



Christ Our Savior

December 2, 2018

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KNOTS
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Light Meal
Sunday Eve Worship Service
Confirmation/Sunday School
Adult Learning/Coffee House
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- 12 - 04 - JOY Event
- 12 - 05 - COS Quilters
Advent Worship - Gloria Dei
Wednesday Book Group
Middle School T.A.C.O.S.
AA Meeting
Advent Worship - COS
- 12 - 06 - High School T.A.C.O.S.
- 12 - 07 - MS White Elephant Party
- 12 - 08 - COS Book Club
- 12 - 09 - SOS Warm Coat Drive Ends
Giving Tree Deadline
- 12 - 10 - COS Food Pantry Shift

Donations/Collections

- Food Pantry
- Hygiene bags - Cross
- Serenity Inn
- SOS Warm Coat Drive
- Giving Tree
- Hephatha Stockings

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Decorating for Advent & Christmas

TODAY-Sunday, December 2nd

We will be decorating the sanctuary for the season of Advent and Christmas today 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 Chris Liedtke at cliedtke10@gmail.com.



Table of Many

Thursday, December 13th at 5:30 p.m.

We will meet at:

Sawmill Inn (262-628-4128)

1729 Wolf Road

Richfield, WI

Contact Lois Schalow at

louchal45@gmail.com or 262-345-5027 with any questions.

Fellowship Dinner



Giving Tree

Deadline - December 9th

The Giving Tree is up! This year, our tree is supporting the Waukesha Christmas Clearing House Council, Sussex Outreach Services, ERA's Senior Network, Serenity Inn, and Cross Lutheran Church. Please take a tag or two and help someone in need this holiday season. All tags and gifts are due back to church by December 9th. Please follow the directions on the back of the tag, and contact Gwen Watson at 262-442-5904 with any questions.



Christmas Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 2nd

4:00 p.m. at Redeemer UCC

Choirs from our cooperating churches of Sussex congregations will lead us in songs of the Advent and Christmas season Sunday, December 2nd at

4:00 p.m. at Redeemer UCC on Townline Road south of Hwy. K in Sussex. Come join us to be filled with the message of God's promise for us.



LAST CHANCE!

SCRIP for St. Nick and Stocking Stuffers!

Scrip cards fit perfectly into stockings for St. Nick (**December 6th**). They have a number of \$10 cards in stock including the following.

\$10.00 cards in stock

- Arby's
- Barnes/Noble
- Bath and Body
- Boston Market
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Burger King
- California Pizza
- Chipotle
- Cold Stone Creamery
- Cousins
- Cracker Barrel
- Denny's
- Domino's

- Dunkin Donuts
- Einstein Bros Bagels
- Hardees
- Noodles
- Panera
- Papa Johns
- Papa Murphy's
- Pizza Hut
- Starbucks
- Subway
- Taco Bell
- Target
- Wendy's



Scrip is also a great idea for Secret Santa gifts!

SS Christmas Program

Sunday, December 16, 10:30 a.m. Only

We are currently rehearsing and assigning parts for the Christmas program. Please join us for practice during Sunday School at the 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. services. Families are asked to bring a treat to share!

children's
program



SOS Warm Coat Drive

Through December 9th

Sussex Outreach Services is looking for new and gently worn winter clothing for their clients this winter. Items needed include coats, hats, gloves, mittens, snow pants, and boots. Items can be dropped off at the donation station in the narthex. Monetary donations are also accepted. Write SOS Coat Drive in the memo portion of your check.



Holiday Bake Sale

Sunday, December 16th

We will be holding a bake sale after each worship service and are looking for donations of Holiday baked goods. All proceeds will help to offset youth summer mission trip costs. Please have all baked goods *packaged and to church by 8:00 a.m.* Sunday, December 16th. If you have questions, please contact Kim Lewin at kim@coslc.com or 262-246-6537.



Birthday Party for Jesus!

Friday, December 14th

On Friday, December 14th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. will be our annual Birthday Party for Jesus in our fellowship hall! Come join us as we prepare our hearts in the season of Advent for the birth of our Savior on Christmas!



We will have pizza, hot cocoa, cookie decorating, crafts, games, and activities. We will take time to pause and hear a Christmas story. The night will end with birthday cake and ice cream! This event is open to the whole congregation! Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors, cousins, and friends too! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Suggested donation \$10/family.

Birthday presents for Jesus will be donated to the SOS Food Pantry and Hephatha Church - Strong Baby Sanctuary. Suggested gifts: diapers, wipes, baby shampoo/wash, baby lotion, and diaper cream. New Onesies 0-12 months, sleep sacks 0-6 month, washcloths, hooded towels and baby blankets.

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

VBS - Save the Date!

VBS at Christ Our Savior will be July 8-11, 2019. For more information and registration check our website under "Learn and Grow".



Lutherdale Bible Camp

August 4-9, 2019

Students who have completed 4th-12th grade are invited to attend Lutherdale Bible Camp August 4th-9th 2019. When you register, say that you belong to COS and that you would like your child in the same cabin as other COS youth. For registration, check our website under "Learn and Grow".



Lisbon Presbyterian

Brunch, Cookie Sale, Bazaar

Sunday, December 9th

Their annual Holiday Brunch, Christmas Cookie Sale, and Christmas Bazaar will be Sunday, December 9th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Summer Mission Trips

The cost for the Middle School and/or High School Mission Trip is \$325. The first of **3 non refundable payments** of \$125 is due January 1st. The other payments of \$100 each are due on March 1st and May 1st.

8th grade students can choose between the Middle school or the high school trip.

High school Mission Trip

St. Louis, MO is June 15-21, 2019

Middle School Mission Trip

Minneapolis, MN is July 13-19, 2019

As in the past, we will need two men and 1-2 women to help lead each trip. If you are interested in going along, please know that there is **no cost for leaders.**

If you are interested in attending one of these mission trips and missed the informational meeting, please email Kim at kim@coslc.com.

Full and partial scholarships are available, please let Kim know if you would like to apply. Everyone who wants to go will be able to go!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Women's Inspirational Book Group

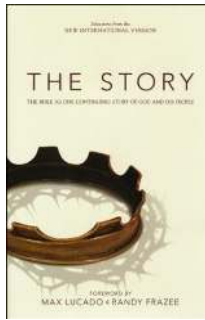
Monday, December 3rd

We are reading the book "The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People" by Max J 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!

December meeting dates:

Monday, December 3rd - Chapters 11 & 12
Monday, December 17th - Chapters 13 & 14

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



COS Book Club

Saturday, December 8th

The next meeting of the COS Book Club will be on Saturday, December 8th at 10:30 a.m. Instead of discussing a book, we will be having a party while planning and scheduling the meetings for 2019. All members or prospective members should bring a list of their favorite books that they think would be enjoyed by the others and a snack or brunch item to share during this session. Feel free to bring any books that you would like to donate to other readers as well. All are welcome and if you have any questions, contact Carolyn Casper at 262-246-4041 or Diane Otto at 262-691-3778.



JOY (Just Older Youth) 55 & Older Adults

Tuesday, December 4th Christkindl Market



On Tuesday, December 4th we'll be meeting at Christ Our Savior at 10:30 a.m. to carpool to the Christkindl Market at the Fiserv Forum. Celebrating its first year in Milwaukee, the Christkindl Market offers an authentic German holiday experience complete with delicious food, beverages, collectibles, gifts and more. This outdoor market has free admission. Parking, food, and gifts are at your own expense. If you have any questions about this event, please contact one of the JOY Coordinators: Mary Fix at 47mbfix@gmail.com or Pat Sciortino at jptino@wi.rr.com

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Community Banquet

Thursday, December 13th

The next Community Banquet dinner that needs our help is Thursday, DECEMBER 13. Our assignment will be CLEAN-UP, so please consider signing up to help on the posting in the west hallway. Your help provides a great service to both your community and your church! Dinners are held at St. James Catholic Church on Townline Road in Menomonee Falls. If you arrive about 5:30 p.m., you'll have a chance to eat dinner with other COS volunteers before cleanup begins about 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!



2019 Offering Envelopes are Available

Pick up your 2019 offering envelopes today! **Please note, if you use direct deposit, you no longer have paper envelopes issued.** There are also direct deposit forms available on the table for those who would like to give it a try.



Sunday Morning Worship

Time Change Starts in January

Starting Sunday, January 6th, Sunday morning worship services will be at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. The early service will continue to be traditional and the 10:00 a.m. worship service will be contemporary. We also worship Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. led by Heather Uzowulu on guitar. Sunday School will be held during the 10:00 a.m. worship service and following the 6:00 p.m. worship service from 6:35 to 7:15 p.m. Confirmation instruction and Adult Learning is also held at 6:35 p.m. A healthy meal is available at 5:00 p.m. for those who desire. There are usually 50-70 people joining us for dinner. Holy Communion will be celebrated at all Sunday worship services.

Over the past few years, we have seen a drop in Sunday morning worship attendance, not only in our church, but across the whole nation. In our church, the biggest factor was the increasing number of kids' sports and club competitions and other events on Sunday mornings. As a result, we have begun a Sunday evening worship service that routinely has over 100 people in worship.

We wanted to study worship patterns over the fall before making any changes to the Sunday morning schedule. After four months, we are seeing that the later two morning worship services could now fit in the sanctuary seating at the same time.

If Sunday morning worship attendance rises again, we can easily move back to three worship services. At this point however, it seems to fit the needs of our members to have two worship services in the morning and one on Sunday evening.

**NEW
SERVICE
TIMES**

8:00	9:15	10:30	6:00
HOST: volunteer needed	Shelvy Ross	Tamara Tomczyk	Jean Aidich
ALTAR GUILD: Cheryl Bruch		Linda Pupp	volunteer needed
BREAD BAKER: Mary Klemme			
COMM ASSTS:			
wine			(w) Matt Olson
bread (b) Amy Berken	(b) Sandi Blackwell	(b) Carolyn Casper	(b) Sally Prell
bread	(b) Chris French	(b) Cheri Schaefer	(b) volunteer needed
cups (c) Sam Mayek	(c) Cindy Klein	(c) Tamara Tomczyk	(c) Jean Aidich
cups	(c) Billieann Matthais	(c) Gail Zimdars	(c) Max Prell
COUNTERS: Hope Ingle and Sam Mayek			
WEEKLY FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY: Heidi Zubella			
LECTORS: Kathy Michalek	Diane Otto	Carolyn Casper	
USHERS: Roger Shenefield	Marsha Butorac	Harvey Kohn	Todd DeLonge
	volunteer needed	Sondra Kohn	Joel DeLonge
OFFICE RECYCLING: Nick Watson			
ACOLYTE: volunteer needed	Will LaCroix	Joel DeLonge	Jenna Fure
NURSERY:	Grace Farrell	Beth Osttick	
	Aidan Mickol	Jenna Fure	
SS HELPER:	Maggie Watson, Katie Bianchi	Shannon Kurtz, Kendall Syslack	
	Brayden Mikelonis, Jack Rotta	Mia D'amato, Jade Mabini	
	Ramsey Botsford		

ETERNAL CANDLE - is sponsored by Randy & Sue Howard in memory of their daughter Holly Leah.
 ALTAR CANDLE - is sponsored by Randy & Sue Howard in memory of their daughter Holly Leah.
 MISSION CANDLE - sign up in the narthex to sponsor the mission candle.
 ALTAR FLOWERS - sign up in the narthex to sponsor the altar flowers.
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Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve
10:00 a.m., 3:30, 5:00, 6:30 p.m.
(6:30 p.m. - candlelight service)

Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

Additional worship changes include:
December 23rd and 30th we will worship at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

All Sunday worship services include Holy Communion.

Sunday, December 23rd at 6:00 p.m. is our pre-Christmas Eve Worship Service. If you will be gone visiting or just away on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, join us for an early Christmas Eve themed worship service at 6:00 p.m. The worship service will run about 30 minutes.

Sunday, December 30th we will take Christmas Hymns by request.

Please note: There will be NO meal before worship or Sunday School or Confirmation on December 23rd and 30th only.



*Christmas Worship
Schedule*

Last Week's Offerings	YTD Income	YTD Planned Expenses
\$10,765.33	\$544,913.24	\$583,646.96

YTD offerings and expenses include \$41,000 income and expense for Sprinkler and Air Handling Unit replacement over the summer.

Wednesday Evening Advent Services

We worship Wednesday evenings in Advent at 6:30 p.m. using the Holden Village setting. Our focus for these four weeks is "Coming Home". We will explore the feeling of "home" many of us long for in the midst of a world where we can feel further from home all the time. Make time to get away from the busy-ness and commercialism of the season as we prepare ourselves to regain what Christmas is all about.


Wednesday Afternoon Advent Services

Our sister congregation, Gloria Dei Lutheran will be holding Wednesday Advent worship services at 11:15 a.m. followed by a light lunch. This is a great opportunity if you don't want to drive after dark and to get to know some of our sisters and brothers at Gloria Dei. Gloria Dei is located on Town Hall Road just south of the hospital in Menomonee Falls.



Annual Meeting Notice

Sunday, December 16th
Our congregation's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, December 16th following each worship service. At this meeting we will vote on a proposed budget for 2019 and elect church council members.



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING