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FROM THE PASTOR – SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Greetings, Beloveds!

Here in the month of July, there will be an interactive sermon series- *Spiritual Practices*. Each week, we will learn about and exercise these various spiritual practices.

Did you know, that in the pastor's job description, here at Church of Our Saviour, there is a "Spiritual Self-Care" section? And in this section, along with my weekly day of Sabbath, there is "one day each month for participation in peer growth," AND "one full day each month for prayer as a necessary ministry of absence." When I read through the job description when interviewing here, I loved seeing that in the job description; that the congregation knew the importance for the pastor to take time away in prayer. However, I must admit, I have not taken that day of prayer.

For a two-year program I am taking, I needed to create a summer project related to class material, which includes how spiritual practices connect with leadership skills: you need to take care of yourself and your own spiritual well-being before being able to care for others. So, I will be using the summer to start using my day of prayer. And, I thought that, along the way, it would be nice for the congregation to be involved as well. So, we have the July sermon series, Spiritual Practices, where together, we will experience different ways to pray, to breathe, and to be in God's presence. I look forward to these weeks with you as we try something new.

Blessings+

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Women of The ELCA Board, Tabitha and Lydia Circles will NOT meet during the month of July.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies' Night Out, originally planned for June 16, has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 14 Sunset on the Lake.

We will have the private room and order from the menu. Gather at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. A sign-up is on the bulletin board in the hallway, or call the church office to have your name added to the list.

HANDBELL CHOIR OPENINGS

There will be openings in the Handbell Choir for the coming season. Handbell Choir is for anyone ages 7th grade through adults with some music reading ability. If you have played a band instrument or piano, bells may be a great and fun way for you to be involved in the music ministry. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45 p.m. and play for one worship service a month plus special worship services. Summer is a great time to learn the basics. If interested, contact Janet Radke at 920-979-3416 or music@oursavioursfdl.org.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES- FOOD CONCESSIONS

Church of Our Saviour is scheduled to run concessions at the FdL Symphonic Band's Buttermilk Festival concert on Wednesday, August 24. The proceeds will go towards youth ministry summer trips; however, this is a way for the entire congregation to support our youth! Work teams will be created soon, so think about if you are able to help with: volunteer management, food preparation, food cooking, pie collecting/cutting, selling, set-up/take-down. We will be looking for team leaders, along with volunteers in each area. Please contact Pastor Crystal if you can help or if you have any questions!

NEW MONDAY BOOK STUDY - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mondays • Noon – 1:30 p.m. on Zoom

The Monday noon book study group has begun a new book for their summer "read:" *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland* by Jim DeFede.

When thirty-eight jetliners bound for the United States were forced to land in Gander, Newfoundland, on September 11, 2001, due to the closing of United States airspace, the citizens of Gander, Newfoundland were called upon to come to the aid of more than six thousand displaced travelers. Nearly every man, woman, and child in Gander and the surrounding smaller towns stopped what they were doing so they could help. They placed their lives on hold for a group of strangers and asked for nothing in return.

A #1 bestseller in Canada, *The Day the World Came to Town* is a positively heartwarming account of the citizens of Gander and the unexpected guests who were welcomed with exemplary kindness.

The book is available as a download or in paperback on Amazon (\$14). If you would like to have a copy ordered for you, contact Mary Arthur, 920-579-1535, maryarthur@charter.net. The Zoom link is included in eNews & Notes. We are very informal, and newcomers are welcome!

EASY OPPORTUNITY!

Are you looking for an easy way to help out at church? We are seeking someone who would be willing to straighten and refill the forms that are in each pew. This would be done once or twice a month. If interested, contact Kay in the church office.

POWERPOINT PREP

Would you be interested in creating/preparing the PowerPoint slides for our worship services? If so, contact the church office – 920-922-0020.

SUMMER SUNDAY SOCIALS

Once again we are holding socials following Sunday morning worship during the summer months. In July, our servers will be:

- July 3 Bob/Char Bohnsack
- July 10 Chris Carew
- July 17 Bob Bohnsack (brat fry)
- July 24 Christie Kaufman (youth)
- July 31 (open)

There are still opportunities for individuals or groups to sign up to serve refreshments after worship services. It's easy and fun! Can be as simple as handing out an ice cream bar. No beverages are served. If you or any committee would be interested in helping, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Janet Radke – 920-979-3416 or music@oursavioursfdl.org.

SUMMER WORSHIP

The summer worship schedule has begun and will continue through September 4 with one service on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and Monday worship services at 5:30 p.m. in the air-conditioned parlor. *(No Monday service on July 4.)*

SUMMER PARK CONCERTS

Concerts at Buttermilk Creek Park are underway!! The concerts are offered on Mondays and Wednesdays through July and August, and are free and open to the public.

On the 4th of July, Buttermilk Creek Park will be “dark” and the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band will perform its annual Americana Concert at Lakeside Park at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday events in July are the Mayville Steel Drum All-Stars on July 6, Symphonic Band annual Family Night on July 13, Fondy High and Middle School summer bands on July 20, and on July 27, the Symphonic Band with guest conductor Dr. Toby Scucha, Assistant Professor of Music/Director of Music Education and Bands at Ripon College.

A food concession is available, and a free-will offering is appreciated. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. In case of inclement weather, concerts are moved to one of the buildings at the County Fairgrounds (except during Fair week).

FINANCIAL UPDATE

While offerings continue to gradually improve, they still are behind our expenses as we arrive at mid-summer. Please note the various ways that you can give if you are on vacation or taking a break from your regular schedule. You can contact the office and take advantage of “Simply Giving,” or you can use our QR code with your cell phone to set up a VANCO mobile account. You can designate an amount and direct any contributions to Church of Our Saviour’s general fund. It even allows you to cover any fees involved in the transaction. Once the app is on your phone, or your laptop, you can contribute at any time, and in any amount, from anywhere.

Church of Our Saviour appreciates your financial donations! Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of this place.



FINANCIAL REPORT - YR TO DATE (5/31/22)

General Fund Income *	\$105,399
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 110,702
Loan Principal Payments:	\$ 8,175
Total Gen. Fund Expenditures:	<u>\$118,877</u>
Net Gain/Loss, YTD:	(\$13,478)
Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments:	\$1,155**

MIF Loan Balance as of 5/31/22: 185,530

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

*General Fund Income to date in 2021: \$88,394
General Fund Income increase this yr: \$17,005

Our expenses continue to exceed our income year-to-date. We need to support the budget we approved in January.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE STEPPING UP TO HELP MEET OUR BUDGET NEEDS IN 2022.

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.

SCHOOL KIT DONATIONS

WELCA is collecting for Lutheran World Relief School Kits during the months of July and August. Items needed include: 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½" (no loose-leaf paper); 30-centimeter rulers, or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other; pencil sharpener; blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well); unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; ballpoint pens (no gel ink); box of 16 or 24 crayons; standard erasers- 2 1/2".

Your donations of items from the list are welcome, as well as money with which to purchase items. Leave items in the credenza in the main hallway.

SOLUTIONS CENTER "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

The Solutions Center's Twelve Months of Humanity Program features one item from their "wish list" each month, with a goal to collect enough of that item to last an entire year! The July item is **postage stamps**. Donations may be left in the hallway credenza.

CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS

Although we have been unable to have the clothes closet at Riverside Elementary open because of construction work throughout the school, the needs still exist. We have just found out that the closet will be open on Thursday, August 25. Please consider making a donation of children's clothing in sizes 4T through youth XL. We especially need girls' clothing, but any donation is most gratefully accepted. Please put your gifts in the credenza in the upstairs hallway. Thank you for continuing to help our community. Your gifts make a difference.

God Bless You !!

ORGAN RECITALS

The FdL Area Organists Association's Summer Noon Organ Recital Series continue through the month of August. Concerts scheduled in July are: July 7 - Wendy Pelletier and Fr. Tom Lijewski at St. Mary's Catholic, Lomira
July 14 - Wendy Pelletier and Fr. Tom Lijewski at Sheperd of the Hills, Eden
July 28 - David Hein and Libby Reinbold at Salem United Methodist, Fond du Lac
The full schedule and further information on the whole recital series can be found at: fdlareaorganists.com.

ELECTRONIC BULLETINS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As of June 26, our worship bulletin and announcements can be viewed and downloaded to your smart phone, iPad or tablet using the QR code that is posted in the sanctuary entrance. We are aware that more and more people prefer to use smart phones or tablets rather than printed copies. From the church's perspective, producing fewer paper copies will save on printing costs and support the conservation and wise stewardship of our natural resources.

If you are not familiar with using QR codes, free apps for that purpose are available in the Google PlayStore (Android phones/tablets) or the Apple store (iPhones/iPads). Search on "QR code reader" and install one with a high user rating.

Once installed, the app uses your phone camera to read the code and link to the appropriate website.

WITH DEEP APPRECIATION

We have been comforted by the caring messages and memorial gifts sent in Bruce's name upon his passing. We are grateful for the outpouring of love and prayers which help to support us during this time of grieving.

Sue, Jeanne, and Mark Schierstedt