



CHURCH OF OUR  
**SAVIOUR**  
— FOND DU LAC —

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**SUMMER  
WORSHIP HOURS**

**SUNDAYS 9:00 a.m.**

**MONDAYS 5:30 p.m.**

*June 2017*

*“Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:4*

Last month I made the claim that it rained as much in Seattle as it does here in Fond du Lac. Of course, almost as soon as that was printed and mailed out, from my hometown newspaper reported that in the last 6 months, they had broken almost every record for rain on the books – including almost 50 inches since last fall. Even in a place which is known for rain, that’s extraordinary.

While we need water as a basic part of life, it can also be a destructive force. One of the first things I learned when I moved to Fond du Lac was about the damage and legacy of the 2008 floods. We are often reminded of the destructive power of water: mudslides, tsunamis, hurricanes, river valleys, watersheds, even smooth rocks you find on a beach – they all bear witness to the terrible power of water. Of course, the same destructive power that carved out the Grand Canyon is also a main factor in the development of human civilization. In the ancient world, without a system of sanitation, cities would usually top out at around 30,000 people – more than that, and diseases would develop. Consequently, more than a thousand years before humans developed a system of writing, they had figured out basic indoor plumbing.

This month, we conclude our exploration of the Luther section on the Sacrament of Baptism with this question: *What then is the significance of such a baptism with water?*

*Why water? Why don’t we just eat the bread and wine of the Eucharist? Why do we mess around with a bath – and one that doesn’t use enough water to shampoo and rinse?*

Luther states that: *It signifies that the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance.*

We use water, in part, because we are *supposed* to make that connection between the power of water to clean, and the act of baptism; we should be able to picture it like a shower that cleanses sins. But, more than that is the image of water, baptism signifies an even scarier aspect of the power of water, that of drowning and dying – and added to that, this is something that happens daily.

But, what is key for us, is that this is not supposed to be a death which ends our lives. No, what stays in the waters of baptism is our old self, sins and evils.

*Luther continues: that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.* When we are washed by the waters of baptism, we are scrubbed clean of the sins, and washed with the grace of Christ, remade, renewed, reborn as new people. And when we hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, when we trust in His love and grace, we are again brought back to the waters of baptism, washed clean again by the promise of God, over and over again.

Soli Deo Gloria

Pastor Matthew Agee

## FOR THE RECORD

**BAPTISM:** May 7, 2017

Brynlee Elizabeth Roen, daughter of Tammy Schneider and Kevin Roen

**CONFIRMED:** May 21, 2017

Autumn Marie Bosin, Connor David Cassidy, Hayden Dennis Christensen, Tyler Alan Kaufman, Gabriel Robert Maurer, Harlie Lynn Meske, Molly Pearl Puckett, Shandra Lyn Schibbelhut, Alisanne Claire Shady, Willow Novalee Vellema

## JUNE 19, 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.

\*Our email is [office@oursavioursfdl.org](mailto:office@oursavioursfdl.org)

The Builder is also available on the churches website at: [www.oursavioursfdl.org](http://www.oursavioursfdl.org)

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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 June

### BABY CARE KITS

Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. She worries about her baby's health and well-being when there is a lack of money to buy the things every mother wants for her newborn. The items included in a Baby Care Kit provide the things a mother needs to care for her baby the way she hopes to—soft blankets to give warmth and comfort, soap to keep germs away. Lack of something to dress her baby in often keeps a mother isolated from her community, but the clothes in a Baby Care Kit welcome both mother and baby out into the world.

#### Donations Needed

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts
- Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with light-weight yarn, up to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, *or include a baby cap*
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new ones.

## FONDY FOOD PANTRY JUNE

J oy	J uices or jams
U nleashes	U ncooked pasta
N ew	N oodle soups
E nergy	E very type potato side dish

J ust  
U nload  
N eeded  
E dibles in the grocery cart. Thanks.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 CONFIRMANDS!

Please keep our Confirmands  
in your prayers!!!

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Dennis Christensen, Tyler Alan Kaufman, Gabriel Robert  
Maurer, Harlie Lynn Meske, Molly Pearl Puckett,  
Shandra Lyn Schibbelhut, Alisanne Claire Shady, Wil-  
low Novalee Vellema



## RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

We will recognize and honor our young  
high school graduates on June 4<sup>th</sup> at our  
9:00 am worship service.

We rejoice and celebrate with them upon their reaching  
this significant goal.



## Rummage Sale/Brat Fry Saturday June 17, 2017 8AM-1PM

Church of Our Saviour Youth  
Rummage Sale is a great opportunity to introduce peo-  
ple to our congregation! To make it all happen, Church  
of Our Saviour will need you and your donations!

How *you* can help:

- If we can sell it, we will take it!
- Unfortunately, we cannot accept or sell  
console/tube TV's, computers/moni-  
tors/printers, or mattresses
- Volunteer to help **Sort** and **Price** items  
the week of June 12-16
- Volunteer to pick up items from peo-  
ple's homes. There will be a sign up  
for people who need items picked up
- Volunteer to help take unsold items to  
St. Vincent de Paul after the sale.
- Spread the Word about the Sale!

For more information, or questions, please contact Pas-  
tor Matt at 920-922-0020 or [pastoragee@oursaviours-  
fdl.org](mailto:pastoragee@oursaviours-fdl.org)

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

### It's all God's – not just the 10%

Give God his due and the rest is mine! Is that the way  
you act when you give an offering or a tithe? But the  
truth is – it's **all** God's! The Bible says, "... the land is  
mine and you are but aliens and my tenants."(Lev.  
25:23b) or "... every animal of the forest is mine, and  
the cattle on a thousand hills."(Ps. 50:10). What makes  
us think differently? We really do not have possessions  
– just responsibilities. It is God who entrusts them to us  
and we are answerable to Him.

### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – GENERAL FUND

	April	YEAR TO DATE
<b>General Fund In- come (includes day- care rent*)</b>	\$24,904.	\$82,953
<b>General Fund Expenses:</b>	\$16,621.	\$83,944.
<b>Loan Principal Payments:</b>	\$1,824.	\$7,323.
<b>Addition Principal Payments:</b>	\$135.	\$540.
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures:</b>	\$18,580	\$91,807.
<b>Net Gain / Loss:</b>	\$6,324.	\$(8,854.)
<b>Current Bank Loan Balance \$203,602.02 as of 04/10/2017</b>		

## 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.

## MEMO

While trying to reach some of our members for a re-  
minder to make an appointment for the church picture  
directory, we came across a growing trend of people cut-  
ting out their land lines and having their number discon-  
nected. Please consider submitting a current phone # by  
either emailing it to the Kay at [office@oursavioursfdl.org](mailto:office@oursavioursfdl.org)  
or calling the office at 920.922.0020. Thank You!!

## Council Highlights

- Pastor Agee attended the annual meeting of the Lutheran Home and expressed concerns about recent changes in management. These were addressed and current status explained by the new administrator, to the benefit of the member congregations that were represented.
- April receipts were up due to Easter but continued improvement is needed, especially with summer coming.
- Council approved Property Committee proposal to reconstruct storm sewer around the building perimeter and under the parking lot in Fall, 2017 and reconstruct both parking lots in 2018. Projects will not proceed without a 2/3 majority approval of the voting members at a special congregational meeting, approval of financing, and adequate donations and pledges before each phase of the project proceeds. More information to congregation will be provided with a mailing and informational meetings.
- The Planning Committee has reorganized as an Executive-Planning Committee, and will be meeting one week prior to council meeting to prepare agenda and coordinate with staff. The committee will be comprised of Pastor, Council Officers Paul Kaestner, Steve Wilburn, Mary Arthur and Marcia Snyder, and carry-over Planning Committee members Sue Schierstedt, Jill Bjornstad, and Natalie Wilburn.
- The newly-formed Stewardship Committee will meet May 18 to organize and set priorities.
- Council approved ten candidates for Confirmation on May 21.
- Two new members approved: Joe Bulik and Rachel Koehler.
- Noon services during Lent were appreciated by those who attended, especially Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.
- Setting 8 will be used for worship services beginning May 28.
- Ruth Duquaine has committed to being a chaperone for the Youth Gathering in 2018 in Houston.

### June Birthdays

1	Beth Arthurs
2	Jon Bastian
2	Mya Benson
2	Paul Kaestner
2	Anastacia Roth
3	Delila Gremminger
3	Beverly Schaefer
4	Kelly Roberts
5	Linda Calvey
5	Adam Schmidt
6	Kim Jodarski

6	Rebecca Will
7	Danielle Skrenes
7	Anthony Snyder
7	Alexis Stephany
8	Gail Harder
8	Terri Rhoades
9	Layton Pahnke
9	Ryan Rispalje
9	Jaime Rosik
11	Wendy Koepp
11	Brian O'Connell
12	Kenneth Manninen
12	Amie Pierce
12	Gina Veit
13	Brett Baldauf
14	Alyssa Stephany
15	Robert Baldauf
15	Thomas Bortz
16	Sally Albertz
16	Cynthia Decker
16	Jayson Gremminger
16	Mark Sheldon
17	Roslyn Munson
17	June Schaetzel
17	Heidi Senger
20	Renee Galle
20	Kasey Woxland
21	Michael Albert
21	Lisa Fenhouse
22	Nathan Arthurs
23	Donna Adomavich
23	Jennifer Braun
23	Sheri Greeno
23	Sharon Hodorff
23	Virginia Sonnenfeld
25	Frances Hamilton
25	Ariana Schmidt
26	Cassidy Duquaine
26	Trisha Greuel
26	James Lavrenz
26	Jenny Roets
27	Bob Anderson
27	Natalie Wilburn
28	Ryan Adomavich
28	Kayden Bosin
28	Mark Schierstedt
29	Connie Newman
29	Khloe Roen
29	Russell Werner
30	Drake Arne
30	Janice Dorn
30	Laura Franke
30	Vera Koenig
30	Stacy Mueller
30	Melissa Schwai



## MUSIC MINISTRY

**JUNE 4 - DAY OF PENTECOST** – Along with Christmas and Easter, Pentecost is one of the three most important and celebratory days of the church year. On this festival day, everyone is encouraged to wear something red to recall the red of the tongues of flames which descended on the first Pentecost.

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

The Uganda Kids Choir will present a concert at Immanuel-Trinity at 6:00 pm. Ascension, Immanuel-Trinity and Church of Our Saviour are working together to support this concert. Watch for more information about opportunities to provide housing or food for this talented group of children.

**OCTOBER 22 – ECUMENICAL HYMN FESTIVAL – 3:00 pm** - Mark your calendars for this special event that will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Voices from about 10 church choirs including Church of Our Saviour will combine to present this festival which will be held at St. Patrick’s Church.

Questions? Contact Janet at 979-3416 or music@oursavioursfdl.org.

## **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**

- 6/5 1. An Invitation to Journey
- 6/5 2. Taking the Bible Seriously
- 6/12 3. Thinking Theologically
- 6/12 4. Stories of Creation
- 6/19\* 5. Lives of Jesus
- 6/19\* 6. A Passion for Christ: Paul
- 6/26 7. Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians
- 7/4 No Session

### **Honoring Creation**

- 7/10 8. Restoring Relationships
- 7/10 9. The Prophetic Jesus
- 7/17\* 10. Evil, Suffering & A God of Love
- 7/17\* 11. The Myth of Redemptive Violence
- 7/24 12. Practicing Resurrection
- 7/24 13. Debunking the Rapture
- 7/31 14. Honoring Creation

### **Call to Covenant**

- 8/7 15. A Kingdom without Walls
- 8/7 16. Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision
- 8/14 17. Incarnation: Divinely Human
- 8/14 18. Prayer: Intimacy with God
- 8/21\* 19. Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry
- 8/21\* 20. Creative Transformation
- 8/28 21. Embracing Mystery

\* Sessions on 6/19, 7/24 and 8/21 will run from 10:30 to noon, prior to XYZ Potluck. All other sessions begin at 12 noon; bring a bag lunch (optional).

## SYMPHONIC BAND NEWS

This summer, the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band will host its eighth touring European ensemble through the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp International Exchange program. THE GHO SYMPHONIC BAND FROM HEIDE, GERMANY is a group of 54 youth ages 13-20 along with 5 adult chaperones that will visit Fond du Lac from Monday evening, July 17 to Thursday morning, July 20.

The Symphonic Band has primary responsibility for organizing the visit, with assistance from the Fond du Lac High School Summer Band, Holy Family Congregation, FDL Children's Chorale, and FDL Music Parents. In addition to public performances, the local Blue Lake Committee is arranging in-home hosting that provides European guests with an authentic sampling of everyday American life. Accommodations need not be fancy, but rather representative of average American living. Those that volunteer to host are asked to house a minimum of two guests (same sex) for whom they will provide transportation, sleeping accommodations, some meals and a friendly welcome.

Several families who have hosted in the past have agreed to host again this year, but with a group of nearly 60, additional host homes are needed. Families that have previously hosted will vouch that without exception, their guests were appreciative and well-mannered. They are eager to share their gift of music, make new friends and experience life in America. We can guarantee that if you host, the time will pass quickly and you will be sad to say goodbye to new friends.

This year's schedule include:

**Monday, July 17** – 4 p.m. arrival at Church of Our Saviour, 9<sup>th</sup> and Main – home with host families to settle in.

**Tuesday, July 18** – morning rehearsal, pizza lunch and social time with Fond du Lac High School summer band at Fondy High

**July 18** – late afternoon rehearsal, potluck supper and concert at Holy Family Church

**Wednesday, July 19** – free time with host families until mid-afternoon (group activities will be offered but not required)

**July 19** – late afternoon to 9 p.m. – set-up, picnic supper and concert at Buttermilk Creek Park – Fondy High and GHO Symphonic Band

**Thursday, July 20** – departure for next community around 9 a.m.

If you are willing to host some of our German guests, please provide the following information with a reply email:

How many guests you can accommodate: 2 3 4 5 6 more

Do you have cats or dogs in your home? (so we can place guests with allergies appropriately)

PREFERENCES:

male or female  
teenagers or adults  
no preference

Family Name:

Street Address:

Phone:

Email:

We do hope that your family will be part of this unique and fulfilling experience by hosting in your home! We'd also welcome suggestions of other families that might be interested in hosting 2 or more visiting musicians from Heide, Germany.

For more information on the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and exchange program, visit <https://bluelake.org/international/>

For questions on the local program and hosting, contact Symphonic Band manager Mary Arthur, [maryarthur@charter.net](mailto:maryarthur@charter.net) or 920-579-1535.

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