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WINTER/FALL  
SUNDAYS  
8:00 A.M. SERVICE  
9:15 A.M. EDU. HOUR  
10:30 A.M. SERVICE

November 2017

*“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.” Psalm 51:15*

Are you good at prayer? Do you wish that you were better at praying? Do you ever wonder what you should pray for, or how to pray?

For many people, prayer is second nature. For others, including me, prayer is more difficult, something that doesn't come as naturally as we'd like. But over the years, I have learned that like many skills, prayer is something you can develop through regular practice. And while we get a good prayer workout on Sundays, what about the rest of the week? What would it be like to practice multiple times every day?

Historically the church has had a template for daily prayer called the Liturgy of the Hours, or the Daily Office. This is a series of eight prayer services held over the course of a single day (and no, that doesn't include daily Mass!). Typically, you would begin your day with a service called Matins before sunrise (around 3 a.m.) and conclude with Compline before bed (about 8 p.m.).

This is actually still part of our Lutheran tradition. Of course, because there aren't many occupations that allow a person to pause every few hours for a church service, our current hymnal includes only three daily prayer settings—morning, evening, and night.

The concluding prayer for the morning service is actually taken directly from Luther's Small Catechism. Remember, Luther wrote his catechism with the expectation that it would be a teaching tool for parents, a way to practice daily prayer at home. Let's look at Luther's morning prayer:

*I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin*

*and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

This prayer begins with thanksgiving for protection through the night: in other words, with our first thoughts each morning, we give thanks to God for the miracle and the gift of life. Next we ask for God's continued presence during the day, moving beyond physical protection during the night into the challenges of each day: sin, temptation, things that lure us from God. Next, we commend ourselves to God. We surrender all that we are to God, putting our trust in God's will. The prayer concludes by asking God to send holy angels to guard us from the evil foe, and guide us from darkness toward light.

A daily morning prayer prompts us to begin each day at the empty tomb at Easter. We entrust ourselves—all that we are—to the promise of God and the glory of Christ's resurrection.

To paraphrase the old adage: to practice prayer makes us aware of the one who is perfect!

Soli Deo Gloria

Pastor Matthew Agee

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017



**Keep us up to date**

Have there been changes that the church needs to be aware of? Have you dropped your land line or added a cell phone? Do you have an email address that you would like us to know about? Has your address changed? If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection plate or in the office. Email is the least costly way for us to communicate. Thanks for helping us update our records.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR THE RECORD**

**BAPTISM:** 9/24/17 Lucas Samuel Mueller, Son of Samuel and Stacy Mueller

9/24/17 Lydia Adaline Hubbard, Daughter of Brandon and Samantha Hubbard

9/24/17 John Diovanni Ferrarelli, Son of John and Amber Ferrarelli

**November 21, 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.

**DECEMBER AND JANUARY  
BUILDER ARTICLES**

With Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner, volunteers and staff will be busy preparing for the Holidays, not to mention mail delivery taking longer than normal. We are asking for you to please have your December Builder articles into the church office by Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and January Builder articles into the office by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you.  
Kay

**BUILDER ARTICLE** deadline is the 15th of each month. (Articles are always welcome earlier in the month!). Please take note of December and January early DEADLINE.

**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.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**



Looking forward: Completed Committee reports for the Annual Report will be due in the office, Monday, **December, 11<sup>th</sup>**. The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Service.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



There is a sign up on the bulletin board for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day Service volunteers. We need Assistant Ministers, Greeters, Ushers, Lectors and Acolytes. Thank you in advance!!



## WOMEN OF THE ELCA 2017-2018 SCHEDULE UPDATES

Changes were made to the 2018 Church Women United schedule and need to be changed in our WELCA booklet that was mailed to each woman of the congregation. The changes are as follows:

**March 2 (Not 2/15)** - 1 p.m. World Day of Prayer at Memorial Baptist Church

**March 22 (Not 3/15)** - 9:15 a.m. General meeting at Salem United Methodist Church

**November 3 (Not 10/18)** 1 p.m. World Community Day at Covenant United Methodist Church  
Please update your booklet to the corrected information.

## BOARD MEETING FOR WOMEN OF THE

**ELCA** will be held on November 6, 2017 at 1:30 in the conference room. Anyone interested is welcomed to attend along with the board members.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Our Bible Study is "The Apostles' Creed" Creeds are more than just words. They carry us through doubt, sorrow and joy. In session two: We believe in Jesus Christ...Suffered. Crucified. Died. Rose again. What can we learn about Jesus from the words of the Apostles' Creed? This study is written by Julia Seymour and is found in the WELCA "Gather" magazine. Please join us for this study. Any questions call Colleen Rispalje at 922-8516 or Jill Bjornstad at 922-1556.

**TABITHA CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00 in the parlor. We would love to have you join us, bring a friend, or if you just want to come and see what we are about we welcome new faces! Questions? Call Norma @921-4624 or Marion @ 922-5647

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS LWR

Following are the counts of the kits we were able to send to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to all who gave items for these kits and help make quilts!!

51	Care Kits
52	School Kits
33	Baby Care Kits
9	Sewing Kits
89	Quilts

If we were to pay for shipping overseas for these kits it would cost \$446.60. If you want to help pay towards this cost please use a pew envelope and mark it LWR shipping.

Thank You!  
Jill Bjornstad

## LET'S RESUPPLY OUR CHURCH PANTRY!!



It is time to resupply our Church pantry for the new school year. Please look for the listing on the bulletin board of things needed and take one or more items to purchase. Some of the items we will need are: fruit juice, packaged cookies, cling wrap, plastic forks, paper towels, quart size Ziploc bags, gallon Ziploc bags, dish soap, and Kleenex. We could also use money to be used for the purchase of cases of plates and cups. Donations can be brought to the church office. Checks made out to WELCA. Thank you for your consideration.

**THANKOFFERINGS:** It is November and as WELCA members we think of Thanksgiving and **Thankoffering Time** to support the work of Women in the ELCA. We share a tradition that goes back to the 1800's when Christian women formed mite or cent societies to support the mission of the church. In these societies, each women collected offerings at home. When Women of the ELCA was formed 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come we collect our offerings during the month of November. Please use the attached blue WELCA envelope for your donations, or clearly mark Thankofferings/WELCA on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of WELCA. Char Bohnsack, Treasurer

A reminder that Church Women United WORLD COMMUNITY DAY will be held at Memorial Baptist Church, 645 Forest Avenue, Fond du Lac on November 3 at 1:30 p.m.  
If you would like a ride, call Jill Bjornstad - 922-1556.

The **WELCA Board** decided to give our shut-ins/special members the same gift this Christmas.



We would greatly appreciate donations to cover the cost. If you care to donate you can write a check to WELCA and put Christmas gifts on the memo line or put cash in an envelope and put your name and Christmas gifts on the outside of the envelope. This money can be put in the offering plate or leave it in the office. We will be wrapping the gifts on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the parlor. After the wrapping we will decorated the church for the holidays. Many hands make light work! Everyone is invited to help with this project. We need ladder climbers especially. Mark your calendar for these activities.

After we are done we will have our annual Appetizer Potluck Meal. Mark your calendar now so you remember to join us.

**MEN'S DARTBALL:** Come and join in on the good fellowship, fun, and camaraderie starting on November 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing on Thursday's at 7:00 pm.



Teams are chosen every Thursday evening, so, regular attendance is not necessary. So, please come whenever it is convenient for you. The games usually last between 1 ½- 2 hours. Everyone is invited- need not be a member of COOS.

### **Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving**

Church of Our Saviour offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will especially appreciate electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church.

There are authorization forms in the office also on our web-site: [oursavioursfdl.org](http://oursavioursfdl.org)

Electronic contributions can be made using any of the following payment methods:

- Checking Account
- Savings Account
- Credit Card
- Debit Card

## **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.

## **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**

### **It's God's! We are only tenants**

Do I really own anything? I mean really? If I own a home but don't pay the taxes – I'll soon find out who really owns it. Consider the lumber and materials that my home is made of – who created that. When we make things we use the 'stuff' that God created. He has entrusted us the use of his creation. But God is not blind – there is a 'day-of-reckoning'. We're really only tenants – God is the owner. We don't have possessions but responsibilities.

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

	SEPT.	YEAR TO DATE
<b>General Fund Income (includes day-care rent*)</b>	\$18,918.	\$185,127.
<b>General Fund Expenses:</b>	\$18,763.	\$178,121.
<b>Loan Principal Payments:</b>	\$1,800.	\$16,661.
<b>Addition Principal Payments:</b>		\$1005.
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures:</b>	\$20,563.	\$195,227.
<b>Net Gain / Loss:</b>	(\$1,645.)	(\$10,100.)
<b>Current Bank Loan Balance \$193,799.83as of 09/10/2017</b>		

Please remember to mark i.e. Drainage/Parking Lot, Parking Lot, DPC or the likes in the "**specific**" area of your offering envelope, when giving to the Drainage and Parking Lot Fund.

Thank You

### **ADULT FORUMS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

November 5 PBS Movie - Martin Luther - Part 1

This is the newest movie on the life of Martin Luther that was presented on PBS in September

November 12 PBS Movie - Martin Luther - Part 2

We will see the conclusion of the movie we started last Sunday

November 19 LuAnn Ferguson, Regional Manager, Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA

We have our Church loan with this fund

November 26 No Adult Forum - just coffee and conversation

December 3 Advent Bible Study - Pastor Matt

December 10 Advent Bible Study - Pastor Matt

December 17 Advent Bible Study - Pastor Matt

December 24 No Adult Forum - one service only at 10:30 a.m.

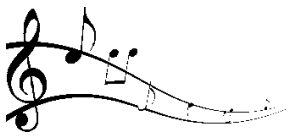
December 31 No Adult Forum

- 20 people are signed up to attend the Youth Gathering in Houston next summer, including 14 youth and 6 chaperones.
- Reformation Sunday Oct. 29 will include processional and everyone attending will receive a copy of Luther's Small Catechism. Re attire is suggested, and red ribbons provided.
- Caroling at the Lutheran Home with choir and youth will take place on Dec. 6.
- Personnel and Nominating Committees will meet to organize on Oct. 28. Immediate goals are to find nominees for council and other appointments, along with future staffing needs and job descriptions.
- Executive/Planning Committee has reviewed the organizational restructuring plan that was developed when Pastor Matt arrived in 2012. Council will review and update at future meetings.
- Paul Kaestner has been monitoring the water-damaged walls in the back portion of the sanctuary; hopefully they will dry out enough to repaint before the holidays.
- After discussion Council agreed that fund-raising projects at this time be focused on raising the needed funds to help our youth attend the Houston Youth Gathering.
- Volunteers are being identified who can do set-up and take-down for meetings and other activities, i.e. set up tables, chairs, etc. since we no longer have a full-time custodian to do these chores.
- Boy Scout Troop 792 will be selling Scout popcorn and Christmas wreaths for the final time on Oct. 22.

### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – OCTOBER, 2017**

- Financing for capital campaign and existing debt is proceeding with Mission Investment Fund and process should be completed this month.
- New Church Management System (CMS) software for membership records is installed and up and running.
- Pledges for the Capital Campaign are nearing 90% of goal and fall phase will be underway soon.
- Pastor will coordinate with Property and Finance Committees on allocating designated funds to complete installation of new dishwasher and railings for front steps (needed to meet current codes).
- New signs will be made to help visitors locate church office. Also new signs for main floor restrooms.
- Paul will look into obtaining sturdy shelving to help in organizing storage areas.
- Confirmation classes will begin on Oct. 18.





## MUSIC MINISTRY

Janet Radke 979-3416 [music@oursaviours-fdl.org](mailto:music@oursaviours-fdl.org)

**November 5 - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** – You will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

**November 5 – CHORALE WORSHIP SERVICE and POTLUCK** - The worship services this day will follow Luther's German mass format in which parts of the liturgy are replaced with hymns. Hymns will be sung in English! A pot-luck lunch will follow the 10:30 worship service.

**November 19 – HEALING SERVICES AT 8:00 AND 10:30**

**December 10 – ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS, HYMNS, AND ANTHEMS –**

**8:00 and 10:30** - The Adult Choir and Handbell Choir will lead this special worship service that will combine both scripture and music to tell the story of the expectation and birth of Christ.

If you aren't able to sing with the choir on a regular basis, maybe you'd like to be a choir temp and join us to sing for this festival and Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:45pm. Adults and senior high youth are welcome to be part of this music ministry.

**February or March – (TBD) – Talent Show!**

Watch for more information as plans are being made for the annual talent show at COOS. It's not too early to start thinking about sharing your talents. All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate!

# THANK YOU!

**TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED  
THE CAMPAIGN TO MAKE OUR  
DRAINAGE AND PARKING LOT  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT A REALITY!!**

Since the Capital Campaign for the Drainage & Parking Lot Project was initiated on October 1, our ***current pledge total through Oct. 22 is \$134,115 or 89% of our goal of \$150,000.*** The Property, Stewardship and Finance Committees join in thanking the congregation for their strong support of this necessary improvement project!! Now that we have sufficient pledges to more than cover the cost of Phase 1, the digging of trenches and laying in the drainage pipes will be completed during this coming month. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge yet, we ask you to spend some time in prayer and consider pledging to help meet our goal of \$150,000. Pledges can be brought or sent to the office, or they can be placed into the offering plates during services. Thank you for your generous support.