



Christ Our Savior

December 9, 2018

- 12 - 09 - SOS Warm Coat Drive Ends
Giving Tree Deadline
Light Meal/ Sun Eve Worship
Confirmation/Sunday School
Adult Learning/Coffee House
- 12 - 10 - COS Food Pantry Shift
- 12 - 11 - Serendipity Bible Study
- 12 - 12 - Bread of Healing
COS Quilters
Advent Worship - Gloria Dei
Wednesday Book Group
Middle School T.A.C.O.S.
AA Meeting
Advent Worship - COS
- 12 - 13 - High School T.A.C.O.S.
Community Banquet
Table of Many
- 12 - 14 - Birthday Party for Jesus
- 12 - 16 - Congregational Meeting
SS Christmas Program
Youth Bake Sale

Donations/Collections

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

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Christmas Gift Tags for COS



The deadline for the Giving Tree has passed, but it's not too late to make an impact. The Tree has been re-stocked with various gift ideas for those who wish to make a special contribution. Suggested

gifts start at only \$25.00. Your gift will benefit and sustain the Church throughout the New Year.

Red or White Poinsettias

Deadline - Next Sunday, December 16th

Purchase a red or white poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary and to take home after the Christmas Day service. Melissa Maas, member and owner of Bank of Flowers has kindly offered to donate \$5 to our church for every poinsettia purchased. Flowers come in a 6" pot for \$20 each. Sign up today in the narthex.

Order Your
Poinsettias



Giving Tree - TODAY!

Deadline - December 9th

All gifts and tags are due today! Please follow the directions on the back of the tag, and contact Gwen Watson at 262-442-5904 with any questions.



Youth 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.

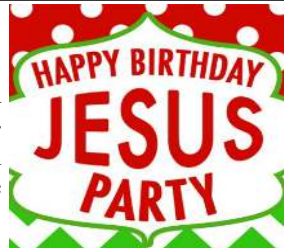


Come hungry and support our youth! There will be lots of goodies ready for purchase. This is the best way to get a variety of Christmas cookies for the holidays!

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! Details are on the following page.



children's 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!

Christmas Cookies Needed

Tuesday, December 12th

Bakers: Thanks to all who baked for BOH this year! The baked goods are always delicious and enjoyed by all. We would like to add festive Christmas cookies or

desserts to our Bread of Healing meal this month. Please deliver desserts to the church on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, marked for BOH.

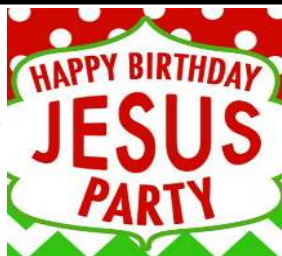
Thanks for baking! Also thanks for all the hygiene kits that were donated, Cross Lutheran is using them for Christmas gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Klemme 2627816688.



[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.

[Assisting Ministers](#)

Like many other ELCA congregations have done, 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 one of the pastors or Amy at amy@coslc.com.



[Free Family Game Night](#)

Tuesday, December 18th, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Gloria Dei will be holding a monthly Family Game Night and everyone is welcome! The first one will be Tuesday, December 18th starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be family oriented games and party games. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For more information, contact Gloria Dei at 262-251-7720. They are located at W180N7863 Town Hall Road in Menomonee Falls.



[Lisbon Presbyterian](#)

[Brunch, Cookie Sale, Bazaar](#)

Sunday, December 9th

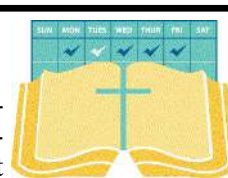
Their annual Holiday Brunch, Christmas Cookie Sale, and Christmas Bazaar will be Sunday, December 9th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



[Serendipity Bible Study](#)

Tuesday, December 11th

Come check out the Serendipity Bible Study on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month at church beginning at 7:00 p.m. We use a format where there are no wrong answers, and all answers are right depending on where you are in your life. It's low key and nonthreatening.



**Evening
Bible Studies**

[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".



[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

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

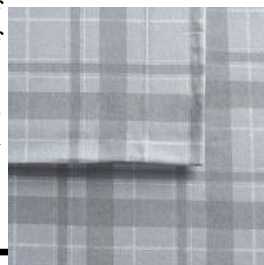
louichal45@gmail.com or 262-345-5027 with any questions.

Fellowship Dinner



COS Quilters Need Sheets

Our quilters are in need of bed sheets for the backs of their quilts. Any size sheets that are in good condition will be appreciated. They can be solid color, or patterned.



Women's Inspirational Book Group

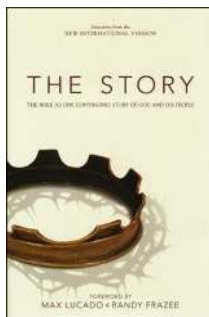
Monday, December 3rd

We are reading the book "The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People" by Max Lucado 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 17th - Chapters 13 & 14

For more information or to join the group, contact Amy at [414-975-1228](tel:414-975-1228) or email amy@coslc.com.



SOS Warm Coat Drive

Deadline - December 9th

Our collection of warm winter outerwear for Sussex Outreach Services ends today. Monetary donations are also accepted. Write SOS Coat Drive in the memo portion of your check.

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 so 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

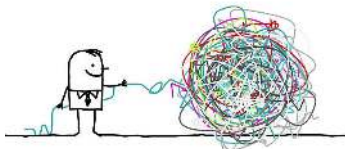
to have two worship services in the morning and one on Sunday evening.

NEW SERVICE TIMES

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Sunday, December 16th

We meet on Sunday mornings (twice a month) after the 10:30 a.m. worship service in fellowship hall. For more information contact: Lisa Riemer at lisariemer@yahoo.com or 414-510-1862.



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.



	<u>8:00</u>	<u>9:15</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>6:00</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Matt Olson	Matt Olson	Matt Olson	
HOST:	Kelly Newman	Marsha Butorac	Jean Aidich	volunteer needed
ALTAR GUILD:	Sam Mayek		Tracy Ludorf	volunteer needed
BREAD BAKER:	Kathy Michalek			
COMM ASSTS:				
wine				(w) Matt Olson
bread	(b) Kelly Newman	(b) Ann Deluka	(b) Gail Zimdars	(b) Sally Prell
bread		(b) Maria Liedtke	(b) Julie Joel	(b) volunteer needed
cups	(c) Matt/Chris Meyer	(c) Kathy Michalek	(c) Jean Aidich	(c) Keri Wozniak
cups		(c) Marsha Butorac	(c) Matt Olson	(c) Lucas Wozniak
COUNTERS:	Hope Ingle and Sam Mayek			
WEEKLY FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY:	Heidi Zubella			
LECTORS:	John Haigh	Kathy Michalek	Harvey Kohn	
USHERS:	Sam Mayek	Mary Fix	Bruce Ammel	Christa Trushinsky
		Barry Brown	Lisa Ammel	Andy Oberlin
OFFICE RECYCLING:	Nick Watson			
ACOLYTE:	volunteer needed	Will LaCroix	Joel DeLonge	Jenna Fure
NURSERY:		Alex Augustyn	Dylan Joel	
		Ryan Schumacher	Max Prell	
SS HELPER:		Will "LaCroix, Jade Mabini	Zach Stromberg, Joel DeLonge	
		Grace Farrell, Ramsey Botsford	Beth Ostdick, Tia Salerno	
		Jake Fillinger	Ariana Virnig	
ETERNAL CANDLE - is sponsored by June Haizel in memory of her sister and brother.				
ALTAR CANDLE - sign up in the narthex to sponsor the altar candle..				
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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Flower/Candle Sponsor Sheets

The flower and candle sponsor sheets are posted in the narthex near the busy bags.

We no longer order altar flowers if no one has signed up to sponsor them.

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
\$10,955.19	\$555,868.43	\$595,192.64

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


Wednesday Evening Advent Services
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
We worship Wednesday evenings in Advent at 6:30 p.m. using the Holden Village setting. Our focus for these four weeks is "Making Room". We will explore ways to make room in our busy and packed lives so we can receive God's gift to us in Jesus. 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