

CARING & SHARING
WITH RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY

Thank you to all who donated gifts for our April shopping day at the Riverside Closet. Because of your generous and caring gifts, thirty-two children received clothing that they needed. Parents and the children all get excited when they see what is there for them. Not only is the clothing clean and ready to wear, but sometimes it is exactly what the student has been wishing for. You give them much more than a piece of clothing. You give them joy, confidence, and the knowledge that someone in their community cares about others.

We are blessed to have a good inventory, but there are always items that get into low supply. For May we need:

- ◆ summer pajamas for girls and boys in all sizes, 4T - 14/XL
- ◆ shoes, sandals, and crocs for boys and girls, youth sizes 2 through 10
- ◆ girls underwear, sizes 4, 6, 8, 12, and 14

As always, we will accept any children's clothing you wish to share. Bring your gifts to the Riverside baskets in the hallway credenza at church by noon on Tuesday, May 19.

God bless you for Caring and Sharing with not only Riverside School students, but children from throughout our School District and beyond. Word spreads about the closet and we say, "Thank you, Jesus," when we are able to help any who are in need. God is good! You are a part of that goodness.

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

YOUTH CORNER

Wednesday, May 6 - Final Youth Group meeting of the school year. Snacks, games, conversation. Join the fun! 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Confirmation students will be given more information about Confirmation Camp.

MAY EVENTS

- ◆ **Sunday, May 3—Blessing of Time and Talents AND Volunteer Recognition** at 9:00 a.m. worship
- ◆ **Saturday, May 9—Christian Stromley Organ Concert** at 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Sunday, May 10—** Healing service during 9:00 a.m. worship
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 19—**Lydia Circle and Quilters will enjoy a Gilles Lunch at 12:30 p.m. All the ladies of our congregation are welcome to join the group for this afternoon of fellowship. If the weather is unfavorable, we will gather at the church with food brought to the church.
- ◆ **Sunday, May 24—** Remember to wear RED for Pentecost
- ◆ **Monday, May 25—**Memorial Day (office closed)
- ◆ **Sunday, May 31—Blessing of Graduates** during 9:00 a.m. worship

COMING IN JUNE!

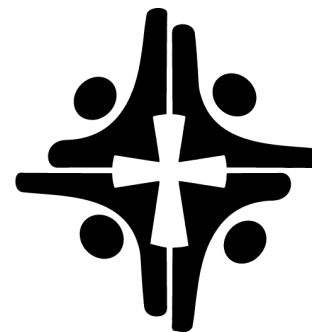
- ◆ **June 4-6—Synod Assembly**
- ◆ **June 11—Ladies Night Out** more information coming soon!
- ◆ **Sunday, June 14—Reception of new members** during 9:00 a.m. worship

NEW SNACK SCHEDULE

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

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Hello Beloveds,

I want to give a few updates about two significant decisions in our synod involving ministries we know well, support deeply, and carry in our shared story.

At the Lutheran Campus Ministry in Oshkosh annual meeting, there was a vote to dissolve the organization which has now passed. This begins the process of closing this chapter, including the eventual sale of the property and distribution of remaining assets. This is not simply an administrative step; it marks the ending of a ministry that has shaped lives, formed faith, and created belonging for generations of students. There will be a formal closure of the ministry - watch for more information.

At the same time, Crossways has also been discerning its future, particularly around the Waypost property. Delegates voted to move forward with a path that includes both a partial sale and a partial donation of land. This decision reflects careful listening, deep values, and a desire to live more fully into commitments around community, relationship, and care for creation.

These are very different kinds of decisions. One carries the weight of ending. The other opens into a new and evolving future. And yet, both are rooted in the same holy work: listening for where God is leading now.

Moments like these can stir a mix of emotions. Gratitude for what has been. Grief for what is changing. Hope for what might be unfolding. Perhaps even uncertainty as the path ahead is not fully clear.

And still, we trust this: God is present in all of it.

We give thanks for the ways campus ministry has nurtured faith and community over the years. We hold Crossways in prayer as they step into the careful, relational work ahead, trusting that their decisions are grounded in a deep desire to embody their mission.

As a synod, we are reminded that ministry is not static. It grows, shifts, and sometimes comes to an end so that something new can emerge. Through it all, we remain connected—to one another, to the stories that have shaped us, and to the God who continues to call us forward.

Please keep both of these ministries, and all who are affected, in your prayers in the weeks and months ahead.

Blessings+

Pastor Crystal

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At this month's meeting:

The Council held discussion about our future presence in the community, past and future cooperative programs with other churches, and ways we might minister to the needs of at-risk populations.

The Treasurer also reported that the Youth Fund savings has been converted to a checking account, and an expiring CD was converted to a new seven month term at a favorable rate.

Pastoral Highlights were shared:

- ◆ Visitation, pastoral care, and phone calls with members
- ◆ Graveside service for Ronnie Hultgren
- ◆ Attended a Preventing Child Sexual Assault training on behalf of the synod. Will be part of a team writing a synod policy and guidelines/best practices for congregations around Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult safety.

HEALING SERVICE

The next healing service will be on May 10 as part of the 9:00 worship service. 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.

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE CHANGE

The Bible Study group has moved their meeting time to **THURSDAY** mornings. The group meets at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. A zoom option is also available. Please contact Cindy Decker if you have questions. All are invited to participate.

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

Are you looking for more information about Church of Our Saviour, or are you interested in joining the congregation? Pastor Crystal will be hosting an inquiry session on May 17 at 10:15 a.m. We will welcome new members on June 14 during worship.

FIRST QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS ARE ON THE CREDENZA. PLEASE TAKE YOURS!

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

The letter printed on the back of the May calendar, included in this mailing, summarizes financial information provided to Council. Paula Damp, treasurer, provides insight into the updates taking place in the financial systems. She anticipates sharing news related to church finance quarterly throughout the year in this format.

TIME & TALENTS VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

All volunteers will be recognized and thanked on Sunday, May 3 at the 9:00 a.m. worship service. There will also be a blessing of Time and Talents at this service.

Time & Talents surveys were mailed to members last month, and the form is also available online using the code in eNews or on this page. Please fill out the form either on paper or online. Forms received by May 3 will be received and blessed at the May 3 worship service. You may also mail your form to the church office or drop it off at your convenience.

Please let us know how you will volunteer your time and talents here at Church of Our Saviour. All ages are encouraged to participate.



WELCA NEWS

BABY CARE KITS

WELCA is collecting materials to make Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief during May and June. **Include the following items in each Baby Care Kit- size 6 – 24 months:**

- ◆ 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 – must be brand new
 - ◆ One hand towel – must be new, dark color recommended
 - ◆ Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
 - ◆ Two diaper pins or large safety pins
- Onesies must be cut and hemmed or serged to make a simple t-shirt.

Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new ones. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags please. Donations may be brought to church on Sunday mornings or during weekly office hours.

Please make checks out to **Church of Our Saviour WELCA**. Church of Our Saviour WELCA is grateful for your generosity.

MAY FORUMS

- ◆ May 3 — Usher meeting
- ◆ May 10— Mother's Day—no Forum
- ◆ May 17— New member meeting
- ◆ May 24— **Pentecost** (Memorial Day weekend)

SUNDAY SOCIAL TIME FOLLOWING WORSHIP BEGINS ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, SUNDAY MAY 24.

PRAYER LIST

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 names to be listed in the announcements, eNews, referred to the Prayer Chain, or both.

ORGAN CONCERT

The Performing Arts Series is presenting Christian Stromley in an organ concert at Church of Our Saviour on **Saturday, May 9 at 3:00 p.m.** He is currently serving as the organist at St. John's Episcopal Church in Wisconsin Rapids Christian is an active organist and accompanist in the Wisconsin Rapids and central Wisconsin area. He holds an organ performance degree from Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota and teaches organ and piano. Freewill donations will be accepted. All are welcome!

SUNDAY, MAY 24—PENTECOST

We celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, fifty days after Easter. Pentecost is one of the three most important and celebratory days of the church year, with Christmas and Easter. We receive the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. On this festival day everyone is encouraged to wear something RED to recall the tongues of flame which descended upon the disciples that first Pentecost.

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

Please provide the names of 2026 high school and college graduates to the office by May 26 so that we may include them in a special blessing during worship on Sunday, May 31.

SOLUTIONS CENTER DONATIONS

In **May**, **computer paper** is the requested item for donations. Please leave your donations in the hallway credenza. Thank you for your support!