Christ Our Savior

February 17, 2019

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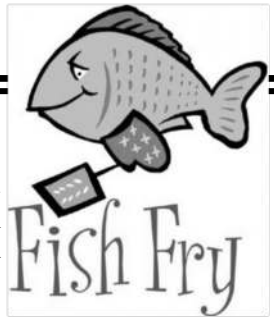
Thursday, February 21st
Our next dinner will be on Thursday, February 21st at Outback Steakhouse-1260 S. Moorland in Brookfield. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. Contact: Lois Schalow at louichal45@gmail.com or 262-345-5027.

Fish & Chicken Fry



Friday, March 8th
Save the date! We're holding a fish & chicken fry on Friday, March 8th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to benefit Bread of Healing at Cross Lutheran Church.

Meals are available for dine-in or take-out. Cost is $10/meal and tickets are available at the Scrip table. 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.

In the Middle
Milwaukee Admirals Game

Saturday, March 9th
Not a youth? Not a senior either? Well, this group is for you! If you are in your 30s, 40s or 50s, come join us for a Milwaukee Admirals hockey game! The game is Saturday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. versus the Grand Rapids Griffins. Tickets are $19 each, parking vouchers are available for $13. Limited tickets are available - the first 18 to sign up are in! Sign up on the adult discipleship board or contact one of the coordinators to reserve your spot. Deadline to sign up is Thursday, February 21st! We will coordinate carpooling after the deadline. Hope to see you there!

Coordinators:
Hope Ingle at hope.ingle@gmail.com
Patrick Ingle at patrickingle@mac.com

Youth Bake Sale

Friday, March 8th
In conjunction with the Fish & Chicken Fry, the COS youth will also have a bake sale. There will be cookies, bars, snack mixes and much more! All money donated will be used for the Youth Summer Mission Trips.
Come support our youth!

Blessings in a Backpack

Thursday, February 21st
The 2018-2019 school year saw the introduction of the Blessings in a Backpack program begin in the Hamilton School District. Approximately 100 bags are going home each week throughout the district schools, mainly in the four elementary schools. I would like our community to have a hand in creating the bags needed to provide food on the weekends to hungry children. Adults and children ages 8 and up are invited to come to our first annual Blessings bag fill! To sign up log into: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4FA4AD2EA2FA7-blessings

First Communion Class

Begins March 13th

First Communion class for all 5th graders begins Wednesday, March 13th and continues on Wednesday evenings through April 10th from 7:00-7:45 p.m. The cost is $10 per student. For questions, please contact Kim Lewin at kim@coslc.com.

Please register on our website at:
https://www.coslc.com/first-communion/

In Case You Missed It

Young people today are growing up in a world of constant connection, with untold pressures and possibilities seeking their attention. We know how crucial it is for teens to cultivate practices of mindfulness, service, and faithful living in order to help navigate the challenges they face. Our Teens Around the Community Of Sussex (TACOS) ministry strives to create a space for young people of any background to build community and be affirmed in their self worth, while cultivating their spirituality to help center themselves for daily life.

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. COS members have given or committed to $4525 of support. 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)
- PayPal
- Card reader in the Narthex
- COS website

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

TACOS Donations		Siebert Lutheran Foundation Challenge Grant
Source	Amount	
COS ELCA	$4,525 $4,839	$40,000
Total	$8,839	

Children's Music Ministry

In addition to regular musical offerings in Sunday School, kids at COS have other opportunities to share praise in worship:

Praise Raisers:
Children ages 4K – 6th Grade joyfully offer their musical gifts and hearts in worship at Christ Our Savior, helping to lead us in Praise! We meet to rehearse on **Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel**, and sing at the 10:00 a.m. service THE SAME DAY! We sing songs and hymns with The Band, as well as special selections sung as a Choir. Come as often as you can! Please register – you will receive e-mail updates, information about music to listen to and sing at home, and opportunities to Raise Praises as a **Praise Raiser** at Christ Our Savior!

J.U.M.P!:

Jumping
Up in
Mission and
Praise!

If you like to **JUMP!** (for real!), or sing or play instruments or otherwise praise God (as if you do), please join us on an upcoming Saturday for about an hour or so, and we will be ready to **JUMP!** into worship (with a song!) the very next day! A workshop event is planned, with mini-sessions focusing on different aspects of a special musical selection for THAT SUNDAY – by the end of our time together, we'll have it ready to go! No advance preparation is needed!

Children ages 4K – 6th Grade – please indicate what time would work best on a Saturday for you and your family! (See the registration form for possible times on Saturdays.)

JUMP! in worship at Christ Our Savior will be near the beginning of the 10:00 service, on the day after the workshop! (Watch for other chances to share the same songs you have already learned!)

Then, watch for an e-mail invitation to each **JUMP!** event, and REPLY to let us know that you can join us!

Pre-Lent Pancake Brunch

Sunday, March 3rd

You are invited to Gloria Dei in Menomonee Falls for a Pre-Lent Pancake Brunch on Sunday, March 3rd! Serving is from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.. Advance tickets are $6.00 for adults or $7.00 at the door. Children are $4.00.

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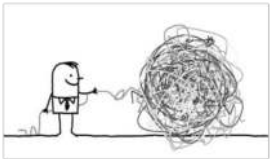


Sunday, February 17th

We meet on Sunday morning (twice a month) after the 10:00am worship service in fellowship hall.

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

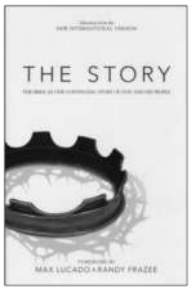
Sunday School Leaders Needed

Sunday School Leaders are needed for the 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services. All materials including prayers are provided! Sign up on our website under "volunteers", or contact Kim at kim@coslc.com.

Walking in the Footsteps of Christ

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 6-8pm in the chapel. If you are unable to make all the meetings, no problem, just keep reading and join us for the next one!



February meeting date:
February 18th - Chapters 21 & 22

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

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

Wednesday Book Group

Wednesdays

The Wednesday Book Group has begun study on women in the Bible. They are 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 meet on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Chapel. 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 (262) 820-1573 or grammygbc@gmail.com. New people are always welcome!

Serenity Inns - Winter Boots Needed!!

With all this snow, there are four men at Serenity Inns that are in need of winter boots to wear as they walk to and from the bus stop and at their jobs. If you have a gently used pair of winter boots in size 10, 10.5, 11, or 14 that you have outgrown or could donate bring them to church and place them in the donation station for Serenity Inn.

New Greeters -Worship Assistant Team

Greeting people is something we all do every week, but we want to be even more intentional about it when people enter our church doors. We want our church home to be a welcoming place for people to come and experience God's love. This is a great ministry to do as a family, a couple, or as an individual. You can sign-up on our website under volunteers using SignUpGenius to pick dates/times you would like to serve. For more information, contact Amy at amy@coslc.com.

	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
HOST:	Kelly Newman	Toni Snyder	Jean Aidich
GREETER:	Marsha Butorac	volunteer needed	volunteer needed
ALTAR GUILD:	Joan Singer	Kristi Klemencic	volunteer needed
BREAD BAKER:	Billieann Matthias		
COMM ASSTS:			
wine	*(w)*	*(w)* Amy Berken	*(w)* Matt Olson
bread	*(b)* Amy Berken	*(b)* Chris Liedtke	*(b)* Cristine Madden
	(b)	*(b)* Kristi Klemencic	*(b)* volunteer needed
cups	*(c)* Marsha Butorac	*(c)* Kris Pena	*(c)* Jean Aidich
cups	*(c)*	*(c)* Tracy Ludorf	*(c)* Griffin Thon
LECTORS:	Bonnie Moerke	Kris Pena	
USHERS:	Christa Trushinsky	Rob Schaefer	Greg Ott
	volunteer needed	Bryan Peacock	volunteer needed
COUNTERS:	Kathy Michalek & Mary Miklautsch		
WEEKLY FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY:	Wayne Mahnke		
OFFICE RECYCLING:	Linda Pupp		
ACOLYTE:	volunteer needed	Cole Sciortino	volunteer needed
NURSERY:		Rylinn Madden	
SUNDAY SCHOOL:		Tyler Seils	
SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS:		volunteer needed	volunteer needed

ETERNAL CANDLE - is sponsored by Sue Robbins in honor of her mom's birthday, Marti Mueller.
ALTAR CANDLE - is sponsored by Phil and Sue Jarman in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary
MISSION CANDLE - *sign up in the narthex to sponsor the mission candle.*
ALTAR FLOWERS - are sponsored by Phil and Sue Jarman in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.
ALTAR FLOWERS - *sign up in the narthex to sponsor the altar flowers.*

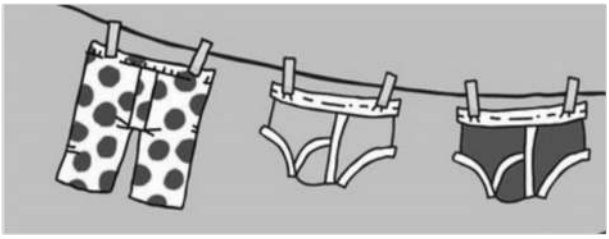
Food Pantry Needs

- canned meals
- canned sauces
- flavored rice side dishes
- Jell-O
- baking mixes
- juice (64 oz bottles)

Last Week's Offerings	YTD Income	YTD Planned Expenses
$13,778.41	79,718.15	$79,011.92

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.



Souper Bowl of Caring-Update

Thanks to all who gave to Souper Bowl of Caring. We raised $1,000 for our SOS Food Pantry!

Stewardship Stories

Potential Tax Savings for Seniors!

Changes in the tax code have made it difficult for many Americans to deduct their charitable contributions this year. If you have an IRA and are 70 ½ years old, you are legally required to withdraw a portion of your IRA balance each year. These withdrawals are typically subject to taxation. However, there may be a way to reduce the amount of tax you pay:

The IRS allows IRA holders to direct all or part of their required minimum distribution (RMD) directly to charities, including Christ Our Savior. By doing this, those funds may be excluded from taxation even if you are already taking the standard deduction. Some of our Seniors are already taking advantage of this benefit. If you are already making donations to COS, this might be a good way to put money back into your pocket!

As with anything tax-related, it is important for you to consult with your tax professional to see how this may impact your overall tax situation. The IRS has rules in place that you must strictly follow in order to qualify.

If you'd like more information, feel free to email **stewardship@coslc.com** or call the Church office and someone will return your call.

Not a direct deposit giver? To sign up for direct deposit simply fill out one of the yellow cards on the back of the seats in the sanctuary or in the Narthex. Or, just email Sandy at office@coslc.com.