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THE BUILDER

FROM THE PASTOR

Hello Beloveds!

May was a busy month! Thank you to everyone who helped in planning, set-up, food prep, and for all who attended my installation on May 26. It was a glorious day. I have to say, after the service, my dad mentioned a few times how wonderful the special music was that day. Thank you to all the musicians!

Now, as we look forward, I need your help. At the Forum on May 1, there was discussion about which biblical story matches the story of Church of Our Saviour. On that day, those who were there for the discussion came up with four possible stories, however, they did not want to choose without offering to hear from those not present. The scripture they brought forward, they thought matched the themes, opportunities, and challenges of Church of Our Saviour. These themes, opportunities, and challenges were discussed at a previous Forum. These included (but are not limited to): welcoming, accepting, open to all, caring & sharing with community, hospitable fellowship, music, best kept secret (and opportunities to share the secret!), growing faith, building updates, and communication. With these in mind, I invite you to read these four stories, and to share which you think is the story/scripture that matches our story.

The four stories are:

- Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15 (For everything there is a season)
- Luke 10: 25-37 (The Good Samaritan)
- Luke 18: 1-8 (The Persistent Widow)
- John 6: 1-15 (Feeding the 5000)

You can either go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/87YG937> and vote. Or, you can write down your response and turn it in to the office, or email me at pastorcrystal@oursavioursfdl.org.

I will need responses by Monday, June 20. Once we choose the story/scripture passage, we will spend time in that story in July during worship and outside of worship.

Blessings+,

Pastor Crystal

JUNE
2022



Women of the ELCA Board will meet via Zoom on Monday, June 6 , at 1:45 p.m.

Annual "LADIES NIGHT OUT" will be Thursday, June 16 at 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.

Tabitha Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 21, at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. Char Bohnsack will lead a study from Living Lutheran magazine. The Zoom link will be mailed to circle members; contact Mary Arthur at maryarthur@charter.net if you would like to receive the link and join us.

Lydia Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 28, at 1:30 p.m. in the church parlor. They will use the Bible study from the May/June issue of Gather Magazine.

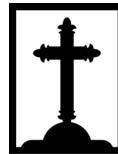
BOOK STUDY

Mondays • Noon – 1:30 p.m. on Zoom

The Monday noon book study group is reading the seventh and final book in The Chronicles of Narnia series: The Last Battle. Sometime in June they will be choosing a new book for their next "read." If you have any suggestions or would like a copy of the list of books under consideration, 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!

MONDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Would you be interested in serving as an assisting minister or an usher for the 5:30 p.m. Monday worship services? If so, please contact Janet Radke at 920-979-3416 or music@oursavioursfdl.org. No experience is necessary!



THIS MONTH AT CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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. Monday worship services will start June 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor. No Monday service on July 4.

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

High School and college graduates will receive a special blessing on Sunday, June 5 at the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

A Baccalaureate Service will be held for high school graduates at our sister congregation, Immanuel-Trinity, on June 9.

DAY OF PENTECOST

June 5/6 - Along with Christmas and Easter, Pentecost is one of the three most important and celebratory days of the church year. We receive the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. On this festival day, everyone is encouraged to wear something red to recall the red of the tongues of flames which descended on the disciples that first Pentecost.



CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The office may have varied hours for staff vacations this summer. Just a note, you may want to call ahead if you need to get into the building.

SUMMER SUNDAY SOCIALS

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

June 5 - Bruce Nyberg

June 12 - WELCA

June 19 - Bob Bohnsack (brat fry)

June 26 - (open)

There are still opportunities for individuals or groups to sign up to serve refreshments after worship services. It's easy and fun! Could 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.



FOR THE RECORD

BAPTISM • MAY 1, 2022
Elliott Anthony Rasmussen

CONFIRMATION • MAY 15, 2022
Giavanna Anthony
Landon Karls

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 June item is **cleaning equipment (mops, pails, brooms)**. Donations may be left in the hallway across from the credenza.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

At this time, you will see that our offerings are behind our expenses as we are heading into summer. During the summer months, there tends to be a dip in giving as people are out of town on the weekends. Please know that ministries of our congregation continue throughout the summer.

Please note the various ways that you can still give. 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 (4/30/22)

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| General Fund Income * | \$ 86,284 |
| General Fund Expenses: | \$ 91,415 |
| Loan Principal Payments: | \$ 6,525 |
| Total Gen. Fund Expenditures: | \$ 97,940 |
| Net Gain/Loss, YTD: | (-\$11,656) |
| Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments: | \$ 1,155** |

MIF Loan Balance as of 4/30/22: \$187,180

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

*General Fund Income to date in 2021: \$74,691
General Fund Income increase this yr: \$12,748

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.

SUMMER PARK CONCERTS

Concerts at Buttermilk Creek Park begin with the first of twelve Monday night concerts in the Music Under the Stars series on June 6.

Wednesday evening Buttermilk Festival concerts kick off with the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band on June 15, followed by the Dorf Kapelle on June 22 and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra on June 29. The concerts continue through July and August, and are free and open to the public.

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.

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.

SUMMER ORGAN RECITALS

The FDL Area Organists Association's Summer Noon Organ Recital Series returns and begins with Fond du Lac native David Heller performing on our tracker organ at Church of Our Saviour on Thursday, June 16th, at 12:15 pm. We will also host David Hein on June 30th.

These two incredible organists are special friends of our congregation, having contributed to various musical events here for many years. Come support them and take advantage of the opportunity to hear some fine music.

Also on the June schedule will be Kenneth Hill at St. Patrick's Concert Hall on June 23. The full schedule and further information can be found at www.fdlareaorganists.com.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

The East Central Synod of Wisconsin assembled from May 13-14 in Oshkosh. Your delegates were Wendy Koepf and Corey Calvey. During the assembly, we had the guest speakers (or rather, singers) Music that Makes Community, and there was the business portion. During the business meetings, resolutions were passed regarding hunger; bold action and advocacy by our synodical women's organization; helping congregations be safe spaces for children; anti-racism study as vital and revitalizing work of the church; and diverse, intersectional representation in donated books for libraries. An amended memorial on reducing the church's carbon footprint will go to the reference and council committee of the Churchwide Assembly, which will be combined with versions from other synods to go before the Churchwide Assembly in August. The assembly passed new minimum guidelines for compensation. We also heard from the Bishop which included information about the Synod Authorized Ministry committee as they look at different paths to being a presider in the ELCA; and Treasurer John Herder and Vice President Nancy Schanke addressed questions about the decision to sell the synod office building. If you would like more information about any of the action of the synod assembly, reach out to Pastor Crystal, or talk to your delegates.

Special Events Celebrated at Church of Our Saviour • May, 2022



Giavanna Anthony and Landon Karls affirmed their baptismal vows in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 15, 2022. The worship service was led by youth serving as lectors, ushers, communion assistants, and assisting minister.



The Encore! Handbell Ensemble performed at Church of Our Saviour on the evening of May 21. The group is made up of dedicated musicians from communities throughout northeastern Wisconsin who promote the arts through a unique form of musical expression and perform at an elite level.



Several ELCA clergy from the Oshkosh Conference and beyond were on hand to help celebrate the Rite of Installation on May 26. Back row: Rev. Peg Marose, Rev. Doug Holtz, Rev. Connie Weis, Rev. Sara Gorman, Rev. Erin Coutts, Rev. Barb Girod, Rev. Dewey Wisner, Rev. Bob Rosenberg. In Front: Bishop Anne Edison-Albright and Rev. Crystal Lee.



Participants in the Rite of Installation included Bishop Anne Edison-Albright, Rev. Doug Holtz, Rev. Peg Marose, and Rev. Erin Coutts.

(Photo credit: Wendy Koepp)



Pastor Crystal's parents, Stephanie and Randy Lee, came from Columbia, MO to share in our joyous Installation Service. We hope they will visit us often!