

**2011 STATE OF THE PARISH REPORT**  
**Our Saviour Lutheran Church**  
**Green Bay, Wisconsin**

**THE SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT by David H. Hatch**

**That Is What Is Supposed To Happen**

Fruit. It appears on the grocer's shelves or in a basket. But it's produced by long and patient cultivation. A farmer prepares the soil, plants, weeds, prays and weeds and prays some more...and eventually harvests the fruit. The fruit does not come with a snap of the fingers.

Likewise, from the first seed-planting service at the Oak Grove School back in 1942 to today, many seeds have been planted, weeds have been pulled and the seedlings are yet being cultivated.

We just took in a large harvest!



*We saw a large basket of soul-fruit on one weekend in mid-November, 2011. Following an eight-week adult class for those interested in membership, this congregation received ten new adults by Rite of Confirmation. On that same Sunday two adults [also Confirmed that day] were baptized along with two children. The week before, this congregation observed fourteen youth make their Confirmation of Faith. That may be a record harvest; at least we would all agree, that is a large basket of fruit, 26 souls. The Gospel is touching lives and, as it is said around here, "That is what is supposed to happen."*

Our theme for 2011 has been "His Love – Our Response". We have witnessed His love and, as a family, we have responded. That same responding goes on into the next year where we shall make it our goal to grow closer to Him as modern day disciples [students].

A few small points to consider:

- The building is bustling with activity, all day and most nights. The calendar is loaded with groups and activities. How cool is that!?
- Our Bible classes are solid and have been growing, ever so slightly. The Hard Questions classes have attracted new folks and meet the needs of people with everyday questions.
- We look forward to continued gifts toward our Audio-Visual system for the sanctuary – We believe that using our eyes as well as our ears to learn will double our learning. [See Pastor Dave should you be interested in making a gift toward that system.]
- From fellowship to school events, from worship to Packer game serving, God is blessing us richly!

We continue to be strong and healthy...“That is what is supposed to happen!”

Sincerely,

Pastor Dave

## REPORTS FROM CHURCH BOARDS

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION by Donna Biebel**

As the Board of Education reflects back on 2011, we thank God for many blessings to our congregation.

Our pre-school program added 2 more children as the year went on in the 2010-2011 school year. The 2011-2012 school year has had a great start and has room for 2 more children in each class. We are thankful for a great staff and great families.

The other interests of the Board proved to be very successful. Sunday school has enriched around 110 young Christian lives. We have noticed a few new teachers this year and it is welcomed. The Cradle Roll has served around 23 babies so far this year. Adult education has been a big plus to our members and also has brought a good number of new families to our church family. The class "A Question You've Always Wanted to Ask" has gone over really well. The numbers vary for the other classes offered. Vacation Bible School served about 65 children this summer. Confirmation continues to enhance the faith of our middle school age members. As this is written we will confirm 14 young people this coming Sunday. The Sunday morning Nursery has provided care for young toddlers during our 9:15 am service; the number of children using the nursery range from 1-7 each Sunday. The volunteers in the Nursery are wonderful and our usage is growing. Our library continues to grow with its many new titles of books and DVDs. The Library folks are really good at searching out new materials that appeal to our congregation. The Board of Education has added a new division as Stephanie Hovland has become the resource person to the Pastors for Lutherans For Life. She will offer assistance as needed in the congregation for those "Life" issues that arise in our church family. The Board of Education members continue to provide guidance to these programs and we look forward to the new year.

### **BOARD OF ELDERS by Robin Williams**

The Board of Elders has been working with the pastors to maintain the church roster as well as supporting them in their mission of ministry. The new LSB hymnals are now in use and we pray that the congregation is enjoying them. The elders will continue to work on the congregational diagnostic study until it is completed. The Board of Elders is pleased to have added one new elder, Mike Sipple, to its board this past year.

### **BOARD OF EVANGELISM by Teri Watt**

As children of God we are tasked with the awesome privilege to spread the Gospel of Christ wherever we go. The Board of Evangelism is pleased to help provide the congregation opportunities to do just that. It is our sincere hope to assist you in the work of His Kingdom. Thank you to all who have offered their time and talents. If you have any suggestions for future projects, feel free to come to a meeting or put your suggestion in the Evangelism mailbox.

Some of the ways we've been able to share our blessings with those close to home and abroad: Homeless Ministry (Undergarments/Hygiene Supplies) – Food Donations to local food pantry – LWML (Chicks with Sticks, Missionary Support and Care Packages, Women's Bible studies) – Nursing Home/Shut-in Ministry – Christmas gifts for the needy (Operation Christmas Child, Toys for Teens) – Financial Peace University – GriefShare – Recycling Pill Bottles – and more.....

Thank you to everyone for your help and prayers in these projects! We would not be able to complete the great task of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ without you!

### **BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP by Greg Ammerman**

Once again we had a great year for fish fries. The youth continue to bus tables and serve drinks.

New church members have joined fellowship activities, contributing to the success of our special events - Servant Sunday and the Fall Rally. We continue to serve a meal on Wednesday Youth Nights; there are usually 10 to 15 youth that attend. Cinnamon Roll Sundays continue along with the occasional Sunday breakfast. We have been able to adhere to our budget plans and should end the year on target.

Thank you to all volunteers who made Fellowship's part in this past year's events (Fish Fries, Pizza Sales, Cinnamon Roll Sundays, coffee bar, summer cookouts, Chili Challenge, Fall Rally, Ladies' Luncheon, Men's Retreat, Live Nativity, Spice of Life meal, and Christmas cookie sale) a great success. There have been many generous donations of soda, coffee, cups, butter, cookie dough and other supplies.

### **BOARD OF PERSONNEL AND FINANCE by Chairman Mike Charles**

The Board is made up of 9 members, one Board of Elders member (Robin Williams), one Board of Trustees member (Greg Parks), one Board of Stewardship member (Rich Ryman); the Congregation Treasurer (Gay Pivonka), two members-at-large from the congregation (Terry Hebel and Walter Juhnke), the president of the congregation (Erik Rutherford), the president-elect of the congregation (Neil Burmeister), and the president emeritus of the congregation (Mike Charles). The Board met 9 times in 2011, typically at 7PM on the first Wednesday of each month.

The main focus for P&F in September, October and November was completing a proposed budget to present to Council. That budget is ready and will be presented at the voters' meeting on December 4. I'd like to thank everyone on P&F--and especially our Congregation Treasurer, Gay Pivonka--for all the long hours put into this process.

Although we have struggled all year to meet our "Faith-Based Budget", all bills are paid. It is the opinion of this board that the congregation will "step up" and increase giving accordingly. That is the overall philosophy behind the budget that will be presented today.

### **BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP by Rich Ryman**

The Board of Stewardship in 2011 launched the Office of Lay Ministry (OLM) and is now preparing to find a volunteer director.

The SCRIP program continues to grow and bless our congregation with an alternate means of income. Growth has been steady as congregation members become familiar with the program.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES by Greg Parks**

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining our facilities, which includes the grounds, building and building equipment. There is always something that needs attention, so we are grateful for the volunteers that step forward to help as needed.

We are always in need of skilled craftsmen, such as plumbers, electricians, contractors and landscapers (to list a few) as well as laborers. Anyone can help and all help is appreciated. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

In 2011, the trustees secured a 10-year warranty on the roof system that was installed in 2003. We are currently working on updating our old boiler in the basement.

### **BOARD OF YOUTH by Avra Juhnke**

As we look back over this past year, we are thankful for what God has been doing in the lives of the youth here at Our Savior. After working with the youth now for just over a year, it's been a blessing to get to know more of the youth, fostering deeper friendships with them.

This last year has certainly been a learning experience. We've attempted to provide a variety of activities for the youth to suit their interests and help aid their spiritual growth. As we continue to get to know the youth better, we are finding out what works and what doesn't work. Some youth activities that seemed to go over well this past year included: paintball, the Easter Eggstravaganza event, Power of One, Youth nights, Bible studies, movie nights, pizza sale fundraisers, and the infamous lock-in's.

A few months ago, God provided us with an additional person to help us in leading the youth at Our Savior. A new member of the congregation, Will Fischer, has a passion for leading youth and has volunteered his time to assist with leading youth activities. He has been a huge blessing to our ministry! Will has been able to be a role model and provides male leadership among the boys in our youth group. He has contributed some creative new ideas, and provided us with a new energy getting us excited for future events and activities.

Looking ahead to what the next school year brings, the three of us are excited to continue to lead the youth helping them grow in their faith, and providing them a fun and inclusive environment. As we continue to learn and adjust to the needs of the youth, we ask for the continued prayers of the congregation that God might give us wisdom, patience, and encouragement in leading the youth of Our Savior. As always, parents are welcome and encouraged to participate in and contribute to any or all of the youth activities and events.

Please find the OSLC youth on Facebook for updates and photos from our activities.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT by Gay Pivonka**

The report of receipts and disbursements as of 11/30/11 was not available when this report was printed - it will be available at the Annual Meeting as a separate handout.

**OFFICIAL ACTS**  
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**Weddings:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Bride</b>	<b>Groom</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Pastor</b>
20101226	Sarah Blakeley	Lloyd Sheffer	OSLC	Greg Hovland
20110319	Megan Charles	Eric Rentmeester	OSLC	Dave Hatch
20110409	Kristy Bingenheimer	Joseph Drager	OSLC	Dave Hatch
20110425	Abby Halron	Ryan Hatch	OSLC	Dave Hatch
20110514	Tia Blatchford	Jason Elmer	OSLC	Dave Hatch
20110603	Jill Simon	Brian Schroeffer	OSLC	Greg Hovland
20110806	Rachel Lardinois	Travis Stoddard	OSLC	Art Callesen
20110910	Maila Yang	Tou Thou	OSLC	Dave Hatch
20110917	Shelly Montevideo	Todd Oudenhoven	Wrightstown	Dave Hatch
20110924	Kayla Hansen	Sean McIntyre	OSLC	Dave Hatch
20111008	Shelly Schauer	Dan Reznichuk	Pamperin Park	Dave Hatch
20111022	Lisa Oikarinen	Dan Kaufman	OSLC	Dave Hatch

**Baptisms:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Child Name</b>	<b>Parents</b>	<b>Date Born</b>
20110123	Zolan Jay Zilles	James Zilles Lorie Doucette	20101230
20110206	Aubrey Jean Kuba-Cole	Christopher Kuba Krista Lee Cole	20091128
20110213	Molly Mae Boettcher	Andrew and Melissa	20100325
20110220	Phoebe Lynn Melotte	Christopher Melotte Jennifer Miller	20100527
20110227	Ashlynn Maine Gauthier	Adam and Michelle	20101201
20110228	Brynn Melissa Raupp	Nathan and Melissa	20110225
20110228	Paige Carolynn Raupp	Nathan and Melissa	20110225
20110320	Breckin Robert Wyss	Skip and Julie	20110118
20110327	Brady Allen Harris	Luke Harris Jennifer Harris	20070113
20110421	Christina Nycole Cook	Joshua Cook Nicole Conrad	20010703
20110508	Alyssa Marie Teebo	Anthony and Tammy	20100617
20110605	Colton John Mullen	Eric and Tiffany	20060817
20110612	Kayla Louise Mueller	Michael and Laura	20110325
20110619	Martin James Helgeland	Dennis and Jennifer	20110206
20110707	Reese Evan Denny	Raymond Denny Krista Kosta	20110307
20110721	Savana Susan Kingston	Wil and Staci	20110112
20110724	Cayden John Guillette	Ryan John Guillette Andrea Belschner	20110411
20110814	Norah Jeanne Messerschmidt	Brett and Nicole	20110404
20110828	Noah Jake King	Clayton and Jessica	20110701
20110828	Zoey Marie Laurent	Steven and Anne	20110611
20110904	Rosalie Rae Havens	Henry Havens Amanda Hawley	20110429

20110911	Arianna Nicole Timm	Benjamin (BJ) Timm Jeni Rolkosky	20040928
20110911	Dalton Taylor Timm	Benjamin (BJ) Timm Jeni Rolkosky	20060313
20110911	David Keith Anderson III	David Anderson II Jeni Rolkosky	20100730
20110925	Madelynn Kathleen Schimberg	Allan and Heather	20110726
20111009	Layla Faith Hillmann	Jason and Kelli	20110821
20111023	Ocean Rae Johnson	Wesley and Cassie	20110812
20111103	Nolan David Lund	Jason Lund Jenna Nelson	20110728
20111113	Madisyn Iris-Marie Retel	Eric and Jennifer	20111011
20111120	Alexia Marie Young	Elliot Dauffenbach-Tabb Brenda Young	19990108
20111120	Jasmine Elizabeth Young	Ryan VandeWalle Rachael Lindsey	20110308

**Adult Baptisms:**

Date Baptized	Name	Date Born
20111120	Brenda F. Young	19800316
20111120	Rachael R. Lindsey	19831227

**Membership Changes – IN\*\***

Date of Change*	Surname	First Names(s)	Method +	From	Synod
20110206	Kuba	Christopher	Adult Confirmation		
20110207	Christensen	Rebeca	Transfer	St Paul Lutheran Bonduel, WI	LCMS
20110207	Fischer	Will	Transfer	St. John Lutheran Plymouth, WI	LCMS
20110207	Rodgers	Mary	Profession of Faith		
20110307	Brose	Judy	Transfer	Faith Lutheran Green Bay, WI	LCMS
20110404	Curtis	Amber	Transfer	Pilgrim Lutheran Green Bay, WI	LCMS
20110404	Curtis	Keele / Austin	Transfer	Pilgrim Lutheran Green Bay, WI	LCMS
20110522	Carpenter	Timothy / Deborah	Adult Confirmation		
20110522	Neiheisel	Aaron	Adult Confirmation		
20110522	Steffel	Charles / Katrina Taylor/Griffin/Sydney	Adult Confirmation - w/parent		
20110908	Harris	Jennifer	Adult Confirmation		
20110912	Damp	Jennifer / Nakita	Transfer	St. Paul's LC Algoma, WI	LCMS
20110912	Delsart	Roy / Ruth	Profession of Faith		
20111003	Lange	Brett / Teri / Elijah / Jacob / Natalie / Kenji	Transfer	Christ of the Bay Green Bay, WI	LCMS
20111003	Wyss	Skip / Julie / Peyton	Transfer	Christ of the Bay Green Bay, WI	LCMS

20111117	Kaufman	Daniel	Adult Confirmation		
20111117	Mullen	Eric / Tiffany / Hailie / Colton	Adult Confirmation - w/parent		
20111120	Damp	Kenneth	Adult Confirmation		
20111120	Drager	Kristy	Adult Confirmation		
20111120	Lindsey	Rachael	Adult Confirmation		
20111120	Schimberg	Allan / Rachael / Madelynn	Adult Confirmation - w/parent		
20111120	Young	Brenda	Adult Confirmation		
20111120	Young	Deborah	Adult Confirmation		

*Membership Changes – OUT\*\**

Date of Change*	Member Surname	First Names(s)	Method ++	To	Synod
20110207	Larscheid	Dennis	Release	First Evangelical LC Green Bay, WI	WELS
20110207	Wolske	Dale	Transfer	St John L.C.	LCMS
20110307	Ebbers	Leah / Mara / Harrison	Release		
20110307	Hatch	Ryan	Release		
20110307	Heiser	Catherine / Catelyn / Jeffery	Release	Heartland Church	
20110307	Kapugia	Natasha	Release		
20110307	Kostreva	Katie (Sauer)	Release		
20110307	LaCrosse	Danielle	Release		
20110307	Lech	Cindy / Alexander / Hanna	Release	Catholic	
20110307	Patterson	Cori (Peterson)	Release		
20110307	Plinske	Loyll / Bridget / Westley / Justen Cullers / Tyler Cullers	Release		
20110307	Zettel	Terri	Release		
20110404	Haen	Brenda / Zachary / Brianna	Transfer	Pilgrim Lutheran Green Bay, WI	LCMS
20110502	Goluch	Alissa / Danica	Transfer	St. Mark's Lutheran De Pere, WI	WELS
20110502	Liebman	Linda (Duebner)	Release		
20110912	Isenberg	Harold / Tammy / Mason / Taylor	Transfer	St. Johns LC Luxemburg, WI	LCMS
20110912	Jossie	Matthew	Release		

\* Elder or Council Meeting Date for Approval; Worship Service Date for Youth Confirmand  
+ Confirmation (Youth or Adult), Transfer, Affirmation of Faith  
++ Transfer or Release

\*\* Membership changes include up to the October Elders meeting.

***Received their Crown (members):***

Date of Death	Date of Birth	Surname	First Name	Date of Service	Place of Service	Officiate
20101212	19230810	Clark	Betty	20101218	OSLC	Hatch
20101218	19260718	Plinske	Leland 'Lee'	20101223	OSLC	Hatch
20101228	19430108	Krings	Alvin	20110105	Malcore	Hovland
20110104	19241224	Kollath	Esther	20110108	OSLC	Hatch
20110220	19260501	Roberts	Joyce	20110224	Proko-Wall	Hatch
20110302	19160519	Tuttle	Mardelle	20110304	Lyndahl	Hatch
20110415	19310227	Shaw	Gloria	20110421	OSLC	Hatch
20110617	19160425	Krumdick	Eileen	20110621	OSLC	Hatch
20110731	19400824	Challe	Darrell	20110803	OSLC	Hatch
20110801	19180311	Stahlkopf	Emma	20110805	OSLC	Hovland
20111119	19300826	Hoffmann	Patricia	20111122	OSLC	Hatch

***Received their Crown (non-members):***

Date of Death	Date of Birth	Surname	First Name	Date of Service	Place of Service	Officiate
20110222	19230822	Dorn	Dorothy	20110226	Blaney	Hatch
20110226	19180323	Droz	Anita	20110228	Proko-Wall	Hatch
20110309	19450930	Vissers	Dennis	20110318	OSLC	Hatch
		Birr	John	20110611	Twin Oaks	Hovland
20110620	19410807	Reuter	Susan	20110623	Proko-Wall	Hatch
20110811	19240216	Ortlieb	Shirley	20110730	Proko-Wall	Hovland
20111005	19380510	Jensen	Eunice	20110108	Bornemann N.H.	Hovland

## **GREEN BAY TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL by Ken Baumann**

In a Christian school, God is openly glorified and praised in every aspect of the school. Our prayer is that God would grant us the wisdom to do just that at Green Bay Trinity. "Love One Another", our theme this year, reminds us that the Holy Spirit enables us to give glory to God in everything we do.

### **People**

Students	79 Students and 50 Families
Staff	Five Full-Time Teachers and one Part-Time Teacher (Stephenie Hovland teaches music for all grades) Administrative Assistant/Admissions Counselor (Kellie Meerstein) Janitor (Joanne Prindle)
Grades	Kindergarten through Eight
Lessons	Piano and band (Cindy Fosheim and Stephenie Hovland – paid by students)
Volunteers	Vel Dauer – Testing and evaluating Rev. Hovland – Grades 7&8 religion twice a week Melissa Beaumont – Physical education to lower grades Deb Grothman – Library Penny Holzer – Hot lunch program Amy DeMaio – Box Tops for Education coordinator Missy Roubal – Kemps, Morning Glory and Kwik Trip milk caps coordinator Association Pastors, Kristy Horrocks, and NEWLHS teachers – Lead chapel Shirley Knaus – PWP Leader Maggie Hinz – Shop and Swap Christmas; Coke Rewards coordinator Board of Directors members Lunchroom helpers, recess monitors, clerical helpers Drivers for field trips Kim Zimmerman – Hot lunch caterer Maggie Christians Art and art history teacher for Grades 7&8 Lynn Steinhaus, Mark and Kellie Meerstein, Chris Nelson, Melissa Beaumont, Bethany Froelich, Chuck Steffel and David Bitters – coach various extra-curricular sports programs offered to Trinity students Brenda King – Sports program fund raiser concession worker coordinator Mike and Vicki Radue – Auction

### **Facility and Materials**

Renting five classrooms, gymnasium and cafeteria

### **Service Projects**

Grand-buddies program matches students with retired people  
Ring bells for the Salvation Army at Christmas  
Chapel offerings  
Paul's Pantry  
Manna for Life  
Singing at Bornemann Nursing Home  
Singing at Angeles in Bellevue

### **Learning Outside the Classroom**

Green Bay Civic Symphony, Weidner Center, Heritage Hill, Hazelwood, Fire House, Apple Orchard, Bay Beach Wildlife Center, Neville Museum, Camp Luther

## **Athletics**

Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Ray's 5K, Bellin Run, Track, Softball

## **Fund Raisers**

Taste of Trinity Auction, Magazine Sale,  
Box Tops and Milk Caps, Capri Sun, Coca-Cola Rewards Points  
Packer Game Concession Workers,  
Target donates 1% of credit card purchases, Kwik Trip Scrip,  
Thrivent Choice Dollars,  
Read-A-Thon, Knowledge Bowl, Annual Appeal, Million Coin Collection,  
Christ of the Bay (awards three scholarships annually)

## **Special Events**

NEW Expo  
Lead worship for NEW students  
Christmas Program  
Beginning of year picnic  
Spring Musical  
Talent Fair  
Social Studies/Science Fair

## **Partnering With Parents (PWP)**

Roller Skating, Bowling, and Movie at De Pere Cinema,  
Sock Hop, Doughnuts for Dads and Muffins for Moms

## **Goals**

Continue growth in God's Word  
Continue great academics  
Add more students  
Have all graduates attend NEW Lutheran High School

## **Working towards the Goal**

During the school year of 2011-2012, there are 12 Trinity alumni attending NEWLHS.  
These 12 are from the 2010 graduating class of 9 and the 2011 graduating class of 7 (a total of 16). In November, one of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students (and her mom) were Baptized into Christ at Our Saviour

For more information, or to set up an appointment to visit the school, please call Ken Baumann at 655-4673. Thanks for your support and prayers which make it possible to share the love of Jesus with children every minute of every school day.