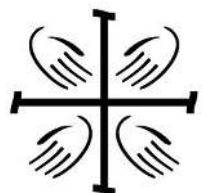


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Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church



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



April 2019

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New Members Received In Spring

New Member Orientation Sunday, April 28th

We will be having new member orientation on Sunday, April 28th from 11:45-1:15 p.m. (Lunch provided). During orientation, we will provide an overview of Christ Our Savior, introduce you to our various ministries, and explore areas where you fit in. You will have a chance to meet others who are new as well as current members and staff. If interested in attending, sign-up on the welcome desk in the narthex. If you cannot make this date, we can schedule a different time to meet with you.

New Member Reception Sunday, May 19th

We will be receiving new members to our congregation on Sunday, May 19th. If you would like to be included with the others who are joining Christ Our Savior, please contact Amy Berken at amy@coslc.com or Pastor Tom, so we can get all the information needed in advance.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

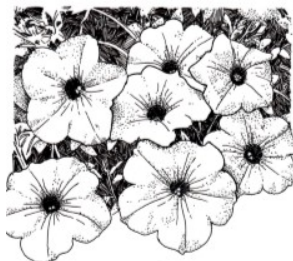
Wild Game Dinner Results

Thanks to all those who supported our annual wild game dinner. Together we raised \$3500.00 to support the ministry of Sussex Outreach Services and Bread of Healing at Cross. Your donations, participation, and support made this possible. Thank you!



Falls Mills Certificates

Falls Mills Greenhouse flower certificates will go on sale Palm Sunday, April 14th through Mother's Day after each service! Proceeds will go towards the Youth Mission Trips.



Mark Your Calendars!

Fish and Chicken Fry Benefiting
Sussex Outreach Services (SOS)
Friday, April 12th from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Please join us for a fish fry to benefit our shared Cooperating Churches of Sussex ministry of Sussex Outreach Services (SOS).



Where: St. James Church, Townline Road
Cost: 1 non-perishable food item and \$10 adults, \$5 children

Advance Tickets can be purchased at Piggly Wiggly, Pick and Save and Village Hall.

The menu includes hand breaded fried fish or chicken tenders or baked fish, French fries, rye bread and coleslaw.



If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up by clicking [here](#).

Thank You- Fish & Chicken Fry!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Fish & Chicken Fry on Friday, March 8th. It was amazing seeing so many adults and youth wearing Thrivent shirts generously living out their faith by helping and serving others. Also, thanks to those of you who supported the event by having a fish or chicken dinner. We brought in \$1,500 and the proceeds will go to Bread of Healing at Cross Lutheran Church. Thanks again for making the Fish & Chicken Fry a great success!



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!



Easter & Holy Week

Palm Sunday is April 14th

Holy Week begins Palm Sunday, April 14th with our regular worship times at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. as we enter into the Passion of Jesus. We begin with a procession of palms, remembering how people in Jesus time missed the point of who Jesus was, wanting him to be someone or something else.

We quickly move into the story of his betrayal, entering once again into the passion of Christ.



Maundy Thursday

April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

This evening we remember Jesus command to love the way he loved us. We also welcome new students to the table at Holy Communion. This is a powerful and special evening.

Good Friday

April 19th at 7:00 p.m.

This solemn evening worship will be led by teens in our church in the moving and powerful story of Jesus sacrifice for us and to us to set us free from sin, death and all the ways we still miss the point.

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Worship at 7:00 a.m.

We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord early on the first day of the week just as Mary and the disciples did. We hear God's promise of victory over death with inspiring Easter hymns and receiving God's renewed promise in Holy Communion.

8:30 and 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

We celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord at our regular worship times as we gather to join in God's triumph over death in Christ's resurrection.



Food Pack During Lent

Our food packs continue Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. after our midweek Lenten worship services at 6:30 p.m. If you have not yet participated in a food pack, we invite you to come and check it out. We have two more Wednesday: April 3rd and April 10th. We also will be having a Sunday morning food pack on April 7th (filled).

We typically have 6 people at each food pack station with various roles including measuring out the rice, soy, veggie, and protein, weighing the filled bags, sealing the bags, and assembling and filling boxes. Individuals can switch roles at any time. It's easy, it's fun, and you get to help make a difference in the lives of the hungry!

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. For more information, contact Amy at amy@coslc.com or 414-975-1228.

Easter Breakfast

We will be having Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 21st from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We have a delicious breakfast in the making with all your favorites: pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, donuts, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee. Cost is adult \$10, child \$5, or free-will donation. Proceeds will support Vacation Bible School and Outreach.



Volunteers needed for a variety of tasks including set-up, cooking, serving, and clean-up. If you would like to help with this event please contact Robb Zimdars at robb.zimdars@gmail.com or 262-820-1580. Or look for our signup on our website under on-line signups **Easter Breakfast**.

Did You Feed the Hungry?

Each year we are invited to set aside \$1 a day for the 40 days of Lent to feed the hungry through the ELCA Hunger Appeal. 100% of these funds go to direct food aid for those facing food crisis (a polite way of referring to starvation) around the world. If you want to join with others, its not too late! Simply use one of the envelopes at church or put a note in the memo portion of a check.

Hunger Offering



Memorials

Memorial Fund

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.



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. Historically, undesignated memorial gifts were transferred, by the COS Treasurer, to an investment fund managed by the ELCA. This fund was intended to be available to provide grants for COS needs not able to be met within the annual budget. Fund grant withdrawals require Memorials Team agreement based on appropriateness of intended purpose.

Christian Youth Activity Support

Historically, a popular gift designation has been the support of Christian Youth activity. This fund category within the ELCA Fund was specifically identified by the Memorials Team's tracking documentation as the Sandra Johnson Youth Fund. 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 the 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 Dave Schroeder:

From: Daniel & Trisha Hanrahan, Dennis Papenthien, Sr, Mark & Bette Moderski, Michael & Rita Bremberger, Timothy & Sandra Otto, Dee Dee Currier, Thomas & Sandra Blackwell, Paul & Kalo Schmidt, Thomas & Pamela Thompson, Jane & Edward Kyle, Pamela Truishinsky, Steven & Sherri Jasinski, Sandra & Jesse Klafke, Ronald Crass, Eleanor & Wayne Snyder, David & Claire Moe, Randall & Gail Krajewski, Thomas & Cynthia Wendt, Joseph & Gretchen Sciortino, John & Charmaine Duehring, John & Stephanie Damato, Charles & Anita Oster, Gabriel & Nancy Kolesari, Randy & Susan Howard, Jerry & Jackie Suick, and Samantha Mayek

In Memory of Brian Gaeth:

From: David & Claire Moe, Trauty Werner, and James & Victoria Maas

In Honor of God and Life:

From Randy & Sue Howard

Other Forms Of Memorial Giving

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



Thrivent \$\$ to Benefit COS Ministries

Thank you to everyone who filled out applications! Thrivent Action Teams for March: COS Fish Fry (Kristi Klemencic), Bread of Healing (Dan Klemencic), and Community Banquet (Gary Otto). If you are a Thrivent policy holder of any amount, you can do this, too!!!

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 May, June, & July Ministries:

Bread of Healing
Hephatha Meal
VBS
Youth Brat 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.



Get Involved

Defined by Hard Choices

It's fair to say that attempting to faithfully follow Christ leads to more than a few hard choices in our lives, including: identifying what causes or needs God seems to be directing us to care for; determining how we will prioritize our time and finances to be good stewards; preparing ourselves for what to say to our children or other folks when they inquire about who God is and why faith is important to our lives. I imagine that you, good reader, have your own even more specific examples from your life, where your faith came up against the trends and expectations of this world and left you feeling adrift for how to choose how you ought to act.

Hard choices can be agonizing decisions that we return to again and again, or that we hold off making for as long as we can in order to avoid making the wrong choice. I know there are times in my own life where I have wished that God would simply drop me a message or send me a sign to point to the right decision in the face of a hard choice I am wrestling with.

Dr. Ruth Chang has a TED talk about hard choices that has me rethinking how I approach hard choices. If every choice we were presented with was simplified because it had a clearly outlined and rational best choice – we would only be backseat drivers following the obvious route laid out before us. I recommend checking out her talk to get the full extent of her position, but essentially she reframes hard choices as the moments in our lives where we actually get to decide the person that we want to be; hard choices are opportunities where we show, through how we choose to live, what is of greatest significance or priority in our lives

As Christians, we are called to follow the ways and the example of Jesus Christ. Though scripture outlines some clear directives for this way of living – love your enemies, care for those in need, feed the hungry, set the prisoners free, welcome the stranger, trust in God – the application of those directives in our immediate context requires our critical thinking for how we pursue those goods of God's kingdom. May God grant you wisdom and boldness to seize the opportunities of the hard choices you are faced with, and may the Holy Spirit so fill our community that we might support and help one another in this process together.



CCOS Youth Mission Day

(Formally known as Mini WorkCamp)

Once again, youth will be helping with the CCOS Youth Mission Day on Saturday, April 28. If you are a Senior in need of your yard being cleaned up after the long winter, please pick up an application in the Narthex. Youth and adults wanting to serve please contact Kim Lewin at kim@coslc.com



Serenity Inn

Tuesday, April 16th

Once a month we prepare and serve a healthy meal to the 12 residents, innkeeper, and volunteers who serve the meal at Serenity Inn. Our next service date is Tuesday, April 16th. If you are interested in making the main course, a side dish, dessert, or would like to be one of our volunteers to serve the meal, please sign up on the outreach board. Typical evening: leave COS at 5:00 p.m., eat around 6:00 p.m., and return by 7:30 p.m. Experience how sharing a meal with the men in recovery has not only a positive impact on them, but on you too!



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

Youth Annual Basket Auction

Once again, the youth will be having a basket auction to raise money for the summer mission trips to St. Louis and Minneapolis. You can preview the baskets Sunday, April 28th and the action will take place on Sunday, May 5th after the 10:00 a.m. service.



Youth & Education

Sunday School Sings - Palm Sunday!

Sunday School sings on Palm Sunday! The Sunday School children will lift their voices on Palm Sunday, April 14th at the 10:00 a.m. service during the Children's Message. We are looking forward to learning this song in Sunday School in the upcoming weeks. Use the link below to sing "Prepare The Way" at home, too! Thank you for this special offering of music and praise for our time of worship!

[Prepare The Way](#)

Praise Raisers

Watch for e-mails each week with links to the song for the upcoming Sunday! A special song will be sung each Sunday during Lent! Won't you join us to sing? Not receiving e-mails? Please register at coslc.com, or find registration forms in the Chapel and return to the bulletin board envelope!! (Please REGISTER online, or with paper form on Bulletin Board, so we can keep you In The Loop!)



J. U. M. P.!

Please register, or send an e-mail to MarJask5@wi.rr.com with Saturdays in March, April, and May that you are able to JUMP!

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".

Lutherdale Bible Camp

August 4-9, 2019

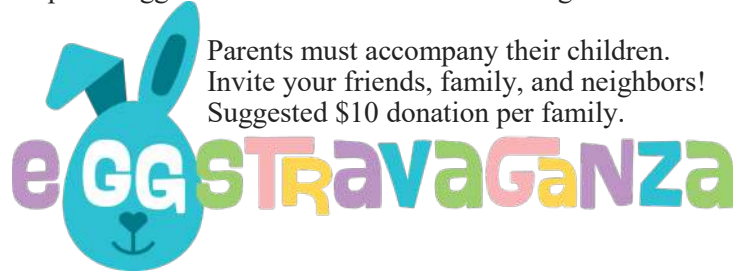
Students who have completed 4th-12th grade are invited to attend Lutherdale Bible Camp August 4th-9th, 2019. When you register, say that you belong to COS and that you would like your child in the same cabin as other COS youth. For registration check our website under "Learn and Grow" or click [here](#).



COS Easter "Eggs"travaganza

Friday, April 12th

Christ Our Savior is having an Easter "Eggs"travaganza Event on Friday, April 12th from 6:00-8:00 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.

Candy Donations, Cookies, & Volunteers needed!

- We need individually wrapped candies to fill over 1000 plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off candy donations in the bin in the narthex by Wednesday, April 3rd.
- Pizza, salad, and lemonade will be provided for dinner. We need cookies, cookies, and more cookies, to serve as refreshments after the hunt. If you are able to bake a dozen or two cookies please sign-up on the board in the narthex and bring cookies the day of the event.
- We need volunteers to help with set-up/clean-up in fellowship hall and to hide plastic eggs the afternoon of the egg hunt.

If you would like more information or would like to help please contact Amy Berken at amy@coslc.com or Kim Lewin at kim@coslc.com

Youth Mission Trip Scholarships

Once again, the youth are in need of scholarships for Summer Mission Trips. We are looking to raise \$6,175 so we can provide scholarships for youth from Hephatha and COS, and to cover the cost for 10 Adult leaders. You do not have to cover a full scholarship of \$325. Any amount would be great! Blue envelopes are available in the Narthex. As always, Thanks so Much for supporting our young people! If you have Questions, please contact Kim Lewin at kim@coslc.com

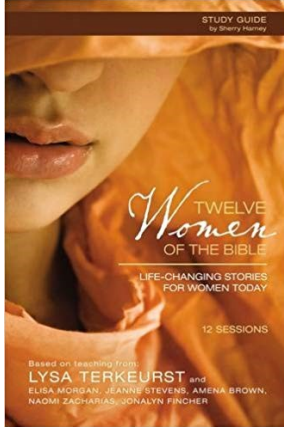


Bible Studies & Learning

Wednesday Book Group

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

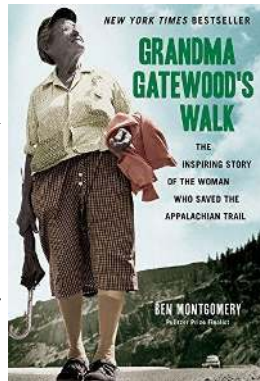
The Wednesday Book Group continues a study on women of the Bible. Each week they focus on a different woman as they watch a DVD and discuss the video using the corresponding study material, "Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today Study Guide" by Lysa Terkeurst. This group meets on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the Wednesday Book 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

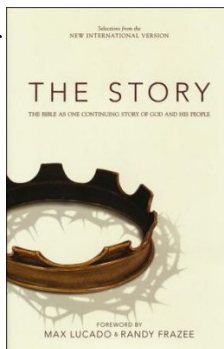
Saturday, April 13th

The COS Book Club will meet on Saturday, April 13th at 11:00 to 12:30 p.m. The book we will be discussing will be "Grandma Gatewood's Walk" by Ben Montgomery. If you have any questions, call Carolyn Casper at (262) 246-4041 or Diane Otto at (262) 691-3778.



Women's Inspirational Book Group

We continue reading "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. For more information, contact Amy at 414-975-1228 or email amy@coslc.com.



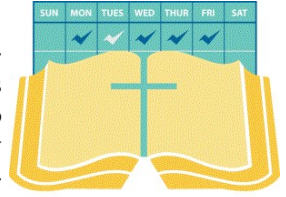
April meeting dates:

Monday, April 1st - Chapters 27 & 28
Monday, April 15th - Chapters 29 & 30
Monday, April 29th - Chapter 31 (Last One!)

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.

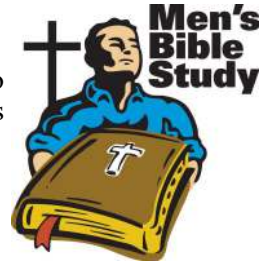


Evening
Bible Studies

Men's Breakfast

3rd Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

The Men's breakfast has moved to Wednesday mornings. This month's meeting will be on April 17th.



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