

CARING & SHARING  
WITH RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY

At our Riverside Closet opening in June, we served 9 families with 19 children. It was one of our slower days, but those who came were very pleased to find this that were needed. We are blessed to be well stocked with summer clothing. The shoes and sandals were a great addition for this time of year. Because of our lower numbers in June, our July needs are less. We have a good selection to offer those in need.

That means you may choose any appropriate summertime clothing items for our July 15th open closet. Please be sure to choose items in the 4T to size 14/XL children's size range. The only specific need is for underwear.

- ◆ Boys need sizes 4, 10/12 and 14/16.
- ◆ Girls need sizes 6, 8 and 14.T

Thank you for being so faithful in sharing with our community members in need. Your Caring does not go unnoticed. We hear "thank you" many times on open closet day. It is with gratefulness and surprise that parents comment on all that is donated to the closet so they can receive help.

God bless you for Caring and Sharing!

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

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

**Confirmation students** attended Confirmation Camp June 15—19.

JULY ORGAN RECITALS

- ◆ **Thursday, July 2 at 12:15 p.m.**— Kenneth Hill at Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 51 W. Division Street, FdL
- ◆ **Thursday, July 9 at 12:15 p.m.**— Libby Reinbold at Salem United Methodist Church, 120 Sheboygan St FdL
- ◆ **Thursday, July 16 at 12:15 p.m.**—Noon Organ Recital here at COOS by Devin Atteln
- ◆ **Thursday, July 23 at 12:15 p.m.**— Kris Bartelt at First Presbyterian Church, 1225 Fourth Street Road, FdL
- ◆ **Thursday, July 30 at 12:15 p.m.**— Jessica Finley at Hope Lutheran Church, 260 Vincent St, FdL

The **Buttermilk Festival** concert series continues this month on **Wednesday nights at 7:15 p.m.**

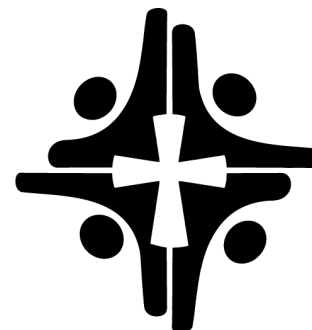
- ◆ **Wednesday, July 1** - Pocket Kings
- ◆ **Saturday July 4 at 7:30 p.m.** — Symphonic Band Americana Concert at Lakeside Park followed by fireworks at dusk
- ◆ **Wednesday, July 8** — Symphonic Band
- ◆ **Wednesday, July 15** — Fond du Lac High School (FHS) Summer Band
- ◆ **Wednesday, July 22**— Symphonic Band Family Night
- ◆ **Wednesday, July 29** — Kids from Wisconsin

NOON ORGAN RECITALS IN AUGUST

- ◆ **Thursday, August 6 at 12:15 p.m.**—Ann Lemmenes at Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 51 W. Division St, FdL
- ◆ **Thursday, August 13 at 12:15 p.m.**— David Hein here at COOS
- ◆ **Thursday, August 20 at 12:15 p.m.**—Henry Hayes (scholarship recipient) at First Presbyterian Church, 12235 Fourth Street Road, FdL
- ◆ **Thursday, August 27 at 12:15 p.m.**— Arpad Muranyi at St. Patrick's Concert Hall, 39 E. Follett St, FdL

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Greetings Beloved,

Summer has a way of scattering us.

During the school year, many of us settle into familiar routines. But summer takes us to cabins and campgrounds, family reunions and vacations, ballgames and backyard gatherings. We find ourselves in places we may not go during the rest of the year.

For some, that means being away from our church building more often than usual.

But the church is not a building.

The church is the people.

And the people of God are a sent people.

Every week, we gather for worship. We hear God's promises. We pray. We sing. We share in Holy Communion. We are reminded that we are God's beloved people. And then, at the end of worship, we are sent.

Those final words of dismissal are not simply a way to conclude the service. They are a reminder that our calling continues beyond the sanctuary walls. We are sent into our homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and communities to share God's love in word and action.

Summer reminds us of that sending in a special way.

As we travel to places we may not otherwise go, we carry our faith with us. A walk along the lake can become a moment of gratitude for God's creation. A campfire conversation can become an opportunity to share encouragement and hope. Time spent with family and friends can become an expression of God's love and care.

The church is gathered on Sunday, but the church is also scattered throughout the week. Wherever we find ourselves, we remain God's people.

As our mission statement reminds us, we are a welcoming community called to serve others in God's love. That calling does not stay behind when we leave the church parking lot. It travels with us wherever God leads.

So whether this summer takes you to a cabin, a campground, a family reunion, a baseball game, or simply a quiet evening on your porch, remember this:

We gather. We are nourished. We are sent.

The church is the people. And the people of God are a sent people, called to live God's love in the world.

Blessings+

*Pastor Crystal*

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At this month's meeting:

- ◆ Council has begun the Funding Forward process, which helps congregations explore sustainable funding sources and long-term ministry support. This will be an ongoing conversation over the coming months
- ◆ Council reviewed the financials noting that general income in April and May was lower than previous months and budget
- ◆ Council approved funding for new kitchen lighting and lighting in the conference room hallway. Council also approved an additional \$400 from undesignated memorial fund to complete the handbell table lighting project
- ◆ Council did not approve moving forward with relighting the arch in the altar area. Instead, the project will be placed on the January 2027 Annual Meeting agenda for congregational discussion and consideration.

### Pastoral Highlights:

- ◆ Attended Confirmation Camp June 14-19 with four of our youth
- ◆ Attended and member of the planning team for Synod Assembly June 4-6. At the assembly, we re-elected Bishop Anne Edison-Albright to a second 6-year term. I was also re-elected to Synod Council for another 3-year term.
- ◆ I officiated 2 funerals- one at the end of May and the other at the beginning of June.
- ◆ Helped welcome 13 new members to the congregation
- ◆ Coming up, I will be attending the Rostered Minister Gathering in Indianapolis from July 6-10

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Year-to-Date (YTD)

As of 5/31/2026

General Fund Income (YTD)	\$113,282.67
General Fund Expenses (YTD)	\$110,627.44
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,655.23

## FOR THE RECORD

### NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

on June 14th

Becky Fink	Nichole Klauck
Mike Garvey	Emily Pickart
Chris Carrollo	Alex Wright
Brooke, Dan, Peighton, & Jennsen DeRoo	
Stephanie, Arleigh, & Bronson Fox	

### DEATH

June Schaetzel on June 14, 2026

### CHURCH NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK!

Join us for an evening of baseball and fellowship as we head to the Dock Spiders game on **Thursday, July 16!** This game is extra special because one of our own, Abraham Maurer, will be playing for the visiting team. Come cheer him on and enjoy a summer evening at the ballpark with members and friends of our congregation.

**Date:** Thursday, July 16

**Tickets:** \$14 per person

We will be purchasing tickets together in the visiting team seating area. Participants will meet at the stadium before the game.

Please sign up by **Sunday, July 12** so we can reserve seats together.

We hope you'll join us as we support Abraham and enjoy a fun summer night at the ballpark!

### THANK YOU, JANET!

On June 28, we celebrated the retirement of our Music Ministry Coordinator, Janet, after eleven years in this role, in addition to her earlier years of service.

Through her leadership, our music ministry has become known throughout the community for both its excellence and its welcome. She has helped create opportunities for people of all ages to share their gifts, from elementary-aged musicians offering their first solos to small ensembles, choirs, handbells, and special music. Her impact extended far beyond her staff role. As a faithful member of our congregation, she has been an integral part of the life and ministry

## WELCA NEWS

### SCHOOL KITS

Education is important for any community, especially where poverty or disaster have limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children—and in some cases, adults—continue learning despite the hardships they face. And that learning leads to a better life for them, their families, and their communities.

Include the following items 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 items and money donations are appreciated.

Make check out to WELCA and note on memo School Kits. Do not

enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

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.

of Church of Our Saviour for many years. We are deeply grateful for all she has shared with us and for the ways she has enriched our worship and community.

While we rejoice in this new chapter for her and Rich, we will miss their presence among us. We pray God's blessings upon them as they begin this next adventure.

## 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.

### NOON ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Summer Noon Organ Recital Series will hold two recitals here at Church of Our Saviour this year. Concerts begin at 12:15 p.m.

**On July 16** Devin Atteln will be featured. David Hein will perform here on August 13.

The July concert schedule and the August schedule are included in the events listings on the last page of this newsletter.

### MAY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The May Council meeting was moved to May 31, after the deadline for publication of the June edition of the Builder.

- ◆ The Personnel Committee will recruit and screen applicants for the Worship & Music Coordinator position.
- ◆ Treasurer Paula Damp noted that we have an operating deficit of approximately \$6000 right now, which we hope to turn around.
- ◆ Reconciliation of financial records in QuickBooks is complete through July 2024.
- ◆ When there is interest and support for individual special projects, proposals need to be submitted to and approved by finance and council before they are implemented.

### SOLUTIONS CENTER DONATIONS

In **July, postage stamps** are the requested item for donations. Please leave your donations in the hallway credenza. Thank you for your support!