for the May 11 worship service. This will also be the last day of Sunday School classes for the spring.

SNACKS FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR

A new schedule will be made soon for those who donate and serve snacks during the Fellowship Hour. If you'd like to be included in this rotation, please contact Janet Radke at music@oursaviourfdl.org.

PHOTO DIRECTORY PROJECT IS UNDERWAY MAY 2 & 3

By the time you receive this edition of The Builder, photographers will be at COOS taking photos by appointment for inclusion in our new church photo directory.

For those who cannot or choose not to have a professional photo taken, photos may be submitted in JPG or JPEG format and emailed or texted to Mary Arthur (maryarthur@charter.net - 920-579-1535). Please be sure to send your photo(s) in the original file size and resolution. Photos that have been reduced in size by your email or texting application will not reproduce well in a printed directory.

As we prepare information for publication of our new church directory, we want you to know that the following information will be included in the directory, UNLESS you let the church office know by Monday, May 5th, of any of the following information you do not wish to share:

- home phone number
- cell phone number(s)
- email address(es)
- street address

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

Are there any high school or college students from Church of Our Saviour that will be graduating this year? If so, please provide that information to the church office prior to May 25 so that we can include them in a special blessing on Sunday, June 1st.

SOLUTIONS CENTER

"ITEM OF THE MONTH"

The May item is COMPUTER PAPER. Donations may be left in the credenza in the hallway.

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 them to be in the Prayers of the Church, the Prayer Chain or both.