

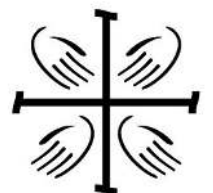
FEBRUARY

2019

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church



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



February 2019

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From the Pastors

Something New in 2019

Here at Christ Our Savior, we recognize that a robust Christian faith produces a response in how one lives. This response looks different from individual to individual, and from context to context. But to be filled with the love of God is to witness some kind of overflow of that love through our words and actions to change ourselves and the communities we are a part of. We have embedded this intention in the words we see in our sanctuary: A community *Gathered* in Christ; *Fed* by God's Word; *Sent* to serve.

We seek to provide many ways for folks to be fed for their journey of faith. One of the opportunities that our congregation has entered into with our Sunday evening time of worship is our time of adult faith reflection. So far we have been centering our times of reflection and conversation around the Nooma series, a collection of spoken word short films on a variety of topics connected to the Christian faith.

As Pastor Tom and I have spoken with one another about the meaningful discussions and insights that have been sparked through these videos, our curiosity has been ignited. We have wondered what it would look like to begin creating similar content, grounded in our own Lutheran faith tradition.

As we transition into 2019, Pastor Tom and I will be alternating our monthly newsletter articles and turning some of our creative efforts towards the production of a monthly vlog – a series of short videos about aspects of our Lutheran heritage or about how the rubber meets the road in the daily application of our faith. We expect that we'll encounter a few bumps and hurdles along the way, but we anticipate that God will walk with us as we venture into this new expression of serving Christ and our community by offering another means for folks to be fed in their faith by the Word of God.

Blessings,
Pastor Joe



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!



JOY (Just Older Youth)

55 & Older Adult Ministry

Thursday, February 7th - Milwaukee Art Museum
(RE-SCHEDULED)

On Thursday, February 7th at 10:30 a.m. we will meet at church to carpool to Balistreri's Bluemound Inn for lunch before heading to the Milwaukee Art Museum. Admission: Free. Lunch 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

Thrivent \$\$\$ Benefits COS Ministries

Thank you to everyone who filled out applications! If you are a Thrivent policy holder of any amount, you can do this, too!!!

Thrivent Action Teams for January: Serenity Inn (Joan Singer), 7th Grade Confirmation Guest House Sandwich Making (Laurie Ostdick), 8th Grade Confirmation Guest House Sandwich Making (Amy Findlay), High School Students Guest House Sandwich Making (Jason Schiller), Mac-N-More (Mike Singer), and Bread of Healing (Amy Berken).

Every application receives a \$250 gift card that 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, and S.O.S food/item drives, just to name a few...

Looking ahead, Thrivent Action Team gift cards are needed for February & March Ministries:

Bread of Healing
Hephatha Meal
Easter
"Eggs"travaganza
Fish Fry



It doesn't cost you a dime, takes about 15-30 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.

Memorials

Memorial Fund

Christ Our Savior's Memorial Team keeps track of financial gifts given to honor the memory of a departed loved one. These gifts are acknowledged each month in the COS Newsletter. Some past gifts were deposited in an investment fund, and are available for periodic use for church needs that are not able to be met within the annual budget.



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 be given to honor a significant family event such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation, confirmation, or similar milestone.

Christian Youth Activity Support

Historically, a popular gift designation had been the support of Christian Youth activity. This was specifically identified as the Sandra Johnson Youth Fund. Annual uses of these gifts have supported youth participation in Christian youth experiences. Included in the past has been to assist youth attendance at Lutherdale Bible Camp and summer mission trips.

Memorials For Outreach

Memorials have also been given for specific immediate needs, such as outreach or mortgage reduction. These gifts are immediately put to use for these designated purposes.

Memorial Gifts Last Month

In memory of Jim Barber from:
Phyllis Barber

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 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.



Fish & Chicken Fry

Friday, March 8th

Save the date! We're holding a fish & chicken fry on Friday, March 8th from 5:00p.m. to 6:30p.m. to benefit Bread of Healing at Cross Lutheran Church. With growing poverty in the community, Christ Our Savior helps feed individuals by preparing and serving a meal to over 200 people at Cross Lutheran Church once a month. This food ministry continues to feed the hungry in Milwaukee.

Meals are available for dine-in or take-out. Cost is \$10/meal. Take-out orders of 10 or more please let us know in advance, so we can have your order ready for you to pick-up.



Volunteers are needed for kitchen prep, set-up, ticket sales, serving, and clean-up. If you would like to help, please sign-up on our website under volunteer signups **COS Fish Fry**. Or you can contact Chuck Liedtke at chuck.liedtke@sodexo.com.

TACOS

We have a new ministry for teens in our church and whole community called Teens Around the Community of Sussex (TACOS). It is designed to provide a safe environment for teens to explore and grow in faith, to connect faith with meaningful service and to grow in leadership skills. This is a vital ministry in a time when teens are bombarded with drugs, pressures to become promiscuous, isolation, impact of social media, and many other pressures.

We have received a grant from Siebert Lutheran Foundation to start this ministry with a program director who would work with Kim Lewin's and Pastor Joe's oversight. The grant is \$40,000 but to access it we need to match it. Our local synod believes in this ministry and is offering \$4000 to support it. We continue to seek various other grants. All new funds apply for the Siebert matching grant. If you would like to support this new ministry too, gifts can be given in the form of:



- Cash or check
- Securities (stocks)
- Card reader in the Narthex
- PayPal
- COS website

All gifts will be matched 100% through a grant by the Sievert Lutheran Foundation.

Youth & Education

VBS - Save the Date!

Come and take a walk on the wild side with us this summer! VBS will be held in July this year instead of June! July 8-11, 2019 12:00 noon until 3:30 p.m. Registration for participants, youth and adults is online now.



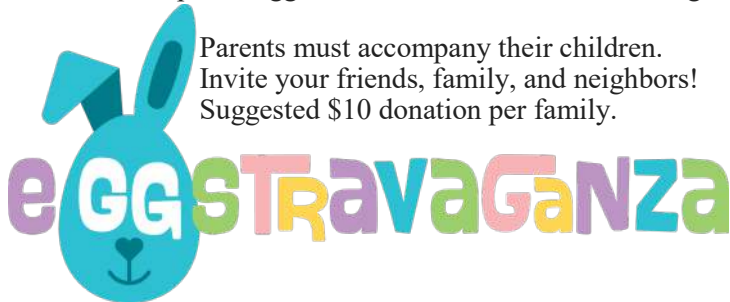
For more information and registration check our website under "Learn and Grow".

COS Easter "Eggs"travaganza Event Save the date!

Friday, April 12th

Christ Our Savior is having an Easter "Eggs"travaganza Event on Friday, April 12th 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 year 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.



Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 3rd

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 3rd!



First Communion

First Communion instruction will begin on Wednesday, March 13th from 7:00-7:45 p.m. and continue through April 10th with First Communion taking place on Maundy Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 for the class. You can register online at <https://www.coslc.com/first-communion/> if your child is older and has not had First Communion instruction no worries! Contact Kim at kim@coslc.com.



Save the Date

Youth Mission Trip Basket Auction

The Basket Auction will be May 5th however, you can pre-view and start bidding on April 28th! All proceeds will go to the Youth Summer mission trips. If you would like to donate, please contact Kim Lewin at kim@coslc.com we will start taking donations of items, gift cards, and wrapping supplies starting March 17th.



Free Family Game Night

Friday, February 15th, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Gloria Dei is hosting a monthly Family Game Night and everyone is welcome! Come for all or part of the night! 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.



Outreach

Community Banquet

Lannon - Lisbon - Menomonee Falls - Sussex Pies - Cakes - Desserts - Your Favorite Sweet

If you like to bake, we could use your help for the Community Banquet on FEBRUARY 14 when COS is scheduled for SET-UP and DESSERT responsibility for the night. The variety of sweet treats to choose from is always a highlight for those attending the dinner. Din-



ners, for about 150 community people, are held at St James Catholic Church on Townline Road in Menomonee Falls. Dinner service begins at 5:30 p.m., so SET-UP will start at 4:00. If you would like to bake, but can't attend the dinner, you can drop off your dessert in the St James kitchen on the lower level or at the COS kitchen by 3:00 that day and I will take it over. If you can help with SET-UP and/or BAKING for FEBRUARY 14, please stop by the sign-up sheet in the west hallway. All are welcome to the banquet and it's a good place to visit with neighbors or make a new friend. We are always happy to see new faces! Thank you for the sweets!

For questions, call Diane at [262-691-3778](tel:262-691-3778).

FebrU-WEARy "Brief Appeal"

Underwear is unseen, yet is an everyday necessity that can become a low priority in the budget when faced with making tough choices between housing, food, and clothing. In an effort to meet this need, we will be collecting NEW underwear in all sizes for boys, girls, men, and women during the month of February. Underwear will be donated to children and families in our community to provide comfort, confidence, and dignity



sharing in God's love and respect for all people.

Food Pack during Lent

Beginning Wednesday, March 13th, we will pack food on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. after the midweek Lent worship at 6:30 pm. The food packed will feed hungry children and families through World Hunger Relief. The cost for a 30-minute food packing shift is \$10 which covers the cost of the food that you will be packing during your shift. This event is open to adults and children. Sign-up on our website under volunteer sign-ups **FOOD PACK** to reserve your spot. We will also hold two food pack events at noon on Sunday, March 17th and Sunday, April 7th.



Annual Wild Game Dinner

Friday, March 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

Our annual Wild Game Dinner is being held at church on Friday, March 22nd 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.



Serenity Inns

Tuesday, February 19th

Our next service date is Tuesday, February 19th. Mark Stieglitz will be driving down with a few members to Serenity Inns to serve dinner. If you are interested in joining them or if you would like to prepare a side dish for the meal, sign-up on the outreach board. There are approximately 15 residents, plus volunteers, who depend on us for a meal this evening. Typical evening: leave COS at 5pm, eat around 6pm, and return by 7:30 p.m. Help support them in their recovery!



Contacts: Kris Pena kkjpena20688@gmail.com or Mark Stieglitz at marks.dtp@gmail.com

Mac-n-More

Thank you to everyone who donated food for our annual Mac-n-More food drive. We collected a huge pallet of food that will be donated to Cross Lutheran Food Pantry where hungry children and families in need will be fed thanks to your generosity!

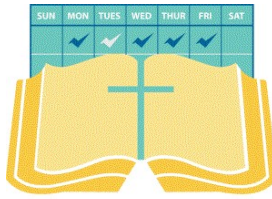


Bible Studies & Learning

Serendipity Bible Study

2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

The Serendipity Bible Study 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 experiences. This month we meet February 12th and 26th at 7:00 p.m.

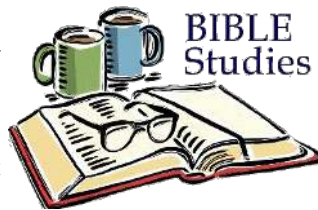


Evening
Bible Studies

Sunday Evening Adult Learning

Sundays at 6:35 p.m.

Each week we view a short video (about 14 minutes) on a specific topic presented by the captivating Rob Bell, followed by discussion and reflection. This group meets in the chapel on Sundays at 6:35 p.m. following worship.

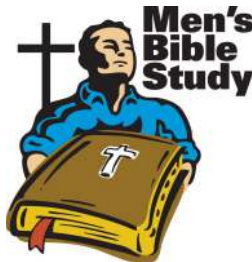


BIBLE
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Men's Bible Study & Light Breakfast

3rd Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Men are invited to explore God's Word while enjoying home made bread and jam along with Pastor Tom's 90 weight coffee. This month we meet February 19th.



Men's
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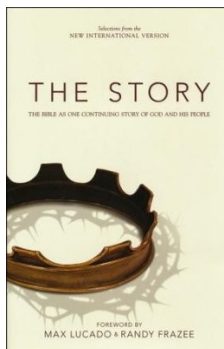
Women's Inspirational Book Group

We are reading the book "The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People" by Randy Frazee. We meet twice a month on Mondays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the chapel. We watch a 15-minute DVD and then discuss the chapters using the questions in the back of the book. Each session is stand alone. Not too late to join in!

February meeting dates:

Monday, February 4th - Chapters 19 & 20
Monday, February 18th - Chapters 21 & 22

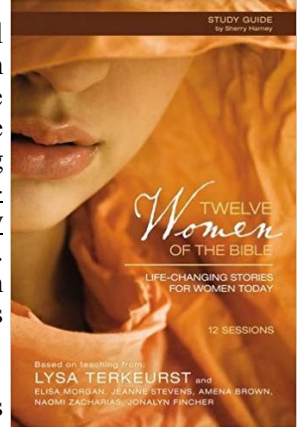
For more information, or to join the group, contact Amy at 414-975-1228 or email amy@coslc.com.



Wednesday Book Group-New Book

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

The Wednesday Book Group will be beginning a new study on women in the Bible. They will be watching a DVD and discussing the video using the corresponding "Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today Study Guide" by Lysa Terkeurst. They will meet on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the lounge. Cost is \$10 to purchase the study guide.

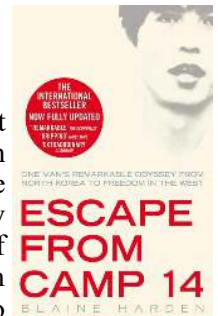


If you are interested in joining this group, or would like more information, contact Gail Conrad at grammygbc@gmail.com or (262) 820-1573. New people are always welcome!

COS Book Club

Saturday, February 16th

The COS Book Club will have its next meeting on Saturday, February 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will be discussing "Escape From Camp 14" by Blaine Harden. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Casper at 262-246-4041 or Diane Otto at 262-691-3778.



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