

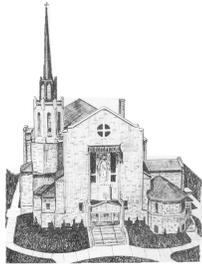
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## Our Savior's Lutheran Church



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*"A Church Where God's Diversity Works"*

FROM PASTOR BARBARA:

Someone sent me another article about the decline of the mainline denomination churches. The theory of the author is that it is not cultural changes that are causing the decline. It is grief.

There is a lot to that theory. Pastor Betty and I have written and talked about the grief of loss of membership, of worship attendance, of income over the decades. In doing that we hope to help all of us see that it is normal to grieve losses of any kind. We hope to move the church forward by finding ways to heal from the grief and see a new way ahead.

The author of the article says: "The church of my childhood is gone and never coming back. I mourn its passing because it meant a lot to me growing up. But just because it was good for me at that time, doesn't mean that everyone for now to eternity has to have that same experience. That would be sad and boring — and they would still have to use overhead projectors." From my own background in Scandinavia, Wisconsin, it would be "filmstrips and flannel boards."

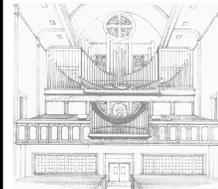
I think that on some level we all know that we need to change our ways, our attitudes, and our attitudes toward change, if the church is going to survive. But that is "easier said than done."

A response written to the article was even more intriguing. That person wrote: "I think you are absolutely right about recognizing

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### Sunday, July 10

Come for the 10:00 a.m. service  
Stay for the TACO LUNCH so you can enjoy the 1:00 p.m. Organ Recital by Brian Schoettler



### Sunday, July 24

Come for the 10:00 a.m. service  
Stay for the Informational Meeting about the roof repair proposal



### Sunday, July 31

Come for the 10:00 a.m. service which will be led by the youth  
Stay for the Special Congregational Meeting to vote on the roof proposal



***Our Savior's is a***

***member of Central City Churches, Inc.***

***and is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation***

## **OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

***A church where God's diversity works***

### **Church Council**

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David Ingvaldstad -Treasurer

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## **Our Savior's Mission Statement**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a diverse community of loved sinners gathered in the central city of Milwaukee:**

created by God the Father Almighty;  
redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ;  
united in celebrating God's act of salvation in Word and Sacrament;  
called to be the body of Christ;  
and empowered by the Spirit with a variety of gifts for ministry.

**Our purpose/ as a congregation and as individuals/ is to:**

be a visible and tangible sign of the body of Christ in metropolitan Milwaukee;  
acknowledge the reign of God by living out God's forgiveness, love and justice with all creation  
and use the diversity of gifts given us by the Spirit for proclaiming anew the healing and liberating Good News of Jesus Christ.

**As the body of Christ in this city we:**

celebrate the presence of the living God in our lives/ congregation/ community and world;

proclaim the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ

administer the sacraments of Baptism and Communion;

welcome as sisters and brothers, persons of any age/ gender, racial/ or ethnic heritage/economic status, mental or physical ability or sexual orientation;

act as a messenger of hope in the redemption of the city;

empower people to live as children of God;

respect the witness/ insight and gifts of one another;

support ministries of service to people in need locally and globally;

advocate on behalf of those who are oppressed;

and establish partnerships with the Global Christian Community.

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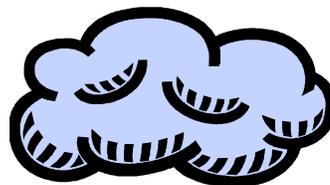
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the widespread grief that underlies much of our church life. Is it a primary factor for much of the anger?" It seems to me that is true, and that the anger stemming from the grief creates more sadness. Then we fall into a cycle of grief – anger – hurting others – being hurt – more loss – more grief....

I don't have the answer to all of this, but "let it begin with me" is my prayer. Psalm 139 ends: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." The way everlasting is found in the Scriptures, studied alone and in group, by prayer in my closet and with the body of Christ, in the solitude of meditation and in service to and with the community.

I invite you to carve out time for such spiritual disciplines during these (hopefully) leisurely days of summer.

May God Bless You in Your Contemplation,  
*Pastor Barbara*



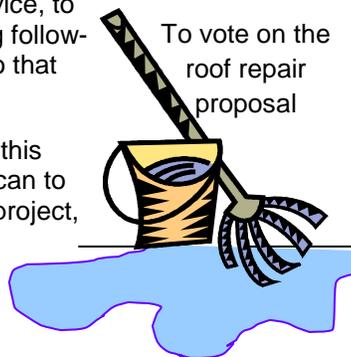
## ROOF UPDATE

We are making progress. Our Roofing consultant made a detailed assessment of each of our flat roofs to determine the extent of repair or replacement needed. They are now working with the Roof Team to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) that will be given to five roofing contractors to submit a bid. We can then select the one that best fits our situation. The Council will approve the selection in July, and the congregation will meet on July 31, following the worship service, to vote on the proposal. There will be an informational meeting following the worship service on July 24 to present the proposal so that questions can be asked and clarified at that time.

We thank all those who so graciously made a pledge earlier this year, and we hope that others will be ready to do what they can to reach our goal. Please continue your prayers for the entire project, and do what you are able when the campaign is renewed.

**Special  
Congregational  
Meeting  
Sunday, July 31  
11:00 a.m.**

To vote on the  
roof repair  
proposal



# **Camp Hope 2017**

## **August 1-19**

**Monday - Friday**

**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

The time is drawing near for Camp Hope 2011. The staff has been interviewed and is being selected. The parents are coming in to sign up the kids. All we need is you! How can you help?

- ⇒ Become a MENTOR for a youth leader (see the June Messenger and talk to Pastor Betty). The youth leaders are gifted young folks and are committed to making this Camp Hope better than ever. They will welcome your support!
- ⇒ Donate some SUPPLIES - from groceries to arts and crafts, your donations will help the camp be successful.
  - ⇒ FOOD - purchased items including healthy snacks (carrots, raisins, granola, yogurt, fresh fruit, pretzels etc.) and homemade goodies (cookies, brownies and other treats), beverages (fruit juice in frozen concentrate or ready to drink).
  - ⇒ SUPPLIES - Jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, playground balls, tissues, washable markers, colored pencils and #2 pencils, school glue, scotch tape, masking tape, and small toys and wrapped candy for the camp store.
  - ⇒ SPECIAL ITEMS (more expensive) - Walky-talkies (for communicating between leaders), \$5-\$10 gift cards (for incentives and for the camp store), reusable water bottles, new circus-themed toys (for camp store)
  - ⇒ CASH DONATIONS are always welcome

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# **Camp Hope 2017**

**Sign up now!**



## **A Three-Ring Circus!**

Three weeks of learning, friends and Bible stories in a youth-led, adult-mentored summer day camp. Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

August 1-5 Ring of Faith

August 8-12 Ring of Hope

August 15-19 Ring of Love

For children ages 5 - 12. Cost is \$5 per child, per week Register for one, two or three weeks. Breakfast and lunch included.

Register at the church office

**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****July 2**

|  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
|  | Pastor Barbara will be on vacation July 2-16                          | Camp Hope Leader Training July 18-29<br>8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  |   |
| <b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship<br>11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship  | <b>4</b> Church office closed   | <b>5</b> 9:30 a.m. L&M Payee*<br>2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting       | <b>6</b> 9:00 a.m. Roof Meeting<br>12 noon Prayer Svc/Lunch   |
| <b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship followed by TACO lunch<br>1:00 p.m. Organ Recital with Brian Schoettler | <b>11</b> 2:30 p.m. KBS<br>6:00 p.m. Hi Hopes Investment Club Meeting | <b>12</b> 9:30 a.m. 1 pm L&M Payee*<br>2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting | <b>13</b> 12:00 noon Prayer Svc/Lunch   |
| <b>17</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship<br>11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship                                       | <b>18</b> 2:30 p.m. KBS   | <b>19</b> 9:30 a.m. L&M Payee*<br>2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting      | <b>20</b> 9:30 a.m. Leah Circle at Steepleview<br>1:00 p.m. West End Landl<br>6:30 p.m. Peace Vigil |
| <b>24</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship<br>11:00 a.m. Informational Meeting about Roof Repair                   | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b> 9:30 a.m. 1pm L&M Payee*<br>2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting  | <b>27</b>   |
| <b>31</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship<br>11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting about the Roof                     |   |  |   |

You may contact the church office or consult the website for up-to-date meeting and event information. Tel: 414-342-5252

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**2011****Thu****Fri**

|   |  |                               |   |
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|   |  | <b>1</b> Church office closed | <b>2</b> 9:00 a.m. NA Group*<br>3:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study   |
| <b>7</b> 10:00 a.m. L&M Payee Service                       | <b>8</b>                                 |                               | <b>9</b> 9:00 a.m. NA Group*<br>3:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study   |
| <b>14</b> 9:30 a.m. Quilting<br>5:30 p.m. Arts Team Meeting | <b>15</b>                                |                               | <b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. NA Group*<br>3:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study  |
| <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b>                                |                               | <b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. NA Group* & PLT<br>Meeting  |
| <b>28</b> 3:30 p.m. Milwaukee Police<br>Department Meeting* | <b>29</b> 6:00 p.m. Wedding<br>Rehearsal |                               | <b>30</b> 9:00 a.m. NA Group*<br>1:30 p.m. Wedding*<br>3:30 p.m. YBS and<br>rehearsal for Youth Service |
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## **Organ Recital**

**Brian Schoettler**

**Sunday, July 10, 1:00 pm**

**The Fine Arts Team invites you to  
a Taco Lunch  
in the Fellowship Hall  
following the 10:00 a.m. service**



Organist Brian Schoettler will visit Our Savior's on Sunday, July 10. An active and versatile composer and musician, he is known to the Our Savior's community from his appearances at several Christmas concerts leading his lively saxophone ensemble. Brian, a Kenosha native, is a graduate of Carthage College where his studies emphasized Organ Performance, Church Music, and Instrumental Music Education. Also a composer, Brian's works have been premiered by the Carthage Choir, at KUSD's 50th Annual Band-O-Rama, and by various local congregations. This last summer he was the youngest of five composers selected to study with renowned composer Dan Locklair at Yale University. This coming fall Brian will pursue a MM in Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. Brian has been Assistant Organist at his home church, St. Mary's Lutheran, Kenosha, and served as Organ Scholar at St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church in downtown Chicago. For his July appearance, he will participate in our 10 am Sunday service, and give a full organ recital at 1 pm.

Please take this opportunity to enjoy a fine concert, to congratulate Brian on his accomplishments, and to wish him well as he aspires to even greater achievements at Westminster Choir College under the tutelage of the distinguished organist Ken Cowan.

**Free Will Offering**

Reception following

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LIVE *Simply* SPEAK *Kindly* LOVE *Generously*

First, let me express appreciation for your generous support for the ministries of Our Savior's as we continue to support the ministries of the wider church by contributing 10% of income to Mission Support. This is good and life-giving. But, I need to remind us that, at our Annual Congregational Meeting in January, we approved an operating budget that exceeded anticipated income by \$36,000. We believed that, given the importance of our ministries, we would make up this short-fall before the end of this year.

Although our giving is at a good level, we are on track to end the year with a significant deficit. Recently, your Council leadership requested that I send a letter asking for a special contribution this summer to help make up the deficit. I hope all of us are giving prayerful consideration to being part of this "Blessed to be a Blessing" campaign.

We will continue to be challenged in meeting our ministry budget in the months ahead:

- ◆ Funds from the sale of the bungalow will no longer exist at the end of 2011. We have used 1/3 of those funds each year since 2009 for ministry expenses.
- ◆ Soon we will be asked to participate in the congregationally-approved fund-raising campaign to repair the flat roofs of our church building. These are urgently needed repairs!

I once paid a pastoral call on a homebound woman, whom I had assumed had limited income, as she seldom gave a gift to the church. I learned in my visit that she made monthly contributions to two TV ministries. I commended her for her generous spirit, but then I gently inquired why her gifts to the congregation were so limited. "Because the church so seldom asks, so seldom seems to really need my support like (she named several well-known TV evangelists)."

In the New Testament Jesus speaks many times about money and wealth. I have read that the entire Bible contains 2,350 verses about money and wealth. I did not check this number, but I do find it interesting to note that 2350 is the number of the IRS Tax form that allows a taxpayers to delay submitting their yearly taxes. No, there is no Form 2350 for our church ministry contribution. 😊

So on behalf of all the ministries of the church I ask that you not be shy in responding to your church's need for financial support, and that you not be shy in encouraging others to **LOVE Generously** .

Pastor Bob,  
Stewardship Ministry Team Chair

## SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERS July, 2011

| <i>Schedule</i>    | Sunday,<br>July 3<br>10:00 a.m. | Sunday,<br>July 10<br>10:00 a.m.   | Sunday,<br>July 17<br>10:00 a.m. | Sunday,<br>July 24<br>10:00 a.m. | Sunday,<br>July 31<br>10:00 a.m. |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister | Paul Brynildson                 | Paula Holman                       | Hannah McLean                    | Jane Bosman-Clark                | Gail Jacobsen                    |
| Reader             | Marquitta Wells                 | Norma Fogle                        | Tammy Arvelo                     | Cyndi Benner                     | Paul Brynildson                  |
| Communion Server   | LaVonne and Jerry Williams      | Norma Fogle<br>Steve Oakland       | Jena and Tammy Arvelo<br>Sebesta | Eric Seymour                     | Paul Brynildson                  |
| Acolyte            | Paul Brynildson                 | Steve Oakland                      | Jena Arvelo<br>Sebesta           | Jane Bosman-Clark                | Paul Brynildson                  |
| Sacristy           | LaVonne and Jerry Williams      | Lenore Blasier<br>Marie Brynildson | Jena and Tammy Arvelo<br>Sebesta | Virginia Koch<br>Bill Wood       | Doris Sorvick<br>Judy Pinger     |
| Gift Bearers       | Wells family                    | Karri Kaczor<br>William Martin     | McLean family                    | Mary Taylor<br>Bill Wood         | Tom and Judy Pinger              |
| Sound Room         | Mike Festge                     | Mike Festge                        | Mike Festge                      | Mike Festge                      | Dave Totten                      |
|                    |                                 |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                  |

### Consider diakonia™

**The diakonia™ Program** is a national, private, incorporated not-for-profit organization which provides a two-year program of theological education and spiritual formation for baptized members of the Lutheran church. Our Savior's will, once again, host a class on Tuesdays beginning September 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Please consider joining this program to stir your own knowledge and understanding of your faith and to further equip you for discipleship and ministry. Call Penny in the church office for an application and more information.



## July Birthdays

|                        |       |                    |       |
|------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Zimmermann, Greta      | 07/01 | Cáceres, Elise     | 07/15 |
| Heinemann, Keith       | 07/02 | Johnson, Joy       | 07/15 |
| Roby, Antoine          | 07/02 | Davis, Latonya     | 07/16 |
| Koch, Virginia         | 07/03 | Wiese, Lana        | 07/16 |
| Roe, Joshua            | 07/04 | Festge, Kurt       | 07/17 |
| Kaari, Clifford        | 07/06 | Walker, Marrien    | 07/17 |
| Walker-Dyson, Marshall | 07/07 | Schumacher, Ella   | 07/18 |
| Bosman-Clark, Eleanor  | 07/08 | Gutowski, Sandra   | 07/19 |
| Dusold, Lynn           | 07/09 | Johnston, Sherry   | 07/19 |
| Gielow, Richard        | 07/09 | Prochnow, Jason    | 07/22 |
| Nowicki, Jayne         | 07/11 | Bliesner, Jonathan | 07/23 |
| Jorgensen, Doreen      | 07/12 | Davis, James       | 07/23 |
| Schruba, Ellen         | 07/12 | Wimmer, Jenine     | 07/28 |
| Wilson, Maude          | 07/12 | Dewalt, Robert     | 07/30 |
| Formoe, Charles        | 07/13 | Palmer, Jamela     | 07/30 |
| Davis, Richard         | 07/14 |                    |       |

*Happy  
Birthday!*

*May God  
bless you!*

### New Email Addresses:

Paul Brynildson paulbrynildson56@gmail.com  
Joan Dahlke jmdahlke26@gmail.com

### Deaths

The congregation mourns the passing of these sisters in faith:

Shirley Oakland 5/04/11  
Verna Grabler 5/10/11  
Dorothy Svitler 6/01/11

### Thank You!

- ◆ From ELCA Disaster Response for \$580 for Pacific Earthquake and Tsunami
- ◆ From the Milwaukee County Historical Society for 7 boxes of historic church records, "a welcome addition to our collections. It is through generous gifts... that we can preserve and exhibit Milwaukee County's rich history." Thanks to Lolita Lukach, Joan and Dave Totten for inventorying and organizing these items.
- ◆ From Outreach for Hope Dollar a Day for Poverty Lenten campaign for \$1086.67. "Your dollars will be used in 22 congregations in the Greater Milw. Synod who provide a spiritual anchor in their communities."

### **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Linda Wright  
Marilyn Dusold  
Dolores Gutowski  
Raymond Nelson  
Sharon Christianson  
Alicia Ellis  
Joyce Matthews

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