

# SAF NEWS

## Welcome our new Senior Pastor and his family!



We are so excited to welcome Pastor Chris Laws and his family to our fellowship this month. Here is a little more info about them from Pastor Laws:

*Hi Stow Alliance Fellowship family!*

*We are super excited to be joining you in August. We've been getting ready and are looking forward to all God has in store for all of us.*

*I was asked to write up a little bio and tell you a little about ourselves. So here's some fun facts about the Laws family.*

*Chris is originally from Lafayette Indiana. I am a Purdue fan - sorry Buckeyes fans. I enjoy backpacking, playing guitar, and some good chicken wings.*

*Karla is originally from Gillette, Wyoming. She enjoys cooking, baking, reading, taking walks, and really good conversations. She also loves being involved in our kids activities.*

*We met in South Dakota, fell in love, and 18 years later we have three beautiful girls - MaKenna (13), Bristol (11) & Sarah (9). As a family we enjoy camping, traveling, amusement parks and being outdoors.*

*MaKenna loves to play soccer and swim. Bristol loves to pet sit, swim, and eat beef jerky. Sarah loves to cook, study rocks and gems, and all around just loves to win.*

*We are looking forward to pursuing Jesus with you together!*

*Acts 2:42-47*

## Special Reception on August 8th

After our Installation Service for Pastor Laws on Sunday, August 8th, everyone is invited to stay for a special luncheon in the gym welcoming the Laws family to SAF! The Stone Soup ministry is hosting this luncheon and will be serving chicken noodle soup and sub sandwiches, along with desserts prepared by our deaconesses. There will be gluten- and dairy-free options as well. There is no cost for this event, and no registration is needed. Just come, eat, and welcome our new Pastor!

# Youth and Young Adult Ministries

## Youth Schedule for August

8/4, 7-8:30p	Youth group
8/7, 9a-5p	Junior high canoe trip
8/11, 7-8:30p	Cookout at youth group
8/18, 7-8:30p	Youth group
8/25	No youth group



Stone Soup pickup day this month is August 8th. The soups are chicken noodle and potato, along with snickerdoodle and chocolate crinkle cookies. Order on line any time, or in person on Sundays. Proceeds this month go towards 4:12's trip to the Passion Conference in Atlanta in January.

*"...and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him " John 11:15*

Jesus has just received word that his friend, Lazarus, was on his death bed. Upon hearing this news Jesus decides to wait 2 days before leaving to see him. By the time they leave where they were staying, Lazarus was dead. When you read this story you might respond like the Jews did— "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept him from dying?"(v.37). It is hard to imagine that Jesus would intentionally allow a dear friend to pass away and intentionally wait 2 days before leaving to go to him. As I read verse 15 (quoted above), I had to pause and digest what Jesus was doing. He says that he was glad that he wasn't there! That doesn't sound like a savior does it? But he continues and says, "so that you may believe."

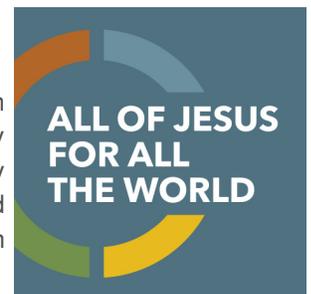
Jesus was and is intentional with every decision He makes. He knew exactly what He was doing when He received the news about Lazarus. He intentionally decided to wait, so that the disciples would believe. The very next lesson Jesus teaches is about being the resurrection and the life. Jesus allowed Lazarus to die so that the Father's greater plan of making Jesus known as the Messiah was able to be believed.

Sometimes I think we believe that something is wrong with us or wrong with our faith if things in our life aren't going the way we would like them to. I wonder if maybe, just maybe, our savior knows exactly what He is doing as He allows our struggles to take place. I recently heard this statement: "If we believe that our God is Sovereign, and if we believe our God is good, then everything we experience, even conflict, is for our good." I don't think most of us think this way. What if we took time to sit down with our heavenly Father who loves us and process our experiences, and ask Him what He is trying to teach us? .

*In Christ,  
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## Fall Missions Focus

Do you know what God is doing in Northern Europe? How many international workers the Christian and Missionary Alliance has serving there? How many Alliance churches are there? How many believers are involved in those churches? What are their greatest joys and challenges? How many Stow Alliance people have been on short term mission trips to this area? You can learn all this and more during our **Fall Missions Focus September 22-26**. Save these dates to engage so we can better partner in praying, giving and going to proclaim all of Jesus for all of the world!



## Women's Events in August

**NAOMI Women** meets this month on Thursday, August 12th at 7 p.m. in the Pavilion. We will be discussing ideas for future meetings. This is a great opportunity to share what you'd like to see happening in women's ministry at SAF!

**Saturday Morning Meet & Greet:** Drop in to the Seasons Room at SAF anytime from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, August 28th, to get to know Karla Laws, our new pastor's wife, a little better. This will be an informal time of fellowship.

**Partnership with Stone Soup:** On Sunday, August 29th, we will meet with the 4:12 group at 6 p.m. to help them cook for September's Stone Soup ministry. Proceeds will go towards the Ladies Retreat in October. Contact Jen Wedo if you are able to help.

### Stewardship Update Thru July 21, 2021:

	Month	YTD
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>		
Actual	\$27,245	\$ 315,732
Budget	<u>39,633</u>	<u>383,119</u>
Amount	\$(12,388)	\$(67,387)
<i>Over/(Under)</i>		
<b>Great Commission Fund</b>		
Actual	\$ 7,143	\$ 73,190
Promises	<u>1,635</u>	<u>15,805</u>
Amount Over/(Under)	\$ 5,508	\$ 57,385

## **Treasurer Update:**

I am thankful. I am grateful for each of you. I am grateful that Pastor Phil, Andrea, and their family are safely home. I am excited that Pastor Chris & Karla and their family will soon be here. I am thankful to report that our income has been sufficient to meet our expenses. If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to ask me or email me at [stevewilliams@neo.rr.com](mailto:stevewilliams@neo.rr.com).

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. -Colossians 3:15-17

	<u>Jan - Jun 21</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	288,486.69	343,486.00	(54,999.31)	83.99%
<b>Interest Income</b>	1,592.41	2,442.00	(849.59)	65.21%
<b>Misc Income</b>	0.00	3,955.00	(3,955.00)	0.00%
<b>SAF Preschool Income</b>	27,991.75	34,193.00	(6,201.25)	81.86%
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>318,070.85</u>	<u>384,076.00</u>	<u>(66,005.15)</u>	<u>82.82%</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	318,070.85	384,076.00	(66,005.15)	82.82%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	196,271.36	280,130.55	(83,859.19)	70.06%
<b>Facilities</b>	38,749.47	44,596.00	(5,846.53)	86.89%
<b>Administrative</b>	10,753.22	11,756.00	(1,002.78)	91.47%
<b>Professional Development</b>	1,763.11	8,570.00	(6,806.89)	20.57%
<b>Worship</b>	770.59	2,281.00	(1,510.41)	33.78%
<b>Support - Outside Ministries</b>	23,236.21	23,190.00	46.21	100.20%
<b>Evangelism/Outreach</b>	882.20	2,300.00	(1,417.80)	38.36%
<b>Preschool</b>	986.07	2,585.00	(1,598.93)	38.15%
<b>Childrens Ministry</b>	1,881.38	3,330.00	(1,448.62)	56.50%
<b>Youth Programs</b>	1,309.80	6,289.00	(4,979.20)	20.83%
<b>Discipleship</b>	4.00	564.00	(560.00)	0.71%
<b>Adult Ministries</b>	116.38	1,115.00	(998.62)	10.44%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>276,723.79</u>	<u>386,706.55</u>	<u>(109,982.76)</u>	<u>71.56%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	41,347.06	-2,630.55	43,977.61	
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
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<b>Capital Improvement Income</b>	8,783.00	12,500.02	(3,717.02)	70.26%
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>8,783.00</u>	<u>12,500.02</u>	<u>(3,717.02)</u>	<u>70.26%</u>
<b>Other Expense</b>				
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	8,783.00	12,500.02	(3,717.02)	70.26%
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>50,130.06</u>	<u>9,869.47</u>	<u>40,260.59</u>	



Dave Junglen	8/1	Brandon Moore	8/12	Howard Gustafson	8/24
Darlene Thomason	8/2	Jeanne Zimmerman	8/15	Gary Tipton	8/25
Katie Hall	8/3	Sue Williams	8/16	Jim Harry	8/26
Shirley Row		Jim Webb	8/17	Cathy McInturff	
Heather McAmis	8/5	Amiya Williams	8/18	Lois Webb	
Hannah Miletti		Sue Bond	8/19	Helen Dietz	8/27
Imogene Bennett	8/6	Cindy Miller		Rachel Williams	
Sam Cameron		Donna Utterback		Bob Sawders	8/28
Janice Allen	8/9	Sam Risjan	8/21	Ruby Masl	8/30
Andrew Trowbridge		Sarah Williams		Kelly Whittington	
John Feskanin, Jr.	8/10	Linda Williams	8/23	Bill Davis	8/31
		Nancy Williams			

## Happy Anniversary

Jim & Betty Russell	8/1	Paul & Julie Hetherington	8/12	John & Nancy Cervone	8/24
John & Lorrie Scheftic	8/2	Bill & Janet Marshall	8/22	James & Anna Falbo	8/29
Steve & Kim Williams	8/7	Ross & Charlotte Gunther	8/23	Doug & Jeanne Crowe	8/31
Jerry & Alison Dorton	8/9	Erv & Nancy Reed		Larry & Sharon Eleo	
Tom & Cindy Horsfall	8/11				

*If you are not currently on our birthday and/or anniversary list and would like to be, please contact the church office and let us know!*

### Our Christian Sympathy To...

Kay McAmis and her family on the death of her husband, Drexal, on July 18th.