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Our Stained Glass Windows

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The Lighthouse

**Donated by Terri Gedroic
in memory of Jean Warner**

(Both beloved longtime members of Church of Our Savior and close friends of Bill Rohm and Henry Fedorczyk.)

In this window we see a red lighthouse with a signal beacon, flowers, praying hands and the words

"I am the light of the World".

During my research, I discovered that structures resembling today's lighthouse began to appear in ancient times. A 450 foot tower known as the Pharos of Alexandria was the first recorded lighthouse. It was built about 300 B.C. at the estuary at the Nile River, Egypt and doubled as a temple. The tower survived about 1400 years.

This window reminds me of a transitional window – Guiding, Lighting, and Hoping we follow the way to the Good News of the New Testament and Jesus.



Moses Receives The Ten Commandments

**Given in Memory of
Frederick A. Meyer**

**Given in Memory of
Rudolf F. Kastanek**

We see Moses standing on a pedestal with two tablets, white clouds, gray stones surrounding him. It looks as if the heavens have just opened up.

To Review the Commandments

1. The shalt have no other gods before Me.
2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, they God, in vain.
3. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
4. Thou shalt honor they father and thy mother.
5. Thou shalt not kill.
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
7. Thou shalt not steal.
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.
10. Thou shalt not covet they neighbor's wife, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.



Noah's Ark

Given in Memory of All Lost to Aids.

**Given in Memory of
Caroline Vanetter by Ann Hoskins**

**Donated in memory of
Rev. Judy Davenport by friends.**
*Rev. Davenport was SE District
Coordinator in the 90's.*

The window shows a ship, animals, dove with olive branch, dark and light sky, water, lighting and a rainbow. The Lord found the earth and mankind corrupt and full of violence. But, Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, and God saved Noah, his family and two of every kind. Then God brought on the flood.

As I look at this window I see good and evil. The contrast between the dark and light sky, rainbow and lighting, then a sign of peace in the dove & olive branch. Just, maybe the Lord was not pleased with the Old Testament Laws.

Read Genesis 6, 7 and 8 for the whole story.



The World in God's Hands

**There is no name plate and I believe
one of the first stained glass windows**

The window has a blue background and stars and the earth held in God's hands. It depicts God creating the heaven and the earth. The caption reads:

In The Beginning

Genesis 1: ¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ⁶ And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. ⁹ And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters were called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

Read Genesis 1:1-31 for the whole story.



Heaven

**In memory of Henry McAvay
by Edward J. Silverstro.
Given in Honor of our Parents
by Joanne Slocum and
Candy Ashdown.**

We see a golden path Leading us up
through multi colored clouds with a
radiant sunrise and a rainbow.
I once heard: red is for energy,
orange for strength, yellow for
understanding, green for healing,
blue for relaxation, and purple for

transformation. A great way to pass to the other side.

Oh the beauty of it ALL – what God created. Everyone has their own
vision of heaven – this one best reflects mine. Check your bible's
index or a concordance to read more about heaven
as it is mentioned throughout the bible.



The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches

**Given By
Sylva Lufkin and Emilie Renna**

Church of Our Savior was
founded 22 years ago and the
Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan
Community Churches founded 44 years ago. Both
anniversaries are celebrated in the month of October 2012.

The wider rainbow rays reach out to many nations and people.
Surrounded by the same pure white border.

The center never ending circle represented by the Greek Letters
“Alpha” the First, the beginning and “Omega” the Last, the end.
Showing the symbol with Christ, the anointed One
with the Holy Spirit, as its center.

The two windows, on this page, are the center front windows in the church. They compliment each other in color, composition, and the theme of heaven and earth.



Let Me Come Lord

**In Memory of Robin A. Castro
(who was Deacon Marci Clemmitt's
daughter) Donated by Family,
Relatives and Friends.**

We see a tranquil meadow/woods area with lush green trees, a beautiful blue river flowing through.

The emphasis on God's hands coming from the purple clouds and a lady in a rose robe with arms lifted to heaven. The escort angles are preparing and comforting the lady for her passing to the afterlife.

I can hear God saying, "come to Me. Come to Me" and the lady saying "I want to go, take me. Take me home."



The Music Ministry

**Dedicated to the Music Ministry
by Ken LaFleur and
Rex Fluty (departed).**

The serene area of meadows, green trees and calm dark blue waters are flowing through and up to the cobalt blue sky.

We see the earthly choir in gray and red robes and the heavenly choir in silver and white robes singing together with the gold harp and sheet music reaching from earth to heaven.

The Dove symbolizing the Holy Spirit, watching over them with innocence, gentleness and tenderness.

Psalm 98: ⁴ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; ⁵ make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, ⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King.



The Dove and Cross

Created and Donated
By Tony Villante

This window shows a ray of rainbow colors reaching out to our neighbors and all people in the community. Surrounded by the pearl white boarder reflecting the purity if portrays.

The center showing a gold and yellow never ending circle that representing the sun or Son of God who died on the cross to bring salvation to all who believe. Also, He leaves us with the Dove of peace.

Judges 18:6 The priest answered them,
“Go in peace. Your journey has the Lord’s approval.”



The Garden of Eden

Dedicated In Loving Memory of
Ed and Dan by Rick Frisby.

The window has trees, water, sun, sky, dove, apple, path, rainbow, hills, and the snake.

Genesis 2: ⁷ Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man. ¹⁵ The Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁸ The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and God brought her to the man.

Read Genesis 2:1-25 for the whole story.



Resurrection of Christ

In memory of Jim Grim
by Mike & Tom Caskey

We see the empty Gold Cross, changed for the rugged wooden cross. The butterfly which flies from one to another as Jesus rose from the dead to the living. The flower, the Easter white lily, delicate, fair and pure like Jesus.

The crown, changed from thorns to a colorful, beautiful, crown of glory. The purple circle symbolize wealth and preciousness that the cycle is complete. Our Lord's final words are not a cry of defeat but an announcement of victory.



The Lord's Supper

Given by Sylva Lufkin

This window represents the Lord's supper in Holy Communion. In this window we see grapes into wine into the blood of Jesus. Wheat into bread into the body of Jesus.

The chalice, a cup for the wine of the Eucharist. The host, consecrated in celebration of the Eucharist. The colors of green and gold rays remind me of Heaven and Earth.

In Holy Communion we receive the very body and blood of Christ. Whenever we partake of the Lord's Supper, Jesus' sinless body and blood begins to change us. We are given forgiveness, strength to endure until His return; we stand in community with other members of Christ's Body. Thus, strengthened in faith and united with other believers.



Baptism of Jesus

In Memory of Pat Santry

Pat was instrumental in moving to our current building and extremely active in the church. She had a strong personality with a heart of gold. Her partner is our own Jane Burnside. Pat passed away in December 2002

We see John baptizing Jesus in pristine blue water. God descending like a white dove with a green olive branch of peace in its beak.

See the rays coming from heaven . Can you hear the Creator saying “ This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

We are born into God’s family through the waters of Baptism and the Holy Spirit.



The Nativity

Given by members of the church.

The original window was shattered when the church was vandalized.

This new window serves as a reminder of new beginnings with the birth of Jesus.

It also serves as a testimony to our willingness to respond in love and perseverance when facing adversity.

The vandalism was an eye opener for the congregation. How precious is our church home and our belongings. All our stained glass windows are now protected with Plexiglas, and we updated our security system.

Luke 2: ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

For the whole wonderful story of the Nativity read Luke 2.