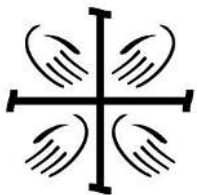
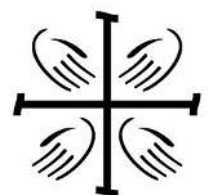




Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church



Mission Statement
A Community Gathered in
Christ, Fed by God's Word,
Sent to Serve...



February 2018

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From the Pastor

Thanks for your care

Thank you so much for the care and concern you all shared with me following my father's death at the end of December. It meant so much to me to have your support and love. This is one of those times when I get to ask you, to help carry me. I am grateful.

"It's enough to know we are not alone, that we are understood and heard, that in the midst of the changes, God is constant. "

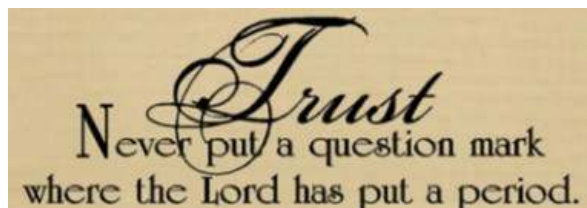
While I knew from walking with others through this same process that losing a second parent is different in so many ways from losing the first, I am now in the position of feeling that experience first hand. As we go through the normal and predictable transitions in life, it is good to know that God walks with us every step of the way. In these times we know that we are not asking God or anyone else to fix anything. It's enough to know we are not alone, that we are understood and heard, that in the midst of the changes, God is constant.

During my dad's last days when we talked about hospice care and end of life, or seeking further treatment, I was comforted by his words, his faith, and his attitude. He said, "I've lived a good life. I've always tried to treat people fairly and be honest in everything. I have no regrets. I know God has me and I'm ready to be with your mom again". That was the last gift he gave me and it's one that I will cherish. I pray that you all may receive that kind of gift when the time comes.

Thank you again for your care, your concern and your patience with me as I walk through this time.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tom



Bishop Paul Erickson Visiting Our Church



Sunday, March 11th

Bishop Paul Erickson, of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, will be with us at worship, and lead a town hall meeting following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to review what he is hearing from us in the call process. He will reflect on what we have shared, as well as respond to questions we may have for him, or about the call process. Make a point of making time to join us for worship and to be at the town hall meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has begun the process of finding an additional pastor for our church. The first step was to create and administer the survey you may have seen at church. The response to the survey was higher than expected, an indication of our congregation's engagement. We will begin tallying the results, and use the information to complete a "Site Ministry Profile". The Synod will use our profile to help them narrow down the field of candidates.



Summer Mission Trip Scholarship Requests

This summer, we are blessed to have enough youth and adults to have two mission trips! The first trip is to Nashville, TN, June 16-23, 2018 with 19 high school students and 5 adults. We are also blessed that four youth from Hephatha will be joining us!

Our second trip is to Kanas City, MO, July 7-14, 2018 with 15 middle school youth and 5 adults!

Now, as wonderful and exciting as this is, we need to raise \$5,200 because we have six youth in need of full scholarships at \$325 per scholarship, plus, we need to raise money for ten adults who agreed to chaperone at the same \$325 per adult. If you are interested in providing a full, or partial scholarship, there are blue envelopes in the narthex and we ask you to place your youth donation in the wooden box by the fellowship hall.



Memorials

What is the Memorial Fund?

Memorials are those financial gifts given in honor or memory of a departed loved one, or to celebrate a significant family event such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation, confirmation, or similar milestone. The different ways of how these financial gifts may be used are listed below.

Memorial Fund

Christ Our Savior's Memorial Fund is intended to accumulate and invest memorial gifts that are given without specific instructions for when they should be used. The congregation's Treasurer deposits such money into the ELCA Investment Fund. Fund investments are then available to fund church needs that are generally not possible within the annual budget. The COS Memorials Team tracks fund activity provided by the Treasurer, and reviews COS staff requests for financial grants. Some examples of fund grants in recent years include a new computer system, way-finding signs, and front entrance benches.

A popular designation for memorials is the future support of Christian Youth activity. This is provided by gifts given towards the Sandra Johnson Youth Fund. This is a special category within the Memorial Fund to provide financial grants to help deserving area youths who otherwise might not be able to attend Service Mission Trips, Lutherdale Summer Camp, or similar Christian youth experiences. In 2017, the Memorial Team authorized scholarships from the Sandra Johnson Memorial Youth Fund to assist youth attendance at Lutherdale Bible Camp and the summer mission trip.



Memorial Gifts Last Month

In memory of Rachael Sciortino from:
Anthony Sciortino
Mary & Rod Klemme

Memorials For Immediate Use

Memorials given for specific immediate needs, such as outreach or mortgage reduction, are directly deposited into the COS General Fund upon receipt. This money is promptly used for the designated purpose. These gifts are not retained in Memorial Fund investments.

Other Forms Of Memorial Giving

Purchase of worship needs for a specific Sunday. These include such needs as altar flowers, or candles. Signup sheets and pre-printed giving envelopes are available for these purposes on the narthex wall. These memorials are supportive of weekly worship, and will be acknowledged in Sunday bulletins.



How Do I Submit My Memorial Or Celebratory Gift?

Gifts may be placed in the Sunday service offering plate or handed in to the church office. Please submit in an envelope with a note to identify it as a memorial/celebratory gift, and who is being remembered. Please also indicate if the gift is to be designated for one of the above noted special purposes.

JOY (Just Older Youth) 55 & Older

Sunday, February 11th

Come have a flippin' good time on Sunday, February 11th to celebrate Mardi Gras!

We'll start in the COS kitchen making pancakes around 11:30 a.m. and then sit down to enjoy a pancake feast together around 12:00 noon. Following the meal, get your game face on as we have fun playing cards like Cribbage, Sheephead, Rummy, and UNO, or whatever card games you know and love to play. Don't like playing cards, bring your favorite board game like Scramble or Monopoly.

RSVP to the JOY Coordinators or sign-up on the Adult Discipleship Board (blue) to let us know that you plan on attending.



Friends and Neighbors are welcome too!

Contacts:

Pat Sciortino at jptino@wi.rr.com
Mary Fix at 47mbfix@gmail.com
Amy Berken at amy@coslc.com

Annual Wild Game Dinner

Sunday, March 18th at 5:30 p.m.

Our annual Wild Game Dinner is being held at church on Sunday, March 18th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. We will have pheasant, venison, fish, possibly bear, alligator and lots of other tasty treats, along with some tame food for the less adventurous. There will also be a silent auction including a walleye fishing trip on Bago, a trout fly fishing trip, pheasant hunts with Pastor Tom and his dog Auggie, tickets to a wine bar, wild life prints, lots of Brewers memorabilia, and much more.

Tickets are only \$10 in advance or at the door. If you would like to bring a PREPARED wild game dish or two for the feast, it would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will support the food ministries we partner with. Any donations or questions can be directed to Pastor Tom.



Youth & Education

Confirmation Date Change!

Confirmation has a calendar change for February

February 4 - NO CONFIRMATION
February 11 - Learning Event
February 25 - Learning Event



Hephatha Meal Ministry

**Hephatha Lutheran Church Dinner Ministry
Tuesday, February 27th**

The 4th Tuesday of every month, we make and take dinner to Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. We provide dinner and a small activity for the younger children. The youth at Hephatha join our youth in leading the activity and serving dinner. If you have never served with this ministry, you really should try it. You will come home blessed and forever changed!

New Sign Up!

2:30 p.m.	Meet at COS for dinner Preparation
3:45 p.m.	Drive to Hephatha
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Setup, Activity, Serve and eat dinner, Clean up
6:00 p.m.	Drive back to COS
6:30 p.m.	Pick up at COS

February Menu

Spaghetti
Garlic Bread
Salad
Milk Chocolate and White
Cookies & brownies



Signup here: [Signup Here](#)

All items should be to the church kitchen no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27th.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 4th

Once again, the youth of COS will be participating in Souper Bowl of Caring. Last year, we raised \$1,070 which went directly to our SOS Food Pantry! Let's give more this year. Our new goal is \$1,300!! See you all Sunday, February 4th!



COS Easter "Eggs"travaganza Event- Save the date!

Friday, March 23rd

Christ Our Savior is having an Easter "Eggs"travaganza Event on Friday, March 23th from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. We'll have food & beverages, an Easter egg hunt, and hear an Easter story. Children 1 years old thru 5th grade are invited to hunt for plastic eggs filled with candy and surprises! We'll have separate egg hunt areas based on the child's age. Parents must accompany their children. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors! Suggested \$10 donation per family.

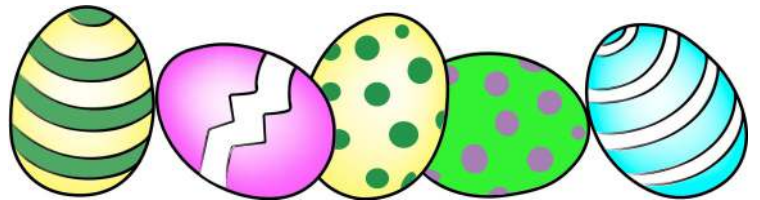
COS Easter "Eggs"travaganza Event:
Candy Donations, Cookies, & Volunteers needed!

We need individually wrapped candies to fill over 1000 plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off candy donations in the bin in the narthex by Wednesday, March 14th.

Pizza, salad, and lemonade will be provided for dinner. We need cookies, cookies, and more cookies, to serve as refreshments after the hunt. If you are able to bake one or two dozen cookies please sign-up on the board in the narthex and bring cookies the day of the event.

We need volunteers to help with set-up/clean-up in the fellowship hall and to hide plastic eggs the afternoon of the egg hunt.

If you would like more information, or would like to help, please contact Amy Berken at amy@coslc.com or Kim Lewin at kim@coslc.com



Lent

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Lent begins Wednesday, February 14th. During Lent we worship Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Starting Wednesday, March 8th, First Communion instruction and food packs will be held following worship at 7:00 p.m.



Wednesday Evening Worship

During Lent

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Lent is historically a penitential time leading us to prepare more fully in the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter. On Wednesdays, we will follow a quiet, contemplative format leading us from confession into the glow of God's promise of love, forgiveness and fresh starts in life. Make a point of making time for worship on Wednesdays in Lent as we prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection.



Sacrifice to Feed the Hungry

Did you know that 1/3 of the world's population struggles to survive on the equivalent of \$2 a day? During Lent each year, we challenge all of our members to set aside \$1 a day to feed those who struggle to get by. For most of us, \$1 a day is hardly a sacrifice. If that's the case for you, you are welcome to give more. \$1 a day guarantees two nutritionally complete meals a day for those who receive help through the ELCA hunger appeal and Lutheran World Relief. Both organizations have less than 1% overhead, so every dollar we send goes to direct food aid. Imagine the difference you can make!

You can bring your \$1 a day gift to church during Holy Week or send it in. Join the rest of us in making the miracle of life happen.



Food Pack for El Salvador at Our Church in Lent

We get to pack nutritionally complete food for people in El Salvador, where there is a strong Lutheran presence. The ongoing civil unrest has hindered much of the food distribution networks leaving those, especially far from urban areas, with little if any access to food. The food we pack will save lives and help wage peace.



Beginning February 21st, we will pack food every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. after the midweek Lent worship at 6:30 p.m. The cost for a 45 minute food packing shift is \$10 per person which covers the cost of the food you will be packing. This event is open to adults and children. You don't need to sign up – you can just show up!

We will also hold two food pack events at 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 4th and Sunday, March 18th.

Serenity Inn

Tuesday, February 20th

On the 3rd Tuesday of each month, we serve a meal at Serenity Inn at 6:00 p.m. We serve and eat with approximately 15 residents along with the volunteers who bring down the meal. The residents are very appreciative of the meal that we bring and for the encouraging words and prayers that we share with them.

This month a member of COS who is also a Girl Scout Leader will be preparing and serving a meal at Serenity Inn with a few girls from her troop. They are planning on having spaghetti, green beans, and a dessert. So, our meal is all covered! They will be meeting at COS around 4:30 p.m., heading down with Kris Pena-leader, and returning around 7:30 p.m. It is so wonderful seeing this ministry grow as people come forward to share God's love with these men in recovery.



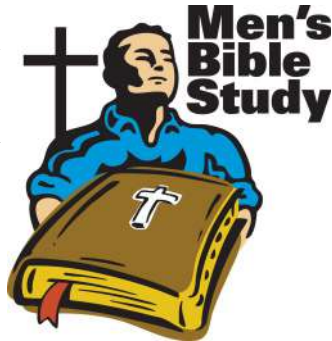
If you have not yet been to Serenity Inn and would be interested in going along or would like more information, please contact Mark Stieglitz marks.dtp@gmail.com or Kris Pena kkipena20688@gmail.com or Amy Berken amy@coslc.com.

Adult Opportunities

Men's Breakfast and Study

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month, men are invited to explore God's Word while we enjoy home made bread and jam and Pastor Tom's 90 weight coffee.



Reformation DVD Study

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

A DVD Based study of the roots and impact of the Reformation meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We gain insights into what the key issues were in the Reformation and how those dynamics impact us today.



Serendipity Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

The Serendipity Bible Study meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month and is intended to engage us in God's Word in relevant ways. There are no wrong answers. Instead, we share how we hear God's Word as it is interpreted through our own lives and experience.



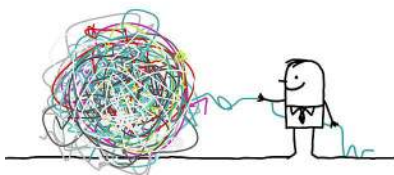
Evening
Bible Studies

KNOTS

Sunday, February 4th & 18th

The KNOTS group will continue meeting the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11:45am. If you ever wanted to learn how to knit, crochet, cross-stitch or needlepoint, come join us! We meet in the sewing room for an hour or so.

Signup on the Adult Ministry Board (blue) if interested or contact: Lisa Riemer at lisariemer@yahoo.com or 414-510-1862 or Amy Berken at amy@coslc.com.

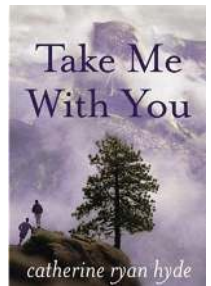


COS Book Club

Saturday, February, 10th at 10:30 a.m.

The book we will be discussing is Take Me With You by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

All are welcome.

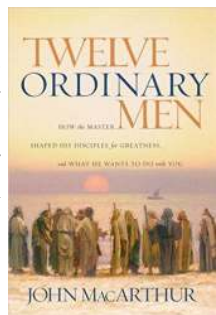


Women's Inspirational Book Group

New Book Starting Monday, February 12th

Come join us as we begin a new book study on men! We will be reading "Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You" by John MacArthur.

Our first meeting will be on Monday, February 12th. We will meet twice a month, every other week, from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the COS lounge. Each week we will read one or two chapters and then share our thoughts on what we read using the study guide to help facilitate discussion. You will need to purchase your own book. Study guide questions will be provided.



All Women of Christ Our Savior who enjoy reading inspirational books about faith are invited to come join us! Looking forward to learning with you about these ordinary men who were and still are so instrumental to our faith. Friends are welcome too!

For more information or to join the book group contact Amy Berken at 414-975-1228 or amy@coslc.com.

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