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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!



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MARK-INGS

Happy Thanksgiving! And before that, a national salute is given to all the veterans who are honored on Nov. 11th, and I join in that salute. This long ten-year war is leaving many military personnel with horrific experiences. Families are being stretched by the separation. For many, multiple deployments are further straining family bonds. For every service member, subsequent reintegration back into family life always presents challenges, and military personnel find that adjusting to life which isn't lived in the adrenalin rush of the battlefield is confusing and more difficult than expected.

I'm sure you know of the phrase PTSD, post-traumatic stress disorder. I personally join the chorus of those who would like the last letter, "D", to be changed to "disease". It's easier to get people to receive treatment when we know that health is at stake. It's not so "weird" or different if we can think of it as a disease. And I think that is being honest. The memories and effects of war might very well last a lifetime, and this might very well be a chronic condition, needing lifelong treatment just as some other diseases. Hats go off to veterans of all generations, those who have gone to war and those who were blessed with peace, and to all the families who supported those who stood the watch around the globe. We pray especially for service personnel and their families struggling with the aftermath.

And yes, Happy Thanksgiving! We will again celebrate this national holiday with our neighbors at St. Paul's Lutheran, gathering there on Tuesday November 22nd. Choir practice is at 6 pm, the worship is at 7 pm, and we have time for a fellowship time following the worship. I hear they are planning some very special dessert to welcome us down Division Street. I hope you will join us and invite friends of any denomination. This is truly an American holiday which clearly dovetails with our religious need to give thanks.

We do have a need to give thanks. Many times we think of thanksgiving as focused on our blessings. We make mental lists, or actually write some things down, for which we are deeply thankful. Or perhaps we go even further, and make a determined effort to tell people at work and in our neighborhood and in our families what they have given us or come to mean to us, things for which we are deeply thankful.

I want to suggest that this is the easy part. It's necessary, it's helpful, but it's easy. There is a way that thanksgiving might become even more an exercise of faith. Can we give thanks for the things which cause us uneasiness? Can we, for example, give thanks for pain, and find some way that God is using it? Can we give thanks when our economic state of affairs is less robust than we wish? Can we find simplicity in poverty, or a deepened understanding of God's love and providing when we have lessened opportunity to make purchases that others might easily make? Can we take something that makes us extremely uncomfortable, something we wish we could avoid or get rid of, and in that circumstance find a reason to give thanks to God? Can we find, each of us on our battlefield, a place where God is close even when there are others who are there to do us harm?

Happy Thanksgiving indeed, to each of you in whatever circumstance you might find yourself. May this truly be a time to exercise our faith and grow in an appreciation for God, always at work in us, whether we see or feel the depths of God's providing love.

Peace and joy, in all circumstances,

Pastor Mark Jolivette

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Unapproved Council Minutes for **Thursday, OCTOBER 6, 2011 6:30 P.M.**

Present: Pastor Jolivette, Mark Zellmer, Rebecca Grapes, Dennis Baehr, Lois Losby, Gene Linse, Cheryl Olson, Scott Swedeen, Stephanie Van Zee

Excused Absence: Rod Tisthammer

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. Pastor Jolivette led us in devotions.

Secretaries Report of September, 2011 was approved. (Grapes/Baehr)

Treasurer's Report of September, 2011 was approved. (Losby/Grapes). Dennis reports that all bills are current.

Pastor's Report –

- Pastor Jolivette will be on vacation from mid October to the first week of November. The trip that he and others from the area were to take has been postponed until next year due to the bishop's wife being terminally ill. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- Pastor Jolivette is now eligible for his military medical plan. This will no longer need to be paid by the congregational budget.
- Second Sunday in November will be the beginning of a new member class – Adult Inquiry. “Got Bible” will also be that evening and on Wednesday afternoons.
- Confirmation will be held on Sunday, October 16 with Confirmand's Eve being held the Wednesday prior.
- November 13 will be First Communion Sunday.
- July visitations were 19; August 14, and in September Pastor Skarstad did 12 visits.

Consideration of volunteers to fill open board chair vacancies. These positions will be held until the January election:

- Board of Christian Education – Stephanie Van Zee
- Board of Evangelism – Joanne Richmond

Motion made, second and carried to approve these appointments. (Grapes/Swedeen)

Board Reports:

- Worship & Music – meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2011
- Property – Pastor Jolivette requested that we seek out some “go to” people/businesses (plumber, electrician, carpenter, etc) for emergency repairs. Suggestions are welcome. Will seek bids for each.
- Membership – meeting scheduled for October 10, 2011. Nothing new to report since quarterly meeting.
- Christian Education – Will be moving ahead with posting the nursery position. November 19 there will be a workshop at First Lutheran for any teachers or interested adults to attend.
- Stewardship – The theme for this year's campaign is “Where's the Beef”
- Social Ministry – *Fashion Cornucopia will be held October 29th. Tickets are still available, but going fast. Men's Club is reminded to mark their calendars for this date as servers are still needed. *LGBT Resource Center will be celebrating National Coming Out Day on October 15. *The CROP Walk is October 9th. *Band Together – Warm The Heart will take place on November 5 at Boot Hill Pub from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Festival Foods. There will be 4 bands performing. *The Come for Supper team would like to thank all the Thrivent members who made Thrivent Night a success. *Heritage Night was not as successful as last year due to poor attendance. We had a profit of about \$500 compared to \$900 last year. * AMOS “Share the Bounty” non-food drive was successful. We collected over 800 hygiene items and took in over \$150 in cash.

Task Force:

- 150th Anniversary –Pastor Roger Crum (son of the congregation) will be here November 6 for All Saints Sunday. We will also have a choir

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reunion with Michael Esser directing a commissioned song for our 150th. All past and current choir members are encouraged to participate. Sunday, December 4 will be Santa Lucia Sunday with Brigitta & Pastor Rice coming back. We are still collecting stories for our story book.

- Sound System – nothing new to report
- Fireside Room – Everything has arrived. There are 4 chairs that the committee are not happy with. They will be returned for replacement.

Old Business –

Red House PILOT – City Commissioner is reviewing the PILOT process. They will be sending us the paperwork as soon as possible.

New Business –

- Recommendation for bookkeeping services – It was recommended that we use Tostrud & Temp as our new accounting firm. MSC (Baehr/Losby). They will begin on November 1, 2011.
- Project Manager, Storm Water Project – Motion made to have Rob Hansen be the project manager. MSC (Baehr/Grapes). There 2 abstentions. Mark and Gene will talk to Rob about a timeline to complete this project. Make has also solicited 3 bids for landscaping the courtyard.
- Audit – Motion made to ask Gary Wold, Rayon Moyer, Joanne Richmond and Mikel Hampel to serve as the audit team. MSC (Linse/Baehr)
- Conceal & Carry Policy – Becky stated that she just attended training on this issue. She suggested that at a minimum we post the appropriate signage outside the building. The synod has not yet made a recommendation on this issue. In light of the WI conceal and carry law that goes into effect November 1, 2011, the following motion was made: To implement a policy to not allow guns or weapons on our campus. Signs will be posted by November 1, 2011 and the policy will be reviewed at our annual meeting in January. MSC (Grapes/Baehr).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lois E. Losby, Secretary

Financial Report September 2011

Category	September Actual	September Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	2010 YTD Actual
General Envelope Income	\$20,045	\$21,063	\$172,766	\$189,564	\$173,707
Special/Loose Offering	\$364	\$1,625	\$9,629	\$14,625	\$10,079
Other Income	\$718	\$894	\$8,055	\$8,046	\$7,222
Benevolence Envelope	\$1,471	\$1,833	\$10,824	\$16,500	\$9,546
Other Benevolence	\$970	\$1,335	\$9,527	\$12,019	\$10,203
Total Income	\$23,568	\$26,750	\$210,800	\$240,754	\$210,758
Expenses	\$22,393	\$26,750	\$218,738	\$240,754	\$209,919
Net Income/Deficit	\$1,175		(\$7,938)		\$839

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms:

10/02/11: Claire Elizabeth Schmitz

10/09/11: Torynn A. Wells

- Pastor Mark Jolivette

Confirmation:

10/16/2011: Matthew Alan Dolan; Taylor Jane Hoesely;
Benjamin Wayne Douglas Mighall; Rebecca Kaye
Taylor; Benjamin Michael Thornton

- Pastor Mark Jolivette



November 2011—ALTAR GUILD

Sandy Mihalovic (Chair.)

Vera Wensole

Margaret Turner

Marie Brieske

Deb Dukatz



"COME FOR SUPPER!"

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

November 2011 Sponsors:

11/01/11: OSLC & English Lutheran

11/08/11: OSLC/Prince of Peace/1st Presbyterian

11/15/11: OSLC & North Conference Church

11/22/11: OSLC &

11/29/11: OSLC &

WELCA NEWS

WELCA Will meet on Thursday, November 17th at 1:30 pm. Pastor Mark Jolivette will present the program on Thank Offering. So ladies please don't forget your "Thank Offering" boxes that day. Servers are Doris Modahl, Ardis Bolstad, Marie Beissel, Myra Smaby, Karen Geier. Contributing members are Delilah Wehrs, Lois Nelson. Hope to see a good crowd.

WELCA Board

DORCAS NEWS

Saturday, November 12th is the Dorcas Bazaar!!

Please look for our posted flyers and find our table on November 6th to purchase tickets for the luncheon. We are in need of contributions of baked goods, jewelry, books and craft items to sell at our tables. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Rachel Balow (788-8408) or Colleen Pitz (784-5825). Our next monthly meet-

ing will be on November 2nd at 7pm. in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

September 2011

Food Service Report

Total Packages	1,478
New Households	85
Total People Fed	4,462
Volunteer Hours	681

November Items

Peanut Butter

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!

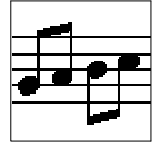
MESSENGER DEADLINE: MONDAY, November 21, 2011

Articles for the December Messenger must be turned in to the church office

**NO LATER than 12:00 p.m.
on Monday, November 21, 2011**

The Messenger will be assembled on **MONDAY, November 28th** at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for those interested in helping.

Worship & Music Notes



We will be having three guest pastors in the weeks to come, **Joanne Richmond on 10/23; Paul Petersen on 10/30; and Roger Crum** (son of the congregation) **on 11/6.**

Previous Choir Director, Mike Esser, will be here on 11/6 to introduce the song commissioned for us for the 150th Anniversary, along with current and previous choir members. Spread the word and come and join us! Rehearsal at 8 am.

November 13, 2011 will be First Communion.

We are looking for more volunteers for homebound communion (private homes only). This would be @ 2 visits per person on Sundays (following brief training) in the new year. More information to follow.

Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday evening 7 pm at St. Paul's with a pie social following worship; joint choir rehearsal 6 pm @ St. Paul's.

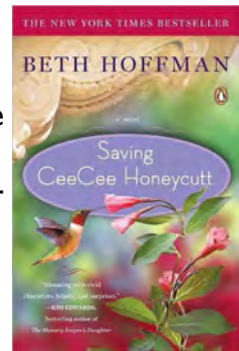
Pastor Vern and Birgitta Rice will be here on 12/4 for Santa Lucia, and event Birgitta led when they were at Our Savior's.

The Sunday School Christmas program will be on 12/11 at 4 pm with a pot luck.

OSLC Book Club

Our book for November will be *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman.

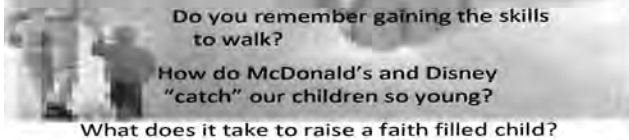
In Hoffman's charming debut, Cecelia Rose (CeeCee) Honeycutt tells the story of her tragic life and the strong women who stepped in to save her. At age 12, CeeCee realizes her mother, flouncing around Willoughby, OH, in prom dresses and matching shoes, is crazy and the town's laughingstock. Her father is never home, and nothing is going to change so CeeCee buries herself in books as an escape. But her true liberation comes after her mother's tragic death when great-aunt Tootie sweeps CeeCee off to Savannah. There, a group of powerful, independent women offer the young girl love, laughter, and a new chance at life. Readers who enjoy strong female characters will appreciate CeeCee, a survivor despite her heartbreaking childhood, and Aunt Tootie and her friends, all of them steel magnolias...(Library Journal)



Please see or call Sandra Hansen (796-9622)

The Coulee Region Gospel Choir and guests presents its annual Christmas Concert "Sound the Trumpets" on November 25 at 7:00 and Nov. 26 at 3:00 at Sand Lake Wesleyan Church. The Choir is under the direction of Mr. Steven Koch, recently retired music teacher from the Holmen Middle School, and the Children's Choir under Mrs. Nancy Kronn, music teacher at Viking Elementary in Holmen. Besides several trumpet specials, the choir sings a variety of music featuring solos/duos and trios. Newly formed Step 3 will provide pre-concert music. Tickets will be available at Blue Cup Coffee House in Holmen, Living Word Book Store on Old Theater Road, Onalaska, Sand Lake Wesleyan church, Leithold Music and from choir members. Further Information call Ruth at 526-2218, email crgc@centurytel.net. or Coulee Region Gospel Choir Facebook.

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.
Luke 18:15



Do you remember gaining the skills to walk?

How do McDonald's and Disney "catch" our children so young?

What does it take to raise a faith filled child?

WHY DO THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS MAKE BIRTH TO 3 FAITH FORMATION AN ESSENTIAL MINISTRY FOR YOUR CONGREGATION?

Who should attend:

- Pastors
- Christian educators
- Lay leaders
- Youth directors
- Children's ministry leaders
- Volunteers

Please join us in research, discovery and small group conversation to build environments of growth in Christ for the whole Body of Christ.

Marilyn Sharpe will engage and inspire us in faith formation of ALL of God's children, birth to 99.

Dawn Rundman will share with us scientific research and brain development of infants, birth to 3 years and how that affects faith formation.

Let the Children Come to Me



When: Sat, November 19

Where: First Lutheran, Onalaska

COST - 3 for Free!

1 person per congregation - \$50

2 people - \$25 total

3 people - \$0

Share announcements and come free!

8am registration, 8:30 worship with Bishop, workshops, lunch, congregational planning and 3:30pm sending blessing.

Registration info will SOON be available on our website:

www.lacrosseareasynod.org

Questions contact - Rocky Danielson

e-mail - rul@lacrosseareasynod.org

Raising Up Leaders of the La Crosse Area Synod is about equipping, empowering and encouraging leaders of all ages.

Raising up leaders in the body of Christ.

All ages, *across* the generations, generations *centered on Christ*,

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This workshop is made possible by a generous grant from Siebert Lutheran Foundation of Milwaukee, WI

GOT BIBLE?

We continue with our ELCA emphasis called "Bible: Book of Faith" by beginning a New Testament overview this month. We will do the last half of the book we began last spring, a discussion called "The Greatest Story".

Sessions begin at 7 pm on Sunday November 13th and are repeated each following Wednesday at 1 pm (beginning Nov. 16th). Anyone is invited, including friends from other churches or with no church background.

Our goal is to understand the conversation God is having with us, begin to get more deeply involved in that conversation, and have the words of Scripture be in our hearts as our language of faith and witness.

There are two books everyone should have. The first, of course, is your own Bible, preferably a study Bible, meaning it has charts and maps, footnotes, expanded sidebar descriptions, and background information that will help make these words of faith become more real and understandable. We have copies of the Lutheran Study Bible available for \$25, and many in the class have found that helpful.

Secondly, we suggest that you buy the 16 session book that will expand on the material presented each week. The cost is \$16. Those who had a book last spring do not need a new one now.

These sessions are open to all, and a special invitation is given to those who were not able to join us last spring.

Memorials & Special Gifts

In memory of Margaret Kilgariff:

Dorcas Society

Tammy & Gary Simmons

WELCA

Mary Powell

Violet Garbers

Fireside Room

Richard & Colleen Pitz

OSLC Dorcas Society

Undesignated Memorial

OSLC WELCA

LIVING OUR FAITH, UNLOCKING ACTION": Church Women United invites all women to attend the annual World Community Day at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. World Community Day relates the goals from Micah of justice and mercy to Jesus' demand that we re-examine our own hypocrisy. Only then can action be unlocked. Past actions will inspire the women of today towards future action. We are invited to examine our approach to "unlocking action" in our communities. **Come join us on Friday, November 4th at 9:30 am.** For only 5.00, you will be served a delicious meal from the superb "cooks" of OSLC; followed by a meaningful presentation on "Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action". If you have any questions, please feel free to call Esther Harman at 788-8705 or Nancy Winberg at 507-993-8314. Reservations are appreciated so either call Esther, Nancy or the church office. Bring a friend or two; hope to see you there!

THANK YOU! Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the Fall Rummage Sale. Special thanks to the men and women who worked during the week and helped pack up and deliver remaining items to Goodwill. Your continued support of the our sale is greatly appreciated.

Doris Modahl—Millie Kneesel—Jean Swartz

ADULT INQUIRY AND NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGIN NOVEMBER 13TH

We are eager to bring into our fellowship those who have expressed a desire to learn about our Lutheran faith and our congregation.






Who should attend? First of all, these classes are for anyone wanting to join now. In addition, anyone wishing to be baptized, anyone seeking adult confirmation, anyone coming from another faith or denomination, and anyone who is returning to worship after being gone from church for some years should attend. You can also come if you just want to ask questions, whether a life-long Lutheran or brand new to our faith.

We meet at 4:00 pm for four Sundays beginning on November 13th. If that is not a workable time or if you need to miss some sessions, Pastor Jolivette can do some Saturday morning alternatives.

We have spouses and partners and children of members who could surely be invited to join with us. We have neighbors and work acquaintances who may have talked about faith and asked you questions whom you can invite. Come along with your neighbor, partner or spouse.

Our next new member Sunday is December 11th. Help us welcome a new group of fellow servants of our Lord.

November 2011

		<p>1</p>  <p>5 pm CFS/OSLC & English Lutheran 6:30 FITF Meeting 6:30 pm BS Troop 13</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10 am WELCA Board Meeting Noon Worship/HC 6:30 pm 4th Grade Confirmation Class 7 pm Dorcas Society 7:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation Class</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 am—Noon Church Women United</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>8 am Choir 9 am Worship/HC 10:10 am SS 10:15 am CF/Adult Ed</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 am Quilters 5 pm CFS/OSLC & Prince of Peace/1st Presbyterian 6:30 pm BS Troop 13</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Noon Worship/HC 6:30 pm 4th Grade Confirmation Class 7:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation Class</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>9:45 am Veteran's Day Service 1:30 pm Transitional Housing Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 am—2 pm Dorcas Bazaar 10 am 1st Communion Rehearsal</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9 am Worship/HC/1st Communion 10:10 am SS 10:15 am CF/Adult Ed 3 pm La Crosse Chamber Chorale Concert 4 pm Adult Inquiry 7 pm Got Bible</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7 pm Priscilla Circle</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5 pm CFS/OSLC & N. Conf. Church 6:30 pm BS Troop 13</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Noon Worship 1 pm Got Bible 6:30 pm 4th Grade Confirmation Class 7:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation Class</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 pm Art & Faith</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>  <p>8 am C... N... D... A... Y 9 am Worship/HC 10:10 am SS 10:15 am CF/Adult Ed 3-5 pm Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt 4 pm Adult Inquiry 6:30 pm Amos Dinner 7 pm Got Bible</p>	<p>21</p> <p>MESSENGER DEADLINE!</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9 am Quilters 1:45 pm Hillview Chapel 5 pm CFS/OSLC & 6 pm Joint Choir @ St. Paul's 7 pm Worship @ St. Paul's /Pie Social 6:30 pm BS Troop 13</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Noon Worship 1 pm Got Bible</p>	<p>24 OFFICE CLOSED!</p>  <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>25 OFFICE CLOSED!</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8 am Choir 9 am Worship 10:5 am CF/Tree Trimming 4 pm Adult Inquiry 7 pm Got Bible</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1 pm Messenger Assembly</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5 pm CFS/OSLC & 6:30 pm BS Troop 13</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Noon Worship 1 pm Got Bible 6:30 pm 4th Grade Confirmation Class 7:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation Class</p>			

Legend: HC= Holy Communion
CF= Coffee Fellowship
SS = Sunday School

**Time to fall back on Sunday,
November 6th at 2 a.m.**



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		1 Peter Harman Darlene Kroner Donovan Lee	2 Lucas Barak	3	4 Anna Duresky Mabel Klimpen	5
6 David Lange	7 Karsten Fuchs Jennifer Schmitz Nancy Winberg	8 Gabriel Flottmeyer Beverly Kratt Susie Manske Gloria Stokke	9 James Potts	10 Cynthia Hanson Jonathan Kadera Leslie Smaby Melissa Smaby Rod Tisthammer	11 Angela Balow Louis Herlitzke Julie Novander Dean Seidel	12 James Atchison Barbara Clark
13 Karen Geier	14 Cathryn Fuchs John Hansen Krista Potts	15 Lois Burch Marion Thiele	16 Elmer Mickelson	17 Thomas Dereszynski Beverly Sanborn	18 Makenna Klingelhofer Elizabeth Lieder Paul Vaaler	19 Pamela Smaby Delilah Wehrs
20	21 Aspen Balow Arlene Hagen Louden Lecher	22 Catherine Bolling David Kadera Sara Weeks	23 Sonja Kem Linda Severson	24 Christian Rudrud	25 Michelle DeLeon	26 Scott Glocke Hope Lawless-Hansen Michael Tapp
27 Jaida Budworth	28 Levi Powers	29	30 Alivia Carlin Bruce Kwosek Donald Stern			

HOMEcoming 2011!! CALLING ALL THE SAINTS HOME!

November 6th, 2011

Schedule:

Sunday 8 a.m. Reunion Choir

9 a.m. Festival Worship

All members, former members & friends are invited to join in this joyous celebration!



UPCOMING FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS IN WORSHIP

Sunday, November 13th, 2011—9:00am

Our Sunday School children will sing *'He's Got the Whole World'* during worship on Sunday, November 13. Come here about how Jesus changed the weather and saved the disciples and showed them that God holds all of creation, both storms and calm seas.

THANK YOU!

To our Discovery Kingdom Sunday School workshop leaders for our first rotation: *A Storm*

Raider's of the Lost Art—Kristine Von Ruden and Loie Burch
Antioch's Arcade—Sherry and Becca Taylor

Our Screen Savior's Computer Lab—Katherine Sandy and Suzanne Lindner

Divine Discovery—Levi Powers

The Red Sea Cinema—Courtney Laffey and Becca Taylor

Large Group Opening—Stef Van Zee

Shepherds—Katlin Grapes and Andy Stutesman

Thank You for your faithfulness and service!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL

Saturday, December 10th, 2011—10:00am

The Sunday School children will have a special rehearsal on Saturday, December 10th, at 10:00am, in the Sanctuary to prepare for the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 11th, 2011.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On Sunday, December 11th, the children and youth of OSLC will perform our annual Christmas Program. Our schedule on Sunday, December 11th, 2011 is as follows...

8:30am, Rehearsal—SS Gathering Room

9:00am, Children sing in worship—Sanctuary

10:10am, Dress Rehearsal—Sanctuary

3:00pm, Rehearsal/Costumes—SS Gathering Room

4:00pm, Christmas Program—Sanctuary

5:00pm, Potluck—Fellowship Hall

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMAND'S!

Remember in your prayers the following young people that affirmed their baptisms on Sunday, October 16th, 2011. We ask that you pray for them in their journey of life and faith... Matthew Dolan, Taylor Hoesley, Benjamin Mighall, Rebecca Taylor and Benjamin Thorton

FIRST COMMUNION BREAD MAKING

Wednesday, November 9th, 2011—6:30pm

Bread bakers, Arise! Join us Wednesday, November 9th, at 6:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall kitchen to make bread for communion on Sunday, November 13th. Four children, along with their families, baptismal sponsors and friends, will be celebrating their First Communion in worship on Sunday, November 13th and we want to make the day special. Anyone interested is invited to come bake.

2011 CONFEST

"Because we have been Won by One who serves us, we will serve others side by side"

Friday, November 11th—Saturday, November 12th, 2011

This year ConFest is focused on Christians working and walking together empowered by the Spirit. Please pray for the middle school youth and their mentors/chaperones during this one overnight event for the entire synod. Also be on the lookout for the groups of youth participating in service projects throughout the La Crosse/Onalaska area Saturday morning.

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL

Saturday, November 12th, 2011—10:00am

There will be First Communion rehearsal for all First Communion participants and their parents/guardians on Saturday morning, November 12th, at 10:00 am. Please remember to bring your baptismal candle in a holder that day.

FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday, November 13th, 2011—9:00am

First Communion will be Sunday, November 13th. We welcome our young people to the table to receive the bread and wine and trust that they will make attendance at the Lord's Supper a regular practice. A special invitation is being extended to the baptismal sponsors as well as relatives and friends. Members are asked to pray for them and come and show support to our children as they take another step in their faith journey... Trystan Pohlman, Megan Hanson, Morgan Klingelhofer and Fox Zinniel

SUGAR CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL'S RETREAT

Friday, November 11th, 7:00pm—Sunday, November 13th, 1:30pm

Join your sisters in Christ at camp as we hang out, meet new friends, and talk about what it means to be a woman of God. From the women of Genesis to pastors and bishops today, women of faith have been called to serve throughout human history. As a young woman of God, you have a calling to serve and the power to make a difference in this world. Cost: \$65 Register TODAY!

CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS—TOUR

Saturday, November 5, 6:00pm - 9:00pm at Central Lutheran Church, in Winona, Minnesota

Join us for a chance to get a sneak peak of the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, an opportunity to fight world hunger, to make an impact in their

world and follow the call of Jesus to feed the hungry, and to have all around amazing time!

Are you ready for the "Citizens With The Saints" Tour? Featuring: Musical performance from National Recording artists AGAPE*, Rachel Kurtz, and other special guests... Youth testimonies of faith and discipleship... Plus, an exclusive gathering video! Bring your friends, and bring your offering to help end world hunger. Every dollar collected will go directly to ELCA World Hunger... a chance for young people to make an impact in their world and follow the call of Jesus to feed the hungry.

THANKSGIVING SCAVENGER HUNT

Sunday, November 20, 3—5pm

Are you ready for a fun Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt adventure? This Thanksgiving scavenger hunt is a challenge and an ultimate race against time. We will draw for scavenger hunt teams and navigate our way about the town to complete a list of Thanksgiving-related tasks. The team who makes it back to church with the most successfully completed tasks verified by 'picture proofs'...wins! Please register with Jessica by Sunday, November 13th.

TREE TRIMMING

Sunday, November 27th

'Tis the season to be jolly-and busy! Before you shop, cook, clean for company, get kids to choir rehearsal, attend the Christmas program, wrap gifts, go caroling with the church group, and drop the kids off for a Christmas party, join your church family to celebrate the beginning of Advent with a Tree Trimming Party on Sunday, November 27th, after worship, in the Fellowship Hall. We will have crafts, fun activities, decorate the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided by the youth going on the Mission Trip and National Youth Gathering this summer, as a fundraiser, for a freewill offering.

CAROLING

Saturday, December 3, 3—5pm

OSLC will be Christmas caroling Saturday December 3rd to our homebound and we want YOU, and your family and friends to join us. We will meet at church at 3:00 pm and carpool to church member's homes. Join us afterwards for pizza and pop, board games and

great fellowship back at the church (around 5:00 pm). Anyone 0—103 is welcome to join us spread the joy of Christmas and have a lot of fun, too!

FAVORITE COOKIE RECIPES NEEDED

The Youth & Family Ministry Team is looking for your favorite Christmas Cookie recipes for an cookie making event in December. Please send your recipes to church, Attn: Jessica Zinniel or e-mail then to zinn6@juno.com.

WANTED

Looking For Sunday School Workshop Leaders, Music Leaders, Drama Directors and Shepherds!

Do you desire to learn more about the Bible? ... to help children see the Bible in a new light? ... to see children learn the context & application of biblical text? ... and then apply it to their everyday lives? ... or to make a difference in a child's faith life? THEN DISCOVERY KINGDOM SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR YOU!

NEEDS: Be creative/imaginative and flexible; Have a sense of humor, patience and a friendly attitude; Posses some skill, not expertise in a workshop medium.

TIME REQUIREMENT: A short commitment of 4 weeks; Teach 1 workshop during a 4-6 week rotation; Personal reading of the biblical text for the lesson; Be in your workshop ready to teach after church until 11:15a.m. Give feedback on the teaching experience.

BENEFITS: Rejuvenate your personal spiritual life; Watch God's shaping hand in a child's life; A great sense of accomplishment and pride in being part of something life changing.

You need not be a biblical expert to apply. Bible background sessions are given to provide support and a workshop coordinator is available to meet if you need to go over a lesson plan.

You need not have a Sunday Schooler to apply... confirmed youth can teach and shepherd, too!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jessica at 782-3468 ext. 7 or by e-mail at zinn6@juno.com.

UPCOMING AT SUGAR CREEK THIS FALL

"To serve as a vehicle for the Spirit of God who encourages people through scriptures, the sacred surrounding, and the witness of all who share in the Christian camping ministry."

Crafter's Retreats 2011

Thursday, November 3—Sunday, November 6th, 2011

Calling all stampers, scrappers, quilters or whatever your craft! Get away for a weekend to dedicate to working on your craft. 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 \$100 per person for Thursday to Sunday or \$75 per person for Friday to Sunday. To register send a registration form with your payment to Sugar Creek Bible Camp.

Adult Bus Trips 2011

Fireside Christmas Show: Wednesday, November 9th, 2011

Trips: Travel with Sugar Creek! There's no better way to see parts of the country. All trips are by a motor coach bus with a bathroom and price includes luggage handling. Devotional time, snacks and movies are all provided during the ride with your Sugar Creek host, Sheila Champlin. Cost is based on a single, double, triple or quad occupancy unless otherwise noted. Contact camp for specific costs of each trip. All trips have a detailed flyer available. Call or email camp@sugarcreek.org to have one mailed to you.

All registration forms can be found at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

Please return registration form with fee to:

**Sugar Creek Bible Camp
13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Road
Ferryville, WI 54628**

**Questions? Contact Jake Sorenson at
608-734-3113 or jake@sugarcreek.org**

“Walking with Our Savior”

1861 – 150th Anniversary – 2011

November 6th

9:00 am Worship w/Pastor Roger Crum – Son of the Congregation
Choir Reunion – Michael Esser Directing
Anthem: 150th Anniversary Commissioned Song

December 4th

9:00 am Santa Lucia w/Pastor Vern & Birgitta Rice

150th Anniversary Spotlight for November Dorcas Society

Dorcas Society celebrates 90 years of activity at Our Savior's Lutheran Church this anniversary year. The Dorcas Society remains true to their original purpose, which according to the minutes of the first meeting, January 11, 1921, was “general charity and mission work”.

One of the projects of Dorcas through the years has been the publishing of cookbooks. *Our last cookbook, Dorcas Society Cookbook, was done in 2007.*

An annual event is the Dorcas Christmas Bazaar, bake sale, and luncheon, held on a Saturday in November. The Dorcas ladies continue to make and sell Norwegian baked goods as well as lefse, cookies, candy, breads, crafts, jewelry, and books at this benefit. The proceeds of this bazaar go for church projects and missions. This year the bazaar will be held November 12th from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Long time member and Dorcas Society officer, Pearl Pasch had been a valued historian for us. Upon her death, Pearl left to the church a beautiful scrapbook of Dorcas Society through the years that she made. This scrapbook, along with a quilt made by Dorcas ladies, will be in the display case on the stage this month.

Dorcas meets the first Wednesday of the month from February to December at 7:00pm. All church women and friends are welcome to attend. We have a pot luck supper in February; Dorcas picnic is in July and December holiday party, which provides times of good fellowship and fun. We would welcome anyone coming to join us.

BAND TOGETHER—WARM THE HEART FUNDRAISER CONCERT. Raising funds and awareness for the La Crosse Warming Center and Catholic Charities’ Win-Win Program. Saturday, November 5 from 7-11 p.m. at the Boot Hill Banquet Hall (old Rubber Mills), 1501 St. Andrew Street. Classic music from the Executives with Randy Purdy from the Unchained Mynds, Tari Tovesen & the Good Times Band and Guitar Logic. Music, Food, Chinese Raffle and a GREAT TIME! Tickets \$10. Available at La Crosse/Onalaska Festival Foods & Catholic Charities office, 3710 East Avenue South, La Crosse. For more information visit www.cclse.org . **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Social Ministries November 2011

Coming this Weekend....

Don't forget about the fabulous style show "**Fashion Cornucopia**" taking place this Saturday October 29th. There are still a few tickets available for the dinner show that entails modern fashions from local retailers, a gourmet meal from the Come For Supper Team, LIVE entertainment from Josh & Kim Shively and Company and a whole lot of fun!! Also, don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt that will be given away at the evening show (you do not need to be present to win). Tickets are available at the church office.

Band Together/Warm the Heart

SAVE the date for Saturday November 5th as the Executives, the Good Times Band and Randy Purdy help raise funds for the Win/Win Program of La Crosse and the La Crosse Warming Center. This fundraising event will take from **7 to 11 pm** place at Boot Hill Pub Banquet Hall (old Rubber Mills building) on the north side of La Crosse. Tickets are ten dollars and are available at any Festival Foods stores or Catholic Charities. Any questions/concerns about this event may be directed to Rod Tisthammer.

Angel Gift Tree

The Angel Tree for New Horizon's will be set up in the Narthex on **Sunday November 13th**. Please take a tag, buy the requested item, wrap your gift and then re-attach the entire tag to the gift. Please bring your gift to the church by **Sunday December 11th** and place under the Angel Tree. The Social Ministry Team will deliver all the gifts to the New Horizon's Women's Shelter for Christmas. Every year there are requests for children's clothing, games, dolls, art sets, twin sheet sets, snow pants (sizes 6X - 14), stamps and stationary/ journals, cleaning products, pillows and much more. Gas cards, gift cards for hair cuts, disposable cameras (with a gift certificate to process the film) and movie passes are always big hits at the shelter. Please contact Rod Tisthammer (608.386.5976) if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Thank You...

The Social Ministry Team would like to say **THANK**

YOU to everyone who gathered, assembled, and organized Lutheran World Relief Kits this year. On Saturday October 15th, 85 health kits, 92 layettes and 85 school kits along with 207 quilts were loaded onto the LWR box car from Our Savior's Lutheran Church. A special thank you goes out Mikel Hampel for delivering and loading these items for OSLC, to Vera Wensole, Mugs Turner and Shirley Atkinson for knitting the sweaters for the layettes, and a special thank you to Cheryl Vieth for sewing the school bags and organizing and packing all the kits. Thanks again for making this outreach ministry such a success for OSLC!

Come For Supper

CFS is proud to have the UW-L Student Nutrition Association help us serve our guest each Tuesday night. They will be helping us serve from time to time. For the next two months, CFS is asking for gift cards from Festival Foods, Woodman's, the Food Coop and/or Kwik Trip. These cards are used to purchase additional items used every week (such as apples, oranges, bananas, milk). You may give the gift cards to Nance Klapper, Gretchen Crary or Rod Tisthammer. In the last five weeks, the CFS Team has served over 1200 meals! Here is the breakdown by each Tuesday:

September 20 th	277
September 27 th	237
October 4 th	198
October 11 th	256
October 18 th	258

AMOS

AMOS will celebrate its fourth anniversary with a Harvest of Justice Advocacy Dinner on **Sunday November 20, 2010** right here at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. The evening begins at 6:30 pm and will feature a harvest dinner theme, skits, special music, the presentation of the Seeds of Justice Award and more. Tickets, which are \$20, are available from Sonja Simonson Schrag or Rod Tisthammer or you may call the AMOS office at 608.782.1394.



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Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

7 p.m. —Followed by a Pie Social

All are Welcome.

A combined choir rehearsal @ 6:00 p.m.