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In the past 15 months, during the Covid-19 pandemic, God walked with us through many challenges. By faith, we saw God's healing power touch the lives of many. Through faith, we carried on God's work in our community and the world. By faith, we worship Him and continue His work among us. By faith, we trust in God's promise through Jesus Christ to forgive and redeem us for all eternity.

In Hebrews 11:1, Paul wrote "... faith is the assurance [confirmation] of things hoped for [divinely guaranteed], and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality – faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]." (Amplified Study Bible)

In the gospels for July, we read about the importance of faith and the identity of Jesus.

- Unbelief (lack of faith) prevents experiencing the outpouring of the Spirit, of God's power
- Receiving Jesus enables His work
- Reaching out, acting in faith brings healing
- Accepting His ultimate gift brings salvation

Unbelief: The people of Nazareth questioned Jesus' authority because of their perception of who He was, the local carpenter. Because of their prejudice, Jesus "was not able to perform any mighty deeds [in Nazareth]... He marveled because of their lack of faith [unbelief]." Mark 6: 5–6a

Receptive: In cities which welcomed and listened to Jesus' disciples, they announced the kingdom of God, preached repentance, drove out demons and cured many who were sick. Cities which did not welcome them were to be rejected for not accepting them, their message and works. Mark 6: 6-13

Active: The sick begged Jesus to allow them to touch the tassels of His robe believing they would be healed. All who reached out in faith received healing. Mark 6:53-56

Acceptance: Jesus thanked and praised God multiplying five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over 5,000. He used ordinary food to feed ordinary people, foreshadowing the giving of His body, the bread of life, for our salvation. John 6:1-14

Jesus is the one in whom we have faith. He is the true bread of life. May God renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit for your strengthening in faith! Amen.

Your sister in Christ,

Congregation President

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WELCA NEWS

Tabitha Circle will NOT meet during July or August.

Lydia Circle will be assembling Baby Care Kits on July 13 at 1:00 p.m. In Stecker Hall. Anyone who would like to help is invited to join them!

School kits will be our focus for collecting for Lutheran World Relief in July and August. The items needed include: 70-sheet wide or college-ruled 8" x 10.5" notebooks, 30-centimeter rulers (or with centimeters on one side and inches on the other), pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, ballpoint pens (no gel ink), boxes of 16 or 24 crayons, and standard 2.5" erasers. The collection basket is on the table by the elevator upstairs. Monetary donations are also welcome to buy supplies.

QUILTERS NEED YOUR HELP!! They are running out of quilt tops. There are packages of quilt squares in the basket on the table by the elevator upstairs at church for anyone who wishes to sew them into quilt tops at home. We welcome new people to join us on Tuesdays from 9 to noon in Stecker Hall to help with quilting. Contact Jill Bjornstad, 920-922-1556, for more information.

FINANCIAL REPORT - YR TO DATE (5/31/2021)

General Fund Income \$88,394

General Fund Expenses: \$80,058*

Loan Principal Payments: \$ 8,079

Total Gen. Fund Expenditures: \$88,137

Net Gain/Loss, YTD: \$ 257*

*Expenses include an additional \$10,000 transferred to Pastoral Contingency Fund for calling a new pastor. Total in fund: \$19,634.

Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments: \$ 2,075**

MIF Loan Balance as of 5/31/2021:

\$151,158

**gifts designated for debt reduction

FOR THE RECORD

TRANSFERS TO SISTER ELCA CONGREGATIONS:

Sandi Kunz • Arlene Ward • Natalie Wilburn



Sunday Socials

Outdoor social gathering opportunities continue in the parking lot following Sunday worship this summer. Join us!!

SUNDAY, JULY 4

Worship & Music Committee will serve ice cream sundaes.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

Church Council will serve soda floats.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

SCS families and teachers will host the Sunday Social.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

WELCA ladies will serve.

BOOK STUDY

Mondays • Noon – 1:30 p.m. on Zoom

The Monday noon book study group has begun reading a new series of books: *The Chronicles of Narnia* 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!

SUNDAY FORUMS PUT ON "PAUSE" FOR JULY/AUGUST

Due to low participation, the Sunday forums on Zoom have been discontinued until fall. There is still some interest in holding weekly studies based on the Gospel lessons for each Sunday. If anyone is interested in facilitating such a group, please contact Sue Schierstedt or Mary Arthur.

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.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Actions taken at the June 21 meeting of the Congregation Council include:

- Nate Arthurs was appointed to fill the vacant Council seat. Nate is an active member of the Property Committee, a part of the youth support team, and our delegate to Crossways Camping Ministry. We are very pleased to have Nate join Council.
- Property Committee's proposal and recommendation to replace the roofs over the education wing and the elevator lobby was approved. Both roofs leak and require immediate attention before winter. You will be receiving more information about this from the Property and Finance Committees as bids are reviewed and a plan to proceed is developed.
- Council approved the recommendation of an ad hoc committee to grant Bright Beginnings Daycare's request to move their office and upstairs classrooms to the lower level. The committee, representing education, youth, property and finance, met on June 18 to review the proposal from Bright Beginnings. Once completed, all daycare operations, including bathroom use, will take place on the lower level, which will improve their security and management of the daycare. The rooms they vacate on the upper level will be refurbished into Sunday School and Youth Rooms. We will continue to maintain use of Stecker Hall and share the kitchen with Bright Beginnings. The move will take place to coincide with the start of the new school year.



**WORSHIP AT CHURCH
OF OUR SAVIOUR**

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Worship services are offered at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings through September 5. Worship will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook and available for viewing later.



Organ Recital

The Fond du Lac Area Organists Association 2021 Noon Organ Recital Series continues on Thursdays, 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. July recitals include:

JULY 8 - JOHN PENKOSKE

St. Paul's Cathedral, 51 W. Division Street

JULY 15 - DAVID HEIN

St. Patrick's Concert Hall, 39 E. Follett Street

JULY 22 - FR. TOM LIJEWSKI AND WENDY PELLETIER

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lomira WI

The complete schedule and more information can be found at www.fdlareaorganists.com, and on the Fond du Lac Area Organists Association Facebook page. Recitals will follow current Covid protocols and those of each recital site.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Wise management = more for ministry

If I am able to manage my time wisely, I will have more time for someone else - to listen and share spiritual concerns. I may also have time-space to participate in a music ministry, volunteer, men's life or coffee break or serve on the church council. If I develop my skills and abilities and manage them well, I'll be ready and able to use them to bless someone else. If my home, my farm or business is friendly and hospitable, it becomes a site of ministry to bless someone else. Wise management facilitates more ministry.



L to R: Kristi Serwe, guidance counselor, Char Bohnsack, Joanne Talaska and Jessica Hughes, Principal

FRIEND OF RIVERSIDE AWARD!

Riverside School's Principal Jessica Hughes announced that Tabitha Circle and Church of Our Saviour were selected to receive the Friend of Riverside Award this year. This award is presented in recognition of the Clothing Closet which has helped clothe not only Riverside students, but any student in the Fond du Lac School District. She acknowledged those who have helped to supply, organize and help families as our "band of angels."

Principal Hughes expressed thanks for our dedication to the students who are future leaders and scholars and for the selflessness of all who contribute.

Joanne Talaska, as Clothing Closet coordinator and a member of Tabitha Circle and Char Bohnsack, Tabitha Circle leader, attended the End of the Year Celebration and accepted the award on behalf of all our contributors.

RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

With the relaxing of restrictions by the CDC and Fond du Lac County, masks and social distancing are no longer being required at Sunday worship, meetings or events at Church of Our Saviour. We will continue to monitor and reassess, if and when local and state conditions change.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JOHN TALASKA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021
11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

LAKESIDE PARK PAVILION
MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1:00 P.M.

BRAT FRY SERVED BY YOUTH
John's family invites you to join them in honoring their special husband, Dad and Poppa.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The call committee met in early June to discuss progress and move forward toward securing a pastor for Church of Our Saviour. Since that meeting, they were given the names of two additional candidates for our pastoral leadership.

The Call Committee interviewed the first of the two candidates on Tuesday, June 22, contacted the candidate's references, and met again on June 29 to discuss this interview. An interview with the second candidate is pending and will take place within the next few weeks.

The Committee remains grateful for the progress they are making, and they thank God for His grace and the congregation for its continued prayers and support.