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SUMMER  
WORSHIP HOURS

SUNDAYS 9:00 a.m.

MONDAYS 5:30 p.m.

*If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*

Every Sunday our worship begins with an invocation (*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*), which is immediately followed by the *Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness*. Thus, we begin our worship gathered together by the Holy Spirit, unburdened from our sins, and in the grace and forgiveness of God.

With a few exceptions, this has been the basic pattern for Lutheran liturgy for centuries.

Yet, while confessing our sins to God and seeking forgiveness is a biblically rooted means of grace, the Rite of Confession has a somewhat complex history in the Lutheran Church. Many of the abuses which the early Reformers sought to correct were directly associated with the Confessional. In fact, this is one of the central issues that Luther addressed in his 95 Theses, as you can see in the first two:

*1. Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, when He said [Repent] willed that the whole life of believers should be repentance. 2. This word cannot be understood to mean sacramental penance, i.e., confession and satisfaction, which is administered by the priests.*

In 1517, when Luther wrote those words, the grace of God was seen as a commodity which could be sold, with exclusive distribution rights given to the church. In that system, confession was less about repenting from sin, but about one's ability to pay. Rather than a source of hope and the assurance of God's eternal love, confession was source of fear and anxiety in rather

Luther did not seek to eliminate confession: he also understood both the psychology as well as the

biblical basis behind repenting one's sins, and hearing the promise of forgiveness. His criticisms and subsequent reforms proclaimed that grace was not something you could earn, let alone purchase.

As the Apostle Paul says in Ephesians 2:8, "*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.*" In many versions of the Small Catechism, Luther's explanation of confession was given its own chapter (often labeled "The Office of the Keys") or in some cases omitted entirely. But in the translation you'll find in the ELW Hymnal, it's part of the chapter on Baptism.

This is reflected in the liturgy as well, as you'll find both private and corporate Confessions in the Baptism section of the services. Theologically, we understand that the Rite of Confession is rooted in the promises of baptism: "all sins and evil desires [are] drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance... daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

In the next few months we'll look at Luther's explanation of confession from the Small Catechism.

Soli Deo Gloria

Pastor Matthew Agee

## FOR THE RECORD

**BAPTISM:** 6/4/2017 Violet May Boris, Daughter of Justin and Megan Boris

Dear Friends at Church of Our Saviour, I would like to send special thanks to everyone for the cards, thoughts, prayers and visits. (most of which I was unaware of until the kids brought me home and told me about the whole experience of my recent hospitalization. Just words cannot adequately express the appreciation I feel. God willing I can return soon to worship our loving and amazing GOD. I give thanks to HIM for all of you!!

Fondly, Karen Goldapske

Please email Kay at [office@oursavioursfdl](mailto:office@oursavioursfdl) or call the office at 920.922.0020 with your current phone number if has changed. Thank You!!

## JULY 17, 2017 NOON

### XYZ = eXtra Years of Zest

No need to sign up. Come as you are able, for the meal, activities or both. **ALL AGES ARE INVITED AND WELCOME!**

A - Activities following lunch

B - Bountiful Potluck Buffet

C - Camaraderie with Contemporaries

Continuing in throughout the year we will have an ACTIVITY following our fellowship potluck meal.

**FOR THE POTLUCK, NEW** guidelines - choose just ONE of three options:

- Bring a dish to share (hot dish, salad, dessert, etc.)
- OR make a small donation to help with costs
- ALL are welcome with or WITHOUT a donation!!

You can bring your own table service or use the disposable plates provided. Potluck ends around 1 p.m. Activities will conclude by 3 p.m. or before.

**BUILDER ARTICLE** deadline is the 15th of each month. (Articles are always welcome earlier in the month!).

**Remember! Please submit everything for Builder and announcements in electronic format, so we can integrate it for the website.**

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## Church of Our Saviour's

### Prayer Chain

**is available for You!**



Whatever your need, whether it's the concern of a desperate need, a joyous prayer of thanksgiving for blessings received, or something in-between, we will pray for you in all confidence. Simply call one of our prayer chair persons, Jill Bjornstad 922-1556 or Maureen Kelm 921-5474.



**WELCA will be taking donations for Baby Care Kits in the month July and August**

### SCHOOL KITS

Education is important for any community, especially where poverty or disaster has 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 10½"; 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)

Donations of one or more items are appreciated.

Money donations are also welcomed. Make checks out to WELCA and note on memo line School Kits.

## ESTATE PLANNING

We appreciate those who have remembered Church of Our Saviour in their trusts and wills. If you have not done so, we ask you to prayerfully consider Church of Our Saviour in your estate planning.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

### Gifted by God: my time

In the third chapter of the book of Ecclesiastes we read: "There is a time for everything...a time to be born a time to die," (Eccl. 3: 1a, 2a). How do I know how much time I get? Who determines it? We know the answer – God does. But it's easy to forget or ignore. What's more important is that we forget that God has a purpose in mind. While we're alive it means we have time to serve and make a difference for his Kingdom in all that we do. After Christ it's the only work that matters.

### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – GENERAL FUND

	May	YEAR TO DATE
General Fund In- come (includes day- care rent*)	\$22,942.	\$105,852
General Fund Expenses:	\$17,122.	\$102,687.
Loan Principal Payments:	\$1,852.	\$9,175.
Addition Principal Payments:	\$135.	\$675.
Total General Fund Expenditures:	\$19,109	\$112,537.
Net Gain / Loss:	\$3,833.	\$(6,685.)
Current Bank Loan Balance \$201,615.42 as of 05/10/2017		

### Council Highlights –June, 2017

- Pastor had an unusually large number of meetings to attend the past month, including newly-formed Constitution Revision Committee.
- Pastor Matthew and Immanuel-Trinity pastors are providing on-call pastoral care for Ascension while Pastor Jeff Blain is on sabbatical this summer.
- The Finance Committee has reorganized; members are Chair Mary Arthur, Pastor Matt, Lorri Heimbach, Linda Lepien, Rich Radke, and Treasurer Marcia Snyder.
- If the congregation approves of the drainage improvements project (storm sewer and parking lot),

Council directed that a general stewardship campaign be combined with a Capital Funds appeal between September and November, to be coordinated by Finance and Stewardship Committees.

- Property Committee met with representatives from Baumhardt Construction and Finance Committee to discuss details of improvements project and proposed financing.
- Property is preparing a letter and supporting data to be mailed out and presented at three informational meetings.
- Special Congregational Meeting to be held after worship on August 6, 2017 to vote on the improvements project.
- Planning/Executive Committee has defined its purposes as (1) helping Pastor Matt plan and coordinate items that don't fit into current committee structure, and (2) to prepare for monthly council meetings.
- Stewardship Committee met on May 18 and June 15, and is working on proposed Capital Campaign and an annual Fall stewardship drive.
- Stewardship Committee also sees need for emphasis on outreach and ministries beyond our parish, along with time and talents commitments.
- Ecumenical Hymn Festival to celebrate the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation will be at former St. Pat's church on Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. We are one of several congregations/choirs participating.
- Pastor has proposed a German mass and German dinner to celebrate the Reformation on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 5.
- Pet blessing service will be offered on August 13.
- Local ELCA congregations are co-hosting a children's choir from Uganda on August 13.
- Thanks to John Talaska, Rich and Janet Radke for painting the music office.
- Jackie Whitenack volunteered to investigate what is needed to regenerate youth ministry.
- Planning Committee recommends organizing an Evangelism Committee geared to three age groups: 50 and over, middle-agers (ages 35 to 50) and young adults (ages 20 to 35). Potential members identified; volunteers are welcome!
- Although Council normally takes a recess in July, because of the special congregational meeting, Council will meet on July 24, 2017 immediately after informational meeting.

## July Birthdays

1	Hayden Christensen
1	Jeannine Gyr
1	Bryan Harder
1	Nora Karls
2	Donovan Wojtasiak
2	Trevor Wojtasiak
3	Ronna Manninen
3	Mary Pressnell
3	Patricia Shippee
4	Michael Shady
5	Corrine Jordan
5	Susan Schierstedt
5	Addison Treffert
6	Aliceana Belling
6	Shauna O'Connor
6	Jared Sonnenfeld
7	Steven Compton
7	Nikki Landowski
7	Christopher Murphy
8	Quinn Merten
8	Natalie Paul
9	Amanda Karls
9	Lois Stanchfield
10	Emma Goldapske
11	Carol Cardinal
11	Helen Fridley
12	Abraham Maurer
12	William Mauthe IV
13	Samuel Bennett
13	Rosalie Otto
15	Autumn Bosin
15	Noah Lawson
15	Jackie Whitenack
16	Charlotte Bohnsack
16	Leland Lerch
16	Steven Willner
17	Sarena Rose Hyland
17	Audrey Jarvey
17	Connie Weiss
18	Mannix Halfman
20	Alex O'Connor
21	Mary Arthur
21	Barbara Flatt
21	Heather Karschney
21	Joey Kunde
22	Lisa Baldauf
25	Diana Goldapske
25	Brian Inks
25	Bradley Nyman
25	Ramona Roberts
26	Samuel Mueller

26	Charmayne Searl
27	Rita Borst
27	Valerie Borst
27	Stephanie Knubis
27	Nancy Waala
27	Michael Woodrow
28	Rachel Koehler Rachel
29	Devin Boris
29	Carol Hinz
30	Dean Will
31	Richard Mortensen

## MONDAY STUDY GROUP SUMMER SCHEDULE "Living the Questions"

Beginning June 5, the Monday study group will be viewing and discussing a video series that was originally presented at our adult forums during the winter of 2011-12. "Living the Questions" is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers. Instead it strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. The series features conversations with thirty acclaimed scholars, theologians and other experts. It should be noted that this is not a "Lutheran" production (although at least one presenter is a Lutheran pastor), but rather perspectives from many traditions including Methodist, Episcopalian, Roman Catholic, Baptist, and Jewish.

Each 20-minute segment explores a different topic, allowing participants to attend when it is convenient for them. **New members are always welcome!!**

The schedule for the summer is:

### Invitation to Journey

7/3 No Session

### Honoring Creation

7/10 9. The Prophetic Jesus

7/10 10. Evil, Suffering & A God of Love

7/17\* 11. The Myth of Redemptive Violence

7/17 12. Practicing Resurrection

7/21 13. Debunking the Rapture

7/21 14. Honoring Creation

### Call to Covenant

7/31 15. A Kingdom without Walls

7/31 16. Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision

\* Our session on 7/17 will run from 10:30 to noon, prior to XYZ Potluck. All other sessions begin at 12 noon; bring a bag lunch (optional).

## 2017 Synod Assembly

Highlights that might interest you:

- ELCA World Hunger Gift from Synod - \$551,000
- Young Adults in Global Mission- Nathan Zander of Ripon is in Senegal
- Lutheran Social Services (LSS) though Lutherans in Action contributed over \$20 billion worldwide. That's great than all the United Ways combined giving
- Global Mission – ELCA World Hunger - \$100,000 to famine worn South Sudan

Resolutions that were passed (a few of the action points for each)

- Educate Members to be Hunger Advocates and to Support ELCA World Hunger
  - Encourage members to support ELCA World Hunger initiatives like Global Barnyard and Act 2 Day 4 Tomorrow
  - Encourage members to sign up for ELCA e-Advocacy Network
  - Train members about advocacy and how to do it
- To Stand with Children in Poverty and Hunger in Wisconsin
  - Encourage members to sign the Faithful Citizenship Child Poverty Initiative goal statement at [www.tinyurl.com/cutchildpoverty](http://www.tinyurl.com/cutchildpoverty)
- To Stand with Refugees Seeking Legal Entrance to the United States
  - Encourage congregations and families to welcome refugees into their churches and homes and help them to integrate into their new communities
  - Support future vetting and screening processes of the US government that do not discriminate against refugees based on their nationality, ethnicity, gender or religion
- Support Synod Campus Ministry
  - Encourage all congregations and members to support campus ministry with prayer, offerings of money, gift cards, and its requests for help

Inform the Gathering Place of young adults living in the area, attending UWO, or attending Fox Valley Technical College

Reminder of our Lutheran focus

- Good Gospel preaching that opens our eyes and moves us to act
  - Action and good works are the natural fruit – Luke 17:10

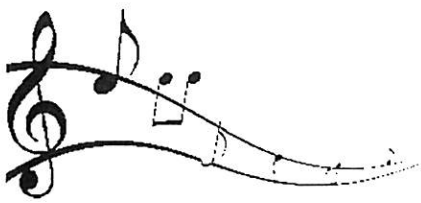
Bruce and I thank you for allowing us to represent our congregation at the Synod Assembly in Green Bay.

## FONDY FOOD PANTRY JULY

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Y ou want to help! Thanks.

**Salem United Methodist Church**  
**Girls Night Out**  
**Friday, July 7, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.**  
120 Sheboygan St, Fond du Lac, WI  
Laughter, Yoga, Fashion Show, Etc....Fun for all  
ages!! More info and sign up on bulletin board in nar-  
thex.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

**JULY 30** – Healing service at 9:00am

**AUGUST 13** – Pet Blessing at the 9:00 am worship service. Plan to bring your pet, and watch for more details!

### **AUGUST 13 – YUGANDA KIDS CHOIR -**

The Uganda Kids Choir will present a concert at Immanuel-Trinity at 6:00 pm. Ten energetic children from the poorest part of Uganda will bless us with their high energy music of traditional African songs, dances, drumming and praise songs. Ascension, Immanuel-Trinity and Church of Our Saviour are co-sponsoring this concert.

**Your help is needed!** We need someone from COOS to provide housing for 3 children and one chaperone for 2 nights – Aug. 13 and 14. This host family would provide breakfast for them on Aug. 14 and 15. Other meals are at the churches. They attend school during the day. COOS will provide dinner for the 10 children and 4 chaperones on Aug. 14. Please let me know if you can provide housing, help plan this meal, or provide food.

**OCTOBER 22 – ECUMENICAL HYMN FESTIVAL - Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation – 3:00 pm** - Voices from about 10 church choirs including Church of Our Saviour, Ascension, Immanuel-Trinity, Holy Family Catholic Churches, Marian University Choir and several others will combine to present this exciting festival which will be held at St. Patrick's Church.

Questions? Contact Janet at 979-3416 or [music@oursavioursfdl.org](mailto:music@oursavioursfdl.org).

## TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CHOIRS AND SPECIAL MUSIC!


Summer is a time for vacations, resting, refreshing, outdoor activities, celebrations, many special events – and don't forget worship! For me, summer is also a time for planning. This is when I look at many resources to help plan 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)!

There are many ways for *all ages* to participate in the music ministry at Church of Our Saviour. Please check any of the items below in which you are interested and return this form to the church office, put it in the offering plate, sign up on the bulletin board, or contact me – [music@oursavioursfdl.org](mailto:music@oursavioursfdl.org) or 979-3416. Returning choir members – please sign up also.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ **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.  
Rehearses Wednesdays at 5:45 pm. Plays once a month alternating between 8:00 and 10:30 services, plus special services.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **FLUTE CHOIR** – adults and youth in grades 7-12 who have a minimum of 2 years' playing experience. Rehearses and plays for worship occasionally throughout the year – about 3 – 4 times.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **BRASS ENSEMBLE** – adults and youth in grades 7-12 who have a minimum of 2 years' playing experience. Rehearses and plays for worship occasionally throughout the year – about 3-4 times.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **CANTORS** – Adults and youth. Cantors lead and chant the psalm responsively with the congregation. I will rehearse with you if desired.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **YOUTH ORCHESTRA** – Youth in grades 7-12 who have a minimum of 2 years' playing experience. Tentative plans are to meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. All instruments are welcome!

# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Service  No Scouts	3 Office Closed No Noon Bible Study <b>Open for 5:30 Service</b>	4   Happy 4th of July Office Closed	5	6 10:30 a.m. Wedding	7	8 Nyberg/ Rasmussen Wedding Cedarburg
9 9:00 Service 6:30 Boy Scouts	10 Noon Bible Study <b>5:30 Service</b>	11 9-1 Quilters	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 Service 6:30 Boy Scouts	17 10:30 Book Study Noon XYZ <b>5:30 Service</b> 6:15 Council	18 9-1 Quilters	19	20 2:30 Stewardship Committee Mtg.	21	22
23 9:00 Service 6:30 Boy Scouts	24 Noon Bible Study <b>5:30 Service</b>	25 9-1 Quilters 4:30 W & M Committee Mtg.	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 Healing Service 6:30 Boy Scouts	31 Noon Bible Study <b>5:30 Service</b>					

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CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR • WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JULY. If unable to serve please find a replacement. There is a list of voluteers on the bulletin board

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	DATE	TIME	LECTOR	USHERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTE
2	2-Jul-17	9:00 AM	Bob Martin	Dennis Mertens & David Klahn	Vernon & Jean Hoppman	Connor Cassidy
3	9-Jul-17	9:00 AM	Brian Whitenack	Mike & Lorri Heimbach	Todd & Lisa Boris	Ali Shady
4	16-Jul-17	9:00 AM	Kelly Roberts	Sandy Kunz & Fred Maas	Jean Hanisch & Alyssa Jodarski	Willow Vellema
5	23-Jul-17	9:00 AM	Kevin Mahoney	Christie Kaufman & Randy Redlin	Don & Linda Calvey	Tyler Kaufman
6	30-Jul-17	9:00 AM	Sue Schierstedt	Dan Senger & Steve Wilburn	Christie Kaufman & Patty Knubis	Courney Kaufman