

From Pastor Linda

Greetings from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on the Rocky Boy's Reservation! Happy Thanksgiving, blessed Advent & joyous Christmas!!

2010 has been an eventful year. Spring was a flurry of several significant snow storms with melting in between. Inches of snow came & went & saturated the ground. June arrived, but no one expected the severe rain storm that occurred & dumped inches of water in a short period of time. With the ground already soaked, the water had no where to go. The result was flooding & destruction. Every home on Lower Box Elder Road that had a bridge or culvert access to their property experienced a washout.



Many others, including our Mission House & Parsonage, experienced flooding in the basements & crawl spaces. People who had never had water problems in their homes before did this time. Elsie Mitchell, one

of our own members, did. John Mitchell, also one of our members, had his home under water up to the roof-line. The road to the Clinic, Senior Citizen Center, Wellness Center & Tribal Offices washed out. The foundation of the Clinic shifted as the ground moved beneath it, with the result that the building has been deemed a complete loss.

Montana's governor visited, flying in by helicopter & landing on the athletic field across the the church property. (That was exciting.) But, because of tribal sovereignty the state could offer no aid. The Federal government came to help through FEMA. Negotiations between the US government & the Tribal Council had to occur to determine what could & would be done by each entity. While the Tribal Council declared the Reservation a disaster area, only certain levels of help were available from the Federal government until it made a similar declaration, which was weeks in coming, but did happen.

In the meantime, there were many people & organizations that wanted to come & volunteer, as many did in New Orleans. Montana VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Assisting in Disaster), the Red Cross & the Mennonite Disaster Service wanted to help, came to the Reservation to see what they could do & had to wait until the negotiations between the Tribe & the US government were done. In the meantime, Our Saviour's became a place for some of these people to meet & talk. Our Servant Groups hosted many of these visitors for a meal as coordination efforts were being made.

I was asked to serve as a central contact person for the NGO (Non Government Organization) volunteers & it was asked if Our Saviour's could serve as a central meeting location. I have never had experience working with disaster response before in this way. I lived through Mount St. Helen's & traveled to New Orleans, but this was different. It was very intimidating to say the least & it is certainly nothing they train you for in seminary! But, in the long run, it was decided the Federal government could fund most of the work that needed to be done for clean-up. Instead of using volunteer workers, the Tribe created jobs for people from the Reservation by having them trained as clean-up crews.

In the midst of this the summer groups began coming. The first one was actually the week before the flood, leaving just as the rain really started coming down. The rest of the summer groups helped with some people's homes who needed immediate help, along with working at our site. We focused on helping our elderly neighbors along Mission Drive with their yards. One summer group was able to experience going to a time of singing & praying in preparation for the Tribe's Sun Dance. Another group helped put up the Sun Dance lodge. The summer was filled with new & different experiences. The 4 cabins & the Mission House got stained. Several Montana churches came as 1 group & worked on the Mission House basement. This just names a few things that got worked on.

Much recovery work has been done, but there is still much to do on the Reservation. Some have said it takes 5 years to recover from a disaster such as was experienced here.

We were blessed by many people sending donations to help with general flood relief. We worked with the



Cultural Resource Department (CRD) to provide supplies & needed items to many households. Several Servant Groups had the opportunity to go on shopping sprees where the van was filled with all sorts of

things & delivered to CRD. We experienced what it was "to be blessed to be a blessing" firsthand.

There is so much more that could be said, but most of all a big "thank you" needs to be passed along to all who care for & about the ministry that is on-going, in so many ways, here at Our Saviour's on the Rocky Boy's Reservation.

May God – Creator, Redeemer & Holy Spirit bless you all – now & always!

Visioning with AI-AN President Liz Gaskins

Liz Gaskins, president of the ELCA American Indian-Alaska Native Association (AI-AN Association), came and met with the congregation to help develop new Vision and Mission statements. The congregation received a Leadership Grant from the Region 1 office to help with the travel expenses.

Though these statements are still “under construction” this is where we currently are with them -

Mission Statement – We are a Christ-centered community of faith that lives, shares & celebrates God's grace with all people!

Vision Statement – We seek to faithfully fulfill God's call by proclaiming Jesus to the people in our families, neighborhood, community & world through worship, family ministry, Christian education, fellowship, stewardship of creation & mission outreach for the glory of God.

Pray for us & with us as we continue to discern & discuss these statements & work to make them part of our lives in our community.

Seminary Cross-cultural Experience

For the first time ever, Our Saviour's was the site of a Cross-cultural experience for seminarians. Every ELCA seminary requires its Master of Divinity students to have this kind of experience. Most of these experiences are held in January during J-term, but winters in the Bears Paw Mountains on the Rocky Boy's Reservation make this an uncertain time to try to come here.

August 14-28 2010, 4 seminarians (all from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN) came & spent 2 weeks here. Though not originally planned to be part of their experience, the seminarians were able to participate in Camp Noah & through that experience meet a number of the children on the reservation. They were also required to read several books and articles, participate in discussion & keep journals. The students met with spiritual & cultural leaders from the Tribe & participated in learning experiences off the Reservation. We look forward to seminarians coming again August 13-27 2011. More information is available on our website.



Montana Women of the ELCA Immersion Event

On September 9-12, 2010 a number of women from various congregations across the state came for a cross-cultural immersion experience for Montana Women of the ELCA on the Rocky Boy's Reservation. Bishop Jessica Crist was present to lead opening worship & Inez Torres-Davis, Director for Justice for Women of the ELCA, was there to present on anti-racism.

The women toured the reservation in the church van, visited Stone Child College & learned about some of the medical programs & health issues at Rocky Boy's. They met with & learned from various members of the community, had fun doing beading, cooking fry bread & making dream catchers. On Saturday evening, the women participated in a mini pow-wow & greatly enjoyed the women dancers, the drum group & their singing, along with the explanations of the dances & songs.

Participating in talking circles, devotions & Sunday worship at Our Saviour's rounded out an experience that was stimulating, rewarding & culturally broadening for all who attended.

Submitted by Mait Board, President of Montana Women of the ELCA

Reflections by Pastor Jonathan Hamman from Rural Retreat Lutheran Parish, Virginia

Almost 11 years later, my wildest dreams came true as I was able to return to the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation.

11 years ago, as I was heading to internship in Kalispell, Montana, my new bride & I drove across the country to experience the West. A little over a week after we were married, I put her on a plane for Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where she was to start medical school. I had a few weeks before internship was scheduled to begin, so my roommate from Seminary, Dan Smail, who was doing a summer internship with Pastor Joe Bailey, invited me to spend a week or so with him.

I immediately feel in love with the place! The church campus was awash with excitement as people came from across the country to build the “round” church. For two & a half weeks, I pounded nails, took on the job of cook for a few days, ran to town for supplies & generally had a great time: sweat lodge ceremonies, a large pow-wow, sleeping outside in a teepee, were all new & wonderful experiences!

Throughout internship year, I returned several times with youth groups from Northridge Lutheran Church. We were on hand for the dedication of the “round” church on Reformation Sunday, 1999. We took 12 youth & several adults for a week long building project in July, 2000. During that time we framed up one of the retreat cabins. It was also extremely hot that summer & hard to find any

respire...I remember the youth being mad at me for "making" them drink water every hour!

Each time I returned to Rocky Boy I was blown away by the warm welcome, the intimate sharing of culture & history & the ability of the people of Rocky Boy to welcome us as a people of faith who came to share in their lives, culture, religion & everyday life experiences.

After driving away in July, 2000, I was not sure I would ever return. As I left, Alan & Derek gave me an eagle feather & said something to the effect of: "we do not say good-bye; instead, we say 'till we meet again'".

Fast forward 9 years to 2009. A group of people from Grace & St. Paul Lutheran Churches (The Rural Retreat Lutheran Parish) began to meet & discuss a possible mission trip. On a whim, I raised the possibility of a trip to Montana. Much to my surprise there were 8 people willing to join me on this adventure.

After much talk, planning & fund raising, we took off June 20, 2010, for Montana. Six of us rode together in my pick-up truck as we traveled across this nation of ours, we were constantly reminded of how big, open and awesome it is. From the rolling hills of Virginia & West Virginia, to the plains of Ohio, Indiana & into Wisconsin. Through the rolling plains & hills of Minnesota to the wide open spaces of North Dakota & eastern Montana, we were constantly amazed out how far off places could be!

We were relived to finally arrive in Montana & began to get excited (we were also surprised by how much cell phone coverage we had). We spent a night in Havre, took in a few tourist attractions & finally followed Pastor Linda onto the reservation. We were shocked to discover the damage from flood waters & dismayed to see so much hardship & suffering as water services were slowly returning.

We spent a wonderful week celebrating the life of a long-time tribal member, doing repair work around the church complex & even got to help out a few families whose places were touched by rising water. But mostly we were humbled by the warm welcome, the open sharing of culture, religion & faith & the willingness of the Chippewa Cree people to welcome us with open arms & hands.

Thanks to Pastor Linda for all her hard work in making it a wonderful experience for all involved. Thanks too to Mike Lame Bull for keeping us busy & sharing from his deep knowledge of culture. It is my hope & prayer that someday, hopefully sooner than 10 years from now, we can once again return to see, experience & share in the hope, faith & commitment of the people of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation!

Till we meet again.

ELCA Hunger Grant for 2010

Doing ministry in any community has many different facets & the ministry at Our Saviour's is like that, too. In an effort to meet one very special need on the Reservation, a 2010 Hunger Grant was applied for & received. The stated object of the grant was to provide locally-grown fresh food – vegetables, fruits & eggs – to the 25 most needy families on the Reservation as identified by the Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program. As the food is to be fresh, distribution was geared to occur during the growing season.

Because "healthy" food is often more costly than less healthy options, those with limited resources tend to buy the less expensive food. But, with diabetes & various cancers being serious health threats at Rocky Boy (and in Indian Country as a whole), eating good food is imperative for improved health & longer life.

Though we are not quite done distributing food (delayed by the June flood), we have been buying mainly from one of the Hutterite colonies. The households receiving this food include the very young & the very old & everyone in between with between 1 and 11 family members. Gratitude for the food given has been voiced by many!

We have applied for a 2011 Hunger Grant & wait to hear whether or not we will receive it.

ELCA Deaconess Community Grant for 2010-2012

Our Saviour's has been blessed to receive a 3-year grant from the ELCA Deaconess Community. This grant will help us fund some special programs during the months of June, July & August. Receiving this grant helps us keep costs down for the Servant Groups who want to come to the Rocky Boy's Reservation.



Working in partnership with Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (FLBC) this past summer, camp counselors were able to come for 3 separate weeks. During the time they were here, they lead devotions & worked with the Servant Groups & lead Vacation Bible School (VBS). This grant paid for the counselors salaries with an additional grant from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries paying for their travel expenses.

The funding for Summer 2011 & 2012, will give Our Saviour's the opportunity to have camp counselors from FLBC most of the summer & offer VBS weekly.

Additionally, this grant allows us to hire at least 1 young person from the Tribe for the summer months, as well as other individuals (like the ELCA Mission Builders) who have construction experience & can help with projects that the Servant Groups will be working on.

Reflections by Servant Group Leader Dominique Bracht – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Ephrata, WA
(find Dominique's entire article on our website)

Our high school youth group met a couple times a month with the pastor & a couple of parents. They began researching the possibility of participating in a mission trip or servant event. They wanted to make a contribution to others in the name of Christ. Although we have a few local church youth groups who were traveling to different countries for their missions, these amazing young people felt that there was plenty need in our region. They wanted to begin by helping their brothers & sisters here! With the support of the pastor & parents, they decided to focus on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation, in Montana. When I found out the location of Rocky Boy, I was elated! Having spent time researching the Nez Perce 15 years earlier, I knew we would be near Bear Paw, the surrender site of Chief Joseph! *God works in mysterious ways!*

Our pastor contacted Pastor Linda & the ball was rolling! The research & planning had begun! Fundraisers for travel would occur regularly! Pancake dinners, Easter brunch & good will offerings! These kids were driven & their excitement was contagious! Who would have thought that these teenagers would have been such a driving force! Our lovely group of quilting grandmas even got involved by sewing 30 quilts to be hand delivered to Our Savior Lutheran Church! *God works in mysterious ways!*

Six months before the trip was to take place, our high school youth group hit an abrupt halt. Our pastor was leaving us. As a result of his departure, 3 of the 6 youth dropped from the group. The remaining youth & parents were dumbstruck & unsure of the next step. As 1 of the adults (& a parent) of this group, (I have to admit) I believed this was the end. There would no longer be a high school youth group & certainly no servant event to Rocky Boy. But, *God does work in mysterious ways.*

Remember that pest? He would have no part in letting this grand plan end. Clayton was determined to continue with the servant event plans & with his youth group...even if there were just 3 teenagers & 3 adults remaining! So now, I became the target of his pestering! According to him, I needed to step in as the adult & push this thing forward. *Good grief.*

Part of preparing for a servant event of this nature is to make sure members understand the history of the area,

the culture of this nation & its people (the Chippewa-Cree) & how we all are *connected*. I felt I could do a fair job at that end. We also needed to have spiritual guidance, but we no longer had the pastoral support. Now I became the pest...not just the mother of the pest! Pastor Linda received numerous e-mails & phone calls asking for scripture & spiritual support that would help our group understand our place & our responsibility on this servant event. Our small group continued to gather regularly. We met, we prayed, we researched, we prayed, we read, we prayed, we investigated, we prayed. By the time we were finalizing the plans, our group had grown to 6 youth & 4 adults! *God works in mysterious ways!*

July 17, 2010. The time for our departure had finally arrived. With 2 pick-up trucks, 9 people, 30 quilts, sleeping bags, duffel bags & snack coolers, we were on our way! Twelve hours later we were pulling up to Our Savior Lutheran Church, with Pastor Linda waiting for us, ladle in hand & ready to dish out bowls of hot "mystery" soup. *Talk about God working in mysterious ways!*

Although we did not know exactly what our "work" would be, in our hearts were ready to serve in any way possible. Little did we know that just 2 weeks before our arrival, the reservation had endured a horrific flood. That first night, as Pastor Linda spoke of the devastation...we could only imagine. The next day, she loaded us in the church van & drove us around to see, with our own eyes, the damages. It was heartbreaking: culvert bridges washed away, homes and buildings flooded, thick mud piles everywhere. Not much escaped the vicious flood waters & mud. Even the church office building had suffered. The basement was a mess; mold and mildew was already eating away at the newly painted drywall, doors & bunk beds. Clothing donated for the church thrift shop (what seemed like a hundred plus large bags) was quickly removed from the thrift shop room because it too had been flooded. We were completely overwhelmed by the devastation. *God works in mysterious ways.*



Over the next several days, Pastor Linda set us on to our daily tasks. We sorted clothing, bleached away mold & mildew, moved items out of flooded areas, delivered donated clothing to those in need in Havre, washed windows & stained cabins (all though it looked like we were staining teenagers). On a few occasions, Pastor Linda would ask 1 of our adults to "take a look at something" & before she knew it someone was up to their

eyeballs in shingles or crawling under a porch making repairs. I think this took her by surprise. This adult explained that in his house “take a look at something” means “please fix this.” *God works in mysterious ways.*

We were blessed to have met & worked with an amazing man by the name of Mike Lame Bull. This hardworking, kind man & his beautiful daughter took the time to share parts of their lives with us. They told us about the area & shared their heritage & their traditions with us freely. Our boys became especially fond of Mike after a trip to get rid of a broken refrigerator that ended in a side trip to pick berries. His daughter Mia, connected quickly with our girls as they worked side-by-side, sorting bags & bags of donated clothing. They giggled, shared stories & quickly became friends. These young people crossed into each others lives & found *connections* through their different cultures & beyond their cultures. They saw each other as brother & sister. *God works in mysterious ways!*

Each day, Pastor Linda made sure we had time for learning about the area, its history, the culture & the people. She ensured we had a chance to break bread & share meals together with local families on several occasions. She organized an incredible trip to Bear Paw National Park & the local museum. We enjoyed an amazing Pow Wow with dancing by Mia & her adorable little brother. There were young men who played their drums & sang with such skill & heartfelt pride. We even had the opportunity to see the intricate beadwork made by local artisans & we jumped at the chance to purchase items to bring back to our family members as souvenirs made by our new friends. These events & many more were blessed gifts to each of us & the memories we will each hold closely to our hearts forever. We cannot thank the people of Rocky Boy enough, or Pastor Linda, for their kindness, their generosity & their open hearts. We felt truly welcome every step of the way. What a gift from God to have met each & every one of you. *God is good.*

Back to connections, of course. I felt connected to Pastor Linda the first moment I spoke to her on the phone. I felt as though we had been friends for years. I found out she spent a good number of years in Washington State. I learned she is a scientist, of sorts! I found out that her heart is right where I pray my heart will be some day. Each day, morning & evening, Pastor Linda ministered to us. She saw that we were a group dealing with “issues”. Our church had been in turmoil & without a pastor for some time. Some of us were dealing with painful family issues, financial issues & even some personal issues. Pastor Linda must have sensed this...because this is indeed her nature. She took us into her warm embrace &

fed us more than just her “mystery soup”. She fed our hearts, tended to our hurts & showed us the beauty of hope. *God is good.*

Through Christ, there is always hope. Pastor Linda, you are hope, the people of Rocky Boy are hope. We have Christ & He gives us people like Pastor Linda, Mike, Mia & so many more to help us remember there is always hope. I feel confident in saying that each of us felt more *connected* to each other, to God & to hope than we had been in quite some time. We came to Rocky Boy to serve others through Christ. Five days later we left feeling that it was us who had been served through Christ’s love. *God works in mysterious ways.*

Camp Noah

Camp Noah (CN) is a VBS Day Camp program designed by and run through Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota (LSS-MN) to help children cope with & heal in the aftermath of surviving a disaster. This program may be one of the lesser known resources available in the ELCA. Pastor Linda found out about it from FEMA's Volunteer Coordinator, Lee Hensley, who was here for several weeks after the June flood.

Working in partnership with the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) person in Montana, Cliff Haaland & Keven Massey, church-wide Director of LDR, the funding was given to be able to have CN come to Our Saviour's in August 2010. A CN team of 16 people came from various Lutheran churches in Pennsylvania for 1 week to run this very special VBS for the children of Rocky Boy. Volunteers from the ELCA churches in Big Sandy, Havre & Harlem, as well as several others from Rocky Boy, along with 4 seminarians who were staying on-site, came everyday to prepare breakfast, lunch & snacks for the kids & the team members & help out in many other ways as they were needed.

From all accounts from kids, parents, grandparents, the volunteers & the CN team, this CN was a wonderful success & blessed all involved. Thank you to all who participated in anyway to make this work for our kids!



For more information about Camp Noah, please go their website at http://www.lssmn.org/camp_noah/.

The Layette Ministry is On-going

The layette ministry continues to be a strong part of the ministry at Our Saviour's. Any one in the community is welcome to come & receive a layette for a newborn. This is one way Our Saviour's can help families in our community & Christ is shared with others through this small gift. Donations of new items for layettes is always welcome.

Member of Our Saviour's is Rocky Boy's 2010 Senior Tribal Princess



Mia Lame Bull is one of the youth at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. For the past year Mia has served as the Senior Tribal Princess & at Rocky Boy's Pow-wow this past August lead many of the young women attending in special dance competitions & awarded prizes to the winners.

Mia also spent this past summer working at Our Saviour's along side the Servant Groups that came.

Fair Trade Opportunity

There are many wonderful craftspeople – women, men & young people – on the Rocky Boy's Reservation. We would like to offer the opportunity to others to purchase items at fair trade prices. So, far we have done this with 1 partner congregation & with the Montana Global Mission Event. The items available vary, but include beaded earrings, necklaces, bracelets, etc. or more religious items, e.g. crosses, Luther roses, etc. & paintings & drawings.

Our Saviour's is very willing to partner with churches, women's groups & other organizations that are interested in this "fair trade" opportunity. Please contact Pastor Linda for more information.

2010 Servant Groups

We at Our Saviour's & others on the Rocky Boy's Reservation want to thank every person who came & has been part of a 2010 Servant Group. Your accompaniment with our ministry here has been & continues to be invaluable to us. Thank you and God's blessings!
Emmaus Campus Ministry, University of Montana, Missoula, MT - January 15-18, 2010
University Lutheran Church of Hope, Minneapolis, MN -

June 12-17, 2010

First Presbyterian Church, Hannibal, MO - June 26 - July 1, 2010

Rural Retreat Lutheran Parish, Rural Retreat, VA - July 3-7, 2010

St Mark's Lutheran Church by The Narrows, Tacoma, WA - July 11-16, 2010

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Ephrata, WA
July 17-22, 2010

Jo Ann Carlson of Vienna, VA
July 24-29, 2010

Trinity Lutheran Church, Mount Joy, PA
July 31 - August 5, 2010

St John's Lutheran Ministries, Billings, MT, American Lutheran Church, Billings, MT, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Billings, MT, and Messiah Lutheran Church, Red Lodge, MT - October 24-29, 2010

Summer 2011 Construction Helpers

In the past Our Saviour's has looked to the ELCA Mission Builders to provide help with oversight on some of our Servant Group construction projects. We continue to look for individuals or couples who have construction experience & who are willing to come for a minimum of 2 weeks during the months of June, July & August. Having your own RV, which can be hooked up on site is a plus. If you are interested please contact Pastor Linda.

Our Saviour's "Wish List"

This Wish List has prompted all kinds of response in the past. For that we are very thankful.

Last summer we received kitchen equipment which was put to good use this past summer. We still have to rearrange the kitchen to install the stove & dishwasher (cabinets will have to be moved around).

We still have on-going needs that we hope other may be able to help with. As you can see some will have priority over others.

- ❖ New Bibles to be given away. Please contact us to see what our greatest need is – children, young people, or adult.
- ❖ 2 used (but in great shape!) 15-passenger vans.
- ❖ 1 used (but in great shape!) truck.
- ❖ Riding lawn mower.
- ❖ 2 gas, push lawn mowers.
- ❖ Mini Bobcat for year-round use.
- ❖ 1 new heavy-duty electric stove for the Big Church.
- ❖ 1 new, over-the-stove microwave for the Big Church.
- ❖ 1 new residential stove for the Mission House.
- ❖ 1 new computer with good graphics capabilities.
- ❖ Items for layettes.

- ❖ DVD player that can interface with a computer & TV.
- ❖ 4 to 6 8-foot plastic (not heavy particle board) tables for use in the Big Church. (We move these around so much they need to be the lighter-weight ones).
- ❖ 1 or 2 caddies to store the 8-foot tables.
- ❖ New & gently used clothing for the Thrift Store.
- ❖ New clothing & toys to be set aside as Christmas gifts.
- ❖ Purchasing a refurbished copier (~\$6,000 to \$8,000) that will handle producing the TeePee Smoke newsletter & other mailings.
- ❖ Financial support for the new roof on the Big Church (~\$5,100) and upgraded heating system in the Mission House (~\$2,700). Both of these have already been installed.
- ❖ Financial support for full-time maintenance/grounds keeper (~\$24,000).
- ❖ Financial support for Summer 2011 for an on-site construction foreman (~\$7,000).
- ❖ Financial support for Summer 2011 for two or three camp counselors from Flathead Bible Camp who will help run VBS for several weeks for the children of Rocky Boy.

Your Spiritual & Financial Giving is Important to Us

In this time of economic stress, we cannot thank you enough for your continued support of the ministry of Our Saviour's on the Rocky Boy's Reservation. Please continue to pray for us, as we do for you. We hope you are able to continue with your financial support as well. The struggles many are going through across the face of our world make it a very difficult time for all.

Mission Partners are very important to us & we have had a number of people ask us how to become one. There are several different ways this can happen. One way is to go directly through the ELCA office in Chicago. Another way is through the Montana Synod or through your own synod, if it is different. Lastly, you can covenant directly with Our Saviour's. Any of these partnerships could have a specific time-frame and/or have a specified monetary amount associated with them. Always, any commitment involves on-going prayer & communication.

This past year we have kindly been remembered by several people in their wills & are the recipient of funds from several trusts. About 10 years ago another donor gifted her Thrivent annuity to us & has continued to pay the premiums on it for us. People are being very creative in their giving to us! We thank God for this.

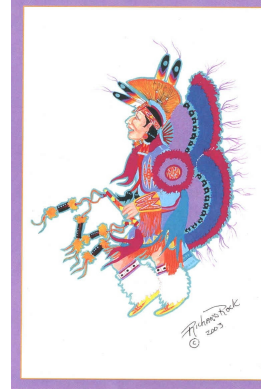
We are working with Thrivent so that if you desire you can donate directly into our "education" fund account we have with them. Just let us know if this is what you would like to do & we can make sure the arrangements are made.

Another option for donation directly to Our Saviour's is on-line on our website through PayPal.

We constantly thank God for each & every one of you who remember us when you so generously give. Thank you!

The Ambassador 1000 Program Continues

We are continuing the Ambassador 1000 program started several years ago by one of the previous pastors. If you would like to participate in this program, please



indicate your pledge of support on your first donation. On your subsequent donations write "Ambassador." This will help us be more organized, too.

If you would like more information about the Ambassador 1000 program, please check our website or please write, call, or e-mail, and will we get this out to you.

Thrivent Choice

As you may know, Thrivent has changed how you can designate funds to be given to Lutheran ministries. If you are a Thrivent member, please consider designating Our Saviour's as a Thrivent Choice gift recipient this year.

Campbell Soups Labels

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church welcomes you sending the UPC part of the label from Campbell's products. Sending the entire label is no longer necessary, which is good because it is less bulky to send.



This includes not only the UPC from the various soups, but also V-8 juices, Swanson's broth, Prego, Pepperidge Farm, Franco American products, as well as others. This information can be found on the Campbell's website of eligible products

at – <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Earn/participating-products.aspx>.

Upcoming and On-going Projects

Working on the Big Church will be a major project for 2011. These projects include staining the entire exterior of the building, replacing the large front deck, the small rear deck, some of the railings and ramps around the building. Other projects include reconfiguring the slope of & replacing parts of the rear ramp on the Mission House & scraping & staining the cupola on the Log Chapel & on the dormer of the Mission House.

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