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— FOND DU LAC —

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May 2017

FALL/WINTER  
WORSHIP HOURS

8:00 a.m. Service w/Communion

9:15 a.m. Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Service w/Communion

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN

MAY 28

SUNDAYS 9:00 a.m.

SERVICE

MONDAYS 5:30 p.m.

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NO SERVICE ON

MEMORIAL DAY-

*"But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." 1 Corinthians 6:11b*  
Hallelujah. He is Risen!

In the glory of Resurrection Dawn and the indescribable joy of Easter, this month we continue our exploration of Luther's Small Catechism, continuing with the section concerning "The Sacrament of Baptism".

Our previous article on baptism in March looked at the question *"what gifts does baptism bring?"* This month, we turn to look at a more practical aspect of baptism, specifically *"How can water do such great things?"*

When people learn that I moved to the Midwest from Washington State, inevitably the conversation will turn to rain: "Oh, Seattle, it rains so much there." But, it's worth noting that the image of a city of perpetual rain is part of the celebrated local mythology – for example, the name of the local women's soccer team is pun, the *Seattle Reign*. But, for the record, it rains nearly as much here in Fond du Lac as it does in Seattle. In 2014, for example, Seattle had 31.55 inches of total precipitation. Over the same period Fond du Lac had a total 29.15 inches.

And in an area like Fond du Lac – and much of the Midwest where a large sections of the economy is rain dependent dry farming – it's rain is necessary part of life. That's in addition to our basic need to drink water to stay alive!

But when we speak of the waters of baptism, we aren't just talking about the water that we use to drink, to wash our clothes, to water our plants. We are talking about a water that provides us with new life, and seals us into the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And as Luther puts it: Clearly the water does not do it. Instead, it is the word of God, *"which is with and alongside the water, and faith, which trusts this word of God in the water."* Without the word, it is just plain water.

The Word of God – the Word, which was spoken by God at creation, by which the whole world was called into creation – the Word of God made flesh, incarnate in our Lord Jesus, who was crucified for our sins, and raised by god on the Third Day – it is in this Word that infuses waters of baptism more than plain water

Luther continues, "but with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a grace-filled water of life and a "bath of the new birth in the Holy Spirit."

So it is not the water alone that does great things – but water and the word, and the trust in the promise that in the waters of baptism, God seals us eternally by his holy spirit, to be participants in his Son's resurrection, and the hope of eternal life.

Soli Deo Gloria

Pastor Matthew Agee

## FOR THE RECORD

NEW MEMBER: Rachel Koehler

### MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY "KINDLING NEW FIRES OF LOVE"

MAY 5, 2017

COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
12:15 P.M. LUNCHEON  
1:30 P.M. PROGRAM

All are invited to Church Women United's May Friendship Day. This year's theme helps us explore how we might extend loving hands and hearts to address the needs of children in our community and in our world.

Our guest speaker will Mallory Gilbertson, Fondy Food Pantry's Food For Thought Coordinator. She will tell how this program has grown and how it impacts the lives of many children and families in Fond du Lac.

Those attending the event are invited to bring the following to share with the Food For Thought program: single serving instant oatmeal packets, granola bars or fruit cups. If you choose to donate money, checks may be made out to Fondy Food Pantry, with a notation for Food For Thought. Thank you.

Cost of the luncheon is \$6.00. You may pay in our church office. No tickets will be given but your name will be registered and the list shared with our hosts at Covenant United Methodist Church. See you there.

### Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event

This April 1st community wide event was a grand success. 15 churches in Fond du Lac stood together in raising funds and packing food for the poor in faraway places.

Thank you to all who participated either with your prayers, donations, or helping hands. God has shown His faithfulness through you. Thank you.

Final numbers:

- 221,832 meals packed, ( our goal was 200,000)
- 945 volunteers
- That will feed 607 children for a whole year!
- Our fundraising goal was \$44,000 and over \$50,000 came in.

You heard God's call and responded in an overwhelming way. We praise God for this. Thank you

MAY 15, 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.

**ADULT FORUMS** for the month of May are as follows:

May 7 Sue Schierstedt will lead us in Session 6 of "Faith, Sexism and Justice"

May 14 Mother's Day Conversation

May 21 Sue Schierstedt will lead us in Session 7 of "Faith, Sexism and Justice"

This will also be the Sunday for the Confirmation Reception and the last forum until Fall.

**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.**

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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.



**WOMEN OF THE ELCA** board meeting will be held on May 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** will take a look at 10 powerful reflections for our faith journey. God has blessed us with sisters throughout the generations with whom we can learn, hope and dream. These women were asked to share what it means to trust God, who knows us completely, with our joys and our struggles. We will be meeting on May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Please join us.

**TABITHA CIRCLE** will meet in the Parlor on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

**WELCA will be taking donations for Baby Care Kits in the month May and 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.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

All volunteers will be recognized on Sunday May 7. There will be cake and coffee for everyone in between services. Cake!

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN-GATHERING**

**May 19-20**

The return of Synod Assembly means it's time to lift up our Assembly service projects for 2017! This year the Shawano Conference will be the recipients of our assembly service projects. They have chosen two projects: Homme Home for Youth and Safe Haven of Shawano. The Appleton, Green Bay and Oshkosh conferences will be supporting Safe Haven Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Center in Shawano. Serving others specialized needs calls for specialized items:

Please consider donating some of the following items, there is a container in the Narthex for your donations:

- Wide packing tape
- Glue sticks
- Legal pads
- Copy paper 100W light bulbs
- File folders
- Deodorant
- Clip boards
- Infant Tylenol
- Flexible ice packs
- Diapers-size 4 & 5
- Pull ups-6 & up

This organization will benefit greatly from your giving. Thank you so much for helping out with this years' service project.

**FONDY FOOD PANTRY MAY**

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### **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.



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

Church of Our Saviour Youth Rummage Sale is a great opportunity to introduce people 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/monitors/printers, or mattresses
- Volunteer to help **Sort** and **Price** items the week of June 12-16
- Volunteer to pick up items from people'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 Pastor Matt at 920-922-0020 or [pastoragee@oursaviours-fdl.org](mailto:pastoragee@oursaviours-fdl.org)

### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – GENERAL FUND**

	March.	YEAR TO DATE
General Fund Income (includes day-care rent*)	\$18,985.	\$58,049
General Fund Expenses:	\$23,169.	\$66,670.
Loan Principal Payments:	\$1,883.	\$5,499.
Addition Principal Payments:	\$135.	\$405.
Total General Fund Expenditures:	\$25,187	\$72,574.
Net Gain / Loss:	\$(6,202)	\$(14,525)
Current Bank Loan Balance \$205,561.08 as of 03/10/2017		

### **Council Highlights – April, 2017**

- Holy Week, Easter services and Connie Weiss's ordination service and celebration were all very meaningful and well-received, and supported by the congregation with a lot of enthusiasm and parish pride. The musical contributions were especially appreciated.
- The new Photo Directory project is now underway with a firm from Oconto Falls.
- Easter offerings improved year-to-date income, but the general fund is still below budget on the income side.
- Some 200 used chairs were acquired from the Elks Club for under \$4/each; purchase covered by special gifts. Some of the old chairs were sold, and we disposed of the worst ones. Thanks to everyone who helped load, transport, unload and clean chairs to accomplish this project!
- We have the opportunity to purchase a newer replacement for our non-functional dishwasher for \$500. It will fit where the old one was and be installed by volunteers.
- There is great improvement in kitchen maintenance since the daycare hired a new cook/cleaning person.

- Parking lot and storm sewer improvements are “on hold” pending development of a plan to finance project.
- This summer Paul Kaestner will complete door refinishing, and Scout troop will restore and refurbish education windows. Thanks to Tom Pickart from True Value who came in to advise and make recommendations for the project.
- Planning Committee will meet with Council officers on May 9th to establish an Executive Committee that will work on administration and reorganization.
- The new Stewardship Committee will have its second meeting with ELCA advisors this week to continue working on stewardship development.
- The Ramsay Course is being well-attended; two more people enrolled after it started.
- Nine youth will be confirmed on May 21; names will be submitted to Council next month.
- The use of disposable name-tags and posting photos of new members on the bulletin board has been well-received by both members and visitors.
- Council accepted, with appreciation and regret, the resignation of Council member Audrey Jarvey, due to the Jarvey’s decision to live closer to their job locations during the week. Council will review procedures regarding Council vacancies and bylaw requirements for Council membership prior to next meeting.

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Calim Cardinal  
 1 Scott Stephany  
 2 Eldora Alby  
 2 Kelly Merten  
 2 Jason Roberts  
 2 Andrea Rukstad  
 2 Jennifer Shaw  
 3 Loraine Lepien  
 3 Mark Schaefer  
 4 Rachel Mahoney  
 4 Sydney Schibbelhut  
 5 Jane Agee  
 5 Morse Anderson  
 5 Amanda Baneck  
 5 Logan Manninen  
 5 Michael Steffensen  
 7 Jeremy Potratz  
 7 Jeremy Pressnell  
 9 Todd Shippee

10 Michelle Paul  
 10 Marcella Wigg  
 11 Nancy Borst  
 11 Kara Emery  
 11 Deborah Greuel  
 11 Vernon Hoppman  
 11 Duane Preissner  
 11 Angela Sheldon  
 12 Julie Lawson  
 13 Amanda Hackl  
 15 Connor Cassidy  
 16 Lynne Schibbelhut  
 16 Tyler Stephany  
 17 Lisa Boris  
 17 Jorden Christensen  
 17 Rita Metzger  
 19 Donald Jarvey  
 20 Judy Bengel  
 20 Julieanne Bennett  
 20 Savanna Stiller  
 21 Delila Ziegler  
 22 Tracy Mielkie-Thill  
 22 Kirk Veit  
 24 Gail Simon  
 24 Chelsey Willis  
 25 Robert Fyvie  
 26 Amanda Frank  
 27 Heddy Pahnke  
 28 Thomas Petri  
 29 Nicholas Bjornstad  
 29 Janet Halfman  
 29 David Landowski  
 29 Hayden Pahnke  
 29 Miranda Weiss  
 30 Aaron Baldauf  
 30 Elijah Breitrick  
 30 Melinda Mason