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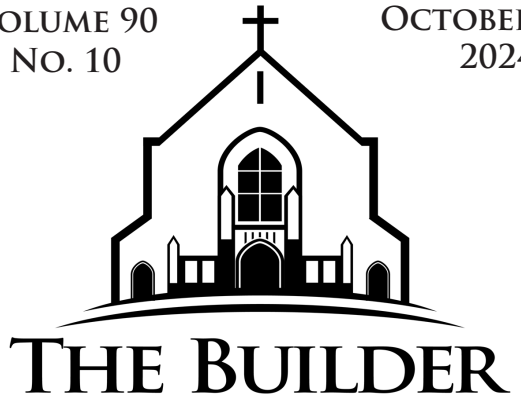
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### From the Pastor

Beloveds -

The Changing of the Seasons

O God of all the seasons,  
We feel the change around us  
Gradually, each day gets a little bit cooler  
Each night a call for a bonfire and thicker blankets  
For sweaters, pumpkins, and chai tea lattes

We see the change around us  
Children walking, biking, waiting for buses to get to school  
We hear the sounds of the marching band  
We watch football games on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday  
The trees are starting to change their colors

As we experience the changes of the season  
We ask that you bless us.  
For the changing of the seasons reminds us  
That everything changes

May God bless us  
At this changing of the seasons  
And in the changes of our lives

Blessings+

*Pastor Crystal*



**WELCA SUNDAY IS ON OCTOBER 20.** Our preacher will be Rev. Paula Ramcke-Wilke, a retired ELCA pastor who joined our congregation last year. Our women will serve as worship assistants and provide refreshments following worship. WELCA kits and quilts will be on display, and we will be happy to answer your questions about our projects!

There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway for food donations and help with serving.

**WELCA Board of Directors** will meet on Zoom on Monday, October 7 at 1:45 p.m.

**Tabitha Circle** will meet on Tuesday, October 15, 1:00 p.m. in the parlor.

**Lydia Circle** will meet on Tuesday, October 22, 1:30 p.m. in the parlor.

**Lutheran World Relief Kits and quilts** will be blessed at worship on Sunday, Sept. 29. On Saturday, October 5, they will be transported to Appleton on their way to destinations around the world.

## FABRIC KIT DONATIONS

**W**ELCA is collecting for **Lutheran World Relief Fabric Kits** during the months of September and October. Each fabric kit includes:

**Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric** (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring:

- 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric, or
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

**Two spools of matching general purpose thread**, 250-300 yards each.

Your donations of items from the list are welcome, as well as money with which to purchase items. Leave items in the credenza in the main hallway.

## WELCA ENVELOPES

**E**nclosed with this mailing you will find our COOS WELCA envelope, which may be used in support of any or all of the LOCAL projects of Church of Our Saviour Women of the ELCA. These include Lutheran World Relief Kits and our General Fund, which is used for kitchen and hospitality supplies, shut-in gifts, general expenses and more. (Thank Offerings received in November do not stay here; they went directly to national WELCA offices to support those programs.)

You are invited to use the envelope this month or put it aside for use at a later date. The envelopes are also available in our pew racks. You may make your checks out to WELCA - Church of Our Saviour, put in the offering plate, mail to the church office, or send directly to Char Bohnsack, 25 Heritage Ct. FdL 54935.

Thank you for your support of WELCA!

## SUNDAY FORUM

10:15 A.M. IN THE PARLOR

*All above Sunday School age are welcome to attend the Sunday forum.*

## ELCA STUDY ON CIVIC LIFE AND FAITH

**A** 6-session ELCA Study on Civic Life and Faith. got underway Sept. 15. Pastor Crystal and Mary Arthur are co-leading this study, Coming topics are:

- Oct. 6 - "What Are Lutheran Views on Civic Life?"
- Oct. 13 - "What Are the Objectives of Democracy in the United States?"
- Oct. 20 - "What's Faith-based Living Got to Do With Civic Life?"
- Nov. 3 - "How Do We Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord in Civic Life?"

On Oct. 27, the Forum will be replaced with a social hour for Pastor Matt, Jennifer and Jane Agee, who will be with us to begin our 100 year anniversary celebration.

## CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS

Thirteen families and twenty-four children were served when the Riverside Closet was open on September 19. Thank you to our congregation for the dedicated sharing with those in our community who find it difficult to provide clothing for their children. Your gifts bring smiles and security to those in need. We are blessed, and we are privileged to be able to share those blessings with others.

As September ends and October begins, we know that we need to focus on warmer clothing for both girls and boys. Our sizes range from 4T to size 14 (extra large). Because of some very generous donations, we have an abundant supply of socks and underwear right now, but donations of long sleeved shirts and tops, jeans, sweaters and long pants will all be welcomed. Please put your donations in the Riverside Closet baskets in the hallway credenza. Our next date to open the closet to families is October 17.

Working together, as we have for so many years, continues to provide a witness of our loving God to those who donate and to those who receive. Thank you. God bless you all.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY › NOV. 3

All Saints Sunday is November 3. We will be remembering the saints from Church of Our Saviour who passed away during the last year, as well as any other names submitted by members of the congregation, for the candle lighting ceremony. There is a form with this mailing for you to provide names of individuals that you would like included in the All Saints Day Remembrance. Please return the form to the office no later than October 28.

## SOLUTIONS CENTER “ITEM OF THE MONTH”

The Solutions Center’s October items are paper towels and regular coffee. Donations may be left in the hallway credenza.

## MONDAY BOOK CLUB

MONDAYS • NOON – 1:30 P.M. ON ZOOM

NEW BOOK STARTING SEPTEMBER 30

***Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S. ... by Lenny Duncan***

The Monday Book Club has finished reading *Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived* by Rob Bell and will begin reading ***Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.*** by Lenny Duncan.

Duncan is the unlikely of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the ELCA. Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, ***Dear Church*** offers a bold new vision for the future of the ELCA and the broader mainline Christian community. It rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone - leaders and laity alike - to the front lines of the church’s renewal through racial equality and justice.

No study questions, leader or preparations - we just read and discuss informally! ALL are welcome! Contact Mary Arthur, [maryathur@charter.net](mailto:maryathur@charter.net) to receive the Zoom link each week.

### FINANCIAL REPORT - AUGUST, 2024 (YTD)

General Fund Income YTD:	\$179,050
General Fund Expenses:	\$151,988
Loan Principal Payments:	\$ 11,657
Total Gen. Fund Expenditures:	\$163,645
Net Gain/Loss to date 2024:	\$15,405
Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments:	\$810**

MIF Loan Balance as of 08/31/24: \$167,750

*\*\*gifts designated for debt reduction are sent to MIF at the end of each calendar quarter.*

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND REPORT to 8/30/24

Donations received:	\$100,124
Amount borrowed from MIF:	\$ 29,839
Expenditures:	(\$122,134)
Available to spend:	\$ 7,828

# CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

“100 YEARS OF SERVING  
IN GOD’S LOVE”

OCT. 27, 2024 - OCT. 26, 2025

**REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

**WELCOME PASTOR MATT AGEE!!**

We begin our Centennial Celebration on Reformation Sunday, as we welcome Pastor Matthew Agee back as our guest preacher.

Everyone is encouraged to wear something red to celebrate this festive day!

Pastor Matt Agee was called to be Pastor of Church of Our Saviour after graduating from Wartburg Theological Seminary in May, 2012. He began his ministry with us on 7/1/12 and left on 7/31/19 after accepting a call to St. Peter Lutheran Church in Dubuque, IA, where he continues to serve as pastor.

Following 9 a.m. worship, there will be time for refreshments and visiting in the church parlor, followed by a potluck dinner in Stecker Hall beginning at 11:30 a.m. ALL are invited!! Please bring a dish to share, and join us as we welcome Pastor Matt and his family and celebrate the beginning of our Centennial Year!

## **NEW LOGO**

On October 27, as part of our Celebration, we will also be introducing our NEW Church of Our Saviour logo, which was chosen through a selection process of designs submitted to the church council by graphic artists online.

## **FALL FRIENDSHIP MEAL**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 • 5 P.M.**

On Nov. 21 we will continue our Centennial Celebration with a Fall Friendship Meal! Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and desserts will be served, and Bright Beginnings Daycare families will be our invited guests! There will be a sign-up for donations of bread, milk and desserts. The meal is free; free-will donations will be appreciated.

# YOUTH CORNER

## YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

**WED. OCT. 2 & 9:** Youth Group from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## **CONFIRMATION LOCK-IN**

6th thru 8th Grade Youth

5 p.m. Fri. Oct. 18 - 8 a.m. Sat. Oct. 19

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

We are sad to announce that our Parish Administrator, Emily Zeise, has submitted her resignation. Her last day in the church office will be Thursday, Oct. 17. Emily, Travis, and Riley will be moving to Oregon at the end of October. We offer our blessings and prayers for them during this time of transition for their family.

The Personnel Committee has hired Traci Kovacs to take over the bookkeeping role in our church office as of October 1. Kay Salzman had resigned from the bookkeeping position as of July 31, and we thank those who took over portions of the bookkeeping job temporarily while a permanent replacement was found.

Please keep this hard-working committee in your prayers as they engage in the process of finding a new parish administrator.

## PRAYER LIST / PRAYER CHAIN

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.

Our Prayer Chain provides an opportunity for men and women alike, even those who are homebound or too busy for other activities, to make a meaningful contribution to our congregation's spiritual life! Please contact Jill Bjornstad (920-922-1556) for more information.