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"A Church Where God's Diversity Works"



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

From Pastor Barbara:

Pentecost Sunday is May 31. That will be our Senior Choir Director, Michael Barna's, last day with us. After 22 years directing a group of talented and dedicated people who love to share their gifted voices in worship, Michael is making changes in his life and we are the poorer for it. It has been my pleasure to work with Michael these past six years, and I know you will agree and pray with me for all manner of good things in his life.

On the 31st we will take time to say Godspeed and farewell, and honor him between services during the coffee hour. I hope everyone who has been touched by Michael's graciousness will be in church that day. Whenever we lose a staff person of such length of service, we experience loss and grief. What we once had and depended upon is no longer there. That leads to all sorts of questions. The main one being who will replace Michael? To answer that question, the Personnel Ministry Team made up of Jackie Davit, Kristi Westcott and chaired by Paul Brynildson, is being joined by Sherry Johnston, Lori Gutowski and Phil Enockson to form a search committee.

The position will be posted as broadly as possible to find just the right person. The goal is to have the person in place by mid-September when the Choir normally resumes its role in the 8:30 worship service.

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JUNE

2009

Summer Worship Services
Sundays 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Thursdays 6:30 p.m.
starting June 18

Sunday, June 7

Graduate Recognition
Thrivent Bake Sale
and "Living at the
Intersections" special
presentation

Saturday, June 13

Clean-up Day

Sunday, June 14

New Member Reception
Book of Faith
Lunch and Bible Study

Beginning June 18

Summer Thursday
Worship Services
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 20

Peace Vigil





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OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A church where God's diversity works

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- Nancy Schultz - President
- Miguel de Jesús - Vice President
- Rich Young-Treasurer
- Barbara Vehlow - Secretary
- Paul Brynildson - Personnel
- Mike Festge - Our Savior's Foundation

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.

June Birthdays



Brynildson, Paul	06/01	Hauser, Judith	06/13
Carini, Kathryn	06/01	Jacobsen, David	06/14
Gutowski, Lori	06/01	McLean, Michael	06/14
Thielsens, Thelma	06/02	Formoe, Margaret	06/16
Brynildson, Ardell	06/04	Haste, Rhonda	06/18
Printz, Jason	06/04	Cooper, Mary	06/19
Runt, Judith	06/04	Martin, William	06/19
Ihde, Dolores	06/05	Schwid, Amanda	06/21
Flatten, David	06/07	Onopa, Adam	06/22
Schmidt, Verna	06/07	Gielow, Marian	06/23
Richards, Joan	06/08	McLean, Danielle	06/25
Williams, Lavonne	06/08	Schneider, Elaine	06/25
Schneble, Paul	06/09	Prochnow, Larry	06/27
Seymour, Eric	06/10	Westcott, George	06/27
Banks, Lucille	06/11	Schmidt, Robert	06/28
Mallon, Robin	06/11	Howard, John	06/29
		Malicki, Kim	06/30

Happy Birthday to you! May God bless you!

CELEBRATIONS

Karen Schneble was honored recently at Luther Manor for 50 hours of volunteer service.

Steve and Penny Schwid will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in June.

Walt and Marilyn Dusold just celebrated a "Dusold Trifecta" Walts' 85th birthday, Marilyn's 80th birthday and their 60th wedding anniversary.

William Henry Sorvick, great grandson of Doris Sorvick, son of Kyle and Becky Sorvick, is being baptized on Sunday, May 24.

Contact the church office with news of your celebrations.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR

- Gail Jacobsen
- Joan Richards
- Jean Severtson
- Elaine Schneider



Elaine Schneider is rehabilitating at this address:

Cedar Springs Health and Rehab.
 N27 W5707 Lincoln Blvd
 Cedarburg WI 53012

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JUNE SUNDAYS

<i>Schedule</i>	Sunday June 7	Sunday June 14	Sunday June 21	Sunday June 28
Assisting Minister	Jane Bosman-Clark	8:30 Paul Holman 11:00 Rich Young	Gail Jacobsen	8:30 Paul Brynildson 11:00 Penny Schwid
Reader	8:30 John Schneble 11:00 Will Martin	8:30 Karen Schneble 11:00 Nancy Young	8:30 Cyndi Benner 11:00 Jena Sebesta	8:30 Mary Anderson 11:00 Will Martin
Communion Server	8:30 Mary Anderson 11:00 Jane Bosman-Clark	8:30 Paula Holman Eric Seymour 11:00 Nancy Young	8:30 Linda Wright 11:00 Gail Jacobsen	8:30 Mary Anderson 11:00 Will Martin
Acolyte	Jane Bosman-Clark	8:30 Eric Seymour 11:00 Nancy Young	8:30 Cyndi Benner 11:00 Tammy Arvelo	8:30 Paul Brynildson 11:00 Will Martin
Sacristy	8:30 Beverly O'Connell Karen Schneble 11:00 Jane Bosman-Clark	8:30 Marie Brynildson Lenore Blasier 11:00 Rich & Nancy Young	8:30 Frank & Nancy Schultz 11:00 Jena Sebesta & Tammy Arvelo	8:30 Judy Pinger Doris Sorvick 11:00 Penny Schwid
Gift Bearer families 8:30	Westcott	James	Cason	Pinger
Sound Room	Mike Festge	Paul Schneble	Jenny Jacobsen	Mike Festge

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Even while that process takes place, we have the opportunity to ask questions about our worship services and how they fulfill our vision of ministry here at Our Savior's. The 11:00 service planners have been asking that question in regard to reaching out to our neighbors to share the love of Christ in ever evolving ways. The same type of questions are appropriate for the 8:30 service. I suggest that you, Messenger readers, contemplate this question and watch for ways you can give input constructively. One way is to talk with the above mentioned team, Pastor Betty and myself, about your hopes for the future of worship at Our Savior's.

We know that change is not easy and it's frightening - especially if it seems to be under someone else's control. But we are the body of Christ together here on 30th and Wisconsin Avenue. As one body we seek to work smoothly together, and all that we do is meant for the good of the whole body, not just one part.

I hope we will each trust God and each other as we continue to seek to be a most welcoming place with uplifting worship and the excellence in music that has always been important here.

See you on the 31st in your red garments to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

Pastor Barbara

Sunday, June 7

Graduates will be recognized
Sunday, June 7
at both worship services
Contact the church office with the name of your grad!

THRIVENT BAKE SALE!
Bring your best baked goods—pricing will be done that morning

Sunday, June 7
10:00 a.m.



“Living in the Intersections: An Ethnographic Study of an Urban Lutheran Congregation.”
Presentation by Joyce Caldwell
You are invited!

Sunday, June 7 at 12:30 p.m.

Lunch will be served



An invitation from Pastor Betty:

Dear Brothers and sisters:

During the last two months, pastor Barbara and I have been working on our communication skills. Why? Because we think that it is very important to be clear as much as we can in order to avoid confusion and misunderstanding. Coming from two different cultures and backgrounds we have different ways to see and perceive our surroundings, that sometimes lead us to different conclusions. We believe that part of this process is to create a common "language".

This "new language" will go from the **individualistic** to the **collective**. What does this mean? From now on instead of using "my" so and so.. we will say "our" so and so...with the only intention to integrate ourselves as part of the wonderful body of Christ.

It is also our intention to help the whole congregation take ownership of all the ministries happening at Our Savior's. It has been my personal experience that the success of any church resides in the commitment of every member. If we left all the responsibility to some members, they will get tired and discouraged, but if all of us get involved in the ministries that the church has, we can assure the continuity of those ministries.

Besides of all the ministries known (Worship, Bible Study, Sunday School, Leah and Dorcas Circles, Ministry of Praise, Choir, 3AM, etc.) the Prayer lunches and the summer programs are also part of Our Savior's ministries. To make these ministries succeed we need your gifts and talents. It will be a lot of fun to get to know more closely the children and adults who participate and benefit from these ministries. Remember that we Lutherans believe in "the priesthood of ALL believers"....

God needs us to make his presence a reality among us. The Church needs us to be able to reach out to the little ones. The summer programs need us to make possible to be "in the city for good". Consider to offer yourself into these ministries that are "our" responsibility.

I invite you to get involved. And may the Lord bless us and help us to make his glory shine in this corner of Wisconsin Avenue.

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Betty Baires.

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REDISCOVERING THE BOOK OF FAITH

Have you ever wondered or wanted to know more about how the Bible came into being? What are the origins of this book of books that is so precious to us and to our faith?

If you would like to learn how the Bible came to be, its creation, collection, and canonization, please join the sessions being offered this summer through Our Savior's, Redeemer and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches. This course is an introduction to the Book of Faith initiative of the ELCA.

The Book of Faith is an initiative of the ELCA to help all of us "become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, empowered, and sent by the Word." (ELCA churchwide assembly 2007)

Whether you have participated in Bible study for many years, or have never attended one, you can benefit from meeting together with people from the other two Lutheran congregations on Wisconsin Avenue to better understand where the Bible came from, how it was put together, as well as the contribution the Reformation made in helping people to read it.

Each of the sessions will be held at one of the three churches and led by the pastors. Each time before the study, we'll share in a pot-luck meal. These events will take place on the second Sunday of the summer months at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 14 at St. Paul's

11:30 a.m. - Meal 12:15-1:30 - Session

Leader: Redeemer

Sunday, July 12 at Our Savior's

11:30 a.m. - Meal 12:15-1:30 - Session

Leader: St. Paul's

Sunday, August 9, at Redeemer

11:30 a.m. - Meal 12:15-1:30 - Session

Leader: Our Savior's



If you would like to be a part of this joint endeavor, please return this form to the church office.

I would like to participate the summer REDISCOVERING THE BOOK OF FAITH sessions.

Name _____ Phone _____

Donations will be gratefully accepted to cover the cost of materials.

BITS AND PIECES

"Portals of Prayer" devotional booklets that have been in the gift shop are now available in the church office.

The **Wednesday Prayer Lunches** will continue in June with lighter lunch fare ... but not lighter prayers and reflection! Come on out for this good mid-week fellowship time. If it's a nice day, we may meet outside. Call Pastor Betty or the church office if you have questions. You may wish to bring a dish to share for these summer prayer lunches.

Clean Up Day, Saturday, June 13 Outdoor landscaping, install air conditioners and screens and a few other indoor projects too. Contact Russ Jacobsen for details...or just come on June 13 at 8:30 a.m. (we will have coffee and donuts to fortify us for work!)

WISH LIST

Your Special Gifts are Invited to Help with some Special Purchases

New, energy efficient window air conditioners

New computer for the church office

Thrivent Bake Sale Sunday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m. Bring your sweet-tooth and be prepared to donate and purchase Our Savior's best baked goods! Proceeds from the sale will benefit the ministries of Our Savior's.

Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Thursday, June 25. The Salt and Pepper Club will be attending the 1:05 p.m. game (vs. Minnesota). Loge infield box tickets are \$18 for seniors. Call the Casons 414-543-4417 to sign up by June 13.

Romenita "Cookie" Henderson sends greetings and thanks to the congregation for continued prayers. She is feeling better and appreciates your cards and good wishes.



Mt. Meru Coffee Project - Our Savior's continues to be a leading congregation for coffee sales. You can purchase coffee Sunday mornings from Walt Chossek and now coffee is available at church during the week—so you never have to be without your favorite brew.

Honoring Grads on Sunday, June 7

High School

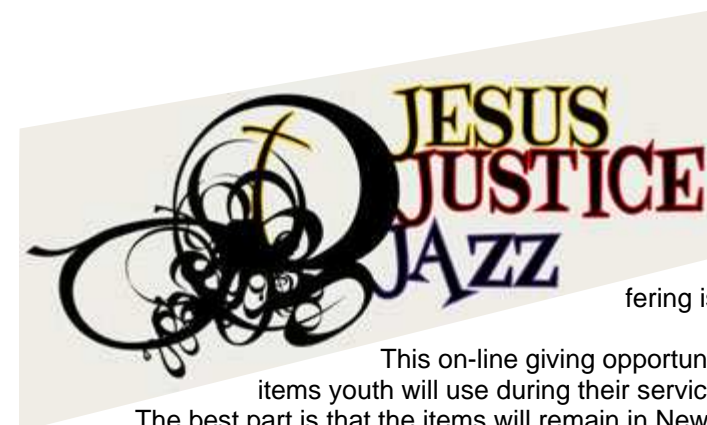
Jennifer Jacobsen - Hamilton

Matthew James - King

College

David Jacobsen - MATC

Stephen Jacobsen - Carroll University



2009 ELCA Youth Gathering Offerings

An on-line offering catalog for the ELCA Youth Gathering offering is now posted and ready to use!

This on-line giving opportunity allows us to purchase the items youth will use during their service experiences in New Orleans. The best part is that the items will remain in New Orleans when ELCA youth leave. Send your youth, friends, and congregational members to the catalog to purchase items now.

Lutheran youth, their family and members of their congregations and synods have historically been very generous! They come to the Youth Gathering with arms full of gifts to contribute to the offering, items like cans of food, children's books, or gift cards. The 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering's focus on service and recovery in New Orleans makes it necessary to gather gifts earlier so that they can be in New Orleans BEFORE youth arrive. Learn more about the Gathering's 3 offering opportunities.

Please go to elca.org/gathering to use the on-line catalog or you can donate to OSLC PEACE Group and we will select offerings. Thank you for generous support!

Our Savior's Memories - A Letter from Arlene Hiller

Submitted by Lolita Lukach



Our family came to Our Saviors when I was starting the 8th grade. Dad came in June, 1955 to begin what was really an experiment for our synod. He was to be the first Minister of Education. My brother David and I had to remain in Madison with mother until Fall because of a big polio epidemic. (Remember those bad, old days?) It was recommended that children stay at home ---sort of like house arrest and definitely not be moved to a new location.

Our first year in Milwaukee the 4 of us lived in a furnished one bedroom apartment at the Astor Hotel over by the lake. That was an interesting experience. Our Saviors had just purchased the big 3 story Victorian house on 31st Street next to the church and they spent the year refurbishing it. The head pastor and custodians lived next door in the big house on the corner.

I loved our house, except on Saturdays when I had to clean it. (There were 5 bathrooms). It was like looking into a bit of upper class life in the previous century---- buttons to ring for the maid, a little door outside to deliver ice directly into the icebox, place to tether a horse, and some secret places that only the person who did the cleaning knew about. We were told the house had been built by a wealthy man in the lumber business. There were 2 recreation rooms. The 3rd floor one had a juke box full of records and basement one had a huge, solid wood built-in pool table. My bedroom had a window seat for reading and daydreaming and a door to an outside balcony. I understand this house was later used as a youth center.

Since I spent my highschool years at Our Saviors, most of my memories are from the Luther League. We were a large, active group. For most us, our best friends were from church, not from school. I still keep in touch with 6 of them to this day. We met in the fireplace room on Sunday nights, went to Bible Camp at Lutherdale, to Milwaukee Braves games on the last remaining streetcar in town that clanged down Wells Street to the stadium. A large group of us took the train to Missoula, Montana for the Luther League convention. We had talent shows and put on plays. I particularly remember doing "The Christmas Carol" because I was the director. A group of us went to St. Olaf College in Minnesota for a "check it out" weekend. Later 5 of us were students there at the same time. We had parties in each others recreation rooms. On New Years Eve we would go from our party to the 11 PM communion service at church and then back and party some more. We really were good kids, in spite of our parents feared corruption from Elvis Presley and Rock and Roll.

Most of the Leaguers were in the youth choir, which had to sing at the 8 AM service. The adult choir members got to sleep in and sing at the later service. At least one Sunday

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Enthusiastic, Passionate Youth Leaders Needed for Camp Hope!

August 3 – 21, 2009

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Fridays are voluntary)

Mandatory Training for Youth Leaders

Part 1 → July 16, 17 & 18 Thurs, Fri & Sat - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Part 2 → July 20 – 31 Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Would you like to be a good role model for children? This three week Camp Hope is for children ages 5-12. Youth Leaders (ages 14-17) will work in teams to supervise a group of children throughout the day, teach Bible stories, lead crafts, help with music, and lead recreation activities. Staff work hours are 8:00 am – 1:30 pm daily for Camp Hope.

Under the direction of Pastor Betty Baires, youth will attend the mandatory training sessions noted above. All Youth Leaders will be expected to attend and complete the training. The goals of the training include learning:

- The Camp Hope model
- Child care skills
- Personal money management
- Daily Bible study and spiritual practice
- Leadership skills
- Team building

Youth Leaders will be compensated with a stipend.

Counselors must be 14 – 17 yrs. old and open to:

- sharing their creative talents,
- creating a safe place for children
- being a leader and a role model for positive choices
- working as a team
- learning and trying something new
- supervising 5-10 children in age groups



To apply: Obtain an application from the church office and return by June 15.

How will you help with Our Savior's Summer Program for Children?

CAMP HOPE

August 3-21, 2009

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



The 2009 Summer Program for children will be GREAT with the support of everyone in the congregation. YOUR help is welcome to make the programs fun and safe for the children; with arts and crafts, stories, games, meals, snacks, and outings.

If you can give one or more days to help, contact Pastor Betty, Penny in the church office at 414-342-5252 or a member of the VBS Planning Team: Debra Bradshaw, Sheila Hendrix, Cyndi Benner, Penny Schwid or Jackie Davit.

I will help with Camp Hope 2009 (complete form & return to church office)

Name _____ Tel. _____

My cash donation is enclosed

- \$60 will sponsor a Youth Leader's three-day intensive Camp Hope training
- \$50 will provide lunch for a camper for the duration of the program
- \$40 will purchase craft supplies for 40 campers
- \$15 will provide a scholarship for a family of three or more campers
- \$5 will sponsor one camper
- Other amount _____
- I will help in the kitchen to prepare breakfast, lunch & snacks. I am available on these days _____
- I will chaperone a field trip on Aug 7 ___ Aug 10 ___ Aug 14 ___ Aug 17 ___

The Messenger

From the Stewardship Team

A Stewardship Challenge

In the latest issue of *The Lutheran* (May 2009) a news article tells how St. Matthew Lutheran Church, White Plains, NY, because of inadequate funding, found it necessary to close the ecumenical food pantry it had housed since 1982. This food pantry served an average of 620 people weekly. The vacated space will become rental property for this financially struggling congregation.

That same fate is always a possibility for our own food pantry which is an important part of the Central City Church's outreach ministry. Ongoing funding continues to be a challenge for this ministry especially in these economically uncertain times.

I dare say that none would want this important ministry to be cut back much less be closed. In this regard I present a challenge to those of you (including myself) who receive Social Security. By this time we all have received a \$250 "stimulus check". If only 20 of us "seniors" choose to donate that amount to Our Savior's food pantry it would result in a total contribution of \$5,000. And if 40 of us "seniors" choose to make such a contribution that would result in a total contribution of \$10,000. WOW!!!

Of course I am not limiting my request for a special donation to the food pantry to "seniors" only. In these times of hardship where the need for food rises daily, we who have more than what we require are called by God to give freely and joyfully from our abundance.

I am also not limiting this challenge to the food pantry, but am asking us to consider the needs of the congregation at this time. Since some have lost jobs and others have experienced reduced income earnings, many are not able to give as they had planned. The challenge then to us, who are able, is to step up our giving.

Jesus words in Luke 12:48b have always been most thought-provoking to me:

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

Pastor Bob Scheuermann

Stewardship Chair



Sacred Places

Submitted by Miguel de Jesús

Things I've heard, "All they really want to do is change the church around to some crazy layout that would ruin the beauty of our wonderful building." "We tried it before and **nobody** liked it." "Why should we change anything? The people who designed our church knew what they were doing. It was perfect the way it was. We've already made enough changes."



You might be surprised to know that the Sacred Places program is about **conserving** what we've got. It is about maximizing our potential to serve God and God's people. It is about seeing who we are, what we have, and what we do; as an asset for each of us, for our neighborhood, for the community at large. It is about doing our best in all that we do.

Our building is **not** the church. **We**, collectively, are the church in this sacred place. But the place is only sacred insofar as the work of God and the work of the people, in God's name, is happening here. This liturgy can only take place if we are the best stewards possible of who we are, what we have and what we do.

Our sacred place could be anywhere. It could be on the sidewalk at 31st and Wisconsin. It could be in the parking lot. But God, some of you and those who were here before us, have given us a very special sacred place in which to do our work.

Putting it coldly, form follows function. This is an old, well-trying and true axiom. It is a rule which brings about the best systems, formats, designs for our environment. Whatever may come about through this process, the end result will be more excellent ways to expedite our ministry in this age, in these situations, in this place. Whatever the outcomes, the purpose is that we would all be better served, in order that we might better serve.

I love the aggregation of stone and cinder block and mortar and hard, uncomfortable wooden benches which we erroneously call our church. First of all, it isn't ours. It is God's. Secondly, we, the people who serve us and the people we serve are the church.

We have been put here to do God's work, in a place which was designed to function maximally in the world of half a century ago. It costs a fortune just to turn on the lights. We could do better. It costs even more to heat up almost four stories of emptiness which goes unused except for a few hours a week. We must do better in order to survive here. Infrastructure all over this property is showing its age. We need to examine and prevent potentially hazardous, detrimental even dangerous effects.

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Children ages 5-12

Join the fun

at the

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Summer Program



August 3-21, 2009

Monday– Friday

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Your Help is Required!

Donate Supplies

Donate Your Time

Sponsor a Youth Leader

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**Contact Pastor Betty
with your offer to help
support Camp Hope, our
summer ministry for
youth and children.**

"It's a Jungle Out There" is the theme. Bible stories, crafts, games, music and field trips will help us explore the jungle and learn our place in caring for and living in God's world .

Register Now

Call 414-342-5252

or stop in at the church office

3022 W Wisconsin Av

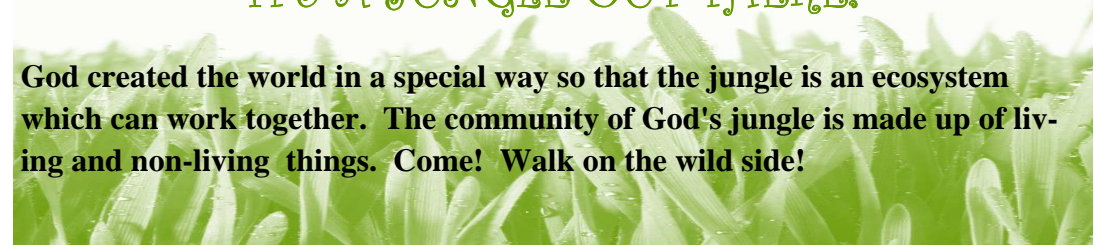
(use parking lot entrance)

\$5/child

\$15 max/ family

IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE!

God created the world in a special way so that the jungle is an ecosystem which can work together. The community of God's jungle is made up of living and non-living things. Come! Walk on the wild side!



...Cont. from p. 6 Arlene Hiller's letter...

the choir was kind of small. Bob Louis came down with German Measles first. That Saturday night both Dona Emmons and I broke out in a rash after we took our bath. Wonder who we got it from? It made the rounds in the Luther League. On Monday a Public Health Nurse put a big "Quarantine" sign on the front door of the parsonage. It was mortifying.

I counted 30 steps from our back door to the side door of the church. On a hot summer day, it was lovely to go over to the cooler church basement. Besides, there was a Pepsi machine over there and we didn't have soft drinks at our house. I also liked to watch big church weddings from the balcony. Since I was usually dressed in shorts and bare feet, I'd crawl on my hands and knees to the center of the front row and pop my head up just far enough as I could see. I don't think anybody ever saw me. People don't sit in the balcony at weddings.

I also remember going over to the church frequently one summer when dark, handsome men were installing the new pipe organ. They were from Quebec and spoke French. I was fascinated listening to them.

My very favorite thing from Our Saviors I still think about every Christmas Eve was the 11 PM candlelight service. I long to hear "Jesu Bambino" again --- just like it was played every Christmas Eve at Our Saviors. Elfreida Winninger at the organ and her husband Joseph playing the violin. As I recall, he was 1st chair violinist for the Milwaukee Orchestra, so he was very good.. I have never heard any music more beautiful than that and I miss it still.

My years at Our Savior's ---- it was a good time in a good place,
Arlene Hiller, April, 2009

September 13 Outing Planned

Church Basement Ladies, a new musical comedy featuring MASH star William Christopher, is coming to the Schauer Arts and Activities Center in Hartford. The Our Savior's Arts Team is arranging for a group to see this production on Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$32. Reservations and payment must be received by July 1st. Make your reservation with the church office or a member of the Arts Team this month!



Consider Diakonia™

Classes will meet at Our Savior's

The church of today needs and recognizes strong, knowledgeable leadership among the laity. Diakonia™ provides systematic training to adults during a two-year program of weekly classes in Bible, theology and church history as well as practical ministry. This course of study, combined with spiritual retreats and group interaction, helps train people for the many diverse tasks and opportunities to which Christ's Great Commission directs them. And, beginning in September, Our Savior's will be one of the four locations where classes will be held. (Churches in Racine, Brookfield and Cedarburg will also be hosting classes.)

Feeling Called? Today's mission churches require a renewed, empowered and committed laity. Diakonia™ provides the tools required for empowering lay persons for ministry in today's world.

Looking To Grow? Diakonia™ includes a whole new way of thinking and doing, of perception and reception, of defining and redefining our lives and purpose for living. The focus is no longer on ourselves, our fears, trials and tribulations, but on what God would have us say and do in the midst of those fears, trials and tribulations. God's call to ministry amidst the daily struggles of life is our call to Christian discipleship.



For further information about this two-year theological program for lay people, please contact Jim Bjugstad at 414-517-3442 or go to <http://diakonia.makedisciples.com/>

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The design of the worship space may or may not come into play, but the Sacred Places process is about much, much more. It is about our Christian responsibility as caretakers, disciples, and stewards of the many gifts God has given us. It is about each of us stepping up and doing our part so that God's work can still be done here half a century from now and beyond.

Miguel de Jesús

June 2009

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	1 5:30 Outreach Team 6:00 p.m. Hi Hopes 9:15 p.m. Men's Softball at Juneau Field	2 2:30 p.m. All Staff 5:00 p.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m. Finance Team	3 12 noon Prayer Lunch 6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal & Sacred Places Meeting	4 6:30 p.m. Choir Director Search Committee	5	6 9:00 a.m. NA Group 9:00 a.m. Sacred Places Training 3:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study
7 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 10:00 a.m. Thrivent Bake Sale 12:30 p.m. "Living in the Intersections" - Joyce Caldwell & lunch	8 6:15 p.m. Men's Softball at Juneau Field	9 10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:00 p.m. Yoga	10 12 noon Prayer Lunch 3:30 p.m. CCC Board at St. Rose 6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal	11 9:30 a.m. Quilting 5:30 p.m. Arts Team Meeting	12	13 8:30 a.m. Clean-up Day 9:00 a.m. NA Group
14 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 11:30 a.m. Book of Faith & lunch at St. Paul's 11:30 a.m.	15 Men's Softball on Monday evenings Contact the church office for game times 	16 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:00 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. OSLC Foundation	17 9:30 a.m. Leah Circle 12 noon Prayer Lunch 3:00 p.m. West End Landlords 6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal	18 6:30 p.m. Thursday Worship	19	20 9:00 a.m. NA Group 9:00 a.m. Church Council 6:30 p.m. Peace Vigil
21 8:30 & 11:00 Worship	22 5:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry with Pr Betty	23 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:00 p.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m. Outreach Team	24 12 noon Prayer Lunch 6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal 6:15 p.m. Neighborhood Walk (call for starting location)	25 6:30 p.m. Thursday Worship	26	27 9:00 a.m. NA Group
28 8:30 & 11:00 Worship	29	30 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:00 p.m. Yoga				

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