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One focus of our scriptures for August is on Jesus, the bread of life; the living bread for the life of the world.

Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." (John 6:53-54 NIV)

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, i.e., a sacred mystery, ordained by Christ as a means of divine grace.

The following was written about the mystery of the Lord's Supper by Martin Luther in the Large Catechism: "It is the true body and blood of the Lord Christ in and under the bread and wine which we Christians are commanded by Christ's word to eat and drink... The sacrament is bread and wine, but not mere bread or wine such as is served at the table. It is bread and wine comprehended in God's Word and connected with it... The Word distinguishes it from mere bread and wine and constitutes a sacrament. We take the bread and wine with Christ's words: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Take and drink. Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Luther wrote that when we believe what the words say and what they give, we receive the power and benefit of the bread and wine. Our faith is renewed, and we are strengthened for the struggles before us. He made clear that the sacrament does not depend on our worthiness, but on Jesus' promise.

We have a commandment to participate and a promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God!

Your sister in Christ,

*Susan Schierstedt*

Congregation President

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## **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 8,  
2021 • 10:00 A.M.  
(FOLLOWING WORSHIP)**

Purpose of the meeting is to vote on a proposal to borrow up to \$75,000 to replace the roof on the education wing.

See the insert with this Builder for more details.

We need 33 voting members in attendance to establish a quorum and do official business.

Please mark your calendar now, and plan to attend!

## WELCA NEWS

**T**abitha Circle will NOT meet during July or August.

**L**ydia Circle will meet on August 10 at 1:00 p.m. at Gilles for lunch and Bible Study using the July Gather magazine. Any one who would like to join us is very welcome.

**L**ydia Circle will also meet on August 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor at church. We will do the August Bible study in the July/August Gather magazine.

**S**chool kits are 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 in the credenza in the main hallway.

**Q**UILTERS NEED YOUR HELP!! They are running out of quilt tops. There are packages of quilt squares in the credenza in the main upstairs hallway 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 (6/30/2021)

General Fund Income	\$106,453
General Fund Expenses:	\$94,042*
Loan Principal Payments:	\$ 9,713
Total Gen. Fund Expenditures:	<u>\$103,755</u>
Net Gain/Loss, YTD:	\$ 2,698*

\*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: \$ 3,292\*\*  
MIF Loan Balance as of 5/31/2021:  
\$148,307

\*\*gifts designated for debt reduction



### Sunday Socials

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

**AUGUST 1**

**Worship and Music will serve mini-cinnabons**

**AUGUST 8**

**WELCA will serve.**

**AUGUST 15**

**T.B.A.**

**AUGUST 22**

**Church Council will host the Social.**

**AUGUST 29**

**Youth will provide treats.**

## BOOK STUDY

**Mondays • Noon – 1:30 p.m. on Zoom**

**T**he 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!

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.

### "GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS"

**S**eptember 12 is known as "God's work, Our hands" day. This is a day where we as a church come together to serve our community and help others to know God. This year Church of Our Saviour will be putting together a small lunch and a community day for the neighborhood. To make this happen we will need plenty of volunteers. All ages are welcome to help! Donations are also welcome. Please contact Beth Arthurs by phone (920) 273-5965 or email [chikita\\_84@hotmail.com](mailto:chikita_84@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping or donating.



## 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.

### HEALING SERVICE

The next healing service will be included in  
the August 29 worship service at 9:00 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.

## THANK YOU!!

Dear friends at Church of Our Saviour,

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to  
all of you for your cards and prayers. A faith  
community who cares so much is so important  
to one's healing. You have meant a great deal  
to me through my surgery and recovery. I am  
progressing well, even if it is too slow for me. I  
hope to be back to church by fall or before.

-- Blessings, Bob Martin

Church of Our Saviour members,

Thank you for all who sent me cards for  
my 95th birthday. It was so special to me,  
and appreciated more than you can imagine.  
Beautiful cards. I have been blessed to be a  
member of Our Saviour's for so many years,  
since 1937. I wish everyone Gods blessings for  
good health, happiness and healing always.

-- Fran Hamilton

## MUSICIANS' POTLUCK

All musicians are invited to a potluck dinner  
on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m.  
The meal will be held at church. Adult Choir  
members, Handbell Choir members, those who  
participated in the Talent Show, all who share  
music through solos or ensembles - all ages - are  
welcome to attend! Bring your spouse or a friend  
or a prospective choir member and bring a dish  
to share. Dan Fee will provide after-dinner fun  
activities! Please sign up on the hall bulletin board  
or contact Janet Radke 920-979-3416 [music@oursavioursfdl.org](mailto:music@oursavioursfdl.org). Regular rehearsals will begin  
Wednesday, September 15 - bells at 6:45; adult  
choir at 6:45.

### TRAINING FOR USHERS, GREETERS, ASSISTING MINISTERS, LECTORS

There will be a training/refreshing/appreciation  
meeting held for ushers and greeters on  
Sunday, September 12. This is for all presently  
serving ushers and greeters and anyone new that  
might be interested in serving. There will be a  
training/refreshing/appreciation meeting held  
for assisting ministers and lectors on Sunday,  
September 19. This is for all assisting ministers  
and lectors presently serving and anyone new  
that might be interested in serving as an assisting  
minister or lector. Donuts and beverage will be  
served at these meetings!

New servants are always welcome! All ages are  
welcome! Please consider these ways to serve.  
Additional training will be provided, if needed. If  
interested, please contact Janet Radke 920-979-  
3416 [music@oursavioursfdl.org](mailto:music@oursavioursfdl.org) or sign up on the  
hall bulletin board.

### FOR THE RECORD

#### DEATHS

7/1/21 Dave Olofson

7/12/21 Nancy Waala

2/28/21-Gail Harder

#### MEMBERS REMOVED

Sydney Schlagenhaft (Schibbelhut)-Transfer to  
St. Luke Lutheran Church in Slinger

## NOON ORGAN RECITALS

The Fond du Lac Area Organists Association  
2021 Noon Organ Recital Series continues on  
Thursdays, 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. The August schedule  
is as follows:

**AUGUST 5, 2021 • ARPAD MURANYI**

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

**AUGUST 12, 2021 • JAKE KIM(SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENT), GEORGENE ANTOS, KRIS BARTELT**

First Presbyterian Church 1225 4th Street

**AUGUST 19, 2021**

**FATHER TOM LIJEWSKI & WENDY PELLETIER**

Shepherd of the Hills, W1562 County Road B, Eden

**AUGUST 26, 2021 • KEN HILL**

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

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

FOR

**JOHN TALASKA**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021**

**11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**LAKE SIDE 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.

COOS Youth



**“Evan Almighty”**

**FRIDAY, AUG. 6 • 8 P.M.**

**CHURCH PARKING LOT\***

- Fire with s'mores
- Popcorn and drinks provided
- Bring a chair, blanket, and a friend!

*\*Movie will be moved inside if there is inclement weather.*

CONTACT CHRISTIE KAUFMAN WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The call committee has been busy! After recently conducting virtual interviews with two pastoral candidates, we released one and voted to continue the call process with the other, and scheduled a second, in-person interview on Thursday, July 29.

We remain hopeful that our journey as your representatives will continue in a way that produces the best possible leader of our flock. We thank God for his help in this process and you for your prayers and patience. Call Committee members are: Bruce Schierstedt, Char Bohnsack, Joanne Talaska, Ruth Dequaine, and co-chairs Bob Martin and Dan Fee. Chistine Carew and Jackie Whitenack serve as active alternates.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**FAITHFULNESS IN A LITTLE PREPARES FOR FAITHFULNESS IN MORE**

Would you lend a stranger \$500, \$50, or \$5 – on a promise for pay back? Without a ‘track’ record you would hesitate! God may be hesitating to give us what we ask – wondering if we will be faithful. His measure is “what difference does it make for my kingdom?” If we start with one and return two, God is willing to invest again and then two becomes four - maybe He'll jump us to ten. Our faithfulness in the small things readies us for faithfulness in the bigger things – especially when it's for the kingdom of God!

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A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CONGREGATION  
WILL BE HELD  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 10:00 A.M.  
(FOLLOWING WORSHIP)**

The purpose of the meeting will be to authorize borrowing up to \$75,000 to contract with Security-Luebke Roofing, Inc. of Appleton for the following work:

- *Replace all roof sections on the education and elevator wings of the church, at a base cost of \$59,899.00. The FiberTite material that will be used has a 20-yr. warranty and a life expectancy of 35 years or more.*
- *Replace the current skylight with new, weather-proof commercial skylight inserts that can be fitted into the existing skylight structure. (This option is preferred over a slightly less-expensive option of capping the skylight and losing the natural light in the hallway.)*
- *Repair and replace a section of roof on the southwest corner of the sanctuary (near the old stairwell to the balcony) which has been subject to water retention and leakage due to previously-existing structural issues.*

RATIONALE: Upon receiving Council approval to pursue the project, the Property Committee and three Council members met with a Security Roofing representative on Monday, July 19. After hearing and reviewing his proposal, they voted unanimously to recommend this project to the congregation.

Another proposal from a different company was over \$100,000. If the work is delayed even one more year we can expect the same work by any contractor will be significantly more costly.

It should also be noted that our current debt is lower than it ever has been since the major renovation project in 2001, and interest rates for borrowing remain very favorable.