



Newsletter Vol. 21, Issue 7, August 17, 2011

Equipped for Every Good Work

When: **Friday, Sept. 9** 6:00–9:00 pm (supper included)
 Saturday, Sept. 10 8:00 am–5:00 pm (lunch included)

Where: Divine Savior UMC

Who: Dan and Barbara Dick, Facilitators



How can we truly commit ourselves to serve Jesus Christ or fulfill God's mission for Divine Savior UMC, if we don't know what gifts and talents we have to do the work? How do we optimize our leadership potential without driving one another crazy? How can we be more open and flexible to enable people who are different than we are to lead and participate? How can we make our church more open, inclusive, and able to meet the ministry needs of a constantly changing culture?

We hope to find some answers September 9–10 when Barbara and Dan Dick guide us through a weekend of discovery and evaluation. Using four tools—Spiritual Gifts Inventory, Leadership/Interaction Styles, Spirituality Web, and Task Type Survey—we will build a profile of our leadership style as individuals and as a congregation. Find out how you can use your gifts to build the church and enrich your daily work in the world.

Register today for this exciting event by completing the form below and placing it in the offering plate, or mail/return it to the church office. Registration Deadline: **Sunday, September 4.**

Equipped for Every Good Work Registration

Your Name: _____

Names of Other Family Members Who Plan to Attend: 1. _____

2. _____



Contact Information: Phone _____

E-mail _____

Rally Sunday is September 11, 2011 . . . Classes for All Ages begin again!

See Pages 4–5 for Details.

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Published by Divine Savior United Methodist Church, this newsletter keeps members and friends informed of programs of the church and shares news about the congregation. It is mailed in the middle of each month.

The deadline for the next newsletter is Sunday, September 11, 2011.

Church Staff

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Looking Ahead

Newsletter Deadlines

Sun., Sept. 11, 2011

Sun., Oct. 9, 2011

Mailing Date

Wed., Sept. 14, 2011

Wed., Oct. 12, 2011

We always welcome volunteers willing to help assemble the newsletter on Wednesday mornings (9:00 to 11:30 a.m.) on the

Reminder from the Office

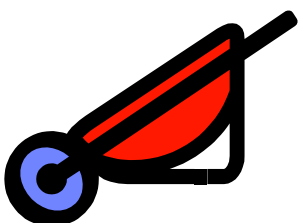
Beginning Tuesday, September 6, church office hours will be Monday–Thursday 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00–3:00 p.m. If you need access to the building at other times, please call 238-7753.

Please Help!

We are looking for Volunteers to provide Church Office coverage—Wednesdays, 9:00 am to 12 noon—to answer the telephone, take messages, greet and assist visitors as needed, and provide assistance to congregation members. If you are able to assist, or wish to have more information about what is expected, please contact Chris Bethke or Amber Wolover. Thank you!
—Marv Van Kekerix, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair

**Outside Clean Up Day
Saturday, September 17, 2011 8 AM to Noon**

Everyone welcome! Snacks and beverages will be provided to keep that energy going! Come when you can for whatever time you can. Rain date Saturday, October 1, 2011 8:00 am to 12 noon. Bring your favorite yard maintenance tools and gloves. If you have any questions feel free to call Karen Fahlgren. Thank you for dedicating this time. See you there!





Fall Mission Project ~ Focus on Hunger

Did you know that . . . ?

923 million people do not have enough to eat—more than the populations of the USA, Canada, and the European Union?

6 million children under the age of five die every year from hunger? There are 6.2 million children under the age of five in France and Italy.

Did you know that from now until the end of 2011, you will have a special opportunity to improve these statistics? The Missions Team invites you to help the hungry right here in our community by supporting our ongoing mission projects at the Drop-in Shelter and the Lussier Food Pantry. Read below about what you can do to help and then give generously to help those in need. Thanks for your support.



Monetary Support for Drop-in Shelter Meals Needed

DSUMC has a long-standing commitment to provide and serve meals at the Men's Homeless Shelter at Grace Episcopal Church. However, in recent months, declining donations of food items and of cash donations, has bankrupted our designated funds for this very important ministry. With two more opportunities to serve in September and December of this year, we are in critical need of your financial support. Every \$12 donation provides breakfast, lunch and dinner for one homeless person at the shelter for all four times our church serves in the next 12-month period.

Please consider supporting one homeless person throughout the coming year with your \$12 offering designated "Homeless Shelter." For those who are able, we invite you to consider making a \$12 donation in honor of each member of your own family. Together we can truly make a difference.

Donations for the Lussier Community Food Pantry

The volunteer staff at the LCEC Food Pantry, serving families across Madison, is greatly appreciative of the food donations from Divine Savior the past few years. The need is tremendous and the shelves always have room for more food, so please be generous with your pantry donations. Food can be brought to church anytime throughout the year and placed in the collection bins in the Narthex.



FOCUS FOOD for the Month of August

Quick Meals (for example: pasta & sauce, soups, meals in a can)

Check Out the New Garden Blog

Have you seen the glorious abundance of produce in the backyard lately? Thanks to the shared talent and combined hard labor of many friends and members of Divine Savior, our new Food Pantry Garden is producing abundantly. So, we have started a new blog to keep everyone updated on our work in progress. Check it out at: <http://divinesaviorgarden.wordpress.com>

and then come and help us with the harvest. Feel free to contact Amber Wolover or Amy Ford with questions.



Adult Education

CHECK OUT THESE NEW CLASSES FOR FALL!

New Adult Education classes begin in September. Check out the fall semester schedule below and mark your calendar so you don't miss a thing.

September

- Fri–Sat, Sept. 9–10** *Equipped for Every Good Work Retreat*
(see info & registration in this newsletter)
- Sundays Beginning Sept. 11** at 9:45–10:30am *Unwrapping Your Gifts Weekly Class*
(Lower Level Adult Ed Room)
- Wednesdays, Sept. 21 & 28** at 6:30 pm *Justice with Michael Sandel*
(Multipurpose Room)

October

- Sunday Mornings** at 9:45—*Unwrapping Your Gifts Weekly Class*
(Lower Level Adult Ed Room)
- Wednesdays, Oct 5 & 12** at 6:30 pm—*Justice with Michael Sandel*
(Multipurpose Room)



November

- Sunday Mornings** at 9:45 *Unwrapping Your Gifts Weekly Class*
(Lower Level Adult Ed Room)
- Sunday, Nov. 6** at 9:45 *Charitable Gifts* (Bill Helwig, Wisconsin Foundation)
- Date/Time TBA** *Quilting* with Lois and Christine



CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

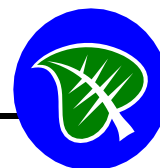
“Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts” Sundays, beginning Sept. 11 (9:45–10:30)
Lower Level Adult Ed Room Barbara Dick, Leader

This Spiritual Gifts Sunday school class will explore one spiritual gift per week, September 11 through the end of May, drawing from the 20 gifts of the Equipped for Every Good Work discovery process. Whether or not you attend the September 9–10 event, or know anything about spiritual gifts, come and learn about the gifts of the spirit—yours and others—and how, together, our ministry can be made stronger and more fulfilling.

“Justice with Michael Sandel” Wednesdays, Sept 21-Oct. 12 (6:30 pm)
Multipurpose Room Steve Mayeshiba, Leader

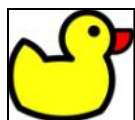
Professor Michael Sandel gave a series of lectures for his political philosophy course at Harvard University. He asked some thought-provoking questions: "Is torture ever justified?" "How much is one human life worth?" Not only were the questions fascinating, so were the responses were elicited from the audience. Steve Mayeshiba will show the four hour-long lectures on four consecutive Wednesday evenings—9/21, 9/28, 10/5 and 10/12—starting at 6:30 pm each time.





Sunday School Classes Begin September 11

Sunday Morning Education Classes for children who are 4 years old through grade 5 and Middle through High School youth will begin on Sunday, September 11. All classes meet from 9:40–0:30 in the lower level. This year we will again use the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum, which incorporates the Scripture used in worship into the age-appropriate lessons. This means the whole family will hear the same story and be able to carry on the conversation at home during the week. Mark your calendars so you don't miss the first day of classes on September 11!



Wee Ones Sunday School Also Resumes on September 11

Were you aware that Divine Savior offers a Sunday school class for children who are ages 0–3 years old and their parents? It's called Wee Ones Sunday School (WOSS) and meets from 10:00–10:30 on the lower level (follow the signs). During class, the "wee ones" learn about the Bible, God's love, Jesus and prayer through songs, actions, rhymes and more. It's a wonderful time of family bonding as well as growing in faith together as you carry the songs we sing into your week at home. Questions? Contact Amber Wolover (amberw@wisconsinumc.org). Classes will resume on September 11.

2011 Senior High Convo

Hey High Schoolers! How would you like to spend an amazing weekend of fun, fellowship and faith-building at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells with 1,000 other teenagers? Mark your calendar now for **Senior High Convo November 11–13**, featuring Paul Dabdoub, keynote speaker, and music from Rush of Fools. You won't regret it. . . . Guaranteed.

Simply submit your deposit of \$55 along with your Medical Release/Permission Form to the church office no later than **Sunday, August 21**. This is essential to take advantage of early bird registration discounts.

We hope to keep the total cost for the event to \$100 per youth thanks to their fundraising efforts. This may vary, though, depending upon the number of youth attending. We plan to prepare our own meals in our condo's kitchen to reduce costs.

We're in need of another female who would be willing to join Laurie Kelly, Tom Kelly and Jason Deaner as a chaperone. Please let one of us know if you're interested.

Feel free to call Laurie and Tom with any questions (tlmckelly@frontier.com.)



Welcome Our New Members



Please welcome Rick and Cindy Churan to Divine Savior UMC. They have lived in Sun Prairie for almost 16 years and are transferring from Sun Prairie United Methodist Church. Rick is employed at American Family, and Cindy is employed at the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Center in Sun Prairie.

One of their two grown sons is married and lives in Minneapolis; their other son lives in Chicago.

Cindy and Rick bring considerable gifts and skills to our faith community; we look forward to being in mission and ministry with

Church Directory Portraits Will Be Taken TUESDAY through SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18–22

“Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits, Inc.” will be taking pictures for our new church directory on Tuesday, October 18, through Saturday, October 22. Each family unit of members and friends will receive a free copy of our church directory, as well as one free 8 x 10 portrait. If you choose, you may purchase from a variety of additional portrait poses, packages and prices, and distribute your portraits to family members and friends or with Christmas cards. Information sheets on purchase options will be available closer to October.

If some family members (such as college students) cannot be present during the scheduled days, you have the following options:

- Submit to the photographers during your appointment a photograph that will be included in a special section of the directory (if a professional photo, bring a written “waiver of copyright” from the original photographer). These photos cannot be returned to you.
- You may schedule an appointment with Lifetouch photographers when they are available at another church. These photos will be included in our directory just like all other pictures take at Divine Savior.

You may include family members in your portraits who are not members of the congregation, as well as extended families or friends. You may also include pets in your portraits. Give some thought to creative portraits that, still appropriate, may be more interesting than the typical photos.

In September, we will begin scheduling portrait sessions for October 18 through 22. We will provide instruction so you can schedule your appointment online through Lifetouch’s Web site. Volunteer church members will also be available some Sunday mornings before October 18, to provide online scheduling assistance. Traditional hard-copy sheets will be available also, and, if your chosen slot is available, a volunteer will then post the appointment online for you.

For this directory to be a success, we need the assistance of volunteers to serve in the following capacities:

- Gather from members “activity pictures” of past activities of our congregation (Photos cannot be returned).
- Assist members on Sunday morning(s) (using your laptop computer) to sign up members and friends via Lifetouch Directories’ Web site, for those who do not wish to do so from their home.
- Host three–four hour portrait sessions at church, to guide families when they arrive for their portrait session, and perhaps assisting families with small children while the family selects their portraits. We need 20 people to do this (ten teams of two hosts each, for the five days). Each day of portrait taking will be split, with one team handling the first half, and another the second half of that portrait day.

Please contact Paul Harris if you are able to help in a volunteer capacity. You may contact Paul by e-mail at harris1029@tds.net, or by cell phone.



United Methodist Women

UMW Mission Opportunities

Northcott Neighborhood House Trip—August 26

The Bethany UMW invites those interested in learning more about Northcott Neighborhood House to join them on a trip to Milwaukee on August 26. We will meet at Bethany early on the 26th to car pool. A noon lunch is planned at the Hmong House of Good News. Both of these wonderful organizations are Wisconsin Conference missions.



Hmong House of Good News Egg Roll Fund Raiser

Do you like veggie and pork egg rolls? Would you like to help raise funds for the Hmong House of Good News (HHGN) by purchasing a dozen egg rolls? The Capital District UMW is featuring the HHGN as a mission in our midst at this year's October 8 Annual Gathering and helping to raise funds for their programs. Please check the bulletin board in the Narthex toward the end of August for order forms and more information.

For more information about either mission opportunity, contact Sue Plasterer, seplast@charter.net.

UMW Reading Group

Happy New Year! September begins the 2012 year for UMW readers. We will meet on Sunday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Please note that the deadline for submitting our Reading Lists for 2011 is September 9. Shirley Behm will need to have your lists in hand by September 6 in order to get them to the District Secretary of Program Resources by the due date. You may e-mail your list to Shirley at esbhome@att.net, mail it to Shirley, or put it in the UMW mailbox at church. See you in September!

UMW Morning Circle

Mark your calendars! September 14 is Morning Circle day. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:15 a.m. Come and share the highlights of your summer. Enjoy good friends, good fellowship and good food.

School of Christian Mission

"All Things Made New" was the theme for this year's School of Christian Mission. People came from all across Wisconsin to study, fellowship, worship and have fun. Mary Weatherwax and Sue Plasterer attended the four-day school and took the geographical study on Haiti and the spiritual growth study, "Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation." We got to sample food made in solar ovens developed and used by UM Dakota Conference VIM missionaries in Haiti. Want to know if you can help Haiti recover using solar power for cooking and water pasteurization? See Sue for information.

Officer Nominations for 2012-updated from July

Know someone who likes to plan? Is organized and has a heart for mission? Please send officer nominations for 2012 to Sara Hagen (skmille@yahoo.com) by September 7. You certainly may nominate yourself! We need volunteers to keep our organization strong. Open positions include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary of Program Resources, and Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach. Perhaps one is just right for you!

We Always Thank God for You! Thank You to . . .

. . . Lois Flee for organizing and publicizing the Non-bake, bake sale
. . . Everyone who contributed to the sale

Coming Events

September

11 Reading Group, 7:00 pm
14 Morning Circle, 9:15 am
TBA REAP snack packing service project,
1:00–3:00 pm

October

8 Capital District Annual Gathering, Asbury UMC
9 Reading Group, 7:00 pm
12 Morning Circle, 9:15 am
21–22 Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering
in Black River Falls



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Church School and

Adult Christian Education

9:30 a.m. (beginning September 11)

Child care available all morning

AUGUST



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