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OUR SAVIOR'S PULLS OUT ALL THE STOPS FOR ORGAN RESTORATION

Built on tradition. Embracing the future.

Situated in downtown La Crosse, Our Savior's Lutheran Church will host a rededication worship service for our newly renovated Austin/Hendrickson pipe organ, on Sunday, November 6, at 9:00 a.m. to celebrate the organ updates and the gift of wonderful music in our worship. Interim Minister Joanne Richmond will lead the worship service. Worship will include organ music played by Louise Temte - Dean of the Riverland Chapter American Guild of Organists, to uplift Christ in our worship. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Our Austin/Hendrickson pipe organ, built in 1957, required re-leathering hundreds of control bellows and replacing the thousands of mechanical switches, linkages and wires that connect the console to the pipes with new digital circuitry. These updates will reduce maintenance, enhance reliability, and expand tonal control for generations to come. These renovations gave us a reliable, state of the art organ for worship leadership. Our generation investing in Our Savior's strong tradition of music for the Lord's glory while embracing music for the next generation.

Church officials report that the renovated organ has strengthened, enriched, and provided new vitality to the church's 155-year history of excellence in worship and music. It has also provided new vitality to the music program, an important part of this church's long-standing musical contribution to the community. The restoration was completed by Hendrickson Organ Company of St. Peter, Minnesota. The organ console controls 54 ranks of pipes.

Louise Temte, lead organist, states, "*Styles and trends in worship will come and go. New hymns and liturgy are written, and some of the previous hymns and liturgy fall away. It is the same with music for organ... always evolving. But the instrument itself remains basically the same as it has been for centuries: air passes through pipes, and a musician controls the keys to produce music... That's the beauty of the organ. Very old, and also adapting to worship today.*"

For more information regarding the restoration, please visit Our Savior's website at www.oursaviorslutheranchurch.net/capital-campaign or contact Jessica Zinniel, Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator – Tel: 608.782.3468 ext. 7 or 608.738.1016, email: youthfamily@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net or zinn6@juno.com.



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