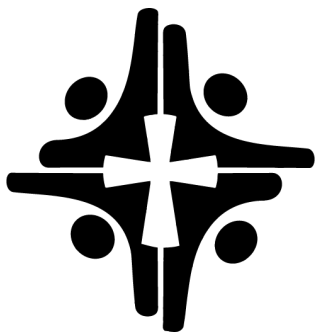




JULY BUILDER CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Beloveds,

I pray your summer has been good, and that you have been able to stay cool on these hot days. Recently, I went to Confirmation Camp at Pine Lake with five youth from our congregation. We spent the week worshipping together, learning new songs, participating in Bible study. There was also plenty of time to run and play at camp; there was swimming, kayaking, arts & crafts and dancing.

On the last night, there might have even been a few tears shed. These youth bring joy and laughter wherever they go as they build relationships and their faith. If you look at the back of the calendar, you will find a few pictures from the week and there will be more posted on Facebook in the coming days. Please continue to pray for these youth and all our youth.

Blessings+

Pastor Crystal

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ The rental of a room to the FDL Symphonic Band for their music library was proposed; a committee of five members will be formed to revise the band's existing lease which, when completed, will be presented to Council for a vote.
- ♦ A task force will be formed regarding the construction plan of the prayer garden. Along with the volunteers, who will not be the Property Committee, but volunteers from our congregation who will be responsible for its maintenance.
- ♦ The updating of the membership rolls is finished, and new directory data will be available this fall.
- ♦ Christine Carew and Billie Giese represented our congregation in attendance at the Pilgrim UCC booth at the June 22nd Pride Picnic; they passed out stickers and tootsie rolls.
- ♦ It was suggested that Council and committee monthly meeting minutes be posted on the south hallway bulletin board for the congregation.

Christine Carew/Council President

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of May 31, 2025

General Fund Income:	\$ 20,868.66
General Fund Expenses:	<u>\$ 22,289.82</u>
Net Gain/Loss:	-\$ 1421.16

The transfer of our accounting system to QuickBooks is nearly finished. Detailed reports will be available when the transition is complete.

GIVING ENVELOPES

Third quarter envelopes, for July—September, have been delivered to the church for you to pick up at your convenience. This is a change from the past, when the envelopes were mailed directly to your residence. The packet will be mailed if it has not been picked up by Tuesday, July 15th. You may pick up your envelopes during office hours or on Sunday morning.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2025

Submitted by Wendy Koepf

Gathered under the theme "To Serve all People Following the Example of Jesus" the East Central Synod of Wisconsin (ECSW) held its Synod Assembly on Saturday, June 7, 2025. Merle Knudtson and I served as delegates for Church of Our Saviour.

After opening worship Bishop Anne Edison-Albright called the assembly to order. Throughout the day we conducted the business of the assembly. This included the adoption of the 2026 Synod Budget, approval of the 2026 Minimum Compensation Guidelines, and passage of three major resolutions.

We also conducted elections for Synod Council and Consultation Committee members, extended our gratitude to outgoing Synod Council members, celebrated the ordination anniversaries of Rostered Ministers, and gave thanks for the saints who have entered the Kingdom of God.

The Synod celebrated with us as we celebrate 100 years as a congregation. We also had a chance to learn about partners in our Synod. I encourage you to go to the Synod Website to explore in more detail what I have summarized. The website is www.ecsw.org.

WELCA NEWS

- ◆ The next WELCA Board meeting will be on Monday, September 8th, at 1:45 p.m., on Zoom.
- ◆ Tabitha Circle will combine with Lydia Circle due to the declining number of members in the Tabitha group.
- ◆ Lydia Circle will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month.
- ◆ School Kits are collected in the months of July and August.

SCHOOL KITS

The following items are in each School Kit:

- ◆ Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8"X 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper
- ◆ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ◆ One pencil sharpener
- ◆ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ◆ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ◆ Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ◆ One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ◆ One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)
- ◆ One standard eraser- 2 1/2"

Donations of one or more kit items and money donations are appreciated. Please make check out to WELCA and note on memo School Kits. Donations may be brought to church on Sunday or to the office during weekly office hours.

SUMMER SUNDAY SOCIALS

Take time to enjoy a snack and fellowship during **Sunday Socials** outdoors under the canopy following worship in the summer months.
All are welcome!

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.

ELEVATOR UPDATE

The Property Committee is working with the Otis Elevator Company to come up with a solution as to why sometimes the elevator will not open up at the top floor. The committee is confident Otis is the best choice to work on this intermittent issue.

If this were to happen to you, please send the elevator down to the basement level and try again to go to the top floor. On the second try, the elevator door should open, allowing you to enter into the top floor. If the door still won't open, return to the ground level and exit the elevator. Please stand in the center of the elevator rather than by the door.

The property committee has been informed that, eventually, the control panel with all its relays, contacts, and other electrical components will need to be replaced. The estimated cost, including labor, is \$150,000. Since we haven't finished the Capital Improvement Campaign yet, we would like to hold off, if possible, starting a campaign to update our elevator sometime after the Capital Improvement Campaign has been completed. If it is determined that we cannot wait, but need to address the elevator issue sooner, the Property Committee along with the Finance Committee will address the issue.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

SOLUTIONS CENTER DONATIONS

In **JULY, postage stamps** will be the requested item for donations. Please leave donations in the hallway credenza. Thank you for your donations of cleaning equipment in June.

CARING & SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY

Thank you to all who so generously donate clothing and financial gifts to the Riverside Closet. With your contributions, we are able to touch the lives of many children and their families with items they would otherwise go without. The smiles and hugs from the students are priceless. Your gifts let them know they are thought of and cared for.

The following items are needed this time of year, in sizes 4T through 14/XL for girls and boys: light weight jackets and hoodies, any summer shirts, shorts, pants, swim suits. Girls dresses and skirts will also be put to good use. Children's shoes and sandals will be gratefully received.

Please put your gifts in the hallway credenza shelves marked for Riverside Closet by Tuesday noon, July 15. The closet will be open next on Thursday, July 17.

May you be blessed as you carry out God's command to "Love one another as I have loved you." Thank you for caring and sharing with students in the Fond du Lac Public School District. You are a blessing to many.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office may have varied hours during the summer months for staff vacations. Please call ahead if you need to enter the building during the summer.

YOUTH CORNER

Current confirmation students went to camp June 15th through June 20th. Photos from camp are on the back of the July calendar.

JULY CENTENNIAL EVENTS

Sunday, July 6 - The Fond du Lac Children's Chorale will present a concert here, at 2:00 p.m. The chorale which is made up of 4th-8th graders is directed by Evan Thelen-Dunphy and accompanied by Paul Thelen. Amelia Arthurs from our congregation sings with this choir. All are welcome!

July 27th—Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones will be guest pastor, sharing special biblical storytelling during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

NOON ORGAN RECITALS IN JULY

All are welcome to enjoy a half hour of organ music on **Thursdays** at various churches at **12:15 p.m.** as listed below. Free will donations will be accepted to help fund scholarships for organ students.

- ♦ July 10 at Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 51 W. Division Street, FdL
by Ann Lemmenes
- ♦ July 17 at Salem Methodist Church, 120 Sheboygan Street, FdL
by Libby Reinbold
- ♦ July 24 First Presbyterian Church, 1225 Fourth Street Road, FdL
by Kris Bartelt
- ♦ July 31 at Hope Lutheran Church, 260 Vincent Street, FdL
by Kenneth Hill

HEALING SERVICE

The next **healing service** will be included in the July 20th worship service at 9:00 a.m. All who sense a need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives are welcome to receive a blessing and a prayer.

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