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“Our mission is to make the love of Christ known to all as we worship, serve and grow together.”

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All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord!



MARK-INGS

Every ELCA pastor serves both the church (congregation) to which he or she is called, and the capital “C” Church, meaning they represent the wider ELCA. It is also part of our call to bring the concerns of the larger Church to the congregation, to lift up our benevolence partnerships, and to help guide interested and qualified persons into ordained ministry. When serving a particular congregation, the pastor usually serves the Church by being on a synod committee or serving on an official board. My participation in the ELCA is to be part of our synod’s “Church in Society” committee, after serving for over ten years on the Board of Directors of Lutheran Social Services. I am joined on this synod committee by Sonja Simonson Schrag and many other talented and concerned individuals, both lay and clergy.

In recent months I have also begun to serve our Church and synod by being a representative working with the “Lutheran Office of Public Policy in Wisconsin” (LOPPW). We help our advocate in Madison interpret the social statements and teachings of the ELCA as they relate to issues before our state legislators, boards and governor. At the same time we try to raise up the issues that most affect the people of our synod.

We begin the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday services at noon and 7 pm on February 22nd. Over a seven week period (officially forty days, not counting Sundays which are always a remembrance of the resurrection of Jesus), we do our annual journey into a renewal of our faith. In early years of the Christian Church this time was set aside for preparation for Baptism on Easter. In our day it begins our time of pilgrimage into the reality of the stories of our Lord’s leading for those who would join in lifting up our cross to follow Him.

In confirmation vows and new member services, we affirm the promises made at Holy Baptism, usually stated in these five phrases: “...to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.” To help with the last vow, “to strive for justice and peace in all the earth”, this year we will be handing out a Lenten calendar prepared by our LOPPW staff and committee. It will have a daily focus that will include selections of teachings from our ELCA social statements, with websites suggested for further study and education.

Not only will our Lenten season be a time to focus on peace and justice, with resources to help each of us learn even more, but it will be a time to focus on personal and family devotions. We will have a goal of establishing a place in every home and apartment for a devotional focus. Whether items are set on a wall or on a table, we will begin to assemble pieces of our home altars. There will be a focus each week to bring an item to Wednesday worship to be blessed for use in our homes. So start now to gather some or all of these items: Crosses (for wall hanging or free standing), a cloth for use as an altar cloth, a small bowl to become a “blessing bowl”, sea shells, baptismal candles, family religious heirlooms, a Bible that will be marked with favorite verses, table placemats, devotional books.

You will hear more as we approach the start of Lent. May we be deepened in the understanding of our faith and the practice of it on earth. Pastor Mark+

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Unapproved Council Minutes for **Tuesday**, January 10, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Pastor Jolivette, Mark Zellmer, Dennis Baehr, Becky Grapes, Joanne Richmond, Stephanie VanZee, Gene Linse, Lois Losby, Cheryl Olson, Rod Tisthammer

Excused Absence: Scott Swedeen

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by council president Mark Zellmer.

A motion was made that \$25,000 of Pastor Jolivette's salary be designated as his housing allowance in the writing of these minutes. **MSC (Richmond/VanZee).**

Motion made to endorse and present the budget for 2012 to the congregation at the January 29, 2012 annual meeting. **MSC (Grapes/VanZee)** with Joanne Richmond voting nay.

The meeting was recessed at 8:25 p.m. and will be continued on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the regular church council meeting.

Unapproved Council Minutes for **Thursday**, January 12, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Pastor Jolivette, Mark Zellmer, Dennis Baehr, Becky Grapes, Joanne Richmond, Stephanie VanZee, Gene Linse, Lois Losby, Cheryl Olson, Rod Tisthammer

Excused Absence: Scott Swedeen

The January meeting of the church council resumed at 6:40 p.m. following the recess of the budget meeting of Tuesday, January 10, 2012. Pastor Jolivette led in devotions.

Secretaries Report – **MSC (Grapes/Baehr)**

Treasurer's Report – All bills are current. We were able to go a second consecutive year without transferring any monies from the memorial funds. Council thanks the congregation for their continued support of the ministries of Our Savior's. **MSC (Linse/Tisthammer)**

Motion made to put the undesignated "other" from the giving envelopes into the storm water project for 2012 under 151 memorial fund. **MSC (VanZee/Grapes)**

Pastor Report

Got Bible session is almost complete. Not sure what will be offered after Easter. Lenten services will be in the fellowship hall again this year following the Lenten suppers. Eighteen visitations in December were made by Pastor Vern and Pastor Mark. There are no set plans at this time for RIC Sunday on January 29th. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Most staff interviews have been completed with Pastor Jolivette and Becky Grapes. Pastor Mark will be attending Luther Seminary Convocation February 1-4 as continuing education. New computers are needed in the church and pastor's offices.

Board Reports

Worship & Music – The Christmas Eve services were both very nice and well attended. The training for deacon and home visit communion volunteers will be held this weekend.

Membership – Directory is here for proofing. Becky Grapes has gone through it and now Laura and Pastor Mark will go over it for spelling errors in regards to members' names.

Property – the storm water project continues to move forward with the nice weather making it possible to continue some work.

Christian Education – The curriculum for spring has been chosen. It will focus on Jesus and his life. VBS program is called Renew and will focus on being green.

Social Ministry – There were 135 gifts given through the Angel Tree. January 29th cinnamon rolls will be served again for Causeway. Come for Supper Christmas night dinner served 75-80 people. The dishwasher is in need of a new booster heater due to lime deposits (further information on this issue will be found under new business). The committee is looking at starting some new initiatives i.e. RIC support group; non-food distribution event; needs of the community. AMOS...Martin Luther King Day program will be held at English Lutheran. Maureen Freed-

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land is the recipient of the MLK Award. FITF committee met on January 10. Drivers are needed for the Share the Bounty program; Coulee Region Community Hunger Day will be June 1; planning a cooking with crock pots class. WCC met on January 11 – reviewed budget and did Bonnie’s review; planning for fundraising (fashion show) and outreach. WINWIN is reorganizing.

Stewardship – Pledge card returns are down as are total number of pledges for 2012. If you haven’t returned your card yet, it’s not too late.

Evangelism – Joanne presented a report of data that she compiled concerning worship and membership trends. She hopes to use this information as a way of increasing our membership and reaching out to our community.

Task Forces

150th – Still compiling the book of stories and the 150th anniversary book.

Sound System – nothing to report

Fireside Room – the final shipment of chairs is scheduled to arrive on January 21st.

Old Business

Nominating Committee – there are still some vacancies to complete the council roster.

Final approval of budget – **MSC (Grapes/Baehr)** to reconsider the budget from January 10, 2012. **MSC (Grapes/Baehr)** to present budget to the congregation at the January 29th annual meeting.

New Business

The current booster heater is limed up and needs to be replaced. Come for Supper committee proposes that they will pay for half of the purchase of a new booster heater and water softener; Our Savior’s will pay the other half of the cost from the Cappelen 330E Memorial Fund. **MSC (Grapes/Baehr)**.

With no other business being presented to the council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois E. Losby, Council Secretary

Financial Report December 2011

Category	December Actual	December Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	2010 YTD Actual
General Envelope Income	\$21,338	\$21,063	\$230,291	\$252,752	\$212,728
Special/Loose Offering	\$7,154	\$1,625	\$18,194	\$19,500	\$11,788
Other Income	\$1,279	\$894	\$11,1334	\$10,728	\$8,908
Benevolence Envelope	\$1,671	\$1,833	\$15,425	\$22,000	\$11,597
Other Benevolence	\$5,912	\$1,335	\$17,171	\$16,150	\$12,082
Total Income	\$37,354	\$26,750	\$292,214	\$321,130	\$257,104
Expenses	\$46,261	\$26,750	\$312,221	\$321,221	\$256,671
Net Income/Deficit	(\$8,901)		(\$20,007)		\$433

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms:

01/01/12: Hannah Dianne Panzer
- Pastor Mark Jolivette

Funeral:

01/04/12: Dominik J. Halling
01/06/12: Reuben Gene Wallace Halverson, Sr.
- Pastor Mark Jolivette



February 2012—ALTAR GUILD

Colleen Pitz (Chair.)
Ellen Kruser
Deb Wold
Rachel Balow
Linda Baehr
Levi Powers



"COME FOR SUPPER!"

Thank you to all of the volunteers who help serve all of our guests. You do a GREAT job!

January 2012 Sponsors:

01/03/12: OSLC & English Lutheran
01/10/12: OSLC & Prince of Peace/1st Presbyterian
01/17/12: OSLC & North Conference Church
01/24/12: OSLC &
01/31/12: OSLC &

WELCA NEWS

Hello All! The Tired and Retired Potluck is our February meeting. Please bring a dish to pass and we will meet to eat at **12:00 noon on February 16th**. Men are welcome and encouraged to come.

WELCA Board

DORCAS NEWS

This months meeting of the Dorcas will be on **Wednesday, February 1st** at 6:30pm. We will have a potluck meal to share. We hope you will join us.
Dorcas Board

Council Members 2011

President	Mark Zellmer
Vice-President	Becky Grapes
Treasurer	Dennis Baehr
Secretary	Lois Losby
Christian Education	Stef Van Zee
Worship & Music	Cheryl Olson
Evangelism	Joanne Richmond
Membership	Scott Swedeen
Property	Vacant
Social Ministry	Rod Tisthammer
Stewardship	Gene Linse



Since Our Savior's is a consistent donor to WAFER, we want to keep you updated on the services WAFER provides. The following is a summary of the past month's statistics. Remember, a gift of \$20 will help purchase a bag of groceries.

December 2011 Food Service Report

Total Packages	1,903
New Households	101
Total People Fed	5,677
Volunteer Hours	1,007

February Items Spaghetti & Sauces

Attention families of Servicemen & Women. . . .

Please call the church office if you have a family member in the armed forces. As we pray for peace, we also want to specifically pray for the safety of the sons, daughters and friends of our congregation. Also, if these designations have changed, please help us to change our lists accordingly.

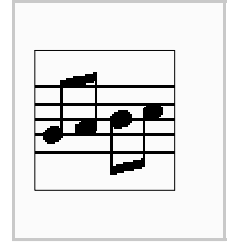
Thank you!

MESSENGER DEADLINE: **MONDAY, February 20, 2012** Articles for the March Messenger must be turned in to the church office **NO LATER than 12:00 p.m.** **on Monday, February 20, 2012**

The Messenger will be assembled on **MONDAY, February 27th** at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for those interested in helping.

Worship & Music Notes

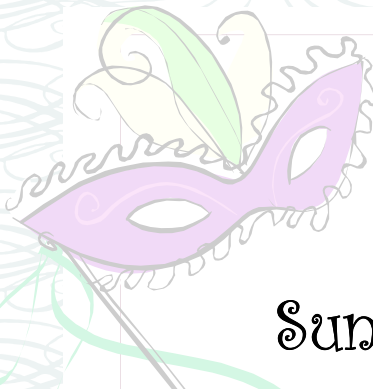
Welcome to the month of many holidays! This year we also have a Church holiday in February: **Ash Wednesday**. We begin the season of Lent on Wednesday **February 22nd with services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm**. The service will be held in the sanctuary with Holy Communion. We will be kneeling for communion during Lent.



There will be Soup/Suppers on the 5 “middle” Wednesdays of Lent in the Fellowship Hall. The youth, Christian Education Board, Worship/Music Board and other committees will provide the meals. Serving will be at 6:00 pm and Lenten service beginning at 7:00 pm.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Thank you to those who attended training sessions for communion deacons and home communion deacons! New things learned and old things refreshed. Wonderful!



MARDI GRAS



Sunday, February 19th, 2012,

after worship in the Fellowship Hall

Mardi Gras is a special event brought to you by the Youth of OSLC to bring our church family together for fun, food and fellowship. Come chase cabin fever away!

All proceeds raise needed funds for the Youth Mission Trip and National Youth Gathering this summer.

Memorials & Special Gifts

In memory of Maxine Nelson:

Come For Supper

Robyn Tanke

In memory of Levi, Esther & Denise Dahlby:

Undesignated Memorial

Bob & Lois Kathan

In memory of Ona King:

Undesignated Memorial

Peter King OSLC WELCA OSLC Dorcas Society

In memory of Lillian Wohlers:

Women's Clothes Closet

Duane Wohlers Keith & Janet Goetzinger

In memory of Raymond Kroner:

Fireside Room

Mavis Stafslie

Organ Fund

Byron & Mary Lou Blackmore

Come for Supper

Ardelle Ender

Don & Judy Thesing

Sara & Abhijat Pochanayon

Vince & Joyce Gossman

Tom & Deb Wallerich

Louis Lautz

Richard Hackett

Warren & Donna Engelson

Gordon & Sharon Helke

Dorothy Gray

Randy & Diane Thorsen

Norman & Jean Lange

Marv & Dorothy Landsinger

Jim & Ronnie Sinniger

Elizabeth & Angel Chavez

Bill & Jean Fregin

Marlin & Dar Anderson

Joan & Mike Solberg

Dave & Cindy Skoog

Bruce & Lois Losby

Deanna & Jeff Schirm

Dave & Connie Olson

Jim Cleveland

Sara Miller

Tom & Sue Redding

Gwen Schaefer

Jack & Beatrice Gilbert

Carl & Kathy Tabbert

Rich & Joanne Gilbertson

Bob & Martha Sesvold

Camilla Owen

Dan Lintin

Duane & Bev Sanborn

Doug & Nadine Happel

Jeanette Graf

Pete & Esther Harman

Gary & Susan Corbisier

Clair & Beverly Valentine

Dee & Sam Nichols

Tom & Robin Watson

Dave & Nancy Ingram

Deb Fitzpatrick

Kay & John Sagen

Barb Berken

Janet Swartz

Mel & Monica Peterson

Lyle & Marilyn Kundy

Jeff & Kathryn Tooke

Chuck & Linda Rudrud

Margaret & Dave Olafson

In honor of Chuck & Linda Rudrud:

Undesignated Memorial

Douglas & Helen Molzahn

In memory of Loretta Husmann

Undesignated Memorial

Barbara Hefti

Gregg & Kay Cleveland

Lloyd & Janet Kennedy

John & Kathy Speer

Rich & Val Mahlum

Rachel Sexe

Therese Skemp

Bob & Nance Klapper

Gene & Betty Linse

Gerald & Jane Foltz

Sue Kortness-Staples

Roy & Doris Modahl

Mark & Deb Daehn Zellmer

Vera Wensole

John & Frances Heim

Pay & Wally Marx

Diane & Rudy Jolivette

Tom & Nancy Padesky

Patty & Terry Bye

Teresa & Nathan Heim

Bert & Katie Butterfield

Pat Walsh & Kate Harkness

Teresa Mc Henry

Nancy & Harland Thorson

Marie Witt

Michael & Jane Speer

Sharon Odahl

Cheryl Olson

Karen Cody

Irma Johnson

Beverly Kratt

Tony Gartner

Cheryl Vieth

Linda Greeno

Jean Marck

Myra Smaby

Janice Hauswirth

Anna Duresky

Elisabeth Hoyer

Marian Meyer

JaNell Heim

Bill Towner

Pam Jorgensen

Michol Startup

Agnes Olson

Kris Troyanek

Ruth Ames

Donna Heim

Robert Hembd

Sandy Bissen

Edna Larson

SAVE THE DATE—Rockin' Out Hunger, a party to benefit The Hunger Task Force of La Crosse. **Saturday, February 25, 2012** at Fox Hollow. Featuring: The Remainders and The Executives.

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NEW HORIZONS



SHELTER & OUTREACH CENTERS
Breaking Silence. Empowering Lives.

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Outreach Office
P.O. BOX 2031
La Crosse, WI 54602

Phone: (608) 791-2610
TTY Available
Fax: (608) 791-2619

Trempealeau County
Outreach Office
P.O. BOX 518
Whitehall, WI 54773

Phone/Fax: (715) 538-2810
TTY Available

www.nhagainstabuse.org

To: Members of Your Church / Organization
From: Sharon Radford, Volunteer/Intern Coordinator
Date: January 5, 2012
Subject: New Horizons Training for Volunteers/Interns

**Mon. Feb. 6th / Tue. Feb. 7th / Wed. Feb. 8th
5:00 – 9:00 p.m. every evening**

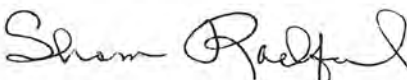
First Baptist Church, 1209 Main St., La Crosse
Entrance in back (parking lot)

Please announce this information at your church services or organizations meeting. We are in immediate need of volunteers for a few specific areas of our agency. Volunteer positions range from on-call night time hours (Nova), donations area, assisting the Crisis Line staff.

Our organization relies heavily on volunteers to help provide services to our clients. While these volunteers provide a very appreciated and needed service, they in-turn will have a better understanding of domestic violence and how “it affects everyone”. Most people do not realize that domestic violence happens in 1 out of every 4 households. By becoming a volunteer, you can make a difference in many other lives. **We cannot guarantee you will be placed as a volunteer just by attending the training. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER TO ATTEND THIS TRAINING.**





Our Spring 2012 volunteer training will begin very soon, so please announce this training to your members as soon as you can. The **first night of training is mandatory for all volunteers.** Those that complete the 12 hour training will receive a certificate of completion. **Please have all interested members contact Sharon at 791-2610, ext. 301 by January 30th to reserve a seat.** Training packets, beverages, and a snack will be provided.

New Horizons values and thanks you and your members for your continued support.

Sincerely, 

Sharon Radford
Volunteer & Intern Coordinator
New Horizons Shelter & Outreach Centers

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			1 10 am WELCA Board Meeting Noon Worship 6:30 pm 6th Grade Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Dorcas Mtg 7:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation Class	2 	3	4
5 9 am Worship/HC 10:10 am SS 10:15 am CF/Adult Ed	6	7 5 pm CFS/OSLC & English 6:30 pm BS Troop 13 6:30 pm FITF Meeting	8 Noon Worship/HC 6:30 pm 6th Grade Confirmation Class 7:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation Class	9 6:30 pm Council Meeting	10	11
12 8 am Choir 9 am Worship 10:10 am SS 10:15 am CF-Chocolate Sunday/Adult Ed	13 7 pm Priscilla Circle	14 9 am Quilters  5 pm CFS/OSLC & Prince of Peace/1st Presbyterian 6:30 pm BS Troop 13	15 Noon Worship 1 pm CRTH Meeting 6:30 pm 6th Grade Confirmation Class 7:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation Class	16 Noon WELCA Tired & Retired Potluck 7 pm Art & Faith	17	18 10am—Noon Mardi Gras Set Up
19 8 am Choir 9 am Worship 10:10 am SS 10—Noon Youth Mardi Gras Fundraiser 10:15 am CF/Adult Ed	20 MESSANGER DEADLINE! 	21 5 pm CFS/OSLC & N. Conf. Church 6:30 pm BS Troop 13	22  Noon Worship/HC 5-6:30 NYG Meeting 6 pm Choir 7 pm Worship/HC	23	24	25 10 am Holden Evening Music Practice 8 pm Youth Lock In
26 8 am Choir 9 am Worship 10:10 am SS 10:15 am CF/Adult Ed	27 1 pm Messenger Assembly	28 9 am Quilters 1:45 pm Hillview Chapel 5 pm CFS/OSLC & 6:30 pm BS Troop 13	29 Noon Worship 6 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Lenten Worship	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><i>Fellowship is the Love of Christ, shared over a cup of coffee.</i></p> <p>Calling all bakers... we are in need of individuals, families or groups of friends to bring treats, help serve and clean up during coffee fellowship Sunday mornings. Please put your name down on the sign-up sheet outside Pastor Mark's office. Help is needed every week.</p> </div>		

Legend: HC= Holy Communion

CF= Coffee Fellowship

SS = Sunday School

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



Sunday, February 5th, 2012 after worship in the Narthex join our Youth in the fight against hunger in our community and our world by helping fill large soup buckets in the narthex of the church with cans of soup and/or dollar bills during Super Bowl Weekend.

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesday, February 1st, 8th, and 15th in the Choir Room: 6th Grade: "Worship Life" from 6:30 – 7:20pm; and 8th Grade: "Christian History" from 7:30–8:30pm.



Lenten worship services on Wednesday, February 22nd and 29th are the classes for all grades of confirmation. 3rd–9th grades You can use these services to catch up on your worship notes as well.

FEBRUARY ACOLYTES

Sun., Feb. 5th

Sam L. and Jacob J.

Sun., Feb. 12th

Hannah S. and Ally S.

Sun., Feb. 19th

James L. and Cuz M.

Wed., Feb. 22nd

Ash Wednesday

2 NEEDED

Sun., Feb. 26th

Kyle H. and Jon K.

Wed., Feb. 29th
Lent en Services
Week 1

2 NEEDED



SPECIAL LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

HOLDEN EVENING MUSIC PRACTICE

Saturday, February 25th, at 10:00 am, you can meet with Louise Temte and Jessica Zinniel to learn the music of "Holden Evening Prayer" so that you can help lead our worship. We are not looking for soloists, but voices to support our singing. Every year we hear how much you love this music, so we hope some will help us all sing. It's also a fun and easy way to earn service electives

SERVICE ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

- ⇒ Acolyte during Ash Wednesday worship
- ⇒ Sing in the church choir (8am, Sunday morning, in the Choir Room
- ⇒ Performing special music during worship
- ⇒ Wiping down the chairs and high chairs in the Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ MARDI GRAS SET-

- UP—Come help set-up for Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 18, from 10am–12noon.
- ⇒ MARDI GRAS—Come help serve at our youth fundraiser on Sunday, February 19th, from 8am–9am and 10am–12noon.
- ⇒ LENTEN SOUP SUPPER—Wednesday, February 29, Come help set-up, serve and clean-up from 5pm–8pm.

ACOLYTES & WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Please sign up if you can help with Lenten worship services or the special services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Sunrise and Festival Easter worship. Look for the Acolyte/Worship Assistant Sign-Up sheet on the bulletin board next to Pastor Mark's office.

NYG GETTING READY MEETING

Any Youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer on Wednesday, February 22, from 5:00 – 6:30pm.

Citizens with the Saints,
Part 1—*Jesus gathers us as citizens with the saints to learn to love like Jesus through practicing discipleship that works for peace through justice.*



In this session we will dive into the Gathering theme text Ephesians 2:14-20 and get an introduction of the Gathering program core practices—Discipleship, Peacemaking and Justice.

BUTTERBRAID FUNDRAISER



Back by popular demand, the youth of OSLC will be taking orders for those delicious fruit-filled pastries starting, Sunday, February 26th. The pastries are \$11 each and come in 8 mouth watering flavors, Apple, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Caramel Roll, Cherry, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, and Strawberry Cream Cheese. They come frozen and you thaw and bake them at home. We will be taking orders until

Sunday, March 11th and delivery of the pastries will be on Sunday, April 1st, after worship in the Fellowship Hall... just in time for your special Easter gatherings! Watch for the display in the Fellowship Hall for more information and to order or contact Jessica Zinniel at 608-782-3468 ext. 7 or zinn6@juno.com. All funds raised go towards youth events through out the year, including the youth mission trips and National Youth Gathering this summer!

YOUTH LOCK-IN

Saturday, February 25, 8pm – Sunday, February 26, 11:15am (tent.)

We are in need of Adults chaperones for our Youth Lock-In. on February 25. We are looking for adults who are relational, youth-focused, flexible, strong, Christ-like examples and safety-minded. You need not have a youth to participate, just a desire to serve. If interested or looking for more information, please contact Jessica Zinniel at 782-3468 ext. 7 or zinn6@juno.com



SUGAR CREEK COUPLES RETREAT

February 10-12

Enrich your relationship with your spouse and enjoy some time away together at Sugar Creek. You will share in some wonderful meals, fun activities, and a program designed to strengthen your relationship. You will stay in one of our beautiful log cabins or a private room in our Koinonia Lodge.

Cost: \$180 per couple

SUGAR CREEK WINTER FUN DAYS

February 12 and 26

Join the fun this winter with your friends and family. Snow tubing, broom ball, snow shoeing, ice skating, cross country skiing (bring your own skates & skis), chili, hot dogs, hot chocolate and a cozy fire to warm up by all are including in this day of winter fun.

WHEN: Sun Feb 12 and 26, 1-5 pm COST: \$4.00 per person. Reservations are required. Please call or email the camp to reserve your spot. 608-734-3113 or sgrcreek@mwt.net.

SUGAR CREEK CRAFTER'S RETREAT

February 16-19

Calling all stampers, scrappers, quilters or whatever your craft! Get away for a weekend to dedicate to working on your craft,

and enjoy some of our (optional) programming like campfire, devotions, worship, and more. We'll give you half of an 8ft table, plenty of good food and a place to lay your head. You just need to bring yourself and all your supplies. We'll have morning and evening devotions and a worship service on Sunday. Cost is \$110 per person for Thursday to Sunday or \$85 per person for Friday to Sunday. To register send a registration form with your payment to Sugar Creek Bible Camp.

SUGAR CREEK SUMMER CAMP

Think summer! Think summer at Sugar Creek! Registration for summer camp is now open! Brochures available at the Welcome Center in the narthex, or check out the programs online at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org. Popular programs, such as the Riverboaters and the Mother/Daughter and Father/Son retreats, often fill up before summer starts, so sign up today! Family camp is Aug 14-17. Financial aid for youth and families participating in the summer programming is available, talk with Jessica Zinniel or Pastor Mark.

Social Ministries February 2012

LWR Health Kits

Lutheran World Relief Health Kits will be available in the Narthex on **February 19th**. All you need to do is pick up a plastic bag and fill it with the items listed on the sheet inside. Items include a hand towel, wash cloth, a bath size bar in its original wrapping, six Band Aids (1/2" to 3/4") held together with a rubber band, a metal nail file (or nail clippers w/a file attached), and a toothbrush in its original packaging. Once again, toothpaste will **NOT** be included in the health kits this year. The completed health kits can be returned to the black cart located in the Narthex. Please have the health kits back by **Sunday April 1st** (Palm Sunday).

Chili Supper

The Coulee Region Transitional Housing Ministry (CRTHM) is having a chili supper on **Thursday March 22nd from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (corner of West Avenue and Division Streets). The cost is \$6.00 and carry-outs are available. CRTHM is a volunteer interfaith group with the purpose of raising funds that provide rental assistance to women as they transition from New Horizons Women's Shelter to independent living. For tickets, contact Debbie Dukatz at 608.788.7706.

Women's Clothes Closet

The WCC will be having their fifth annual "Fashion Cornucopia" style show on Saturday November 3rd. This fundraiser helps meet on-going expenses and creates better exposure for clients and donations. If you would like to be a member of this committee and join in the fun, please contact Betty Linse. Committee meetings will start soon.

Come For Supper

For the month of February, CFS is asking for spaghetti. When you purchase some, please put them in the kitchen or give to Nance Klapper, Gretchen Crary or Rod Tisthammer. In the last five weeks, CFS has served over 1300 meals! Here's the breakdown by each Tuesday:

December 20	336
Christmas Night	70
December 27	215
January 3	199
January 11	281
January 17	253

Share the Bounty

Now that seed catalogs have begun arriving in the mail and you begin planning your garden for this year, please consider planting an extra row or two of produce (beans, carrots, peas, tomatoes, etc) to share with your neighbors, especially those members of the community who may not have access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

In order to make garden produce available and affordable, the AMOS Food Insecurity Task Force encourages you to bring whatever extra produce you have grown to an assigned collection site (more information on that later). The distribution of that collected produce will be facilitated by the Hunger Task Force, which serves the several meal sites and the various food pantries in La Crosse, and by WAFER, which provides food for individual families. If you're not a gardener, you still may take part in this project by purchasing produce at the local farmer's markets and contributing those items to the program (and more on that later, as well).

For now, however, as we all wait for spring and the planting season to begin, we ask that you think about sowing extra seeds or setting out extra plants in order to share the harvest with others and make the Coulee Region a healthier place. If you have questions about AMOS' Share the Bounty program, please contact Sonja Simonson Schrag or Rod Tisthammer.



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**LENTEN
SERVICE
SCHEDULE**

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd

Noon & 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesdays, February 29th, March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Noon & 7 :00 p.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Light Supper

