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"It is you and
me. It is us,
it is we"

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The Messenger

Our Savior's Shared Journey "OUR Savior's"

It is inclusive. It is you and me. It is us, it is we, in the broadest sense. When I write or speak about "our plans" or "our ideas" I am speaking of us all, inviting us all—you, your friends, your family, me, all our shared relationships woven and working together—I am talking about the entire community that is "OUR Savior's Lutheran Church of Cloquet."

That "Our" is inclusive, "us" in the broadest sense: members; baptized, confirmed, transferred in, and those who feel connected to this mission (To Know Christ and to Have Others Know Him) and sharers in service and ministry. It is designed to include those who are always around and those of whose presence we are seldom aware.

So, "we" have a meeting coming up in January. Only, this year it gets to be more of a celebration. God has been at work in the lives and ministry of Our Savior's and that is worthy of our praise and celebration. God is guiding and leading and inspiring and enabling and abundantly supplying; that is worthy of our praise and celebration. In the midst of your joys and challenges, God has been using "us" to respond, comfort, pray, encourage; that is worthy of our praise and celebration. The future ministry is beginning to take shape for 2016 and beyond; we need to vote on parts of that! What normally is a "Semi-Annual Meeting" scheduled at a time that was challenging for some and attended by a small quorum, has been designed to appeal and include as many of "us" as possible. (See the brief article elsewhere in the Messenger).

If "we" are going to move forward, grow, enhance ministry, embrace the challenges God sends "our" way, reach out to "our" community in responsive and creative ways, "we" need to do it together; it is best when it's all of "us."

I am on *that* journey with you!
Pastor Chris

THREE STEPS TO A MORE ABUNDANT 2016

by Dr. David Lose

If you're anything like me, your problem isn't that you don't *want* to be generous, it's that you don't think you *can* be. That is, most of us spend a fair amount of our time feeling tapped out, like we've given about as much as we can and worry about giving more lest there not be enough left over. In other words, most of us live out of a worldview of scarcity rather than abundance.

But wait, you may be tempted to protest. *I know that all good things come from God and claim the gift of abundant life regularly.* That may be true. But I think there's a big difference between *believing* in God's abundance and actually *living* it. If you find yourself wishing you had more money, more time or more energy, you're likely living out of a sense of scarcity.

How did we get into this bind of living from scarcity rather than abundance? Easy - our culture tells us relentlessly that we are not enough, do not have enough, and will not be happy unless we get more than enough...of everything.

Entering into a new year is a good time to take stock of our lives and consider some changes. So if you want to live less out of a fear of scarcity and more from a sense of abundance, here are three easy steps to follow.

1) *Count your blessings.* Seriously. Start counting. Begin a list of ways in which you have been blessed - with relationships or abilities or possessions or experiences or whatever else comes to mind. You don't have to finish it today. In fact, you won't be able to, because once you start naming your blessings more will come to mind. But start your list today and name at least ten. (Don't worry, it will be easy.) Each day for the next month, add a few more. You'll be surprised by the sense of abundance this creates, and you may want to continue counting well beyond the end of the month.

2) *Express your gratitude.* Once you're aware of your blessings, start thanking people for them. This can be a prayer to God, an email to a colleague, a handwritten note to a neighbor or simply a word of thanks to a friend or family member, but make sure that at least once a day you find a way to express tangibly and concretely your gratitude to someone for a blessing in your life. There is perhaps no better way to make yourself - and others - feel better than to say "thank you."

3) *Practice Generosity.* To move from *feeling* more blessed to *living* more abundantly, you need to put your newfound sense of abundance into action by giving more of your time, talent and money to others. This might be spending more time with a family member or friend who needs you, volunteering at a local agency or giving more to your church or favorite charity. Generosity is a muscle: as we use it, it gets stronger, and as it gets stronger, we develop greater and greater ability and confidence to live more abundantly.

Developing a tangible sense of abundance takes time, but if you start working at these three steps, you'll likely experience a far more abundant 2016.

MINISTRY CELEBRATION/ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 24. 9:30

Here is even more good news of great joy which shall be to all of us at Our Savior's!

After months of surveys, questions, and prayerful consideration, one fruit of our Mission Planning process will emerge on Sunday, January 24, 2016. Our congregation will enjoy a special "Celebration Of Ministry." As a joint service that day, unifying both 1st and 2nd services, it will be an exciting time of coming together in the presence of our Savior for everyone. There will be music from many venues, scripture to uplift and uphold, and business to discuss as we consider together our path forward; this will be the January Edition of "Semi-Annual Meeting."

So mark your calendars, prepare your hearts, and come together on Sunday, January 24, at 9:30, In the sanctuary!

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers for our members of our congregation currently serving in the military. Please contact the Church office for any other members we may have missed or if any of these names should be taken off.

Skylar Scheer Tony Gist Alex Lingren
Jess Roen Dane Kiehn Tim Schlenvogt
Chris Vanderpool



The Messenger Schedule: Deadline for submitting articles is the 15th of the month. Articles submitted after deadline will be published in the next issue. If possible, e-mail your articles to: email@oursaviorscloquet.org

February 2016 news deadline: Jan. 15 by noon.

Deadline for articles for Sunday bulletins is Wednesday by 9:00 am. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Please remember the following members of our church throughout the year:

Sunnyside Health Care Center

Dennis Sorenson
Jane Lovstad
Connie Beck

Dwayne Hagen

Evergreen Knoll

Joyce Fuller
Edna Hage
Grace Caffey
Donna Redding
Char Hagen

Suncrest

Mariam Hella
Jeanette Ferguson

Aspen Arms

Flo Gerhke

Augustana Mercy

Joe Wyner

Inter-Faith Care Center

Alice Toone
Russ McKibbin
Eleanor Jania

Pineview Estates

Verna Norgren

Evergreen Cottages

Becky Eknes
John Manisto

Safe Transitions

Vicki Diver

Diamond Willow

Millie Johnson
Lawrence Yetka

Lighthouse

Stella Olson

Plainview Estates

Lempi Mattson

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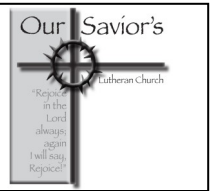
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Pastor Karen Linne

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Connie Reinke (ext. 10)

email@oursaviorscloquet.org

Bookkeeper:

Bruce Larson

Sr. Choir / Praise & Worship: Ryan Hanson, Director

ryan.hanson77@gmail.com

Church Website:

Administrative Assistant

New Horizons Christian School:

Director:

Angel Gamache

NHCP.director@oursaviorscloquet.org

Teacher: Thera Wiersma (ext. 24) or

NHCP@oursaviorscloquet.org

Church office hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8-3

Wednesday: 8-2

Thursday: 8-3

Friday: 8-12 (staffed by a volunteer)

Regular Worship Times:

Sunday :

Traditional Service 8:30 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

Contemporary Service 10:45 am

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

The Radio Broadcast is broadcast on WKLK 1230 AM at 10:30 AM on Sundays.

The Cat 7 Broadcast is every Sunday at 3:30pm & Wednesday at 3:30pm



Coffee with a Lutheran Flavor

The LWR Coffee Project is a partnership between Lutheran World Relief and Equal Exchange.

The LWR Coffee Project unites you with farmers who labor to fill your cup. Buying Fair Trade gives coffee farmers steady income to send their children to school, make sure their communities have clean water, and protect their environment.

Lutherans and coffee... the two come together when neighbors gather at church for fellowship. Fairly traded coffee shares more of the bounty of the crop with those who grow it. Improved incomes and trustworthy partners enable small farmers to build a better future for their families and communities. The LWR Coffee Project is a way to reach out with what we spend on something as ordinary and wonderful as coffee. It's Good Coffee for a Good Cause.

Every Sunday we enjoy Fair Trade coffee following worship services in the Narthex.

OSL's Fair Trade Store has many varieties of coffee, tea and chocolates as well as baking cocoa, hot cocoa, almonds, olive oil and olivewood carvings. Stop in the office during regular hours or visit us on Sunday's between worship services.

Please remember to call the office if you would like to schedule a meeting in the church so we may put it in the church calendar. Thank you.

Prayer Chain

Please call the Church office with your prayer chain requests.



This is our 65th year of radio broadcasts on WKLK!!

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

The calendar for the 2015 and 2016 radio broadcast sponsorship is up near the Fireside room. When signing up for a date, remember to pay the office. The rate for a sponsorship is \$52.50. In order to keep this service, we need more sponsors. Thank you!

OUR SAVIORS CUPS FOR SALE

Cups with the new Our Saviors logo are available for sale for \$10 in the Fair Trade Store. Some have told us that \$10 is a bit expensive; however, the cups cost almost \$6 to make, and this is a fundraiser.

Thank you to all who purchase cups!
The Evangelism Team

~Fair Trade Store~

WHERE: Church Library

WHEN: Most Sunday mornings and during weekly office hours.

We offer cards and gifts for all occasions.

Choose gifts that make a difference! Shop for beautiful Fair Trade home décor, accessories and other unique hand crafted items made by marginalized artisans and farmers living around the world. Your purchases help them gain the income and skills they need to feed their families and send their children to school.

Shiny paper recycling

Remember to bring in your old magazines to recycle. All the profits go to our New Horizons Christian School. They are accepting white paper too! There is a bin under the bulletin board in the Narthex. It can also be brought to the Preschool area.

*For Church related cancellations due to bad weather, announcements will be made on WKLK, B105, and Mix 108 radio stations, and also on Duluth TV stations. Notifications will also be on our website: www.oursaviorscloquet.org. If Cloquet schools are closed or have a 2 hour late start, New Horizons' Christian Preschool is closed for the day.

SIMPLY GIVING

For those of you who use Simply Giving for your offering, there are pink cards available in the pews for you to use.

How it works: To show your support of using Simply Giving, place the card in the offering plate. It's that easy. This gives other members a visual and reminder of the Simply Giving program. If you are not enrolled in Simply Giving, and would like to be, there are forms in the office, in the Narthex, and on our Church website. www.oursaviorscloquet.org



YOUTH MATTERS

Thanks from Christina!

Thank you for the cards, presents, and greetings this Christmas! It is a joy to know and teach the youth of our church, and I very much appreciate the adults that volunteer their time to invest in the lives of our students. I pray that we all see God work in our lives in new ways in 2016.

Thank you!

Christina Kadelbach

Confirmation Update

January 6th Lord's Prayer

January 13th Apostles Creed

January 20th Baptism

January 27th Communion

February 3rd Mentor Night

High School Open Lunch

For Juniors and Seniors

Wednesday's 11:45-12:45

Friends Welcome

No Open Lunch on January 13th,
27th or February 3rd.

Middle School Youth Group

Wednesday's 2:45pm-4pm
Fellowship Hall

For youth in grades 6-8
Devotion, snacks, games and
service projects

NO YOUTH GROUP ON

Wednesday, January 13th or 27th or
Wednesday, February 3

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Many coffee varieties available. Decaf, whole bean and ground. Not a coffee drinker... We carry a variety of tea and hot cocoa mix.

Every time Lutherans use Fair Trade coffee in congregations, sell it to members and drink it at home, they minister to their coffee-growing neighbors around the world. Thank you for your ongoing commitment.

VLM News

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry

..in God's Great Northwoods!



Camp Hiawatha ~ Camp Vermilion

Craft Beer Brewing Workshop January 29-30 at Camp Vermilion
Annual Meeting Saturday, February 6 at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin

Paddle Building Workshop February 26-28 at Camp Vermilion

Winter Fun Day Saturday, February 27 at Camp Vermilion

Elementary Rejuve March 4-5 at Camp Hiawatha

Elementary Rejuve March 11-12 at Camp Hiawatha

Elementary Rejuve March 18-19 at Camp Vermilion

In this Advent season of joyous anticipation we are so excited to gather with family and friends at dinner tables, around Christmas trees, and in candle-lit sanctuaries. We hope you can join us at the Celebration of Light and Music next weekend, and as you check boxes off your holiday list, consider giving the gift of camp this Christmas! A gift certificate for a week of camp, a canoe trip, or a retreat like the upcoming Craft Beer Brewing or Paddle Building Workshops will carry fellowship and fun into the new year!

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Camp Hiawatha, 36944 Camp Hiawatha Rd., Deer River, MN
Camp Vermilion, 2555 Vermilion Camp Rd., Cook, MN

Youth News/ Small Groups

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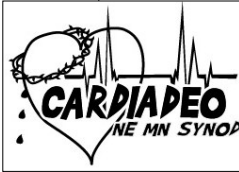
March 7—March 12, 2016

High School Youth Gathering
Big Sandy Camp, McGregor

Cost: \$70

Return registration form to the
Church office with your \$60
non-refundable payment by
Wednesday, February 17th

Registration forms can be downloaded at
www.oursaviorscloquet.org or pick one up in
the church office or by contacting Christina
Kadelbach



Seminary support for Christina

Some have asked how to financially support Christina in her studies at the seminary. The church has a designated account set up for this. A donation can be made to Our Savior's with a note on the memo line or on the envelope requesting that it go to Christina's seminary expenses. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



*Giving back to your community
never tasted so delicious*

Schwan's Home Delivery offers over 350 delicious foods, flash-frozen at the peak of freshness and conveniently delivered to your door. Through Schwans-Cares.com, you can order from Schwan's Home Delivery and help our organization meet its fundraising goals.

Here are two ways to support us!

Order Online:

1. Visit Schwans-Cares.com
2. Enter our new Campaign ID 22550 into the search box located in the upper right hand corner then click to open campaign.
3. Click the “Shop to Give” and then select either the “Buy Now” or “Shop Now” option.
4. Start Shopping!

Order by Phone:

Call 1-855-870-7208 and provide Campaign ID: 22550

**Proceeds help support Our Savior's Youth Activities –
(Bible Camps, National Youth Gathering, Mission/Service Trips, and Canoe Trips)**

January- March Dates

1/31
Re-Rally
Sunday
Goodbye's
and Hello's

2/7 – 3/12
9:45-10:30
GIFT
Faith5
Day 1-6

3/19 - 3/27
9:45-10:30
GIFT
Cross+Gen



Saying Goodbye

You may have heard the rumors. You may have even thought nothing was really going to change. Well the time has come to say goodbye to the Sunday school program at Our Saviors. Disbanding Sunday school isn't a failure and we aren't placing any blame. It is simply the realization that something needs to end for something new to start to grow.

In 1990 there were 1,007,774 children registered for an ELCA Sunday school. In 2010 there were 400,375. That's a decrease of just over 60% over 20 years. In the past 3 years at Our Saviors we've seen a decrease of 35%. We don't want another curriculum, another program or another model to band-aid our Sunday school for just a bit longer. We want to be a community that learns together and teaches each other faith.

Introducing GIFT

What is GIFT? GIFT stands for Generations In Faith Together. It means we are inviting everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, to spend time together learning and building faith and community. It will be a time where the wonder of the child and the wisdom of the elder can be together. It is a time for families to build a faith journey together.

In GIFT, we will be using Faith5 as a foundational piece that we want to see everyone using in their home every day. The first six GIFT times will be dedicated to learning what Faith5 is and how to use it every day in your home.

From there we will move to Cross+Gen learning using stories, songs, games and activities for all.

Christian Education Team

Do you have ideas or suggestions for Christian Education? Please feel free to talk to any member of the Christian Education team.

Juli Lattner – Team lead
Harper Green
Kate Jorgenson
Christina Kadelbach
Megan Kazmierczak
Sara Lamb
Jana Olson
Gina Painter
Curt Skowlund



WELCA Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 5th at 9:30 am

Rebecca Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 19th at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room
Hostesses are: Darlene Oettel, Florence Nelson and Jeannine Nordin

Naomi Circle meets at 9:30 am on Thursday, January 21st in Fireside Room
Hostesses: Elvera Roe and Sue Landsverk



► What is GIFT?

Generations In Faith Together (GIFT) is a spirit-filled outreach, welcoming all ages and stages of people to develop a living faith through love, prayer, worship and community. With that in mind, GIFT fosters intergenerational relationships in which everyone's spirituality can be ignited by interacting with people of all ages.

► When is GIFT?

Sunday mornings 9:45-10:35 am in the fellowship hall

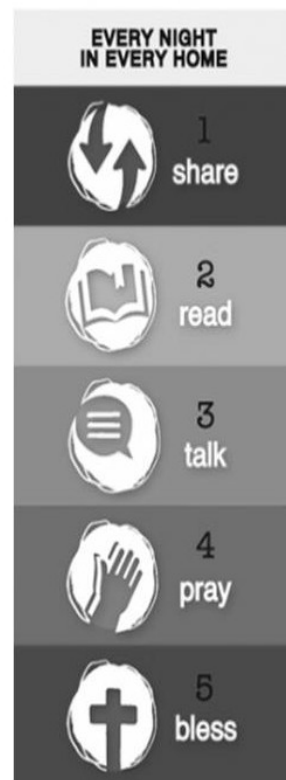
► Who should come to GIFT?

Everyone!



Everyday in Every Home

Faith 5 is five simple steps that will strengthen your church one family at a time. Faith 5 will be the foundation of GIFT.



Sign up sheets for Lenten Soup Suppers are located in the Narthex. Please sign up to bring bread or make soup.

Join us each Wednesday during the Lenten Season from 5pm—6:15 pm for homemade soup and bread in the Fellowship Hall. Beginning on Wednesday, February 10th, 2016 (Ash Wednesday)

Come and enjoy food and fellowship while supporting our youth.
Thank you for your support!

BIBLE STUDY

**Every Wednesday at 10am-11am
Room 3-4-5**

Read and discuss the text for Sunday

This group is led by Pastor Chris
Open for both men and women
ALL ARE WELCOME

Gather

Women's Study

**Third Monday of this month
January 18th
4pm at The Avenue Coffee House
103 Avenue C**

Questions Contact Christina 879-1535

January Theme: Contentment
This month invites us to fall in love with our own life.

Small Groups/Church News

Cover to Cover

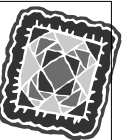


Book Club

Meets monthly to discuss books of interest.

Interested in joining?
Contact
Christina Kadelbach
218-213-6731

QUILTING



Thursday, January 14th and 28th
Beginning at 9am

Sewing Experience is NOT necessary there are non-sewing duties such as ironing, tying and sorting material

I would like to thank all for your prayers, cards, and visitors, while I was hospitalized and also at home.

Thank you,
Elmer Kummala

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry that provides Christmas gift boxes and the story of Jesus to children all over the world. We had an awesome response and we were able to collect a total of 68 shoe boxes from Our Savior's congregation. Your generosity will bring joy to many children. We extend a special thank you to the Sunday School classes that participated again this year. This year we collected more boxes than the last couple years. In 2014 we collected 45 and in 2013 we collected 53 shoe boxes.

The Fellowship Team

Church News

FOOD FOR 5 MEALS - \$1.00

The first Sunday of the month is designated as Food Shelf Sunday. We realize that it is easy to forget to bring items to church. In order to make this easier we suggest that a monthly monetary collection be taken on Food Shelf Sunday. This money can be used to help the Salvation Army Food Shelf in Cloquet or 2nd Harvest Food Bank in Duluth. Just \$1 can provide enough food for 5 meals through this 2nd Harvest program. We would encourage each family to contribute at least \$1 on Food Shelf Sunday. This program is a bargain that every family can be a part of. May we share our blessings with those in need.

*Thank you, Katie & Jerry Nisula - Co-chairs
December's Contribution was **\$296.06**.*

Video Camera Need:

The sanctuary multimedia project team would like to thank the congregation for their past support in creating the new multimedia system, which has been fully funded. The final equipment need is to replace the old VHS video camera used for televising the Sunday worship service. Some funds have been raised, with approximately \$1,700 remaining before a new camera can be purchased. Any gifts or memorials towards this cause would be most graciously appreciated. Thank you!

Soundboard Need:

The sanctuary sound team is looking for a used iPad for remotely controlling the sound board when an operator is not available. The software requires iOS 7.1. If you have an older iPad that you might consider donating, please contact the church office or Brad Browsers.

We are still looking for video team operators, especially for the first service. Please contact Brad Browsers if you are interested. And also for sound board operators during first service. Please contact Dave Templeton.

You are invited to Zion Lutheran's January work day – Lets get together on the 9th of January to visit, sew and assemble World Relief kits, Haiti sundresses and shorts and Global Health ministry items. A busy day in from the winter cold for fellowship and productivity. If you have a portable sewing machine or tools (scissors, cutting board, etc.) bring them along if you can. A pot luck lunch sounds like fun, so bring a favorite dish to share. Come any time after 9:00 and stay as long as you can. Questions, call Ruth at 384-4202.

Keys

If you have a church key, please stop in to the office or send an email letting us know which keys you have. If you have some and you no longer need them, please turn them in to the office. We need keys for some of our newer officers so that checks can be signed and the "business" aspects of the church can be managed efficiently.

9 Ways to use your God-given time and talents to support your church family!

1. Join the multi-media team:
 - Help with computer presentations – 8:30 service support needed in particular.
 - Help video tape the 10:45 am service to play later on CAT 7.
 - Take a turn with the sound board for services.
2. Help sort the NHCP shiny paper – periodically whenever your schedule allows
3. Volunteer to help ring bells for the Salvation Army during the Christmas season.
4. Help "staff" the church office for a half hour after services on Sundays
5. Join the Choir, Praise Team or Bell Ringers.
6. Sign up for a slot to serve coffee after a service.
7. Be a Sunday school team teacher or sub.
8. Read, usher or be a greeter for a service
9. Join the team that helps to prepare the Messenger for mailing.

Contact the church office 879-1535 to participate in any of the above.

Disclaimer: Caution, in addition to the genuine appreciation of your church family, freely giving of your time and talents may result in flushed feelings of warmth and happiness as well as an expanding circle of friends.

PPC Minutes Continued

H. Worship, Arts and Music - Brad Browsers

Tom Cawcutt may be back by the end of the year. Brad will be out of town last weekend in November and Carol will be filling in. Does not look like the Christmas Carol festival will be happening. Fixed the air leak in the Organ.

I. WELCA – Judy Wiles

WELCA has purchased a new freezer for the church kitchen. It has already been delivered. They have also purchased Corelle dishes 200 plates and 200 cups from the memorial money given in memory of Bette McDonald. The goal is to replace the old heavy kitchen china plates and cups with the new light weight Corelle. The Nordic Bazaar is on Saturday November 21. The ladies will be at the church every day the week of November 16-20th baking for the Bazaar.

J. NHCS – Curt Skowlund

We just finished the Butter Braid sale which is finished and did well. Poinsettia sales are starting.

VII. New Business –

Annual Congregation meeting is set for January 24th. CAT will go over the budget for the Dec meeting. Presentation By Juli of faith5 and Cross+Gen, and Faith Stepping Stones, Faith Inkubators Programs and the changes to the Sunday School Program. Motion made to support this new Chris Ed Direction by Christina and seconded by Dave Miester. All In Favor Approved.

VIII. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:57pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Skowlund, Secretary



PPC Minutes

OSLC Parish Planning Council
Minutes for Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Present: Officers: Mary Krohn, Cindy Haglin, Curtis Skowlund, Bruce Larson Ministry Team Representatives: Jan Larson, Brad Bowers, David Meister, Chris Wagner, Marty Rye, Christina Kadelbach, Juli Latner, Dean Haglin, Pastor Chris Hill; Guests:

I. Opening Prayer/ Devotion

Vice President Cindy called the meeting to order at 7:08pm and Pastor Chris said an opening prayer and Devotion.

Addition to Agenda:

II. Review/Approve Last Meeting Minutes

The minutes of September 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

III. Treasurer's Report - Bruce Larson

Revenues came in another \$5500 under budget for a YTD revenue shortfall of \$16,100.

Expenses came in \$1700 under budget for a YTD savings of \$11,500.

Net result was a loss for October that was \$3800 worse than plan. This puts us \$4600 behind our break-even budget YTD. The primary revenue shortfall was in envelope offering. Since we did not do the \$2000 boiler inspection/breakdown analysis budgeted for October, this was the primary expense saving. November revenue is budgeted \$1000 more than October but there is one more Sunday as well (5 Sundays in November versus 4 in October).

Jan made the motion to approve and Chris seconded. All in favor

IV. Pastor's Report – Pastor Chris

Things going well. Christmas is coming!!!!

Ministry Summary

V. Team Leader Reports

A. Christian Education – Juli Latner

Presentation of Faith Inkubators done.

B. Church Properties – Marty Rye

Plan to meet with the roofing folks. Hope to do that this week sometime. Looking at Thursday at 10am.

Looking into who is doing snow removal for the parking lot. Also who is doing the sidewalk snow removal? Marty is working on a list.

E. Fellowship Team – Jan Larson

The Fellowship Team met on Tuesday November 10th. Operation Christmas Child will wrap up the week of November 16th. Jan will pick up all the filled shoe boxes in the church office and deliver them to the drop off center in Moose Lake. The Giving Tree will be set up on Friday November 27th. We will get 25 names from the Salvation Army this year. We voted to have a Christmas cookie bake sale again this year. Each team member will bake 3 dozen cookies. We will also encourage others in the congregation to bake and donate. The sale will be after both services on Sunday December 20th.

F. Stewardship – Chris Wagner

Working with Fellowship on some Idea's. Looking at how we can fill in some of our gaps on finances.

G. Youth/Small Group Ministry – Christina Kadelbach

Middle school youth gathering this weekend. Dec 9th confirmation group is going to a concert in Grand Rapids.



NHCP News

Notes from the Director...

Greetings from the Preschool! Thank you very much to those of you who bought poinsettias through the Preschool. They were so big and beautiful! Our Preschool Christmas program went very well. The children had fun learning all the songs and singing them for their families. They looked so cute dressed up as part of the Nativity. How wonderful to hear the children sing about Christ's birth!

Looking ahead, our Preschool Spaghetti fundraiser, "Pasta for Preschoolers," will be Sunday, February 28th. We are already working on a list of silent auction items. If you, or someone you know, would like to donate to our silent auction, please let me know.

As another new year starts, I am excited about all the new and challenging things to come. These past four months as a new director have flown by! Thank you for all of your love and support!

In God's Hands,
Angel Gamache

NEW HORIZONS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL NEWS

It is hard to believe we are looking at a new year. I have just convinced the children it is 2015 and now we start all over again. So much to learn at this age. They are so excited about all that we do that it makes each day a new adventure. Since September our children have made 75 cards for Veterans thanking them for keeping us safe, decorated 65 bags for the gifts that were given to the men at Lake Venoh and donated 2 large boxes of canned goods and 2 large boxes of boxed items to the food shelf. They have learned that it is good to give from the heart for those that need our help. We have an exciting January planned with many new things to share and learn. Hopefully the snow will come so we can go sliding and build a snowman. As usual we will visit you at your meetings or just in the hallway. We all wish you a very blessed and healthy New Year!!!

ANNUAL TEAM REPORTS DUE

Each ministry team is asked to submit a brief report for inclusion in our annual report packet. In order to have the packets available for the congregation to review by January 10th, before our Ministry Celebration, please have your reports in to the church office no later than January 3rd. Electronic copies in Word format are welcomed and can be e-mailed to the church at email@oursaviorscloquet.org.



The 2016 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up. They are on a table in the Narthex between services on Sunday or in the hallway near the office during the week. If you didn't receive envelopes, and should have; or did, when you shouldn't have, or even if the names need adjusting, please let Connie in the office know. We are trying to develop a system where these errors aren't problematic.

Volunteers for January

Greeters:

3rd 8:30 Youth
10:45 Youth
10th 8:30 Pat & Doug Winger
10:45 Sue & Dave Manisto
17th 8:30 Julie & Dave Beal
10:45 Diane Sorenson & Carol Maki
24th 8:30 Sue & Ron Stahl
10:45 Florence & Dennis Nelson
31st 8:30 Joanne & Steve Anderson
10:45

Communion Servers (Deacons):

3rd 8:30 Richard Krikava, Shannon Krikava, Dan Rice
10:45 Katie Bailey, Bruce Anderson, Duane Buytaert
10th 8:30 Rob Macaulay, Ron Stahl, Bruce Spetz
10:45 Bill Schlenvogt, Carol Schlenvogt, Curt Nelson
17th 8:30 Marty Rye, Kathy Rye, Sherri Waller
10:45 Cindy Haglin, Dean Haglin, Irene Rudnicki
24th 8:30 John Hedquist, Roy Ober, Jim Boyd
10:45 Linda Bush, Denny Painter, Katie Bailey
31st 8:30 Shannon Krikava, Rich Krikava, Linda Holmstrand
10:45 Shawn Crowser, Bruce Anderson, Curt Nelson

Coffee Servers: Please sign up on the sheet in Narthex.

3rd 8:30
10:45
10th 8:30
10:45
17th 8:30
10:45
24th 8:30
10:45
31st 8:30
10:45

Acolytes:

3rd 8:30
10:45 Sam Buytaert, Sam Bailey, Cale Prosen
10th 8:30
10:45 Connor Hecht, Laura Hecht, Sierra Boitz
17th 8:30
10:45 Kaitlin Lattner, Jordyn Rahkola, Ashley Aker
24th 8:30
10:45 Joel Lembke, Jacob Vanderpool, Emmet Prosen
31st 8:30
10:45 Brooklyn Osvold, Cale Prosen, Jordyn Rahkola

Evangelism:

3rd David Meister
10th Pat Meister
17th Shannon Matzdorf
24th
31st JoAnne Pearson

Sound Board Operators:

3rd 8:30 Randy Schmidt
10:45 Ethan Matzdorf
10th 8:30 Arlin Debele
10:45 Dave Templeton
17th 8:30 Randy Schmidt
10:45 David Pyrlík
24th 8:30 Arlin Debele
10:45 John Mykkanen
31st 8:30 Randy Schmidt
10:45 Ethan Matzdorf

Readers:

3rd 8:30 Al/Jen Behrens
10:45 Bill Schlenvogt
10th 8:30 Linda Holmstrand
10:45 Irene Rudnicki
17th 8:30 Dave Beal
10:45 Duane Buytaert
24th 8:30 Jeannine Nordin
10:45 Denny Painter
31st 8:30 Sue Stahl
10:45 Mary Krohn/Bill Schlenvogt

Ushers:

3rd 8:30 Les & Bonnie Peterson
10:45 Bev DeLacey, Bob Fountain
10th 8:30 Les & Bonnie Peterson
10:45 Bruce & Doreen Anderson
17th 8:30 Les & Bonnie Peterson
10:45 Bill & Carol Schlenvogt
24th 8:30 Les & Bonnie Peterson
10:45 Ron & Sue Stahl
31st 8:30 Les & Bonnie Peterson
10:45 Keith & Shannon Matzdorf

Media Operators:

3rd 8:30 Kirsten Rye
10:45 Isaak Remus
10th 8:30 Kirsten Rye
10:45 Jake Vanderpool
17th 8:30 Kirsten Rye
10:45 Ethan Matzdorf
24th 8:30 Kirsten Rye
10:45
31st 8:30 Kirsten Rye
10:45 Ethan Matzdorf

Altar Guild

3rd Sherri Waller
10th Rob Macaulay
17th Sherri Waller
24th Jim & Linda Boyd
31st Sherri Waller

Church News

Sunday Readings for January

	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Gospel Lesson</u>
3rd	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Ephesians 1:3-14	Psalms 147:12-20	John 1:[1-9] 10-18
10th	Isaiah 43:1-7	Acts 8:14-17	Psalms 29	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
17th	Isaiah 62:1-5	I Corinthians 12:1-11	Psalms 36:5-10	John 2:1-11
24th	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	I Corinthians 12:12-31a	Psalms 19	Luke 4:14-21
31st	Jeremiah 1:4-10	I Corinthians 13:1-13	Psalms 71:1-6	Luke 4:21-30

The Sunday Service May or May Not Be Using All Of These Texts.

Date	Attendance	Offering	Offering Needed
Nov 22	75/153	4629	5000
Nov 29	110/106	5964	5000
Dec 6	101/141	7876	7350
Dec 13	86/134	4953	7350
	372/534	23,422	24700

Gifts & Memorials

- Elvera Roe to the Youth Fund
- Jerry & Katie Nisula to Christina Kadelbach's Seminary costs
- Jerry & Katie Nisula to Dominican Ministry
- Jason & Christina Kadelbach, in memory of Jacob Johnson's Grandpa to the Youth Fund
- Lyle & Candi Hultgren to the Lutfisk Dinner
- James & Carol Lyle, to the Bell Choir
- Dale & JoAnne Pearson, in memory of Janet Puline, to Gift & Memorial Fund
- Ken & Linda Holmstrand, in memory of Milo Rasmussen, to the Camera Fund
- Fred & Linda Branham, to VLM, Baptismal Fund, and Boiler/Roof Fund

December Radio broadcast sponsors:

- Donna Larsen and family, in memory of Martin Larsen.
- Carol Maki and family, in memory of Ron Maki.
- Family of George and Janice Johnson.

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of Our Savior's? We are starting to organize a new member list. If you are considering joining or have already discussed joining with the Pastor, stop by the office and pick up a new member packet. Inside you will find information about us, forms to be filled out, name badge order form, and other helpful pamphlets. We are looking to get detailed information from interested new members, so that we can start organizing classes. Packets are ready in the office.