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THE BUILDER

Greetings Beloveds!

We are entering November, and my 1 year anniversary with Church of Our Saviour. The year here has flown by with so many different activities happening throughout the year. It has been a year of learning and understanding each other. I have learned about the traditions of Church of Our Saviour, and I brought new ideas. There were some changes in the year, And there are more changes to come. Know that as we continue to journey together, in the changes both the ones we are excited for and the ones we are hesitant about, we will be listening to hear where God is calling us to next. God walks with us in this time of change.

I want to take a moment to highlight one of the changes that has already started which I am really excited about. At the end of September/beginning of October, confirmation changed. Instead of doing confirmation classes alone, Church of Our Saviour is partnering with St. Andrew, Calvary, and Christ Our Savior in Oshkosh to do confirmation together. The big change is that we will be having twice yearly confirmation lock-ins from Friday evening to Saturday afternoon, gathering around different parts of Luther's catechism. These are intensives to learn and have fun together. The pastors are excited for the collaboration and the youth are excited to be together.

Our first retreat was around the theme Prayer/The Lord's Prayer. We learned various ways to pray, learned what Luther said about The Lord's Prayer, and even rewrote the prayer. We have been praying it during worship for a few weeks in October. I will leave you with their prayer.

Lord's Prayer (as rewritten by our Confirmation students)

*Our Creator, Who is everywhere,
Help us keep your name holy
Your everlasting goodness be with us.
Help us follow your plan for us
To make heaven on earth.
We thank you for everything you give us.
Forgive us our sin
And help us forgive others as you forgive us.
Guide us out of temptation
Help us continue to follow you
For all is yours forever and ever. Amen.*

Blessings +

Pastor Crystal



WELCA Board of Directors will meet on Zoom on Monday, November 7, at 1:45 p.m.

Tabitha Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 15, 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Lydia Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 22, 1:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Forty-one boxes were sent to Lutheran World Relief on October 8 from our church. Included in these boxes were 112 Quilts, 47 Baby Care Kits, 40 School kits, 38 Personal Care Kits and 8 Fabric kits. Thanks to all who donated to any of these kits or quilts. The Women of the ELCA continue to organize and pack these kits.

THANKOFFERINGS

In November, WELCA members think of Thanksgiving and Thankofferings to support the work of Women of the ELCA. The founders of WELCA decided back in 1988 to use Thankofferings to support ongoing ministries, including communications, justice and advocacy work, leadership development, local and synodical women's organizations support, grants, scholarship programs, and much more.

In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we collect these offerings during the month of November. ***Please use the enclosed THANKSGIVING envelope for your donations.*** Thank you for your support of WELCA.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLELIGHTING

We are looking for families, households or individuals that would like to read the paragraph at the beginning of the Sunday Advent worship services and would light the candles on the Advent wreath. All ages are invited to participate. Advent begins November 27. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Janet Radke 979-3416 for more information.



WORSHIP AT CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 6 – 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated November 6 at both 8:00 and 10:30 worship services. You will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 13 – 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.

Pledge cards were mailed to all member homes in October. They will be received and blessed during our Commitment Sunday worship services on November 13. If you cannot be with us in person that day, you may mail in or drop yours off at the office during the week, or phone Kay at the church office with your pledge.

HEALING SERVICE

NOVEMBER 20 – 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.

The next healing service will be included in the November 20 worship services at 8:00 and 10:30. 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.

ADVENT FESTIVAL

OF HYMNS, LESSONS & ANTHEMS

The Adult Choir and Handbell Choir will lead this special worship service on December 11 at both 8:00 and 10:30. The festival will combine both scripture and music to tell the story of the expectation and birth of Christ.

If you aren't able to sing with the choir on a regular basis, maybe you'd like to be a choir temp and join us to sing for this festival. We are just starting to rehearse this music at our Wednesday rehearsals which begin at 6:45pm. All are welcome! Just come on Wednesday – I'll have music for you!

FINANCIAL REPORT - YR TO DATE (9/30/22)

General Fund Income \$179,604
General Fund Expenses: \$ 180,337
Loan Principal Payments: \$ 16,461
Total Gen. Fund Expenditures: \$196,798
Net Gain/Loss, YTD: (\$17,194)
Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments: \$1,910**
*MIF Loan Balance as of 9/30/22:
\$178,171**gifts designated for debt
reduction are sent to MIF at the end of each
calendar quarter.*
General Fund Income to date in 2021: \$154,394
General Fund Income increase this yr: \$25,210

REMINDER TO "FALL BACK"

**Daylight saving time ends
on November 6 at 2:00 a.m.
Set your clocks back one hour!**

FOR THE RECORD

Baptism: 10/16/22
Kylie Jean Kohlhoff
Daughter of Kaitlyn and Ryan Kohlhoff

COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

It's that time once again!!! Completed reports for the Annual Report are due in the office Wednesday, Dec.14th.

Fond du Lac Symphonic Band • 46th annual CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Sunday, Nov. 13 • 3:00 p.m.

Cathedral Church of St. Paul

*A concert of sacred and classical music
including Eternal Father, Strong to Save and A
Holst Christmas, with special guest performers:*

SOUTH SHORE CHAMBER SINGERS.

ORGAN RECITAL BY DAVID HEIN AT 2:30 P.M.

Free Admission • Free Will Offering

CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS

At our October 20 open closet event, we served close to three dozen families. We are so blessed to offer this help to families who would otherwise struggle over how to get their children the clothing they need. Because of your generous gifts, many children are now feeling confident and warm! The parents are so grateful for all they find when they come to shop.

Now, we have rather urgent needs. Our totes are getting empty. If you can offer any help with clothing donations, please do so.

We are looking for:

- girls and boys clothing-
sizes 4T through Youth XL

You may place your gifts in the credenza in the hallway. There are two baskets marked for Riverside School. We pray that we have full totes when the parents come again on Nov 17. As we have been blessed, may we bless others.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

SOLUTIONS CENTER "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

The Solutions Center's November items are Disinfectant spray and wipes; and bath & kitchen hand towels. Donations may be left in the hallway credenza.

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.

YOUTH CORNER YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group (those in 6th-12th grade) meets for Bible study, games, a chance to talk, and occasionally do service projects on select Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm-8 pm. In November, we will meet on November 2 and 9.



You are invited to attend!
**Thanksgiving
Reunion Meal**
Sunday, Nov. 20
following late worship
in Stecker Hall

With the challenges of the last 30 months, we have missed seeing many of our church family both at worship and in fellowship - so our Church Council is hosting a Thanksgiving Reunion Meal.

Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy will be served.

Beverages and tableware will be provided.

You are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Reservations are appreciated for planning quantities, but not required. There is a sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board, or you can use the link on our website or in eNews.

ALL are welcome!!

ADVENT FEST!

WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 20, between services

WHERE: Stecker Hall

WHO: Everyone!

WHAT: Various stations will be set up to help you prepare for Advent. This will be a chance to make your own Advent wreath, to set-up devotions, and various other crafts to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. There will also be hot cocoa, cider, and cookies!



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN REPORT

I am excited to report the distribution of our 2022 MobilePack, as follows:

- 396 boxes, i.e., 85,536 meals, have gone to Romania for Ukrainian refugees. That will feed 834 children for a year.
- 72 boxes, i.e., 15,552 meals, have gone to Haiti to feed another 42 children for a year.

Thanks to all of you who helped make this possible. God's work accomplished through His servants.

Please save March 31-April 1, 2023, for our 2023 Fond du Lac MobilePack event. I look forward to working with you and others from the Fond du Lac area to feed God's children.

--Sue Schierstedt