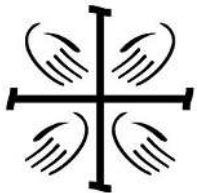
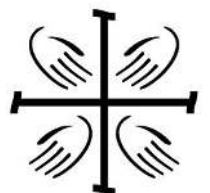


# JULY 2019

## Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church



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



# July 2019

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## From the Pastor

### Roots

Luke 8:13

**T**he seeds that fell on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away.

I have lots and lots of trees in my yard. I planted most of them when they were 2-3 inches tall. That was 25 years ago. Now many of them are 30 feet and taller. I remember the first time I could see them above the uncut grass around them in the winter, thinking how neat it would be to see them when they grew. Since then, I have had 25 gardens, buried 3 dogs beneath them, and recently played with my grandchildren in the shadow of the trees.

Of course, the part of trees we notice is the part we can see, above ground. We rarely notice the roots because we can't see them. But without roots, the trees would not grow – they would simply die.

It strikes me that in modern life we spend a lot of time and energy on the parts of life that show while not taking care of the roots very well. We get so busy trying to balance all the stuff we do – running kids here and there, working, taking care of our yards, running away weekends to play. It is increasingly common for people to talk about being tired, busy, over-full, while doing so much without necessarily finding satisfaction in it. It's a normal thing in the world around us, but that doesn't make it helpful or healthy.

If we strive for all tree and no roots, we will wither up and die. Tend your roots, your foundation. Roots nourish us. They keep us anchored in storms, they keep us connected and safe. You know where I am going with this – our roots live in our faith, our relationship of trust in God. Our faith nourishes us with love, reassurance, and connection with the living God. Our roots of faith keep us upright no matter how strong the storms we face.



It's not as if we have trees or roots. It's not as if life is all what we can see or what we live within. It's always both. We need both. Roots without trees will die too. Trees and roots need each other. Our goal in life is to seek the balance between the two – between the seen and the unseen. We're not called to some kind of spiritual escapism or to live completely

secular lives. We are called to live in the middle. We are the place where the world and the soul meet.

However, because it is easier to give our attention to what we

can see and forget about what we can't see, make time to tend your roots. Take some time each day to reflect on God's love for you. Listen for how God is calling you to serve. Pray often, giving those things that burden you to God to hold, seeking direction when you feel lost, seeking peace when storms come, sharing your joy when good things happen, and listening for God to speak to you. Weave the seen and unseen together in your life. When we tend our roots, the trees grow strong.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tom

### New Director for Teens Around the Community of Sussex (TACOS)

**W**e just recently hired Wade Crevier to be the first full time director for TACOS, a community wide ministry for teens designed to build safe community, grow in faith and connect faith with meaningful service. Wade began working in Mid-June. As of this writing, he is still looking for an apartment and getting settled. Over the summer, he will be gathering with teens from our church and others to get to know them and is making plans for growing this important and vital ministry for our teens in our community and Cooperating Churches of Sussex. This tremendous opportunity is made possible by your generous gifts as well as substantial grants from our church body, The ELCA, and from Siebert Lutheran Foundation. Wade will be present with us in worship most Sundays. We are planning a formal installation for him later this summer.



### Summer Trial Direct Deposit

**I**f you are away more often in the summer and want to make sure your church's ministry continues even if you are not present, Direct Deposit offerings are a way to make sure that happens. There is a simple form ([here](#)) or you can contact Sandy in our office and she can walk you through it. You can start or stop any time you want with a call or email.

When you use Direct Deposit offerings, it's a great way to make sure God's work continues through your church even if you are not able to be here. Try it for the summer and see how it works.



## Calling all Cyclists!

**Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> we invite you to join us for a bike ride on the Bugline Trail. We will meet shortly after the 10am worship service in the west parking lot. Amy and her family will lead the casual riders on a scenic bike ride. Children in bike carriers and 3<sup>rd</sup> wheels welcome too. Kris Pena will lead the experienced riders zipping down the trail. All levels of bike riders are welcome to join in the fun! Sign up on the adult discipleship board or contact Kris Pena at [kkjpena20688@gmail.com](mailto:kkjpena20688@gmail.com) or Amy at [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com)



## Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride

**Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Our synod's annual Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride is being held Sat Sept 7<sup>th</sup> in Dousman, WI. There are options from short family rides on a flat state bike trail, a 20, 30 and 50 mile road ride through the southern Kettle Moraine area.

You can register for this year's ride at [ofhbikeride.com](http://ofhbikeride.com). We are also posting a sign up sheet at church in July so you can see who else is going. If you register online, please also sign up at church so we know who is going, can arrange ride sharing, etc.

Outreach for Hope provides funding to support 19 vital ministries among the deeply economically disadvantaged in our synod (SE WI) including our partners at Cross and Hephatha.

Registration is \$35 per rider or \$70/family. However, the registration fee itself only covers the event costs. Riders are encouraged to gather sponsors for their ride. There are two options. You can either create a personal website through the [ofhbikeride.com](http://ofhbikeride.com) website so donors can support you online, or you can use one of the sponsor sheets provided at church.

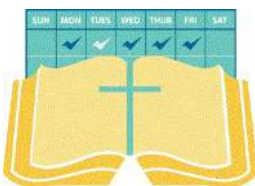


Let's make this the best ride ever!

## Serendipity Bible Study

**Meets Once a Month During Summer  
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.**

The Serendipity Bible Study will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. This month we meet on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Evening  
Bible Studies**

## Can You Help at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee?

**August 5-10**

All sorts of helpers are needed; door monitors, airport welcome, experts on things to do in Milwaukee, tech help and much more. Just go to [www.cwa19.org](http://www.cwa19.org) and browse the categories. Most work shifts are 3-4 hours long. This is a great way to offer hospitality to our brothers and sisters in the ELCA from all 65 geographical synods in our country.

**Volunteer Opportunities available for the  
2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly**

August 5-10,  
2019

Wisconsin Center,  
Milwaukee, WI

**For more information and to volunteer:**  
[cwa19.org](http://cwa19.org)

## Thrivent \$\$ to Benefit COS Ministries

Thank you to everyone who filled out applications for Thrivent Action Teams! 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.

Thrivent Action Teams for June/July/August: Middle School Youth Minneapolis Mission Trip Brat Fry (Jason Schiller), High School Youth St Louis Mission Trip Brat Fry (Laurie Ostdick), VBS (Sandy Hollnagel), July Bread of Healing (Gary Otto), W.o.W (Mike Singer), Hephatha Meal (Joan Singer), August Bread of Healing (Ruth Kent). If you are a Thrivent policy holder of any amount, you can do this, too!!!

Thrivent Action Team gift cards are needed for fall: Bread of Healing Meal, Hephatha Meal, COS Fish Fry, Pumpkin Palooza. If you want to learn more, or would like to fill out an application, please contact Amy at [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com).





## W.o.W. (Worship on Wednesday) is Almost Here!!!

### Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Come join us for our next W.o.W on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Once again, we'll gather for a time to play, eat, worship, and relax by the campfire. Take a break from your chaotic summer schedule! Come build relationships with those you see on Sundays. Bring your neighbors and friends along too. You are welcome to come for part or all the time.

A typical evening will look like this:

Let's Play (5:00-5:30 p.m.) Bring your little ones to play while connecting with other parents. Friendly kid activities geared for toddlers will be set up outside.



Dinner (5:30-6:30 p.m.)

We're having a cookout! Brats & Hot Dogs will be provided. Sign-up online to bring veggies, fruit, chips, salads, and desserts. In addition, we are looking for someone willing to grill, and a few others to help lend a

hand with set-up & clean-up.

Worship (6:30-7:00 p.m.) Bring your own lawn chair or blanket as we'll be having a casual worship service outside on the north lawn. Little ones enjoy coloring with chalk while grown-ups listen to the message. We'll even be singing fun camp songs to the guitar that engage people of all ages!



Campfire (7:00-8:30 p.m.) Stay after worship to relax by the campfire while enjoying a few roasted marshmallows or a S'more and sharing in fellowship time with each other.

You are welcome to come for part or all of the time! We hope that you will join us!



## Worship Assistant Volunteers

Open spots are available over the summer! Worship Assistants, don't forget to occasionally check SignUpGenius and fill in the open spots over the summer as your schedule allows. We appreciate your dedication and the time you spend serving as a worship assistant. If you would like to become part of the worship assistant team, contact Amy Berken at [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com).



## Adopt-a-Garden

All our garden and flower beds have been adopted! Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who have adopted a garden plot. Our church property is looking great! Keep up the amazing job! Contact: Chris at [c.k.stromberg@gmail.com](mailto:c.k.stromberg@gmail.com) or Amy at [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com).



## Women's Night Out Food & Fellowship

Who: Women of Christ Our Savior who enjoy food and relaxed conversations about life, faith, family, work, school, or whatever you want to share. If you would like a dinner out free from kids, or time off after a hard week, or a night from cooking come join us for a night out! Your friends and neighbors are welcome too!

What: Dinner and Fellowship

Where: Ninja Japanese Steakhouse in Menomonee Falls

Website: <http://www.ninajapanesesteakhouse.com/index.asp>

When: Friday, July 26th at 6:30pm

RSVP by: Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> to Amy at 414-975-1228 or email [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com)

Join us for a Women's Night Out: Food and Fellowship for a fun-filled night together with other women sharing interests just like you!



# 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 required 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 have 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 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, 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.

## JOY (Just Older Youth)

## 55 & Older Adult Ministry

### Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> Tempel Lipizzans & Lunch

On Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> we'll be meeting at church at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to Old Mill Creek, IL (~1 hour) to the property of Tempel Farms to see the Tempel Lipizzans.

*"Lipizzaner Stallions have been enchanting audiences for 450 years. Witness art and history come to life at one of our summer performances. From the playful bounding of new foals to the strong, precise jumps of our stallions, the whole family will be captivated by the strength, beauty, and intelligence of these horses."*



We'll grab a bite to eat at the Cafe' right at Tempel Farms. The performance begins

at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 11:30am). The performance runs 90 minutes long (including a 15-minute intermission). After the performance, we are invited into the performance stables to meet the equine stars. Tickets are \$35 adult, \$25 veteran/military. Lunch at your own expense. Sign-up on the adult discipleship board or contact one of the JOY Coordinators for more information.

Mary Fix at [47mbfix@gmail.com](mailto:47mbfix@gmail.com)

Pat Sciortino at [jptino@wi.rr.com](mailto:jptino@wi.rr.com)

Amy Berken at [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com)

### Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Automotive Museum & The Mineshaft Restaurant

Join us on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> as we head to Hartford to enjoy lunch together at The Mineshaft Restaurant and then tour the Wisconsin Automotive Museum.

*"Showcasing transportation history, the museum is Wisconsin's largest auto museum, featuring an ever-changing display of classic and vintage autos and artifacts plus the largest assembled group of Hartford-built Kissel luxury automobiles."*

We'll meet at church at 10:45am to carpool. Admission to museum: Adults \$10, Seniors (62+) \$9. Lunch at your own expense. Sign-up to attend on the adult discipleship board or contact one of the JOY Coordinators.

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# Youth & Education

## Roar! Life Is Wild God is Good

July 8-11th, 2019, from 12:00–4:00 p.m.

This is geared toward children who have completed 4K–3rd grade. Those students that have completed 4th and 5th grades can register for the “God Squad” which are leaders in training. Youth who have completed 6th grade through adults can sign up to volunteer.



There is a suggested cost of \$10 per child with a family max of \$25 for 3 or more children.

We will begin each day with a kid friendly lunch and then spend the afternoon singing, playing, crafting, eating and praying! Registration is \$10 per child with a \$25 family maximum with 3 children or more.

Invite your friends and neighbors!!

*For planning purposes, we do ask that you complete a VBS registration form.*

### Registration Forms

2019 VBS – [Kids Registration Form](#)  
(Kids who have completed 4K-3rd grade.)

2019 VBS – [God Squad Registration Form](#)  
(Students who have completed 4th or 5th grade.)

2019 VBS – [Crew Leader Registration Form](#)  
(Students who have completed 6th grade thru adult.)

Questions? Email [kim@coslc.com](mailto:kim@coslc.com).

## Sunday School

Sunday school registration is now open! Registration for Praise Raisers, the children’s choir, which meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays in the chapel is also open.



### Sunday School Registration

<https://www.coslc.com/childrens-christian-education/sunday-school/>

### Praise Raisers Registration

<https://www.coslc.com/childrens-music-registration/>



## Youth Scholarships Still Needed!

We are so close to our goal and we give thanks to all of you who have given and supported the youth ministry here at COS. To sponsor a youth (in any amount) use the blue Youth Scholarship Envelopes in the narthex. Contact Kim with any questions at [Kim@coslc.com](mailto:Kim@coslc.com).



## Youth Brat Fry

Sunday, July 7th

Come and eat for Jesus!  
Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Sussex Piggly Wiggly.



This is our last brat fry of the season and we’d love for you to come out and join us and support our youth.

## Mission Trip Sunday

Sunday, July 28th

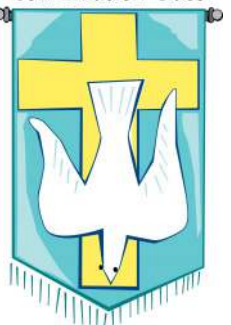
On Sunday, July 28 all worship services will be led by our young people who participated in the summer mission trips to St. Louis and Minneapolis. Please join us for worship and see how God moved in a mighty way amongst our young people in the cities in which they served this summer.



## Confirmation

Confirmation registration is now open for all incoming 7th & 8th graders. Even though you’ve registered your child as a seventh grader, you need to register your child as an eighth grader. The cost for confirmation is \$35 please register online and drop your payment off at church. If you write a check and drop it off in the offering plate on a Sunday morning please make sure that it is clearly marked for confirmation registration.

### Confirmation Class



# Mission Partners

## Serenity Inn

Tuesday, July 16th

On Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> we'll be serving at Serenity Inn. We are looking for a few people to help with preparing and serving the meal. If you feel called by the Holy Spirit to help support these 12 men who are in recovery, contact one of the coordinators or 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!



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or Mark Stieglitz [marks.dtp@gmail.com](mailto:marks.dtp@gmail.com).

## Garden Share Time!

It's time to start sharing what you are growing in your gardens! Lettuce, early tomatoes, cukes, or anything you'd like to share. Bring it to church and place it on the garden share table. Those who want it can take what they want and leave a donation. All proceeds will help support the Running Strong Youth program at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Plant  
Grow  
& Share



## Lifest 2019

Come and see your favorite Christian music bands, hear inspirational speakers and comedians,

and feel the spirit of God move you during this outstanding Christian rock festival! Fun for the whole family! Lifest is July 11-14<sup>th</sup> at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh, WI. Bands playing this year include: For King & Country, Kari Jobe, Casting Crowns, Matthew West, Skillet, Sidewalk Prophets, Mandisa, Danny Gokey and many more!!! Check out Lifest website at: [www.lifest.com](http://www.lifest.com). Discount tickets available before July 10<sup>th</sup>. Never been to Lifest and would like more information??? Contact Amy at [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com)

2019  
**Lifest**  
A PARTY WITH A PURPOSE  
JULY 11 - 14

## Community Banquet

Thursday, July 11th

If you like to bake, your help is needed for the Community Banquet on July 11th when COS is scheduled for SET-UP and DESSERT responsibility for the night. Pies and cakes are always favorites for those attending. Dinners, provided for about 150, 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 p.m. You can sign up on the posted sheet located in the west hallway. If you would like to bake, but can't attend the dinner, you can drop off your item in the COS kitchen by 3:00 p.m. that day and it will be taken over for you. Your help is greatly appreciated.



## Cross Challenge Grant Matches 100%

One of our members has again generously committed to match everything the rest of us give to support the ministry of Bread of Healing at Cross Lutheran at 16<sup>th</sup> and Fond du lac in Milwaukee. If you want to take advantage of this generous opportunity to double your support, simply include a note in the memo portion of a check or use one of the envelopes at church.



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