



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

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WINTER/FALL  
SERVICE HOURS

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

April 2017

*My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed. (Luke 1:46-48)*

If you were to look in your hymnal for a complete list of the Holidays (or Holy Days) of the church year, you'd find that in addition to Easter, Christmas, and Pentecost, we have a whole host of *Lesser Festivals and Commemorations*. In the past it was common for the church to hold daily worship services, and tradition eventually assigned a specific topic to each day of the year, taken from events from the Bible (such as the Presentation of Our Lord), or a day to remember and lift up the example of a saint (the celebration of this would be upon the day of their death).

One of the most famous and ancient of these festivals is the Feast of the Annunciation. This day celebrates when the angel Gabriel visited the Virgin Mary and *announced* that she would bear a child, Jesus, who would be the Lord.

The Annunciation is always on March 25. Nine months later, we celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

Now, we Lutherans don't typically celebrate this feast. Much of this has to do with our post-Reformation theology, and habits of removing lesser festivals. Some of this also has to do with where it falls on the calendar. In late March, we are either in Lent, or around Easter, and since this festival is always on the 25th of March (this year, that was a Saturday), it's not included in the already packed schedule.

But, you'll note that we still have it in our book and calendar, because this is a very important biblical story. First, we see the faith of Mary. Scholars typically agree that Mary was around 14 years old at the time of the Annunciation, which is

when a young woman would be married in ancient Israel. She stands out as one of the strongest women in the Bible, trusting God in the most impossible situation pretty much ever. And she didn't just accept her role as the one who would give birth to the Son of God; she offers the response: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord," followed by a powerful and poetic declaration of God's power. Can you imagine saying all that at age 14?

Second, the Annunciation is an essential part of the incarnation of our Lord. That God would come to earth, be born, take on flesh, and die—this is God's declaration of his love for this world, his salvation for all nations, the promise of a light that will destroy darkness forever.

And so as we gather over the last few weeks of Lent, before we find ourselves in Jerusalem, the Three Days, and Easter, it's all in the hope of the resurrection, the forgiveness of sins, and eternal life. And like Mary, I pray that when we hear this promise proclaimed before the empty tomb on Easter morning, we can say, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord."

Soli Deo Gloria

Pastor Matthew Agee



Thank you to the anonymous person for the Pick n Save Gift card. It was very kind of you to think of me.

Ida Seager



**LADIES NIGHT OUT** will be held on April 27 at Sebastian's Steak House, 770 South Main Street, Fond du Lac. We will order off the menu. Cocktails will be at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to sign up on the sign-up sheet so we can give the restaurant the number attending for table set-up. Any questions ask Marion Eggert (922-5647).



**MUSIC MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

will sing with the adult choir on Palm Sunday, April 9 at the 10:30 worship service. Parents – Please bring your children to rehearsals which are Sunday mornings in the sanctuary at 9:15. Thank you!

Questions? Contact Janet at 979-3416 or [music@oursavioursfdl.org](mailto:music@oursavioursfdl.org).

**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)

**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.

**CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS**

Be sure to stop into the coffee hour on Sunday, April 23, in the Parlor. Riverside School is providing the treats as a way to say thank you to us for our support throughout the years. We have the opportunity to let them know how much this ministry means to us also. Please join us.



**2017 LENT and EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

April 5: 12:00 p.m. Worship  
5:30 p.m. Worship  
6:15 p.m. Lenten Supper (WELCA)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

April 13: 12:00 p.m. Worship  
6:30 p.m. Worship

**GOOD FRIDAY**

April 14: 12:00 p.m. Worship  
6:30 p.m. Worship

**EASTER SUNDAY**

April 16: 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
8:00 a.m. Service  
10:30 a.m. Service

**Easter Continental Brunch** between the Sun Rise Service and the 8:00 a.m. service and from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Please join us and bring a brunch item to share such as: coffee cake, egg bake, deviled eggs, fresh fruit, donuts holes, mini muffing, etc.

**APRIL ADULT FORUMS**

- April 2 The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Led by Pastor Matt
- April 9 Led by Pastor Matt
- April 16 Easter Continental Brunch
- April 23 Peace Corp Experience in Moldova Ellen Swan will tell us of her two years in Moldova including learning the Romanian Language
- April 30 Human Trafficking in Fond du Lac. Nancy Irizarry chair of the Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Consortium and a member of the statewide Human Trafficking Task Force will focus on the issues in our area and explain how anyone can be targeted for slavery.

**OSHKOSH CONFERENCE SPRING EVENT**

will be held on April 22 at Grace Lutheran Church, 430 W. Griswold Street, Ripon from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year's theme is: This is My Story: based on Psalm 18:24. The speaker will be Mary Voell, founder of Legacies: One World, Many Stories. Attendees are requested to bring non-perishable items for the local food pantry such as tuna, canned meats, diapers, soap and feminine items. Registration is \$12.00 for materials and a light breakfast and lunch. Talk to Jill Bjornstad if you are interested in going so we can all send our registrations together or call her at 922-1556..

**Women of the ELCA** Board meeting will be held on April 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room

**LYDIA CIRCLE** will meet on April 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Ramona Bennett will be our Study Guide and Jane Emery will be our Hostess. The Lesson is "For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free". What does it mean to love our neighbors as ourselves? Our Christian freedom empowers us to embrace the ministry of reconciliation for both Paul and Luther freedom in Christ means living life in service of others. Our text is: Galatians 5:1-6:18. Please join us. Any questions or if you need a ride call Jill at 922-1556.

**TABITHA CIRCLE** will meet in the Parlor on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

**WELCA will be taking donations for the Quilters in the month April**

Needed: Cotton Fabric  
Cash donation to purchase thread, sewing machine needles, have scissors sharpened.

The following used supplies will be accepted if they are clean and in good condition: Old sheets, quilts, bedspreads, mattress pads, blankets, curtains and drapes (cotton only) and clothing large enough for squares—no jeans.

Ways you can help with quilting:  
Help is needed to cut squares and sew quilt tops at home.

Anyone interested in helping with the quilts at church can stop in and see what the quilters do. We are downstairs in Stecker Hall every Tuesday from 9:00 am until noon.

**Come whenever you can,  
stay as long as you are able**

**FONDY FOOD PANTRY APRIL**

A lways	A lphabet soup,
P ray while	P asta of any kind,
R esponding	R ice krispies/cereal and
I n	I n plastic-spaghetti sauce
L ove	L ead to full shelves.

A nother  
P artner in ministry  
R eally makes an  
I ncredible,  
L asting impact on others.

**BUNCO FAMILY NIGHT  
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR**

Sat. April 29 6-8 pm in Parlor.



Come for a fun night of playing Bunco. All ages welcomed. Bunco is a fun, easy to learn dice game.

Please bring a snack to share.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Yes, the day after Easter☺**

**We'll be playing BINGO!!!!**

**XYZ = eXtra POTLUCK Years of Zest**

**Please join us as XYZ starts a new year! 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 the New 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.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT –  
GENERAL FUND**

	Feb.	YEAR TO DATE
<b>General Fund In- come (includes day- care rent*)</b>	\$20,215.	\$39,106
<b>General Fund Expenses:</b>	\$21,892.	\$43,020.
<b>Loan Principal Payments:</b>	\$1,811.	\$3,616.
<b>Addition Principal Payments:</b>	\$135.	\$270.
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures:</b>	\$23,838.	\$46,906.
<b>Net Gain / Loss:</b>	\$(3,623).	\$(7,800.)
<b>Current Bank Loan Balance \$207,578.49 as of 02/10/2017</b>		

### COUNCIL MARCH 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Pastor made nine hospital visits, five home visits, and held one pre-marital counseling session. He also attended numerous meetings, and parish and synod functions.
- Connie Weiss' ordination is on April 1 and plans are coming together. A large attendance is expected.
- Our income is not keeping up with expenses. We will start putting a report of actual and needed income in the weekly announcements.
- Daycare has hired someone to clean kitchen daily.
- Property Committee has extended Wi-Fi to the youth room.
- Pastor will be meeting with a recommended photo directory company from Oconto Falls.
- On April 29 we will hold the first parish "family night" featuring "bunko."
- The Talent Show was a great success, with over 20 acts and a large attendance.
- Youth met on March 20 to plan for Youth Gathering in Houston in summer, 2018.
- Purchase of 20 new hymnals for the parlor was approved, using money from the special projects fund. (Needed for choir rehearsals and summer worship.)
- A committee met with ELCA stewardship specialists last week to begin working on stewardship development. The Committee includes Rich Radke, Mary Arthur, Bruce Schierstedt, Linda Lepien and Pastor Matt.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 June Diener
- 1 Joyce Kellett
- 2 Arthur Otte
- 3 Melinda Hendricks
- 3 Gregory Talaska
- 5 Meg McEssey
- 7 Sandra Davis
- 7 Arthur Hintz
- 8 David Blumke
- 8 Joyce Born
- 9 John Karls
- 10 Ruth Duquaine
- 11 Donald Rabbitt
- 12 Cindy Kearley
- 13 Corinne Freismuth
- 14 Carol Bortz
- 14 Nathaniel Jodarski
- 14 Jonah Lawson
- 15 Patty Knubis
- 15 Nancy Munson
- 16 Rick Breitrick
- 17 Dana Gellings

- 17 Brian Snyder
- 18 Emily Blumke
- 19 Tiffany Feuerhammer
- 19 Darlene Fyvie
- 19 Rachelle Nyberg
- 19 Dawn WYROBECK
- 20 Jodi Korff
- 21 Paul Blumke
- 24 William Turner
- 24 Tayler WYROBECK
- 25 Daniel Calvey
- 25 William Paul
- 25 Melissa Sheldon
- 26 Bradley Amrhein
- 26 Katherine Flatt
- 27 Jamie Dillman
- 27 Aaron Halfman
- 28 Kathleen Grap
- 28 Kathryn Gregory
- 29 Debbie Breitrick
- 29 Cody Cardinal
- 30 Matthew Agee
- 30 Nikki Willner

### 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.