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The Messenger

OUR SAVIOR'S SHARED JOURNEY

What Is The Church?

What is the Church?
Is it people who share a mission: "To Know Christ and to Have Others Know Christ?"
Yes.
Is it an organization that expresses that mission in ways to ensure that "Others Know Christ?" Yes.
Is it a place and a people with a purpose? Yes.
Is the Church the disciples of Jesus; gathered? Yes.
Is it a community that prays together? Yes.
Is it... ? (These questions could go on for a while, ya?)
We have already spent a couple weeks in September exploring that question in Sunday Morning Worship (with one more coming in October) because if we are going to do "church" and be "church" together we need to have a shared understanding about it all. There are a ton of ways to have this talk, so let me suggest an idea to anchor our discussion.
The church is the disciples of Jesus; gathered.
Disciples are followers, learners, cheerleaders and recruiters.
Disciples of Jesus do that stuff, live those verbs for Jesus.
Disciples have marks that show, practices they embrace; they give, invite, serve, study, worship, pray and encourage.
The church is that kind of people, who know Jesus has set them free from sin, by grace through faith, in the power of the cross, in the reality of their baptism, and then who respond to that incredible wonderful truth by trying to be "that kind of people" (people who love like Jesus), together and together with the help of the Holy Spirit.
Disciples; Gathered.
When disciples gather, amazing things can happen, because Jesus is there too, and so is the promise the of love and empowerment and abundance of God's Spirit.
The church is disciples gathered to give and invite, serve, study, worship, pray and encourage.
The church is disciples gathered to give.
With the help of the NE MN Synod Discipleship Challenge: Love Like Jesus (and our very own local connection to that challenge, Christina Kadelbach) we will explore what it means to be the church. There will be a focus this month on the "give" part of it all. And in the process God's encouragement for our lives together will emerge and our shared ministry will evolve and God's awesome love will flow through us at Our Savior's of Cloquet and far beyond; as it has before but refreshed, as it has before but restored, as it has before but revitalized.
We are the church.
We are disciples: gathered.
That is a journey we can take together.
I am on that journey with you.

Pastor Chris

Check out the NE MN Synod resources for this challenge at www.nemnsynod.org/Discipleship

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Discipleship Challenge:
LOVE LIKE JESUS!

Worship

GIVE

PRAY

Serve

EnCoUrAgE

invite

STUDY

Deepening our faith practices and developing leaders as we strive to follow and love like Jesus on a daily basis.

Church News



WELCA Board meeting: Monday, Oct 7

9:30 am in the Kitchen

Naomi Circle: Thursday, Oct 17

9:30am in the Fireside Room

Hostesses: JoAnne Pearson
and Joyce Jerde

Rebecca Circle: Tuesday, Oct 15

9:30am in the Fireside Room

Hostesses: Sonja Wick & Pat Johnson

Esther Circle: Disbanded due to lack of membership.
The remaining ladies have been invited to join either
Naomi or Rebecca Circle.

If you are interested in going to the Fall Gathering at
Redeemer Lutheran Church in Pine City on Thursday,
Oct 3, see the sign up sheet for car pooling that is posted
on the bulletin board next to the Fireside Room.

Also, ladies be thinking how you can contribute to make
the bazaar a success. We will need lots of help!

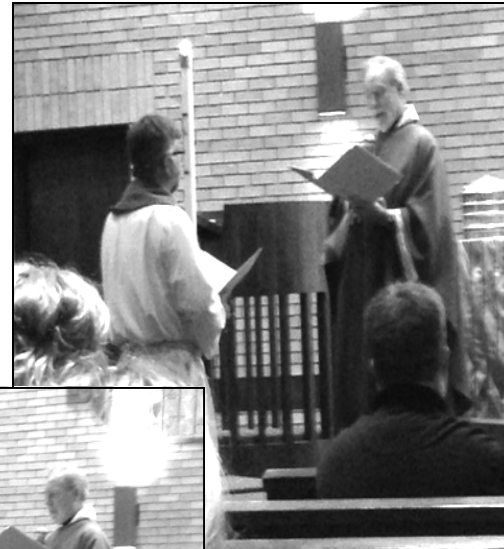


FOOD FOR 5 MEALS - \$1.00

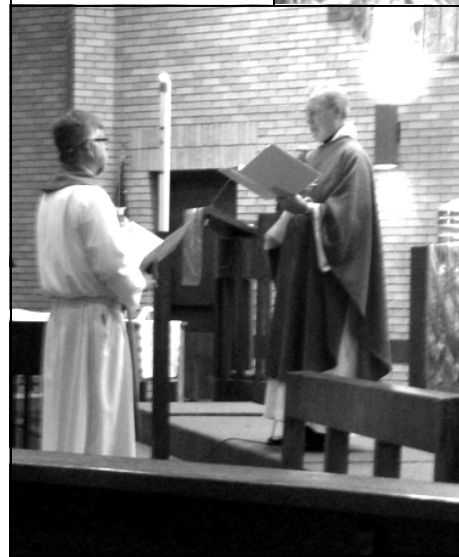
The first Sunday of the month is designated as Food Shelf Sunday. We realize that it is easy to forget to bring items to church. In order to make this easier we suggest that a monthly monetary collection be taken on Food Shelf Sunday. This money can be used to help the Salvation Army Food Shelf in Cloquet 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

On September 15, Pastor Chris Hill was installed at Our Savior's as our Senior Pastor. Thank you to everyone who came to the Worship Services to welcome Pastor Chris and his family, and also to those who stayed for the potluck afterwards.



Pastor Chris and
Bishop Tom Aitken



In the Mailbag...

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



Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

The calendar for the 2013 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!

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

Pam.huhta@oursaviorscloquet.org

November 2013 news deadline: Oct 15

Deadline for articles for Sunday bulletins are
Wednesday by 1:00 pm.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Thank you to our wonderful church family for all the cards, well-wishes, and especially the prayers before and after my hip replacement surgery in August. I feel fortunate to be a member of such a caring congregation. Also, thanks to Pastor Chris for the visit in the hospital. I am feeling better each day.

David Meister

If you would no longer like to receive The Messenger, please contact the church office.
Thank you. Remember : The Messenger is online too. www.oursaviorscloquet.org

Tables wanted:

We are looking to have a table or 2 to have available to use in the Fireside Room. We are looking for the white resin 4 foot tables. If you would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Church office hours:
Monday—Friday.....8 am to 4 pm

Regular Worship Times:
Sunday :
Traditional Service 8:30 am
Contemporary Service 10:45 am

Sunday School:
Sunday morning 9:30am

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
www.oursaviorscloquet.org

Church News

September Radio broadcast sponsors:

- Sharon & John Harney in memory of loved ones
- Ray & Patsy Manisto
- Ray & Judy Wiles, and Carolyn Watson in memory of Tracey Bastien and Gail Golla
- Gwen Muermann & family in honor of Ted Muermann's birthday

Memorials:

- In memory of Virginia Hagen from Ken & Linda Holmstrand for Sunday School
- In memory of Bernice Baker from John & Elaine Huliares for the Boiler Fund, Ray & Judy Wiles
- In memory of Arne Erickson from Ray & Judy Wiles for the Boiler fund, friends of Jan & Bruce Larson, Ken & Linda Holmstrand, Jerry & Katie Nisula, Karen Dormanen, Bill & Nancy Singpiel, Beverly and Mark Hudberg, Sharon & Duane Putikka, Bob & Peggy DeCaigny
- In Memory of Arne Erickson from Denny and Diane Sorenson for World Hunger
- In memory of Arne Erickson from Elmer and Karen Splett for Voyageurs Lutheran.
- In memory of Gail Golla from Liz Brenner, Phil & Nancy Maunu, Yvonne Bastien for the Boiler fund
- In memory of Dan Nilsen for the Second Harvest Food Shelf from Elmer & Karen Splett
- In memory of Dan Nilsen for NHCS from Dennis & Jeanne Morreim
- In memory of Dan Nilsen for youth ministry from Carol Maki, Al & Nancy Brekke, Liz Brenner
- In memory of Dan Nilsen for the boiler fund from Jan and Don Wadman, The Rebecca Circle, Sharon & Duane Putikka
- In memory of Dan Nilsen for the quilting fund from Ray & Judy Wiles

- In memory of Virginia Hagen for the Jeff Anderson Mission fund from Rose Marie Liimatainen
- In memory of Dan Nilsen for Sunday School from Phil and Nancy Maunu
- In memory of Bernice Baker for NHCS from Dennis & Jeanne Morreim
- In memory of Arne Erickson for NHCS from Dennis & Jeanne Morreim
- In memory of Virginia Hagen for NHCS from Dennis & Jeanne Morreim
- In memory of Herma Wiggins for the boiler fund from Sharon and Duane Putikka, Chuck and Jan Beberg, Dave & Pat Meister
- In memory of Bev Hanson for the boiler fund from Maxine Hennum

Gifts:

- In honor of the Day of Atonement from Randy, Trudy and Jace Stahl for the Dave Johnson /Dominican Repub Fund
- For the boiler fund from Bob & Peggy DeCaigny, Jane Lovstad, Mary Kay Perttula, Sherri Waller
- James & Carol Lyle for hand bells

Monthly service groups:

January.....Small Group Ministry

February..... WAM

March..... Church Properties

April..... Mission Endowment

Voyageurs Ministry

May.....New Horizons Preschool

June.....Youth Ministry Team

July.....Deacons

August.....Gift & Memorials

September.....Evangelism

Youth Ministry

October.....Office Staff

November.....Christian Education

December....Parish Fellowship

Small Groups

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 or Peggy DeCaigny

Open for both men and women

ALL ARE WELCOME



Cover to Cover Book Club

Meets monthly on the third Thursday of every month to discuss books of interest.

Interested in joining or questions Contact

Christina Kadelbach 879-1535



***October 29 @ 7:00pm**

Note date change for October. Author will be at Oct. meeting

Prayer Group

Monday, October 14th

6:00 p.m.

Our Savior's Chapel



Prayer is the name we give to the experience of being in communication with God, wherever we are and whatever we are doing. Prayer is an experience because it involves our senses, minds, souls and spirits. Prayer is communication because it involves giving and receiving. It is sharing between two living, personal beings—God and yourself. In prayer you are sharing your life: your needs, feelings, concerns, and desires. God is responding with divine presence, consolation, insight and change.

You are invited to join together in prayer at Our Saviors the second Monday of the month at 6:00pm in the Chapel.

In prayer we present our whole life and the lives of others to God, so that God may be known and lives may be touched by grace.

For questions or further information please contact Christina Kadelbach 879-1535 or clkadelbach@gmail.com

Quilting

October 24 ~ Beginning at 9am

Questions Contact Christina Kadelbach 879-1535

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

In Good Company Stories of Biblical Women



Women's Bible Study

"I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure."

Psalm 16:8-9

Third Monday of the month

October 21st

4pm at The Avenue Coffee House

103 Avenue C

Deborah, A determined leader

Questions contact Christina at 879-1535

Christian Crafters!



Scrap—craft—quilt—knit— stamp—sew—etc.

October 19 beginning at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall

Bring your projects from home for uninterrupted work time and plenty of work space. Come and go as you please.

Please bring a snack lunch to share.

Questions or to reserve a table, call Pam at 879-1535

(* We will have a room available for you to store your supplies in from month to month so you don't have to load and unload your car every time.)

Church News



Join in the excitement of MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) and explore this year's theme: "A Beautiful Mess: Embrace your story". MOPS is for all moms with children between birth and kindergarten and offers encouragement, inspiration, and guidance during this hectic, yet critical stage of motherhood.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month from 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is a \$39 annual registration fee that includes both local and MOPS International membership. MOPS benefits include monthly meetings, special events, monthly newsletters, bi-monthly MOMSense magazines, weekly mom Emails, MOPS reusable shopping bag, a DVD for the kidos by Boz the green bear, and coupons from MOPS sponsors. Your first meeting is free and partial scholarships are available. Childcare is available at all meetings.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10 and will feature caramel apples, a costume exchange, creative activities, fellowship and fun. Mark your calendars and join us as we begin another wonderful year!

For more information call 879-6760. MOPS International is on the Web at www.MOPS.org. We can also be found on Facebook.

If you are not a mother with preschool age children, you can still be an important part of this ministry in various ways:

- 1) Pray for this ministry and the Steering Team members who lead it.
- 2) Spread the word of MOPS throughout the community.
- 3) Volunteer a couple of hours of your time once a month, regularly or occasionally, to care for the children while moms attend meetings.
- 4) Be a mentor to moms. We hope you can join us as either a mom or a volunteer.

This year's focus theme verse is "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10.

2013-2014 Meeting Dates

September 12	October 10	November 14
December 12	January 9	February 13
March 13	April 10	May 8

The 2013-2014 Steering Team:

Co-Coordinators – Jill Skowlund & Jen Hendrickson

Childcare Team Leader – Sara Lamb

Creative Activities Team Leader – Steph Marsh

Hospitality Team Leader – Jodi Collelo

MOPS Mentor – Pat Turonie

Spiritual/Prayer Team Leader– Heather Larsen

Finance Team Leader – Sara Lamb

Some Lessons I've Learned About Stewardship

"The goal of stewardship is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them."

Charles R Lane: Ask, Thank, Tell

I admit that when I used to hear the word *stewardship*, the first word that popped into my head was money. Of course, money is as important to the life of this congregation as it is to life itself. Financial stewardship undergirds the foundation of our ministry here at Our Savior's. Once the financial support is in place all other areas of Our Savior's ministry can begin to soar. **But stewardship is more than money. Stewardship is what we do after we say we believe. Stewardship is a way of life.**

Some of the lessons I have learned:

Stewardship is discipleship. We put God first in all things and follow where He might lead us. The way I handle my money, time and talents says much about my relationship with the Living God, Jesus Christ. All that I have and all that I am comes from God. What I do with it either strengthens or threatens my relationship with Him.

Stewardship is living a life of gratitude. We are called to recognize the gifts God has given us and to be grateful for them; to show that gratitude by giving back in love. It is a privilege to be able to share in God's work through our time, talents and treasures.

Stewardship is putting our trust in God. We may not have everything we want but we trust that we have everything we need. Our God is a generous God.

Stewardship teaching comes directly from the Bible. It's not a fad. It's the way God has called us to live since the beginning of time.

Stewardship is transformative! Once embraced it can change the way we look at every decision we make in our lives. Stewardship will become our way of life.

Recently, I heard God's word through the voice of a wise Native American woman, "My grandmother always told me to make sure you know who you are and where you come from, and return graciously what has been given to you." God could do whatever He chose to do with His resources. I am grateful that he has allowed us to have a part in His redemptive work and to experience the joy of giving. **As you consider your response in support of God's work here at Our Savior's, may you be challenged to grow in your faith and in your giving, and may you be blessed by the joy that comes from it.**

Julie Beal
Stewardship Team

Sunday School and NHCS



NEW HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Our first month has been completed and we are all into the swing of things. So many new rules and things to learn and do. We learned about Joseph's beautiful coat by wearing a different color everyday. And then we explored apples. We even made applesauce. This month we are exploring all the career possibilities there are for us to become one day. At the end of the month we will have a party to dress up as to what we want to be when we grow up!! It has been fun singing for the Bible Study Groups and the men at Dart Ball again. We hope you are enjoying all the beautiful fall colors that God has provided for us. Stop in anytime to visit. We love to share our classroom and a song.



Sunday School

We are off to a great start!

The beginning of the Sunday school year has been fantastic! We have great teachers for every grade and the first few Sundays have flown by already. Thank you to everyone who helps with Sunday school and to all the parents you are committed to bringing their child(ren) each week! Yea God!

What's happening in October

A few dates to keep in mind during the month of October:

- * October 13th the kids will sing in church at both services. Please arrive to Sunday school at 9:00. We will sing the last part of the first service. After Sunday school we will also sing in the beginning of the second service.
- * No Sunday school on October 20th.
- * October 27th the 2nd graders will be receiving their bibles during church. Don't worry 2nd grade families, we will be in touch with the details soon!

More about Spark Sunday school

So you registered your child online and brought them to Sunday school. Now what? Each week, your child should have a family page that goes with their lesson. This family page will give you ideas and activities to help continue the learning at home as a family. If you didn't get one or lost it, you can login to the spark site and download it. You will find it when you click on that Sunday's lesson.

Notes from the Director...

It is easy to take our blessings for granted! The teachers and I were quickly reminded at the start of the school year, how blessed we are to have a beautiful playground for the preschoolers to play on. Our playground was out of commission for a short time, when we found it necessary to replace all the wood chips. Nineteen energetic new students and no outdoor play space. We are grateful to everyone that volunteered many hours to help dig out all the old chips and put in the new! Thank you Ron & Sue Stahl, Andrew Remus, Gene Wiersma, Pastor Chris Hill, Darren Colemer, Andy Jutila, and Katie & Sam Bailey!!

On another note, I am looking for OSL members with experience working with children that would like to be on our substitute teacher list. We don't often need a sub, but when we do, what a special opportunity to spend the morning with the sweetest bunch of 3, 4 and 5 year olds you would ever want to meet! It is the easiest job ever. You would never have to lead the class. All we ask is that you follow the lead teachers instructions to help assist with crafts, snack, clean up etc. If you feel called to join our team by serving on our sub list, please call me ~ 879-7138.

God's Blessings ~ **Kristina Remus, NHCS Director**



Hmmm... What's Baking?

Butter braids!

Back by popular demand, Butter braids will go on sale Sunday, October 13 in the narthex between services and after second service. This yummy, hand-made pastry will be on sale for 3 short weeks, so be sure to put in your order!

All profits go to Our Savior's New Horizons Christian School.

We know many of you would like to help the school financially. This year we ordered gobs of extra order forms which will be available at our Butter braid sales table in the narthex and in the church office. If you feel the calling, please pick up a form and take it to work or pass it amongst friends and family. We will be happy to sort your order for pick up and, if necessary, help deliver your order!

Thanks so much for your support!



Thoughts from the Chaplain
October 2013

The "30" Second Rule

My famous thought quote is "I will do that later". But this "later" multiples and multiples until I feel overwhelmed. The little things, like putting the scissors away, carrying the paper to the recycle bin, attach the stamp to a letter I wrote and mailing it, dusting the end table, reading my devotions, the lists goes on and on those little things I say I will take care of later. My mind gets cluttered then feels overwhelmed because of the little things. I started using the "30" second rule, if I can do the job in 30 seconds or less do it immediately. It clears up that clutter that otherwise takes up the space for useful thoughts.

You will find you have more time, open space in your day left for planning. No more thinking I have that to do later. It is already completed.

This little 30 second rule makes a difference in my life, now I enjoyed my devotions. I found there was more time to talk with Jesus.

In Jesus life, he had no clutter. He knew he journey would lead him to the cross. He found the time to pray to his Father, he prayed for us, he spent time with people.

30 second rule

It's a proven, scientific fact that when any thought enters your mind, you have approximately 30 seconds to deal with it and make a decision before your feelings set in.

Your mind is given the job of deciding the battle between you and your thoughts. It's up to your mind to control your ideas and imagination and make a decision as to where they'll go next.

Here's the danger: After your 30 seconds are up, your emotions kick in and develop a relationship with the thought. You become emotionally invested, and that's when it starts getting complicated.

The Bible says to "take every thought captive." Confine it in your mind, hold it hostage, and make a verdict before it goes anywhere else. Seize the thought and ask yourself, "Where did this come from?" If your answer is that it is not a Godly thought, then you have a decision to

Life is totally like that. By the time the emotions have taken over, it is all jumbled together.

Do you have the 30 seconds to pray? To talk with Jesus?

Here is a 30 second prayer:

The Grail Prayer

Lord Jesus,

I give you my hands to do your work.

I give you my feet to go your way.

I give you my eyes to see as you do.

I give you my tongue to speak your words.

I give you my mind that you may think in me.

I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

Above all,

I give you my heart that you may love me

Your Father and all mankind.

I give you my whole self that you may grow in me,

So that it is you, Lord Jesus,

Who live and work and pray in me. Amen

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

Sunnyside Health Care Center

Arlene Peterson

Pat Rudd

Joe Wyner

Evergreen Knoll

Joyce Fuller

Dorothy Kobus

Jane Lovstad

Edna Hage

Grace Caffey

Larson Commons

Marjorie Lamb

Jean Sather

Suncrest

Mariam Hella

Eleanor Jania

Jeanette Ferguson

Laureen Harris

Aspen Arms

Florella Gerhke

Inter-faith Care Center

LaVella Solem

Clara Ober

Alice Toone

Jean Kneeland

Pineview Estates

Lempi Mattson

Evergreen Cottages

Becky Eknes

John & Betty Manisto

Barnes Care

Vivian Hoel

Garden Terrace

Vicki Diver

Diamond Willow

Millie Johnson

Youth News

High School Youth Group Wednesday's 8pm-9pm Fellowship Hall

For youth in grades 9-12
No HS youth Group on 10/23



High School Breakfast Club NO BC on October 20th or 27th

Most Sunday Mornings at 9:45am
In the youth rooms (13-14-15)
What to expect...
Food-Friendship and Conversation



2014 God's Creation Calendars
are on sale for only \$6. Proceeds go
towards the youth Mission Trip

MEET AND EAT

For youth in Grades 9-10
Wednesdays before confirmation
From 5:30-6:45
Cost is \$4
10/2 Pizza 10/9 Pulled Pork
10/30 Chinese

An opportunity for youth in grades 9 and
10 to eat before confirmation class starts!

Middle School Youth Gathering

For youth in grades 6-8

Leave at 3:00 from Our Saviors on
Saturday, November 23rd and return around
3:30pm on Sunday, November 24th

Speaker: Rolf Jacobson

"God Just Knows"

Psalms 139:4

Cragun's Resort, Brainerd

Cost \$63

Youth in Grades 6-8

**Includes HOTEL, BREAKFAST, T-SHIRT AND
ALL GATHERING ACTIVITIES.**

Register by October 13th

Registration forms located on Christina's office
door, online at www.oursaviorscloquet.org
or in the church office

Questions contact Christina 879-1535

**Parents if you are available to chaperone
please let us know- thanks!!**

Summer Mission Opportunity

Lynn/Boston, MA

July 9th-July 23

For current 8-12th grade youth

Registrations need to be received by January 1st, 2014

With your \$100 non-refundable deposit

Information & Registration Forms

Located in the Youth Ministry Office

Questions call or e-mail Christina at

Church: 879-1535 Ext. 11

christina.kadelbach@oursaviorscloquet.org

PPC Highlights

OSLC Parish Planning Council Meeting Highlights, August 20, 2013

▪ **Treasurer's Report** – Actual *income* for July was \$19,321.38 which was short of the budgeted income by \$2,887.96. Actual *expenses* were \$18,201.99, under by \$5,842.90. The YTD budget shows actual income (\$185,353.64) over budgeted income (\$182,190.38) by \$3,163.26. Actual expenses (\$182,465.00) were under budgeted expenses (\$191,835.88) by \$9,370.88. The YTD shortfall was budgeted to be \$9,645.50, but instead we are ahead by \$888.64. This is a good place to be after 7 months.

• Pastor's Report

† There will be an installation of Sunday School teachers on Rally Sunday, Sept 8. In conjunction with the ELCA synod observance of its 25th anniversary theme "God's Work; Our Hands", ministry team members were asked to help recognize what's happening here at Our Savior's.

† Pastor Chris's Installation is scheduled for September 15 with Bishop Tom Aitken officiating. There will be an installation ceremony at each service.

† Pastor Chris has already made several hospital visits. He will work with Chaplain Peggy DeCaigny on making hospital visits and follow-up. He will be teaching first year confirmation students.

† Several pastoral conferences are being held in September, but none of these will include a Sunday absence

▪ Team Leader Reports

Christian Education - Plans for Rally Sunday include an exhibit of ministry team information about their mission and activities while students and parents are registering. A scavenger is being planned for the children. All Sunday school rooms are ready for use with exception of mounting white boards. A Sunday School Teacher Training session was held on Sunday, August 18. To comply with church policy, background checks have been initiated and a covenant signed with each volunteer. Twelve teachers are needed for preschool through 5th grade (2 per classroom)

Church Properties – The communion rail has been repaired and is ready for use. The boiler replacement project is complete except for the test-firing. The Team requested direction from the PPC concerning a "vision" for long-range facilities and needs planning. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to put out a call for volunteers for a new committee to work on a blended plan for long-range vision and facilities use. Bob DeCaigny will chair the group

Fellowship – The Team will coordinate a potluck in the Fellowship Hall on September 15, after the installation for Pastor Chris following the Sunday worship services.

Stewardship – The team was asked to work on forming an "active member list" by calling and verifying membership, transfers, etc. for the sake of communication and the ordering of offering envelopes. There was discussion about the need for a volunteer coordinator to devise and implement a 'Time and Talents' sheet by working with the ministry teams.

Youth Ministry/Small Group Ministries –

Small Group Ministries: Our church softball team won the league title. Yeah God! Quilters finished pillowcases for the 2013 confirmands. Book Club continues to meet monthly to discuss the current selection. Women's Bible study "Gather" will begin in September. Prayer Group continues to meet 2nd Monday each month at 6 pm in the Chapel.

Youth Ministry: High school youth have been meeting throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings (golf, swimming, games, bonfires, movies, etc.) Shared ministry with Zion youth included Day Camp and Summer Stretch activities. Confirmation Kick-off is on Wednesday September 11, with classes beginning on the 18th. Middle school youth gathering will be held at Cragun's resort in Brainerd on November 23-24. Consult Christina or the *Messenger* for more upcoming fall youth events.

Worship, Arts and Music – Brad Browers has spent considerable time reviewing the summer attendance and offering for this summer's blended service, comparing them with prior years. For both June and July, attendance and offering are down, but other factors may be influencing this also.

NHCS – An Open House is scheduled for August 21st. School starts September 6. There are 13 students registered for the 3-day MWF class and 11 for the 2-day T & Th class. The school is licensed for 20 students/class at any given time. The "Parent Aware Program" is in progress. An instructor from the technical college met with teachers. Preschool teacher Thera Wiersma and the board are planning an event surrounding a time capsule begun 13 years ago. Four of the 1st students enrolled will be 2014 H.S. graduates.

▪ Old Business:

Capital Fund Drive – The committee needs volunteers. Chairman Jon Lamb clarified the mission of the Capital Fund Drive Committee and gave an update of their activities so far this summer.

▪ New Business:

There was discussion about the September 24th PPC meeting, designated as an "All-Team" meeting with all team members to attend. The agenda is being prepared.

The next PPC meeting is an All-Teams meeting on September 24 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Church News

Sunday Readings for October

	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Gospel Lesson</u>
6th	Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4	2 Tim 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
13th	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	2 Tim 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-16
20th	Gen 32:22-31	2 Tim 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
27th	Jer 31:31-34	Rom 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

Baptisms

Ethan Robert Schul

Son of Jered Schul and Jessica LaFontaine

Murphy Julianne McCarthy

Daughter of Don & Amy McCarthy

If you are moving, or have a new phone number, please let the office know so we can update our records. Thank you!

Prayer Chain

Please call the Church office with any prayer chain request.

Please remember to contact the Church office if you need to schedule or cancel a meeting or need to make changes of meeting times. Thank you.

Any and all purchases for anything bought on Our Savior's behalf, needs to be approved first and needs a purchase order. Purchase orders can be filled out in the office. Any questions, contact Sara Lamb, book keeper. Thank you~

We need another volunteer to work the sound board at the 10:45 service. Your Sunday will be about every 4th Sunday. Please contact Sharon Tobias 879-6071 or Tom Lavan 878-0701 if you are interested. Thank you!

Date	Attendance	Offering	Offering Needed
Aug 25	225	4638	5000
Sept 1	133	4532	4100
Sept 8	108/133	6214	4100
Sept 15	114/228	5835	4100
Sept 22			4100

	August 2012	August 2013	August YTD 2012	August YTD 2013
Regular Offerings	\$19602.67	\$16894.47	\$186831.57	\$175980.19
Other Income	\$19.23	\$450.20	\$28066.36	\$26718.12
Total Income	\$19621.90	\$17344.67	\$214897.93	\$202698.31
Expenses	\$15809.02	\$17756.57	\$225271.98	\$200221.57



The 2013 Confirmation class will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 27 at the 10:45 service. The 2nd grade class will also receive their bibles at that time.

Youth News

Wednesday, Confirmation Schedule 6:30-8

October 2nd	Give—Monthly Practice Discipleship Challenge focus
October 16th	1st Article of the Apostles' Creed
October 16th	No Confirmation—MEA Break
October 23rd	Confirmation Banquet for 11th grade Confirmation Class and parents— **No class instruction
Sunday, October 27th	Affirmation of Faith— 10:45am
October 30th	2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

Congratulations
to the 2013
Confirmation class



Kali Kadelbach, Rachel Macaulay,
Mikeena Mattson, Kaylee McMillen,
Kelsey Miller, Alex Peil, Tyler Peil
and Abbey Wangen.

*You, Lord, are my light; you dispel my darkness, You
give me strength to attack my enemies and power to
overcome their defenses.*

2 Samuel 22:29-30

HIGH SCHOOL Recharge

**Meets the 2nd Sunday beginning
Sunday, October 13th
3:30-7
Meet at OSL at 3:30**

**We will carpool to area Cloquet & Duluth ELCA
churches for an evening filled with games, service
& Bible study. We will end the evening with
supper together before heading home.
Bring your Bible and money for supper.**

Please let Christina Know if you plan on attending.



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