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— FOND DU LAC —

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**SUMMER
WORSHIP HOURS**

SUNDAYS 9:00 a.m.

MONDAYS 5:30 p.m.

August 2017

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 18:18)

In the early Christian church, there was no real mechanism for confession. Most of the earliest forms of Christian worship naturally developed from existing Jewish practices familiar to the early disciples. And still today, much of our liturgy and worship practices can be traced back to ancient Jewish worship patterns. This includes a liturgical gathering with both song and scripture readings, as well as following an annual church calendar with specific days set aside as holy days.

One of the holiest days of the year was—and remains—Yom Kippur, the annual Day of Atonement. This was a festival that was held annually at the temple in Jerusalem, and involved a host of rituals, prayers, and the sacrifice of various animals: “For on this day atonement shall be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins you shall be clean before the Lord.”

As Christians, we believe that “Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God” (1 Peter 3:18) and “The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God” (Romans 6:8). Because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Christians no longer needed an annual day of atonement, and there was no existing rite for a person to confess their sins on a personal level. This eventually became an issue a few hundred years later, in the wake of persecutions when people would deny their faith and later seek to be readmitted to a congregation.

Eventually, a rite of confession and absolution was developed and became an integral part of Christian worship.

And it’s this rite, built upon the scriptures that we use today. This is also what Luther explores in the Small Catechism.

Luther says that confession has two parts. The first part is, simply, that we actually confess our sins.

Think of a time when you’ve said “I’m sorry” to someone. Maybe you could have avoided that and continued on as if nothing had ever happened. But it turns out that saying “I’m sorry” is important; not only is it an opportunity to recognize that we’ve come up short, but equally important, we’re given an opportunity to hear words of forgiveness. That’s why Luther describes the second part of confession as receiving absolution: Hearing that, on account of Christ, your sins are forgiven. And this absolution is by grace, through faith, not through works—a gift, through the mercy of God. When we hear that our sins are forgiven, and especially when we hear this over and over again, we have the opportunity to accept that God’s forgiveness is real, that we are truly forgiven. Thus confession isn’t just about admitting our faults, but also about understanding the amazing grace and overwhelming love of God.

Soli Deo Gloria

Pastor Matthew Agee

Builder and announcements in electronic format, so we can integrate it for the website.

***Our email is office@oursavioursfdl.org**

The Builder is also available on the churches website at: www.oursavioursfdl.org

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Keep us up to date

Have there been changes that the church needs to be aware of? Have you dropped your land line or added a cell phone? Do you have an email address that you would like us to know about? Has your address changed? If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection plate or in the office. Email is the least costly way for us to communicate. Thanks for helping us update our records.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE # _____
EMAIL _____

FOR THE RECORD

NEW MEMBERS: Candy Schmidt, Mackenzie Treffert and Samantha Treffert and Ashley Treffert

AUGUST 21, 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

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.

FALL/WINTER WORSHIP HOURS

Fall/Winter Worship hours begin

Sunday, September 10th

8:00 a.m. Service

9:15 a.m. Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Service



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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Gifted by God: my talents

Ever wish you were gifted with the skills and abilities so evident in others? Even though we're all created in God's image (Gen. 1:27) we have differing sets of talents (skills, abilities, aptitudes). Some of us may feel like the one talented servant in the parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30): God didn't give me much to work with – so what's the use? But God doesn't measure by another's standard, rather He expects each person to use the abilities that God gave – to make a difference in His kingdom (Luke 12:48b).

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – GENERAL FUND

	June	YEAR TO DATE
General Fund Income (includes day-care rent*)	\$19,801.	\$125,653.
General Fund Expenses:	\$19,233.	\$121,986.
Loan Principal Payments:	\$1,837.	\$11,012.
Addition Principal Payments:	\$135.	\$810.
Total General Fund Expenditures:	\$21,205.	\$133,808.
Net Gain / Loss:	\$(1,404.).	\$(8,155.)
Current Bank Loan Balance \$199,643.62 as of 06/10/2017		

Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving

Church of Our Saviour offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will especially appreciate electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church.

There are authorization forms in the office also on our web-site: oursavioursfdl.org

Electronic contributions can be made using any of the following payment methods:

Checking Account

Savings Account

Credit Card

Debit Card

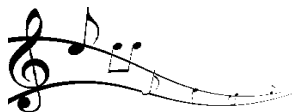
ESTATE PLANNING

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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2	Jennifer Agee
2	Cayden King
3	Taylor Goldapske
4	Arya Bartow
4	Jordan Gurath
4	Amanda Snow
5	Jerod Boettcher
6	David Bellows
6	Roxane Buerger
6	Julie Oberg
7	Bonnie Bosin
8	Joseph Borst
8	Robert Nyman
9	Janette Keplinger
9	Bruce Schierstedt
10	David Fridley
11	Karen Goldapske
11	Tristan Klahn
11	Lucas Vellema
12	Tyler Kaufman
12	Chuck Roets
12	Barbara Stroh
13	Madysen Weiss
14	James Anderson
14	Joshua Shell
15	Cheryl Blumke
16	Vickie Barnes
16	Wanda Sheldon
17	Susan Potratz
17	Mary Lou Rost
18	Jenna Nyberg
18	Kirsten Nyberg
19	Olivia Merten
19	Craig Molitor
19	Logan Will
20	Niccolo Anthony
20	Sydney Rehbein
21	Judith Pierce
22	Elayna Butcher
23	Alexander Dill
23	Courtney Kaufman
25	Colton Krahn
25	Anna Schwai

25	Drake Whitenack
26	Angie Anthony
27	Sandy Appleman
27	Karen Gorn
27	Christie Kaufman
27	Andrew Lepien
27	Norman Mortensen Jr.
28	Joseph Bulik
30	Jon Bastian
30	Brittany Belling
30	Susan Nyman



MUSIC MINISTRY

Janet Radke 920-979-3416 music@oursavioursfdl.org

AUGUST 13 – Pet Blessing at the 9:00 am worship service. We give thanks to God for all creatures that nourish, serve, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us. Pets will receive a special blessing at the 9:00 worship service. Any well-behaved pets are welcome as long as they are on leashes, in cages or carriers and everything is promptly cleaned up after the service. Those who cannot bring a pet are invited to bring pictures instead or stuffed-animal stand-ins. You are encouraged to invite friends and family to bring their pets as well!

PET FOOD DONATIONS

Along with the Blessing of the Pets, the congregation is invited to bring an unopened cat or dog food donation for our furry friends. All items will be given to the Fond du Lac Humane Society. Please place items in the collection basket in the hallway. Thank You!

AUGUST 13 – UGANDA 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.

POTLUCK -Your help is needed! COOS will provide a potluck dinner for the 10 children and 4 chaperones on Aug. 14. Please let me know if you can help plan this meal or provide food.

REHEARSALS for Adult Choir and Handbell Choir will start up on Wednesday, September 6!

OCTOBER 22 – ECUMENICAL HYMN FESTIVAL - Celebrating the 500th 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.

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CHOIRS AND SPECIAL MUSIC!

Summer is the time when I do a lot of planning for the music ministry. This is when 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)!

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 or 979-3416. Or you can sign up at oursavioursfdl.org. Follow the music ministry link! **Returning choir members – please sign up also.**

NAME _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

_____ **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!



Fdl Symphonic Band
“Music Around the World”
(Previously called Vienna Night)
At Buttermilk Creek Park
YOUTH AND PARENT
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR THIS EVENT!

Buttermilk Creek Park “Music Around the World” (Previously called Vienna Night) will be on **Wednesday, August 23rd**. The youth group at COOS is again going to be cooking brats/hamburgers and selling pie and ice cream for the event. We are asking for pie donations again this year, and will have a sign-up sheet at church services as a reminder. Please bring the pies to the kitchen before noon on the 23rd, or to the concession stand at **Buttermilk Creek Park**. We will start to set up at the park around 3 PM. The show starts at 6:00 PM, but food needs to be ready to serve at 5 p.m. If we are not at Buttermilk Park, we will be at the County Fairgrounds in the Recreation Building. Look on the bulletin board in the hallway for the event sign-up sheets and more information about the night. It is a fun event and has lots of involvement from the kids and adults. We hope to see you there! God Bless You for supporting Youth Ministry!

Thrivent Action Team to Support COOS Youth

What: Brat Fry at “Music Around the World (Previously called Vienna Night), August 23rd

Where: Butternut Creek Park Band Shell

The Thrivent Action Team of the youth and adults will be helping to serve brats, hamburgers, and pies at the event. The money raised will be used to help with costs for the National Youth Gathering in July of 2018 in Houston. Thrivent seed money will help with the costs of the food. We also need volunteers to supply pies so we can offer pie slices to sell at the event. Thank you for all you do for the youth, the support is **greatly** appreciated. Watch for more information to come. Char Bohnsack, Thrivent Action Team

2017-2018 CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation program will begin in October. A letter will be going out, next month to all incoming 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their parents regarding the date of orientation and what you can expect for the coming year.

2017-2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL
“GODS WORK OUR HANDS”

Sunday school registration will be Sunday, September 10th at 9:15 a.m. We are in need of volunteers for this year's program. If you are willing to help in any capacity please let Pastor know.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS –
JULY, 2017

Pastor reported that Bruce Schierstedt has transferred our website to a new hosting service, with an improved interface that makes it easy to make updates. There is more information now available; check it out at

www.oursavioursfdl.org

The pre-qualification application for a loan to finance the proposed drainage and parking lot improvements has been sent to the Mission Investment Fund of ELCA.

Finance Committee has contacted our current lender (National Exchange Bank) and determined that there will be no penalties or problems if we move our current debt to Mission Investment Fund.

Stewardship Committee recommendation to hold only a Capital Campaign this year and to make 2018 a full year of stewardship emphasis was approved.

Information on what the Drainage and Parking Lot Project costs break down to in per capita giving will be made available prior to the Special Congregational Meeting on Aug. 6.

Our Constitution is specific in not allowing absentee voting; voting members must be present to vote. A quorum for the Special Congregational Meeting is 41 people; voting will be by secret ballot so 2/3 majority can be verified.

The 2nd annual Block Party will be held on August 15 in cooperation with Bright Beginnings Daycare and the FdL Police Department.

Many upcoming events are on the Worship & Music schedule including the Ugandan Youth Choir, a Pet Blessing Service, and Ecumenical Reformation Festival. Some minor upgrades were accomplished over the summer including the replacement of worn out equipment for bell choir and sound system.

A meeting for the National Youth Gathering will be held Sept. 10 at 9:15 a.m. and a fund-raiser night at Pizza Ranch is being set up.

FONDY FOOD PANTRY

AUGUST

A ssisting	A pple juice
U nknown	U nique cereals
G uests	G rape jelly
U sually	U nderground veggies-
S timulates	carrots and beets
T he loving heart.	S tew or soup
	T omato products
A lways	
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G enerous and	
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Back to School FDL

Hello everyone!

I can't believe the school supplies are on the shelf and ads are infiltrating our homes to remind us to run out and get school supplies for the upcoming school year! As a teacher and mom I wish summer would slow down so I can continue to enjoy this special time with my boys! However, some of you may be ready to send your children back to school already! Whatever your feelings are regarding summer and back to school, school is coming and there are many students in the Fond du Lac area who need our help in preparing for school. I am a member of Back to School Fond du Lac. Are you looking for a way to help students in need in the Fond du Lac area get ready for school this fall? If so, I have some great volunteer opportunities for you. Back to School FDL is in need of volunteers to help sort supplies as well as helping on the day of distribution. Come and be a part of this wonderful event! Seeing the joy on the students' faces as they choose their school supplies is amazing! Please consider sharing your time with the students of our community! If you'd like to help before distribution day or on distribution day please fill out the volunteer form online by using this web address to sign up to volunteer: <https://backtoschoolfdl.org/> Distribution day is Saturday August 26, 2017.

Back to School FDL is also accepting donations of school supplies. Thank you so much for your generous donations, last year we were able to help approximately 1,200 area students get ready for a new school year! Thank you for keeping our area students in your heart and for your kind donations. If you are out shopping, please consider picking up a few supplies for area children so they can go back to school with the tools they need to help them have a successful school year! You can place your donated items in the box at Church of Our Saviour by Sunday August 13, 2017 and Back to School FDL will collect them for distribution day! If shopping for supplies is not something you'd like to do but you'd still like to help students, please consider making a monetary donation to Back to School FDL. You can make

your check payable to Back to School FDL and place your donation in the church office or donate online at <https://backtoschoolfdl.org/>

If you are a family in need and would like to see if you are eligible to receive school supplies from Back to School FDL please visit the Back To School FDL website at <https://backtoschoolfdl.org/> for registration information.

Thank you for helping our area students!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me 920-922-5484 or kbosin_pl@hotmail.com

Back to School FDL has a Facebook page:

backtoschoolfdlarea Please Like Us on Facebook.

Sincerely,

Kelly Maurer

2017 Fall Retreat: Sisters ReNew Together –

II Corinthians 5:17

The East Central Synodical Women's annual Fall Retreat will meet at Imago Dei Bible Camp, Clintonville, WI on **September 22-23, 2017.**

During this 500th anniversary of the nailing of the 95 theses on the church door by Martin Luther, we will feature Pastor Don Behrendt from Peace Lutheran, Kunesh, WI, who will also lead our worship service on Saturday. Amanda Smagacz, a representative from LSS Transitions, will be with us to bring their program's mission and purpose. She will also be able to take all of the personal hygiene items we collect back with her, so please remember to bring them to camp with you.

Personal hygiene items for LSS Transitions include the large size for each of the following: shampoo, conditioner, gel/mousse, toothpaste, an hand/body lotion, a large toothed comb, individually wrapped toothbrush, small hand towel, washcloth, floss, and a bath sized bar of soap.

Also bring new or slightly used items for the Silent Auction. The silent auction is a perennial favorite whether you bring items to donate or just want to shop! Remember to bring cash or your checkbook since we cannot take credit cards.

We also have the scholarship application for anyone who would like to apply. The deadline for registration and the scholarship is September 15, 2017. Jill Bjornstad has copies of both plus there will be a copy in the WELCA mailbox in the church office.

CALL TO CONVENTION - The Seventeenth Biennial Convention of Women of the ELCA - East Central Synod of Wisconsin

will be held Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 709 W. Beckert Road, New London, WI 54961. Our theme is "Reforming Women: Then and Now. The keynote speaker is Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, Wartburg College. Breakout sessions include Human Trafficking and PV for Phebe. Election of board members, consideration of resolutions, adoption of biennial budget. Worship service celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with Honored Guest, Bishop Gerald Mansholt. Registration deadline is September 30, 2017. Jill has a copy of the registration form as well as nomination form for officers. There will also be a copy in the WELCA mailbox in the church office.