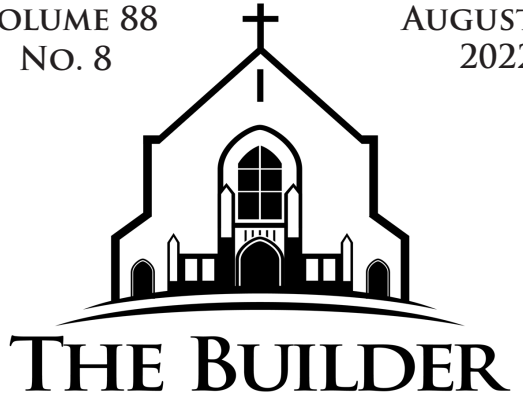




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Greetings, Beloveds!

There is a joke in the church world, that goes like this, “It’s summer, the time when things slow down.” It’s a joke because, it’s not really true. Even with those factors, we are still actively the church in the summer. We still gather for worship- even if it is one service on Sunday and one on Monday. We still gather for socials, we are checking in on those on our prayer list, we are continually praying for and supporting one another, and in addition, we are preparing for fall. Yes, preparations are already in process for the fall, as we are about to enter August. A fall that will include a Blessing of the Backpacks (and Bags), Sunday School, Sunday Forum, confirmation. A fall where our Parish Life Committee is restarted to provide us ways to regather as community, and to have some fun together (watch for more info and let me know if you are interested in joining this committee!). A fall that includes our choirs starting up again, a Stewardship campaign, and many other ministries that are returning. There has also already been some planning for Advent.

As we enter this time of preparation for fall, you might wonder, “how can I help?” Join committees, choir, be a lay leader in worship. You can also think about who you haven’t seen in worship for a while- maybe they have not been back since the pandemic, maybe you haven’t seen them over the summer as your schedules are different, maybe they are our homebound members. I invite you to give them a call, and I will even give you a script to start the conversation: “Hi _____, this is _____ from Church of Our Saviour. I have missed seeing you at church recently. How are you doing?” That’s it. It does not need to be a long conversation to let someone know that you miss seeing them and hope they are doing well. This can also be left on voicemail. If you need a phone number, call the office.

So take a breath and enjoy these last days of summer, because fall is coming. It is coming with plenty of opportunities for worship, for re-connecting and building relationships, and for serving. Thanks for being part of this community of faith.

Blessings+

Pastor Crystal



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL - FDL

Church of Our Saviour is collecting school supply donations for Back to School Fond du Lac. Your donation will help students in Fond du Lac County go back to school with the supplies they need for a successful school year.

Please bring your donations to church and place it in the bin marked Back to School FDL by Monday Aug. 8, 2022. If you would like to make a monetary donation please write your check to Back to School FDL and place it in the office. You can also donate online or sign up to volunteer at backtoschoolfdl.org.



Tabitha Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 16, 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Lydia Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 23, 1:30 p.m. in the parlor.

WELCA Board will not meet in August.

BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 28 and Monday, August 29, we invite students of all ages, teachers, and anyone who works in schools to bring their backpacks, school bags, lunch boxes, etc. and receive a blessing to take with you into the new academic year!

HEALING SERVICES

The next healing service will be included in the August 28 and August 29 worship services. 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.

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.

CHURCH MUSICIAN POTLUCK

All church musicians – all ages – are invited to a potluck on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Stecker Hall. Hot sandwiches, water and tableware will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Spouses, families and friends are also invited! You don't have to be in a choir to attend. Dan Fee will provide after-dinner activities! Please sign up on the hall bulletin board.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Adult Choir and Handbell Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 14. Bells meet at 5:45 and adult choir at 6:45. Mark your calendars!

TECHNOLGY HELPERS NEEDED

We need another 1 or 2 helpers to rotate with PowerPoint prep. Helpers are also needed to assist with live-streaming, website maintenance, email campaigns (eNews), and other tech-related duties. For more info or to sign up, contact the church office – 920-922-0020 or Mary Arthur, 920-579-1535.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Endowment Committee will be awarding scholarship monies to Church of Our Saviour students who are enrolled full-time in post-secondary education for the 2022-2023 school year. The scholarship comes from the interest earned from the generous donations from Martin Nelson; Megan Mauthe; and Bob and Delphine Miller. You can download and complete the application form from our Facebook page, or contact the church office to have a form mailed or emailed to you. Students interested in receiving scholarship monies for the 2022-2023 school year must complete the scholarship application and return to the church by Friday September 2, 2022.

Applications can be mailed in or emailed to office@oursavioursfdl.org. Scholarship awards will be distributed by the middle of September to eligible students.

SUMMER CONCERTS & FOOD CONCESSIONS

Free concerts at Butttermilk Creek Park continue on Mondays and Wednesdays through August 29, featuring Kids from Wisconsin on Aug. 17 and concerts by the Symphonic Band on Aug. 10 and 24. A food concession is available, and a free-will offering is appreciated. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

Church of Our Saviour is scheduled to run the food concession at the August 24 concert, and helpers are still needed for volunteer management, food preparation, food cooking, pie collecting/cutting, selling, and set-up/take-down.

Please contact Pastor Crystal if you can help or if you have any questions!

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.

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Pastor Crystal wants to resurrect the Parish Life Committee. This committee will help plan and implement fellowship activities in the life of Church of Our Saviour to gather and connect to build community. Please contact Pastor Crystal if you are interested in being part of this committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT - YR TO DATE (6/30/22)

General Fund Income * \$126,726

General Fund Expenses: \$ 128,210

Loan Principal Payments: \$ 9,811

Total Gen. Fund Expenditures: \$138,021

Net Gain/Loss, YTD: (\$11,295)

Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments: \$1,910**

MIF Loan Balance as of 5/31/22: 183,139

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

*General Fund Income to date in 2021: \$109,701

General Fund Income increase this yr: \$17,025

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A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

As you can see in the above report, while our income continues above 2021 levels, our deficit is increasing.

After paying our July expenses and payroll, as of July 26 our general fund checking account balance has fallen below \$1000. Our committee will be reviewing options and working with Council and the appropriate committees to address the growing deficit before it reaches crisis proportions. At this time we want our members to be aware of our situation. Your support, your suggestions, and your prayers will be appreciated.

-- COOS Finance/Stewardship Committee

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN REPORT ON 2022 MOBILEPACK IN FOND DU LAC

The 2022 Feed My Starving Children MobilePack in Fond du Lac was directed to the following agencies/countries:

396 BOXES – 85,536 MEALS: 234 children fed for a year have gone to Romania (for Ukrainian refugees) with our partner Reach Now International.

Reach Now International reaches orphans, refugees, internally displaced people, those affected by war, governmental situations, poverty, persecution and other natural conditions and calamities with the gospel and practical help. RNI has distributed FMSC meals in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East to serve these populations.

72 BOXES – 15,552 MEALS: 42 children fed for a year have gone to Haiti with our partner Food for the Poor.

Food for the Poor links the church of the First World with the church of the Third World in a manner that helps both the materially poor and the poor in spirit. FFTP has distributed FMSC meals through its extensive network of partner organizations in the Caribbean, Central America and South America.

The next Fond du Lac FMSC MobilePack will be on March 31 - April 1, 2023.

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 August item is: **OFFICE SUPPLIES (post-it notes, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, manila folders, envelopes, mailing labels)**. Donations may be left in the hallway credenza.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

During May, there were good discussions about the worship schedule here at Church of Our Saviour. Various thoughts and ideas were brought forward about why our congregation should continue with two Sunday worship services or to change to having one worship service. After much deliberation, contemplation, and prayer about our conversations, and keeping in mind our mission as a congregation, Church of Our Saviour will keep our regular fall schedule and return to having two services, at 8 am and 10:30 am, on Sunday, September 11. Thank you to all who participated in the listening sessions.

ORGAN RECITALS

The FdL Area Organists Association’s Summer Noon Organ Recital Series runs through August 18. August concerts are:

Aug 4 - Kenneth Hill, Hope Lutheran, FdL

Aug. 11 - Arpad Muranyi, St. Patrick’s Concert Hall, E. Follett St.

Aug. 18 - Kris Bartelt, Georgene Antos, Jill Soldner, and Connor Koch, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Lomira.

Further information on the recital series can be found at: fdlareorganists.com.

BLESSED TO BE A PART OF THIS LOVING CHURCH FAMILY.

We are very grateful for the cards, messages and gifts given in loving memory of Bruce Schierstedt – child of God, loving husband/ life partner, father, and friend. We have designated the gifts to be given in equal parts to the church’s technology fund and to youth work. The latter will be used at Pastor’s discretion.

Your caring, support and prayers have been a blessing to us. Thank you.

Sue, Jeanne and Mark Schierstedt

Time to Sign Up for Worship Assistants, Choirs, and Special Music

Adult Choir

Assisting
Minister

HANDBELL CHOIR

Cantors

Soloists

Run Power Point

Lectors
Power Point
Prep

**Instrumental
ensembles**

Video live-stream

GREETERS

**Vocal
Ensembles**

**COMMUNION
ASSISTANTS**

Ushers

Chancel Guild

We have the privilege and responsibility to participate in worship rather than just be spectators. Summer is the time when I do a lot of planning for the worship and music ministries here at Church of Our Saviour.

For our music ministry, I look at many resources to help select music for fall, winter, and even spring! It is very helpful for me to know who will participate in the choirs so that I can choose music appropriate not only to the lectionary calendar, but also for the size and skills of the choirs. When purchasing music, I need to know if I should order 10 or 50 copies of music! (Or maybe somewhere in between!)

The task of scheduling worship assistants is ongoing, and with the return to two services after Labor Day, I need to know who will be available to fill out those schedules.

There are many ways for all ages to participate in the worship and music ministries at Church of Our Saviour. In addition to the usual list, we have additional needs to fill the void left by the death of Bruce Schierstedt; opportunities for technology assistance have been added to our sign-up form this year!

If you are new to any opportunities, training will be provided if desired! All ages are encouraged to sign up! Use the form on the reverse side to indicate areas in which you are interested, or you may sign-up online using the link provided in eNews & Notes in the coming weeks. **Please sign up even if you are presently serving in any of these ministries.**

You may return this form to the church office, put it in the offering plate, sign up online, or contact Janet Radke – 920-979-3416 or music@oursavioursfdl.org.



SIGN UP FOR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, CHOIRS & SPECIAL MUSIC

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SIGN-UP:

Which worship service do you prefer?

- 8:00
- 10:30
- Either

Check any or all that interest you.

- Assisting Minister
- Lector
- Usher
- Greeter
- Cantor
- Tech Support (running PowerPoint during the worship service)
- Tech Prep (preparing PowerPoint slides prior to Sunday)
- Camera – live-stream and recording
- Communion Assistant
- Chancel Guild

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Please return this form to church office and put in offering plate, sign up online using the link in eNews, or contact Janet with your preferences –music@oursavioursfdl.org.

CHOIRS, SPECIAL MUSIC SIGN-UP:

- ADULT CHOIR – adults and senior high. Rehearses Wednesdays at 6:45pm. Sings twice a month alternating between 8:00 and 10:30 services, plus special services.
- HANDBELL CHOIR – adults and senior high. Music reading ability is helpful. Rehearses Wednesdays at 5:45 pm. Plays once a month alternating between 8:00 and 10:30 services, plus special services.
- INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES – adults and youth in grades 7-12 who have a minimum of 2 years' playing experience. Rehearse and play for worship occasionally throughout the year. List your instrument. _____
- VOCAL ENSEMBLE – check if you'd like to sing in a group of 2 or more people – any age.
- SOLOS – All ages are encouraged to share your vocal or instrumental talents – ages 3-103! I can help you find music and rehearse with you if needed. Check vocal _____ or instrumental _____ or both!
- CANTORS – Adults and youth. Cantors lead and chant the psalm responsively with the congregation. I will rehearse with you if desired.