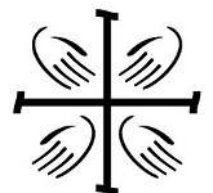


Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church



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



November 2018

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From the Pastors

Gratitude

A participant in one of your Bible studies shared that she had been keeping a gratitude journal. In it, she lists the things for which she is grateful. She said that initially she listed the big things; family, house, job and so on. Then she began to pay attention to the smaller things; the ability to walk, vision, sunshine, flowers in spring, and so on.

What are you grateful for? We live in a world that leads us to focus on the negative: what we don't have, what is not working, what we had to give up, and so on. That road leads us away from gratitude. It is so easy to give our attention to those things.

In contrast, the path of gratitude leads us to notice what we already have, things that are so common and abundant we don't notice them any more than we notice the paint on our walls. Gratitude leads us to contentment. Looking at what we don't have, leads us to envy. Which one would you rather have in your heart?

I bring this up of course because this is the month of Thanksgiving, a national day of thanks. We typically see people give lip service to God for what they have, but these days before the day is even over, the rush to retailers starts with people buying more and more stuff for Christmas gifts. Words of thanks are quickly traded for more getting.

What would you like to do to make Thanksgiving, giving thanks, more than a few words on one day? Let me suggest starting a list of what you are thankful for. You don't need to complete it in one day. Instead, add one of those lines a day. Doing this simple task can give us greater perspective and lead us to focus on gratitude and contentment for what we have instead of disappointment or sadness about what we don't.

The second step to make Thanksgiving more than a day, or a few words, is to give. Share some of what you have. Care for the poor, provide clean water for those who don't have it, provide food for the hungry, not just now but in July. These are the marks of following Jesus. Words AND actions.

May your Thanksgiving be full of thanks and giving, and may you experience gratitude, contentment, and peace.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Tom

Called to Be More Than Just Polite

I've been told that religion and politics don't make for polite conversation. I think this is because of how our religious and political beliefs rest upon values that are very personal to us. When we have engaged and critical conversation about religion and politics, it rarely remains an abstract or distant discussion; it presses against the core of who we are and what we understand the world to be like. So, polite discourse discourages us from raising these topics to avoid giving any offense.

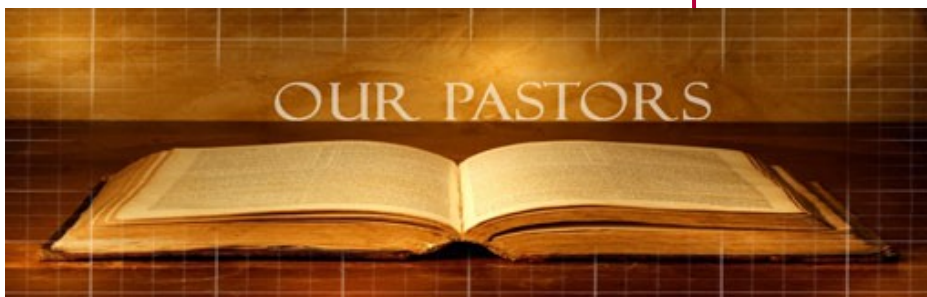
Yet, it is undeniably true that the beliefs individuals hold shape the way they live. And we continue to learn more and more about just how connected each of us is to one another. We are not islands unto ourselves – we are part of vast webs of relationships, affecting and impacting the people around us by what we say and what we do.

As a Christian, I am not surprised when I learn about how interconnected we all are. Scripture tells us that we are created in God's image, and Jesus tells us how God is present in the people we meet; when we care for the people in need around us (or fail to care for them) Jesus declares our actions to be just as much done to him as to them. Our God is a god of relationships – why would I be surprised to find God has made us intrinsically in relationship and interconnected with one another?

For this reason, I believe it is of great importance for us to be able to have meaningful conversation about all the values that shape how we live and act, even religion and politics. It isn't enough for us to simply say, "So long as I am not directly harming you, and you are not harming me, let us each do as we will." On the one hand, there are many ways injustice can be indirectly perpetuated, and our faith calls us to stand against injustice in our communities and protect people in vulnerable situations. And, on the other hand, our fellow children of God are worthy of more than our polite indifference.

We have opportunities every day, to speak and act so that we will reflect the way of Christ – caring for those in need, standing with the oppressed against abuses of power, stewarding the gifts we have been entrusted with, so that others might also experience the blessing of God's goodness. We are blessed to live in a country where our voices help shape the direction of our nation; we the people share in constructing what the communities of tomorrow will be like. May we recognize the opportunity we have to be more than just polite neighbors, but lights shining on a hill revealing the care, compassion, and love of Christ for all people.

Blessings,
Pastor Joe



Worship Opportunities

All Saints Remembrance

All Saints Sunday, November 4th

Each year on All Saints Day, (observed the first Sunday of November) we remember all those from our congregation, and those who we have been pastorally connected with in worship.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 21st at 6:30 p.m.

We gather together to count the Lord's Blessings at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 22nd for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Come join us as we take time to reflect in gratitude for God's gifts for us and how we can share thanks with our lives.



Midweek Advent Worship at Christ Our Savior and Gloria Dei

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

We will be holding midweek Advent worship services on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., starting November 28th. We will use the Holden Village worship service again, a quiet, reflective worship format that allows us to step away from the hustle and bustle of the world. We also share worship on Wednesdays at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls each Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. followed by a light meal.



New Member Reception

Sunday, November 11th

We will be receiving new members to our congregation on Sunday, November 11th at all four worship services. We receive members twice a year; once in the spring and once in the fall. We would love to have you as part of our church family! Please contact Amy Berken at amy@coslc.com with any questions.



Sunday Evening Worship

5:00 - 5:50 p.m. Light Healthy Meal (\$3.00/person)

6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Worship Service

6:35 - 7:15 p.m.
- Sunday School Starts
- Confirmation
- Adult Learning
- Coffee House: If you just want to hang out and use our free wi-fi, the fellowship hall will be open

This is in addition to our regular Sunday morning schedule with worship at 8:00, 9:15 and 10:30 a.m., and with Sunday School during the 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. worship services.



Memorials

Memorial Fund

Christ Our Savior's Memorial Fund keeps track of financial gifts given to honor the memory of a departed loved one. Memorial gifts are not limited to memorials given in conjunction with a funeral or memorial service. Memorial gifts often recognize departed loved ones at any appropriate time of the year.



Celebratory gifts may also be given to honor a significant family event such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation, confirmation, or similar milestone. Memorial or celebratory financial gifts may be specified for purposes such as listed below.

Memorial Fund

Memorial gifts received without specifying a particular purpose are to be deposited into the Christ Our Savior Memorial Fund. The fund is invested with the ELCA managed Mission Investment Fund. Invested funds have historically been intended for use for special congregational needs, not possible in the annual general fund budget. Transfer of memorial receipts to the ELCA fund is the responsibility of the COS Treasurer. Withdrawals from this fund are overseen by the lay members of the COS Memorials Team. Requests for grants from the fund are submitted to the Team from COS staff. The Team reviews any request to determine if it will be an appropriate use of memorial fund resources.

Some examples of approved fund grants in recent years include, a new computer system, directional and name signs, and front entrance benches.

Christian Youth Activity Support

In addition to using memorial funds for capital purchases, a popular designation for Memorials is the support of Christian Youth activity. This use is specifically identified as the Sandra Johnson Youth Fund. This fund is a special category within the Memorial Fund record keeping. Annual grants from this fund category are given to support youth participation in 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 trips.

Memorials For Immediate Use

Memorials given for specific immediate needs, such as outreach or mortgage reduction, are not reviewed by the Memorials Team. These gifts are not transferred to the Memorial Fund account. These gifts are deposited into the COS General Fund for prompt use for these designated purposes.

Memorial Gifts Last Month

In Memory of John Henry Schumell
From Gladys Larson
From Catherine and Raymond Lamovec
From Robert and Jean Wihsmann
From Robert and Amy Ochowicz



From Rev. William and Nancy Truby
From Robert and Kathryn Lauer
From Glenn and Doroth Huth
From Steven and Billieann Mathias
From Carol Schiller
From Kristi and Daniel Klemencic

Other Forms Of Memorial Giving

Purchase of worship needs for a specific Sunday. These include such needs as altar flowers, or the eternal candle. Signup sheets and pre-printed giving envelopes are available for these purposes on the narthex wall near the busy bags. 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.

If You Enter the Hospital

If you are entering the hospital, and would like to be included in our prayers, or for a pastoral visit, please call or email to let us know at office@coslc.com or 262-246-6537. Some hospitals still ask on admission forms whether a patient wants the hospital to contact a church. Even though they still ask that question, hospitals almost *never* follow through and contact the church.



Get Involved

Thrivent \$\$\$\$ Benefits COS ministries

In September & October, two COS quilters filled out applications for Thrivent Action Teams and each received a \$250 gift card to purchase batting, fabric, and supplies to benefit the COS quilters ministries.

If you are a Thrivent policy holder, of any amount, you can do this, too!!! Every application allows the church to cover some of the startup costs of projects, events, or ministries at Christ Our Savior including youth ministries, food ministries, fish fry fundraisers, S.O.S food/item drives, food packs, just to name a few...

It doesn't cost you a dime, takes about 15 minutes of your time, and is a great way to support the work of your church. If you want to learn more, please contact Amy at amy@coslc.com.



Decorating for Advent & Christmas

Sunday, November 25th

We will be decorating the sanctuary for the season of Advent and Christmas on Sunday, November 25th starting at 11:30 a.m. We need a bunch of helpers to transform our sanctuary into a warm welcoming place of peace, joy, and love as we prepare for the birth of Christ! Everyone in the congregation is welcome to join in! For more information, contact Amy at amy@coslc.com.



Couples Retreat

February 8-10

Save the date! Enjoy a weekend getaway with your partner. No cooking, wonderful company, quality time, relaxation, and more! Couples Retreat will be held at Crossways Camping Ministries-Pine Lake Camp on February 8-10, 2019. Cost is \$275/couple (housing in Evergreen Lodge). Registration deadline: January 25th. Program details are still in the works and a specific program flyer with the retreat schedule will be available in late fall.



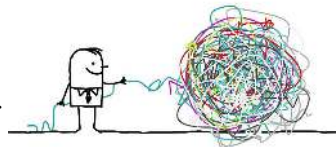
PINE LAKE
CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRIES

KNOTS

Sunday, November 4th and 18th

We'll be meeting on Sunday mornings, (twice a month) after the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the fellowship hall. Bring a project you are working on or come to learn how to knit or crochet! We have supplies for you to give it a try.

For more information, contact: Lisa Riemer at 414-510-1862 or lisariemer@yahoo.com.



Lay Worship Leaders

Like many other ELCA congregations have done for a long time, we are starting to add members in the role of leading part of the liturgy in worship in some of our worship services. If you want to consider taking on this role, please get in touch with Amy or one of the pastors. You don't need to be a seminary student or on our church staff.



After School Ministry - TACOS

(Teens Around the Community Of Sussex)

Middle School Youth are invited to COS every Wednesday after school for a time of food, fellowship, music, and discussions about topics that matter. Pick up is no later than 5:00 p.m.

High School Youth are invited to COS every Thursday after school for a time of food, fellowship, music, and discussions about topics that matter. Pick up is no later than 5:00 p.m.



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Facebook

Like us on Facebook to keep updated on what's happening at Christ Our Savior. See the latest posts with pictures and receive reminders of events that you don't want to miss. It's a great way to stay connected!



Youth & Education

Sunday School Singing in Worship

Sunday, November 11th

Sunday School will sing in worship on Sunday, November 11th at the 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. services.

We will learn a new song, "Let the Children Come" in Sunday School over the next few weeks. Please practice at home with this video: <https://youtu.be/Yk2bkSV9ZuE>. Thank you for offering this gift in our worship services!



Praise Raisers!

The Band is busy preparing new music each week. The Praise Raisers are often invited to join in singing with the band in worship. Check the COS website for details. Please meet Marion in the 2nd grade classroom at 8:55 or 10:10 a.m. to prepare for that Sunday's worship service! Didn't sign up? It's OK, stop by and sing with us!!



J. U. M. P!

**Jumping
Up in
Mission and
Praise!**



Children ages 4K – 6th Grade – check the COS website for a new signup!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 17th. Join us for an hour of fun together, learning music, movement, and using instruments. We'll present a musical offering in worship on Sunday, November 18th! More info to come!

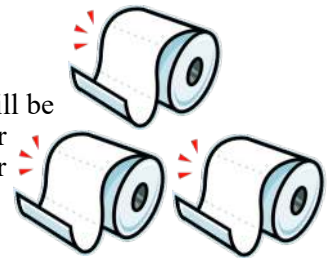
Pumpkin Palooza!

Thank you to everyone who came to Pumpkin Palooza on Friday, October 12th! It was a blast and a huge success! Our fun evening together was filled with yummy caramel apples, pumpkin decorating, toilet paper mummies, fly catching in spider webs, pumpkin bowling with real pumpkins, and more!!!! Check out pictures on the COS Facebook page [HERE!](#) Or, at [Facebook.com/cossussex](https://www.facebook.com/cossussex).



Toilet Paper Drive

Every Sunday in October, we will be collecting toilet paper for SOS. Last year, we collected over 1300 rolls of toilet paper. Let's collect even more this year!



SS Christmas Program

Sunday, December 16th

Celebration and thanksgiving for Jesus' birth, at COS, includes the Sunday School children's presentation of our Christmas Program on Sunday, December 16th at the 10:30 a.m. service. Rehearsals begin during Sunday School in November. More information will be coming soon! Please watch announcements and e-mails – and join us for this special time!

children's program



Birthday Party for Jesus!

Friday, December 14th

Mark your calendars now! Friday, December 14th will be our annual Birthday Party for Jesus from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall! Join us as we prepare our hearts for the season of advent and the birth of our Savior on Christmas!



We will hear a Christmas story, have pizza, hot cocoa, cookie decorating, crafts, games, and activities. We'll end the night with birthday cake and ice cream! Birthday presents for Jesus will be donated to the SOS Food Pantry and Hephatha Church -Strong Baby Sanctuary.

For more information, contact Amy Berken amy@coslc.com and Kim Lewin at kim@coslc.com.

Hephatha Meal Ministry

Drivers Wanted

4th Tuesday of each month

If you like kids, especially when they are not yours, and you have some time available, please prayerfully consider driving for the Middle School Meal Ministry to Hephatha. The middle school meal ministry has grown, and we are in need of people who are willing to drive to and from Hephatha Lutheran Church at 18th and Locust once a month.

Volunteer Drivers Needed!!



If you can help, or if you have questions, please contact Kim Lewin at kim@coslc.com.

Outreach

Serenity Inn

Tuesday, November 20th

We need a few people who are willing to prepare, serve, and/or deliver a meal on Tuesday, November 20th. You can sign-up individually, as a group, as a couple, or as a family, and are welcome to help in one or more of the areas. Typical evening: leave COS at 5:00 p.m., eat around 6:00 p.m., and return by 7:30 p.m. There are approximately 15 residents, plus volunteers, who are depending on us for a meal that evening. Help support them in their 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 kkjpena20688@gmail.com.

Bread of Healing Clinic - Hygiene Bags

WOW! We collected 1000+ hygiene items during our September drive! With these items, we were able to make 77 Hygiene Bags! These hygiene bags have been donated to the Bread of Healing Clinic for the nurse to give to those who need them. Plus, we had extra toothbrushes and toothpaste that were donated to the S.O.S Food Pantry, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and Serenity Inn. Thank you to everyone who donated hygiene items! They will be a blessing to those who receive them! Also, thank you to the youth who helped assemble the hygiene bags!



Desserts for Cross-Bread of Healing

We have volunteers that travel to Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee the second Wednesday of each month. They serve over 200 people each month. Homemade desserts are much appreciated at Cross! Desserts can be left in the kitchen, labeled "Bread of Healing" by 9:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month.



Cookies for Luther Manor

Luther Manor is always grateful to receive cookies and other dessert donations. Each weekday, volunteers travel door-to-door with a coffee cart offering tasty treats to more than 200 residents. Both homemade and store bought goodies are appreciated; the only restriction is that they NOT contain nuts. Please label donations "Luther Manor" and place them in the church office.

Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Current Items Accepted

CHILDREN/INFANT-Any clothing (except used underwear). Donations must be clean, no stains, holes, tears, missing buttons or broken zippers. No used puzzles. Used children's books are acceptable if in like-new condition and no writing inside. No battery operated toys. Winter hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, coats, boots, new socks and underwear.

ADULT-Winter coats, boots, gloves, hats. Reminder to please inspect for tears, stains and broken zippers.

HOUSEHOLD-Small household items in good condition such as pots, pans, bakeware, utensils, bedding, tablecloths, towels, washcloths, dishes, toasters, can openers, silverware, working sewing machines, sewing & quilting materials, ribbon, beads, air mattresses, sleeping bags, quilts, blankets, space heaters.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - We use school supplies in the children's Christmas gift boxes in December. These supplies include pens, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, activity books, new small card games or other small appropriate games, erasers, color markers, Kleenex. PLEASE NO 3 RING BINDERS OR PENCIL SHARPENERS.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Please write PRIR in the memo portion of your check.

Please contact Gloria Klomsten at 262-370-7506 or gklomsten@gmail.com with any questions regarding donations



NATIVE-AMERICAN
MINISTRY

Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

December 5-11

If you would like to join others who will be traveling to South Dakota in December, please contact Gloria by October 31st. The dates are (subject to change) December 5th through 11th. So far there are five people committed, and two more seriously considering the trip so they are able to accept one or two more people.

Please contact Gloria Klomsten with any questions about the trip at gklomsten@gmail.com or 262-370-7506.

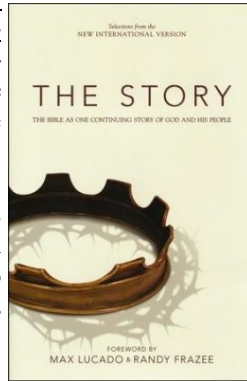


Adult Opportunities

Women's Inspirational Book Group

We are reading the book "The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People" by Max Lucado & Randy Frazee. If you missed the first couple of meetings and would like to be a part of this group, you still can!

We meet twice a month on Mondays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the chapel. If you are unable to make all the meetings, no problem, just keep reading and join us for the next meeting!



November meeting dates:

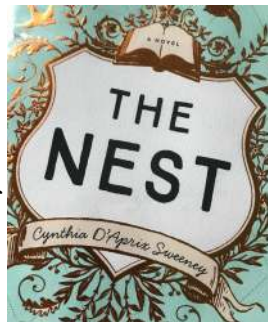
Monday, November 5th - Chapters 7 & 8
Monday, November 19th - Chapters 9 & 10

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

COS Book Club

Saturday, November 10th

The COS Book Club will meet on Saturday, November 10th at 10:30 a.m. to discuss The Nest by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney. All are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Casper at 262-246-4041 or Diane Otto at 262-691-3778.



Wednesday Book Group

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

This fall, the Wednesday Book Group is reading "Fervent: A Women's Battle Plan for Serious, Specific and Strategic Prayer" by Priscilla Shirer. They meet on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the lounge to read and discuss the book together. If you are interested in joining this group, or would like more information, contact Gail Conrad at grammygbc@gmail.com or (262) 820-1573. New people are always welcome!

FERVENT

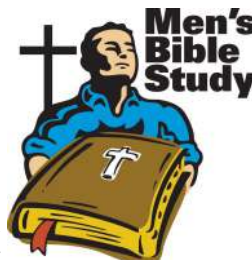


PRISCILLA SHIRER

Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, November 20th at 9:00 a.m.

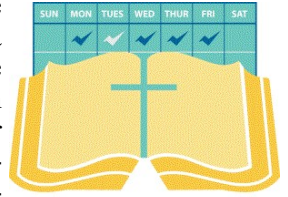
Men are invited to gather for a review of the assigned gospel readings for the prior month along with home made bread and jam, strong coffee, and great conversation about how we hear and understand God's Word from our own perspectives.



Serendipity Bible Study

November 13th

The Tuesday night Serendipity Bible study meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month to explore God's Word in a fresh way where all the answers we bring are right, based on how we each see life and the world. We get to hear and grow from each others' understandings and experience. All are welcome. Each session is a free standing event so you don't need to have been at the prior gathering to participate in the next one. In November, we will not meet on Tuesday, November 27th because of Thanksgiving.



Evening Bible Studies

Sunday Evening Adult Learning

Sunday Evenings at 6:25 p.m.

Adult Learning gathers each Sunday evening at 6:35 p.m. following worship to view and discuss a video series that looks at a different topic each week. There are routinely 12-15 participants present, and there is always room for more. It's a great opportunity to learn about God's Word without needing to have the Bible memorized.



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