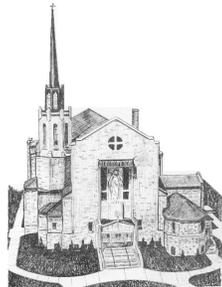


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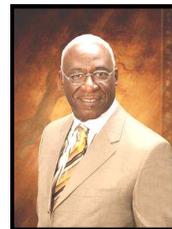
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From Pastor Keen



It seems like we have had to celebrate the life of members of this congregation every month over the past six months. We are experiencing the loss of members due to death at a staggering rate. The losses we have experienced over the past several months have created a vacuum to which we have been slow in responding. We are not seeing an increase in attendance, membership or in our giving. We have been slow in responding; however, we have not failed to respond. We have been methodical in our response to avoid reacting to what we are experiencing. The benefit of responding as opposed to reacting is having some measure of control over the situation or condition.

The strategic plan that was begun last year is still being fully developed. While it is under development, there are pieces and parts that are being worked on that will better position us to fully implement that strategy when fully developed. Our semi-annual meeting is a part of that strategy. Our goal is to check in and report the progress of our work, and to consider what requires change and what will need to be considered that was not considered in the past. We are committed to the full development and implementation of our Strategic Plan.

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Let's Go!



*Vacation Bible
School*

*Meeting Jesus
through people
in the city
PART II*

July 18-22

9 am - 3 pm

*For children
ages 5-12*

*Registration
forms available
in the church
office and
downloadable
from
oslcmilw.org*

*We have lots of
fun planned!*



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

Wendy Enockson - President

Julie Carr - Vice President

Linda Moore -Treasurer

Mike Festge - Secretary

Paul Brynildson - Elected Congregational Member

Frank Schultz - Elected Congregational Member

Tim Larson - Elected Congregational Member

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:

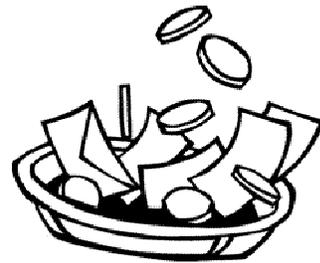
celebrate the presence of the living God in our lives/ congregation/ community and world;
 proclaim the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ
 administer the sacraments of Baptism and Communion;
 welcome as sisters and brothers, persons of any age/ gender, racial/ or ethnic heritage/economic status, 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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Attendance: We should have an average worship Sunday worship attendance of two hundred plus. If we were to consider the Wednesday Prayer Luncheon, we would have a weekly worship attendance of two hundred plus. We must consider the role of the Wednesday Prayer Service as a part of this ministry, and how to integrate those who join the ministry and congregation into this ministry. We have nine who have come forth during a call to discipleship this past week who will need cultivation. One of our Stewardship for All Seasons (SAS) goals was to invite two hundred (200) people to worship during the remainder of this year.

Stewardship for All Seasons (SAS): As previously reported, we were awarded a grant through the Synod to participate in a stewardship program that will help us to strategically understand the sources and patterns of giving, and to devise ways to think about new revenue streams that will support the great ministries of this congregation, Our Savior's. There will be more on this shared by others.

Additionally in regards to stewardship, we have many of you who are reading this message either via our congregation meeting or the Messenger, who have the continuing interest in helping and supporting this ministry, but don't know how. I am looking to develop a cadre of two hundred (200) supporters who will make a commitment to give fifty dollars (\$50.00) per week, to help us during this transitional period lasting no more than three years. If you are interested in learning more, please call the office or send an email. Remember that you can make a contribution using the Paypal donation button on our website.



Kaleidoscope Institute (KI) : Developing sustainable missional ministries in a diverse and changing world. This is an initiative that was started in several Milwaukee congregations a few years ago. I am just getting on board and am excited over the positive potential

Remember
Summer Worship
Sundays 10 am
Wednesdays 12 noon

impact this initiative can have on our congregation. We are crafting our sermons to reflect some of the teachings of the KI programs "Holy Currencies" as they are related to the lessons each Sunday. Remember to come to Sunday services at 10 am and Wednesday prayer lunches at 12 noon this summer to hear them!

God bless you, Pastor Keen



Meeting Jesus through people in the city
PART II

MILWAUKEE | WI



Vacation Bible School

at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

July 18-21

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

July 22

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

for children ages 5-12

Children will learn about the City of Milwaukee, its people and its neighborhoods, through daily field trips.

Through Bible stories, books, songs and games, learn about the cultural groups in our city.

How can you help? Sign up your children and grandchildren and your neighbor children! Register at the church office.

This program is sponsored by a grant from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation



SAS

Strategic Plan

2016

and YOU

People & Tools Help Us Look to the Future

You heard at the mid-year meeting about these efforts to be forward-looking at Our Savior's. Not surprisingly, they are compatible and supportive and all are moving us towards our goal of being missional and sustainable.

HOLY CURRENCIES: Cycle of Blessings

This concept comes to us from Rev. Dr. Eric Law at the Kaleidoscope Institute. The Cycle of Blessings, made up of Holy Currencies, shows us a picture of what sustainable missional ministry looks like. It gives us the language of currencies to talk about our ministries and to discover which are strong and where they are non-existent or need to be bolstered. Holy Currencies is not a program, but a way to think about church as dynamic, circulatory, and rejuvenating. This gives us a vision of a church that interacts with the wider community by maximizing the flow of spiritual, human and economic resources.

Stewardship for All Seasons (SAS) We were selected as one of a few Greater Milwaukee Synod congregations to participate in this two-year program that gives us the guidance of a professional consultant. The purpose of Stewardship for all Seasons (SAS) is to guide pastors and congregational leaders to learn tried and true basic principles and effective methodologies to carry out productive stewardship programs, and to learn how to do year-around, on-going stewardship resulting in more money for ministry, more energized stewards, and a culture of generosity. This is more than stewardship. It is a development mentality for the church.

You have been engaged in the beginning of the SAS work this spring by identifying our top three core values: Worship and Music, Outreach & Service, and Diversity

Strategic Plan 2016 The church leaders have been at work on this plan, to be presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting in January, 2017. Five areas have been identified and some short-term goals are being set for 2016 action.

YOU are welcome and encouraged to share your ideas about Our Savior's with Pastor Keen and the church council members (see page 2 for their names).

July 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 5:45 p.m. Vow renewal rehearsal*	2 9 am NA* 10 am Yarn Ministry at the Brumder 
Penny vacation 7/4—7/8						
3 10 am Worship 3:30 Vows Renewal Ceremony*	4 Church Closed	5 9 am RLC*	6 9 am RLC*	7 9 am RLC* 2 pm Archives Team Meeting	8	9 9 am NA*
10 10 am Worship	11 6 pm Personnel Team Meeting	12 9 am RLC* 11:30 CCC Pastors Meeting 12 noon CCC Outreach Meeting	13 9 am RLC*	14 9 am RLC*	15	16 9 am NA* & Church Council/PLT Meeting
17 10 am Worship "Serve Boldly" youth arrive	18 3 pm KBS 4 pm CCC Committee Meetings	19 9 am RLC*	20 9 am RLC* 1:30 pm WE*	21 9 am RLC*	22	23 9 am NA*
Serve Boldly Youth 7/17-7/23. OSLC VBS 7/18 - 7/22 CCC Outreach Ministry closed this week						
24 10 am Worship	25 3 pm KBS	26 9 am RLC* 9-1 pm Safety Training	27 9 am RLC*	28 9 am RLC*	29 2 pm Archives Team Meeting	30 9 am NA*
CCC Outreach Ministry closed this week						
31 10 am Worship						

* indicates "Guest"

KBS - Kaleidoscope Bible Study (all are welcome)
L&M - L&M Payee Service office hours for clients
RLC - Reformation Lutheran Church Bible Study

CCC - Central City Churches
WE - West End Landlords Compact

From the Archives Committee - Tim Larson, reporting

A group of Our Savior's members have been meeting to formulate plans to gather and organize the extraordinary history of Our Savior's Church. A significant partnership has been established with the ELCA Archives in Chicago, the ELCA Regional Archives at Wartburg Seminary and the Milwaukee County Historical Society to help guide us in preserving, protecting and sharing our unique history. Currently, we are in the process of gathering internal historical documents and artifacts for identification and inventory purposes. This process will be extremely helpful as we near our 160th anniversary year in 2018. Stay tuned for updates on this project. If you would like to learn more about this project or discover ways to participate, please speak to Joan Totten or Tim Larson. Thank you for your support to preserve the historical significance of Our Savior's for years to come.

Did you know? *Things discovered while cleaning and other stories*

- ◆ If you have been a member of Our Savior's for a long time, you know that the Team Ministry concept has been important in the last 50 years for growing lay leadership and supporting our called pastors in various areas of ministry. We came upon a couple copies of the Team Ministry Manual (type-written and one inch thick!) from the late 1960's. Pastor Keen discovered that our 2016 goals are right in step with the team ministry goals. Developing leaders for a changing church goes on!
- ◆ Did you know we have the trowel and the spade used in ceremonial ground-breaking and brick-laying activities for the Wisconsin Avenue church? And we found an old-fashioned embosser that can add the Our Savior's seal to documents.
- ◆ We have recently learned about a former Our Savior's member whose life was touched in powerfully positive ways by this congregation. Although no longer here, this person continues to remember Our Savior's in prayer and in contributions. (That Cycle of Blessings can span years and miles!)
- ◆ While cleaning out a storage room, we came upon quilts that were made by Our Savior's quilters for Lutheran World Relief. They were all packed up to ship, and apparently forgotten in a back room. We were able to display them in church on Women's Sunday in May and remember all of the women who assembled hundreds of quilts for LWR over the years.
- ◆ And, it is true...we finally threw out all of the Sunday School flannel boards and the story pieces that went with them. Do you remember learning Bible stories with flannel boards??



Thank you to all who have been working so hard to clean out storage areas in the building and discover the “treasures” that lurk there! Great strides have been made in moving stuff OUT and in keeping IN what needs to be saved.

Thank you to Gail Jacobsen and her helpers, Ellen Schrubba, Wendy and Phil Enockson, for face-painting at the Near West Side Partners’ Outdoor Movie Night. The event was a great success. Watch for another outdoor event soon. Near West Side Partners organizer, Darian Davis, will be looking for church partners to help in the planning. If you are interested, contact Penny in the church office.

Letters and calls and emails and notes of thanks have been received from the families and friends of Shirley Johnsen, Shirley Deer, Floyd Cason and Mae Weichart. Pastor Keen and the Our Savior’s family have blessed those who grieve. The Celebration of Life services brought comfort and joy by reminding us that we are Christ’s in this life and the next.

We are thankful to have organist John Seboldt back on the bench. John continues to heal and improve and reports that playing the organ is good therapy!

Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to welcome new members who were received on June 26:

Christopher, Lindsey & Ethan Doman - Letter of Transfer

Kenneth & Josephine Harrell - Affirmation of Baptism

Daren Jasourowski - Affirmation of Baptism

Edward L. McFarland Jr. - Affirmation of Baptism

Barbara Jean “BJ” Mosley - Affirmation of Baptism

James Tydus - Holy Baptism

***We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.***

Sign Up Now
Support Outreach for Hope
Share the Fun

9th Annual Family Bike Ride

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016

St. Bruno Parish, Dousman



Now is the time to get your bike out of storage, put air in the tires, check the chain, take a few rides, and get your legs in shape for the **Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride**. There is something for everyone to support the churches of the Greater Milwaukee Synod doing ministry in the very heart of low income communities in Southeast Wisconsin. Join in the fun as together we ***Pedal to Push Down Poverty***.

Registration is now open. A generous Action Grant by Brennan's and Pavement Consulting will provide an additional \$25 for each registered or virtual rider. For information and to register visit the website www.ofhbikeride.com. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Our Savior's Team will be riding and all are invited to join in. Contact Phil or Wendy Enockson for more information about participating with the Our Savior's riders.

All are invited to sponsor the riders! Visit the Outreach for Hope Bike Ride website to make your contribution. There you can see how our team's total is growing.

Wednesday Prayer Service and Lunch at Our Savior's is funded by a grant we receive from **Outreach for Hope**. Consider this in the context of the Cycle of Blessings, Holy Currencies: the grant is the Currency of Money, that allows the congregation to exercise the Currency of Gracious Leadership to invite people to the Wednesday Prayer Service and Lunch. That exchanges for the Currency of Relationship - relationships among and between people who come, relationships with the church and church members, relationships with God. Those relationships are strengthened when infused with the Currency of Truth, which comes forth when people share truths in a setting that is a "safe zone" and when truth is declared in Word and song by Pastor Keen and the worship leaders. And, of course, the Currency of Wellness is present in delicious food that nourishes bodies and spiritual food that feeds souls. Then the Currency of Money flows again in the form of the offerings collected. This is an example of how the Holy Currencies are flowing at Our Savior's. Notice that six new members were received on Sunday, June 26; these are people who started their relationship with the congregation at the Wednesday Prayer Service. (see page 8)

Worship Leader Schedule for July, 2016

	Sunday July 3 10:00 a.m.	Sunday July 10 10:00 a.m.	Sunday July 17 10:00 a.m.	Sunday July 24 10:00 a.m.	Sunday July 31 10:00 a.m.
Assisting Minister	Paula Holman	Paul Brynildson	Kari Zieminski	Miquel de Jesús	Linda Moore
Reader	Jena Arvelo-Sebesta	Norma Fogle	Marquitta Wells & Aaron Wells-Cage	Larissa Roby-Brown	Gary Christianson
Communion Server	Jena & Tammy Arvelo-Sebesta	Steve Oakland, Norma Fogle	Mike & Doreen Festge	LaVonne & Jerry Williams	Cyndi Benner Gail Jacobsen
Acolyte	Tammy Arvelo-Sebesta	Steve Oakland	Isaac & Aaron Wells	LaVonne Williams	Steve Oakland
Sacristy	Tammy & Jena Arvelo-Sebesta	Aija Jasourowski Julie Carr	Wendy Enockson	LaVonne & Jerry Williams	Nancy Schultz
Gift Bearer	Tammy & Jena Arvelo-Sebesta	Tom & Judy Pinger	the Wells family	the Roby-Brown family	Phil & Wendy Enockson
Sound Room	Mike Festge	Mike Festge Daren Jasourowski	Mike Festge Daren Jasourowski	Mike Festge Daren Jasourowski	Mike Festge Daren Jasourowski

Thank you for serving in these diaconal positions as assigned. Please contact the church office (Penny 414-342-5252) with your availability for the next several months. If you cannot serve as assigned, please arrange a substitute for yourself and advise the church office of the change.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; Hebrews 12:28

Happy Birthday to You! July Birthdays

Moore, Linda	07/02	Formoe, Charles	07/13
Roby, Antoine	07/02	Cáceres, Elise	07/15
Saunders, Victoria	07/03	Wiese, Lana	07/16
Roe, Joshua	07/04	Schumacher, Ella	07/18
De Jesus, Christel	07/05	Gutowski, Sandra	07/19
Kaari, Clifford	07/06	Davis, James	07/23
Gielow, Richard	07/09	Wimmer, Jenine	07/28
Jorgensen, Doreen	07/12		
Schruba, Ellen	07/12		
Wilson, Maude	07/12		



YOUR PRAYERS ARE INVITED FOR:

The families and friends of Floyd Cason and Mae Weichart

Floyd Haberman
 Jenine Wimmer
 Mary Foley
 Ruth Williams
 Pastor Keen, & Anthony Boose
 Tammy Arvelo & her father, Miguel Arvelo
 Ella Schumacher
 Lenore Blasier
 Betty Anderson
 Geraldine Lenz
 Elizabeth Seymour
 Maude Wilson
 Lisa Anderson Norgard, & her daughters Kristina & Betsy
 Debbie Hyland
 Lakelyn Ruth Poeppel
 The Burns, Johnson, Clark, Elam and Palmer families
 Kimberly Butler



DEATHS :

We are saddened by the loss of God's servants, **Floyd Cason** (June 15) and **Mae Weichart** (June 20). **Floyd** joined Our Savior's in 1958. He and Jean, who preceded him in death, raised their family in the church. Floyd helped out with building maintenance and provided hospitality with Jean's yummy baking. **Mae** joined Our Savior's in 1961. She was an active member of the OS Senior Center and a joyful presence at worship services. Both Floyd and Mae will be missed even as we are confident of new life in Christ Jesus.

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