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Give thanks to the LORD, for the Lord is good, God's steadfast love endures forever- Psalm 118:1

Greetings Siblings in Christ!

I am writing this article as I am in the process of moving. Things have gone fairly smoothly, besides it taking time to get internet set up at my apartment. With the move almost complete, I will be ready to start on Monday, Nov. 1.

As I think about that start date, I cannot believe that we are about to enter November. I know that November will be a busy month, and a month filled with giving thanks. We will start our journey together with my first Sunday being All Saint's Sunday. This particular Sunday is when we remember and give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, and especially those who have died this past year. And, of course, November means Thanksgiving, a day where we traditionally eat a meal with family and/or friends, as we give thanks for the many gifts and blessings in our lives- for those family members and friends, for the food that we are gathered around, for the ability to have a day off to gather, and the countless other gifts and blessings. Then, with the final Sunday of November, we celebrate the liturgical (the church's) New Year, as we enter the season of Advent. As with the end of a calendar year, the church's New year means an end and new beginning. With this end and beginning, we give thanks for what was, and give thanks in anticipation for what will be. An anticipation that fills the Advent season, as we wait for the birth of God's own son, Immanuel-God with us!

As we enter into November, and a season of Thanksgiving, we, the people of Church of Our Saviour and me, Pastor Crystal, give thanks for God calling us together. I give thanks for the journey that we are starting on and look forward to starting to meet you, the people of Church of Our Saviour. Let us start and continue our journey together with giving thanks!

+Blessings,

Pastor Crystal

Pastor Crystal Lee

WELCA NEWS

Women of the ELCA board meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 1:45 p.m. on Zoom.

The Biennial ECSW - WELCA convention will take place on Saturday, Nov. 13, at St. Mark's in Neenah. Talk to Jill Bjornstad for more details.

Tabitha Circle meets on Tuesday, November 16, at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom. Char Bohnsack will lead a study from the current Living Lutheran magazine.

Lydia Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 30, at 1:30 p.m. Colleen Rispalje will lead the Bible study from the Gather magazine.

THANKOFFERINGS

In November, WELCA members think of Thanksgiving and Thankofferings to support the work of Women of the ELCA. The founders of WELCA decided back in 1988 to use Thankofferings to support ongoing ministries, including communications, justice and advocacy work, leadership development, local and synodical women's organizations support, grants, scholarship programs, and much more.

In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we collect these offerings during the month of November. ***Please use the enclosed WELCA envelope for your donations.*** Thank you for your support of WELCA.

FINANCIAL REPORT - YR TO DATE (9/30/2021)

General Fund Income	\$154,394
General Fund Expenses:	\$*133,376
Loan Principal Payments:	\$ 14,664
Total Gen. Fund Expenditures:	<u>\$148,040</u>
Net Gain/Loss, YTD:	\$ 6,354*

*Expenses include an additional \$10,000 transferred to Pastoral Contingency Fund for calling a new pastor. Total in fund: \$19,430.

Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments:	\$ 4,385**
MIF Loan Balance as of 9/30/2021:	\$142,263

**gifts designated for debt reduction

WELCOME PASTOR CRYSTAL!

It's time to celebrate! Our new pastor, Rev. Crystal Lee, will begin her pastoral duties in the church office on Monday, November 1 and will be presiding at her first services here on November 7. Between services, there will be an opportunity for you to meet her in the parlor. We encourage you to attend a service that day and to meet Pastor Crystal.



REMINDER TO "FALL BACK"

Daylight saving time ends on November 7 at 2:00 a.m. Set your clocks back one hour!

FELLOWSHIP/EDUCATION HOUR

Everyone, from 6th grade to adults, is invited to meet in the parlor during the 9:15 a.m. education/fellowship hour for an intergenerational discussion of the Gospel lesson for the day and its implications for our faith and lives. Grab a cup of coffee or juice and a treat, and join the discussion in the parlor. No advance preparation is needed. (Study will NOT be held on November 7. The Fellowship Hour will be devoted to get-acquainted time with Pastor Crystal.)

COVID CONCERNS UPDATE

Covid conditions in our area continue to be of concern, and recommendations continue that both vaccinated and unvaccinated people wear masks while in group settings indoors. While our Reopening Task Force has not reinstated a mask and distancing requirement during worship, we ask that our members prayerfully consider these recommendations when they attend worship. Disposable masks are available in the narthex.

Thank You!

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.



WORSHIP AT CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 7 – 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.

We will be remembering with a candle-lighting ceremony all the saints from Church Of Our Saviour who passed away during the last year, as well as any other names submitted by members of the congregation. You will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

*Rest eternal grant them O LORD;
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 14 - 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.

Pledge cards and Time and Talent surveys were mailed to all member homes the last week of October. They will be received and blessed during our Commitment Sunday worship services on November 14. If you cannot be with us in person that day, you may mail in or drop yours off at the office during the week.

HEALING SERVICE

NOVEMBER 21 – 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.

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.

BOOK STUDY

Mondays • Noon – 1:30 p.m. on Zoom

The Monday noon book study group is reading the third book in ***The Chronicles of Narnia*** series by British author and lay theologian, C. S. Lewis. The Zoom link is included in eNews & Notes, and we can screen-share if you don't have the books. Newcomers are welcome!

CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS

Thank you so much for your amazing response to our collection of classroom needs for the staff at Riverside School. We had a full trunk to deliver! You have shown once again that we want to help make a difference in our community.

NEEDED FOR RIVERSIDE CLOTHES CLOSET

After spending a day at the clothing closet at Riverside on Thursday, October 21, we noticed that the following items are in short supply:

- Winter boots for children/any child's size
 - Socks/any child's size for girls and boys
 - Underwear/girls' and boys' sizes 5 thru XL
- Your gift may be put into the Riverside baskets in the credenza in the hallway.

Coming in December: We will again be adopting two Riverside families for Christmas gifts. More information will be coming.

Thank you for your sharing!



COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

It's that time once again!!!

Completed reports for the Annual Report are due in the office Wednesday, Dec.15th.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee for the 2022 Annual Meeting has begun its task of recruiting members to be nominated for a variety of appointments including:

- Council** - three 3-year terms. (The Council members whose terms are ending are all eligible for re-election, but have not made a decision. They are Nate Arthurs, Dave Klahn, and Sue Schierstedt.)
- Synod Assembly delegates** — usually in May; one male and one female
- Conference Assembly delegates** — usually in February or March; one male and one female;
- Endowment committee** — three vacancies; three-year terms
- Personnel committee** — one-year terms; two vacancies
- Crossways Camping Ministry** — one-year term; two delegated; one male and one female
- Lutheran Campus Ministry** — two delegates; one male and one female

If you are interested in being a candidate for any of the above positions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Members are:

- Corey Calvey
- Dan Calvey
- Dave Klahn
- Kevin Mahoney
- Randy Redlin
- Sue Schierstedt

Fond du Lac Symphonic Band • 45th annual

CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Sunday, Nov. 14 • 3:00 p.m.

Cathedral Church of St. Paul

A concert of sacred and classical music including "Let the Amen Sound" (Praise to the Lord), "Nicaea" (Holy, Holy, Holy), and "A John Rutter Christmas."

ORGAN RECITAL BY CATHEDRAL ORGANIST

THOMAS HEINDENREICH AT 2:30 P.M.

Free Admission • Free Will Offering



Volunteers are needed for the **daytime winter homeless shelter** at 59 E. Merrill St which will open November 2nd. Volunteers work 2-hour shifts to ensure rules are followed by those homeless who wish to be indoors during the day. The shelter is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and has a maximum capacity of 25 homeless at a time. For more information or to volunteer, contact Erin Cobb at Holy Family, eccobb@hffdl.org; 920-921-0580.

Volunteers are needed to provide evening meals, including a warm dinner, bottled water and milk, for the **homeless shelter at The Salvation Army**. The Shelter opens November 1 and closes on March 31. To schedule a date to provide a meal, or for more information, call Nicole at The Salvation Army, 920-923-8220.

Church of Our Saviour needs a representative to the planning committee for the **Annual Fond du Lac Feed My Starving Children MobilePack** event for 2022 which is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2022. The committee will meet four times in the YMCA Boardroom, plus two virtual meetings. Please contact Sue Schierstedt, rstedt@charter.net or 920-251-8027 if you are interested in representing COOS on this committee.

The days may be getting colder, but it isn't too early to start talking with **summer camp staff**. **Crossways Camps** is looking for young adults who are looking to make an impact on the world through building community and relationships with campers of all ages. Camp is a fun, faith-filled, supportive place to use your gifts and talents to make a difference that will last a lifetime. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, applications will be available on our website by Thanksgiving. www.crosswayscamps.org/employment