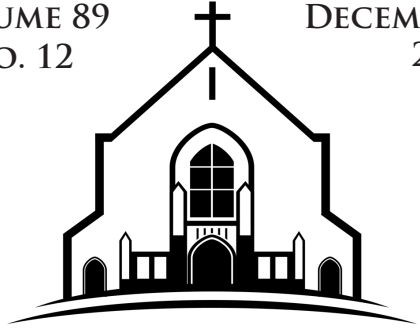




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From the Pastor

"The Coming of God" by Ann Weems

Our God is the One who comes to us
in a burning bush,
in an angel's song,
in a newborn child.

Our God is the One who cannot be found
locked in a church,
not even in the sanctuary.

Our God will be where God will be
with no constraints,
no predictability.

Our God lives where our God lives,
and destruction has no power
and even death cannot stop the living.

Our God will be born where God will be born,
but there is no place to look for the One who comes to us.

When God is ready
God will come
even to a godforsaken place
like a stable in Bethlehem.

Watch ...
for you know not when
God comes.

Watch, that you might be found
whenever
wherever
God comes.

Blessings +

Pastor Crystal

–LOOKING AHEAD–

Trivia Night • Saturday, Jan. 13, 6 p.m.

All are invited for an evening of fun as Pastor Crystal challenges you to 8 rounds of trivia. Create your teams of 8 or come by yourself and be placed on a team! All ages are invited. Bring snacks to share with your table. Come for fun, fellowship, and even some prizes!

Talent Show • February 25

Pancake Supper at 5:00 p.m. followed by Talent Show at 6:00 p.m. Start thinking about what talent you'd like to share!

CHRISTMAS YARD SIGNS

Starting Sun. Dec. 3, yard signs and stands announcing the times for our Christmas Eve worship services will be at church. This is a great way to spread the word about our church and all the good things going on here!

Grab one and put it in your yard to help us get the word out!

A SOUTH SHORE CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DEC. 2 • 7:30 P.M.

FDL HIGH SCHOOL PAC

COOS members who sing in the choir include Pastor Crystal, Dan Fee, Bruce Nyberg, Libby Reinbold, Pam Lane, Erin Steward and Billie Giese.

NIGHT OF SILENCE

DEC. 8 & 9 • 7:30 P.M.

DEC. 10 • 2:00 P.M.

FDL HIGH SCHOOL PAC

featuring Fdl High School Symphonic Winds and Percussion, Symphonic Orchestra, Bella Voce, Concert Choir and Cardinal Singers. Reserved seats - \$10 at HometownTickets.com, and in the lobby prior to each concert.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

It's that time once again!!! Completed reports for the Annual Report are due in the office Thursday, Dec.14th.

CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS

When we opened the closet in November, the custodians set out 45 totes for us. They were not full, but there was a reasonable amount of clothing for the families to take, if needed. By the time we packed things up at the end of the day, 5 totes were completely empty and the remaining ones were close to empty.

All of your precious gifts are gratefully received and certainly needed. As always, we are thankful for all that give to our community and encourage to continue your acts of kindness.

Any clothing in sizes 4T/XS to 14/XL is needed, but the following are totally gone:

- Girls underwear size 14/16
- Girls tops size 6
- Girls jeans size 12
- Girls pants size 14
- Boys jeans size 8

Other items that are very low are:

- Boy & girls pajamas any size
- Boys underwear sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12
- Boys and girls socks
- boys and girls sweat pants any size.
- girls pant-size 6, 6X, 7/8, 10
- girls tops sizes 7/8, 10/12
- Girls tops & sweaters sizes 10/12, 14/XL
- Boys shirts all sizes
- Boys jeans and pants sizes 4T, 5, 6/6X, 7/8

We thank you so much for following God's command for each of us to love and help our neighbors. Your support to those in need is amazing. The recipients of your gifts are most grateful. God bless you as you bless others.

We will next be opening the closet on Thursday, December 21, so please place your gifts in the baskets in the hallway credenza with that date in mind.

FOR THE RECORD

–DEATH–

JAMES ANDERSON

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

FINANCIAL REPORT - OCTOBER, 2023 (YTD)

General Fund Income YTD: \$220,572

General Fund Expenses: \$184,190

Loan Principal Payments: \$17,297

Total Gen. Fund Expenditures: \$201,487

Net Gain/Loss, to date 2023: \$19,085

Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments: \$**1,845

MIF Loan Balance as of 10/31/23: \$151,492

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

General Fund Income YTD in 2022: \$201,853

General Fund Income increase in 2023: \$18,719

—CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND—

Total Pledges through 11/15: \$161,524

Receipts through 10/31/23: \$49,928

Expenditures through 10/31/23: \$26,250

Balance in Fund, 10/31/23: \$23,678

SOLUTIONS CENTER

“ITEM OF THE MONTH”

The Solutions Center’s December item is toilet paper. Donations may be left in the hallway credenza.

ROOF REPLACEMENT COMPLETED!

Replacement of our sanctuary roof was completed the week before Thanksgiving. CustomCraft Roofing & Construction, LLC from Oostburg WI was selected to do the work, after submitting the lowest bid of of \$46,941.

We are awaiting word on when the new window in the lower level will be installed. Projects continue to be planned and scheduled, with the hope that most of them will be underway or completed by the end of 2024.

If you have not made your pledge yet, pledges may be made at any time. Extra pledge cards are available on the hallway credenza Thank you for your prayerful response to our congregation’s needs. Your generous support will allow us to complete most or all of the improvements and repairs on the “to do” list.

“STOCK THE TUBS” AND

“STAY WARM AND DRY”

TWO RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS PROJECTS FOR 2023

Church of Our Saviour has received approval for **TWO** Thrivent Action Team projects to benefit Riverside School this Advent season.

- **STOCK THE TUBS** will offer the opportunity to donate clothing to increase our Riverside Closet inventory.
- **STAY WARM AND DRY** focuses specifically on snow pants and boots for Riverside students. The boots and pants will stay at the school, so they have what they need for recess during the cold, wintry months.

We will kick off these projects on December 3rd with goodies for you to enjoy as you search our Christmas tree decorated with ornaments that itemize the gifts you may purchase and bring to church for our December 21 closet opening. There will also be an opportunity for gifts of money and a member of the Action team will do the shopping for you.

It is that simple: take an ornament, buy the item listed bring to church by Wednesday, December 20.

We thank you for your help, and Thrivent for the opportunity to help our community in such a meaningful way. See you on Sunday, December 3.

YOUTH CORNER

Thursday, Dec. 7, 6:00 p.m. - decorating the church for Christmas; pizza/cookies to follow.

Journey with Jesus: Synod Youth Gathering is Feb. 16-18 at Imago Dei Camp. This retreat is open to all youth in grades 6-12. Please contact Pastor Crystal by Dec. 20 if you are interested. Cost is \$175; families are asked to cover \$75 with youth funds paying for the rest.

Midweek youth group will pick back up in January!



Advent & Christmas at Church of Our Saviour

Decorating, Shut-In Gifts & Fellowship

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

On Thursday, Dec. 7 beginning at 6:00 p.m. we will put up our Christmas decorations and prepare shut-in gifts. WELCA members will provide appetizers, pizza and beverages after the work is completed. The youth will be joining in, and ALL are invited to come and help with this enjoyable, productive, all-ages Advent event.

Advent Festival of Hymns, Lessons and Anthems

DECEMBER 10 AT 9:00 A.M.

The Adult Choir and Handbell Choir will lead these special worship services that will combine both scripture and music to tell the story of the expectation and birth of Christ.

Invite a friend or neighbor!

Advent Music and Meal

DECEMBER 6 AND 13 AT 12:00 P.M.

Seasonal music will be performed followed by a light lunch. All are welcome! The concerts and lunches are free. Freewill offerings will be accepted.

December 6 - Brass Menagerie- brass quintet organized by Jill Koerwitz

December 13 – Fond du Lac High School Cardinal Singers directed by Cory Schneider.

Christmas Program

DECEMBER 17 AT 9:00 A.M.

Youth will lead this special worship service.

Healing Service

DECEMBER 17 AT 9:00 A.M.

The next healing service will be included in the December 17 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.

4th Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 24 • 9:00 A.M.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

DECEMBER 24 • 3:00 AND 5:00 P.M.

Lessons and Carols Worship services will include Holy Communion, candle lighting and special music.

(No service on Christmas Day)