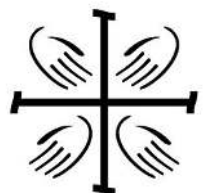


AUGUST 2019

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church



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



August 2019

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From the Pastor

Holding Tension

In a recent conversation I told someone half-jokingly, “I didn’t realize when I was younger and growing in my faith that it would eventually lead me to seesaw between feelings of deep-seated compassion and righteous anger.” Though said in jest, I have been reflecting on the roots my comment sprang from.

It is clear to me in my reading of scripture that God calls God’s people to lives of compassion; our actions as Christians are to be grounded in love and care for those who are suffering or in need. The words of Jesus reveal that this call to compassion extends to both spiritual distress and to suffering that comes from physical needs. **James 2:15-16** describes it this way, “*Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?*” In Matthew’s gospel, Jesus personally identifies himself with those in need, “*‘They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ ‘He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’*” (**Matt 25:44-45**). I am grateful to be a part of Christ Our Savior, where we take seriously our Christian calling to feed the hungry and care for the folks in need in our community. One can easily point to our ministry of Sussex Outreach Services and see the importance we place on practicing compassion for others.

Yet, I feel like it is this same compassion for others our faith calls us to, that fuels the anger and frustration I experience. I hear prominent voices in our nation who encourage division and the dehumanization of others, some who fan these anti-Christian perspectives even as they assure others of their own Christian faith. Authenticity and integrity are important for my calling as a Pastor, and so I’ll be honest: the hypocrisy of leaders who profess to follow Jesus even as they dehumanize or degrade vulnerable children of God gets me really mad. Like, wanting to flip tables in the temple marketplace and drive out those who are using the faith to take advantage of and oppress vulnerable people mad.

However, I also recognize that scripture cautions us against holding onto anger. **James 1:19-20** says, “*My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.*” **Ephesians 4:31** tells us to “*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.*” And Jesus says in **Matthew 5:22**, “*But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister^{[a][b]} will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’^[c] is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.*”

I’d love to wrap up this article with a nice tidy conclusion, but

I’m still searching for that wisdom myself. For me, I know that I am going to keep wrestling with this tension that seems to spring from my faith as I seek to better understand who God is and who God is calling me to be in this time and place.

If there is a takeaway in this, perhaps it is just to hear from a Pastor that our journey of faith isn’t a simple and tidy affair – that we come together as a community of faith, not because we have all the answers, but because we are committing to walk together with one another in love as we strive to live faithfully. And that rather than striving for perfect uniformity in belief and perspective, it is enough to be authentic and generous in offering one another grace.



Blessings,
Pastor Joe

Interested in Membership???

Coming this fall, we’ll have a time for those interested in membership to gather together for new member orientation. During orientation, we will provide an overview of Christ Our Savior, introduce you to our various ministries, and explore areas where you fit in. Watch the announcements for the date in October and more information. If you have questions beforehand, you are welcome to contact Amy at amy@coslc.com



Installation for New T.A.C.O.S.

Director, Wade Crevier

Sunday, August 25th



We are delighted to welcome Wade Crevier as the director of the TACOS (Teens Around the Community of Sussex), an ecumenical ministry for all teens in our school district and surrounding districts. The focus of TACOS is to provide safe, caring community for teens, help them to discover and grow in faith and to help them connect their faith with meaningful service. We will hold a formal installation for Wade in worship at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday August 25th with a light reception following both services. If you have not met Wade yet, this would be a great chance to meet him.

COS Happenings

Portable Church

We know that more and more we have other commitments during our regular worship times. We are providing another option to remain connected even when you can't make it to worship, and for those who want to grow more in exploring their faith.

Currently, we host an audio recording of sermons on our website. We hope to soon have available a video stream. We are in the midst of training some leaders to gather interested folks to listen to the sermon and respond to a couple non-threatening questions like, "what sticks out?" or "what do you think you might remember by Thursday?"

Group leaders will provide a device to listen to or view the sermon, and determine a place to meet (on a soccer field between games, at a swim meet in the stands, at a coffee shop or even someone's home). Groups will gather for about a half hour and a frequency they determine (once a week, twice a month, etc.).

Watch for more information in the September Newsletter. We hope to be getting started by late September or Early October.



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 Ostlick), 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.



Worship Assistant Volunteers

Fall SignUpGenius is now available!

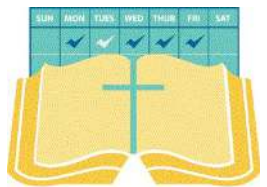
Fall worship assistant dates are now available through December 2019 on SignUpGenius. You can find the on-line signups on our website at www.coslc.com under volunteer (on the top right). Available worship assistant roles include: Greeters, Hosts, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Altar Guild, Bread Baker, Offering Counters and Lectors. Select the dates and times that you would like to serve this fall. Our worship services run smoothly because of you. If you would like to become part of the worship assistant team, contact Amy Berken at amy@coslc.com.



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, August 13th.



Evening
Bible Studies

On Stage at COS

Sunday, August 18th

Join us for a blast of summer fun! Heather Uzowulu will be singing right here on the lawn at COS on Sunday, August 18th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. In addition, we will be having a cookout and campfire beginning at 6:30 p.m., right after our evening worship service. The main course of hot dogs, brats, and hamburgers will be provided. Sign-up on SignUpGenius to bring a side for our potluck or to help with the event. For more information, contact Amy at amy@coslc.com



COS Happenings

W.o.W. (Worship on Wednesday)

Upcoming date: Wednesday, August 21st

Last one of the summer!!! Join us for our last W.o.W on August 21st. Come in shorts, bring a folding chair, grab a hot dog or brat, stay for a s'more, try your hand at cornhole. Once again, we'll gather for a time to worship, eat, play, and relax by the campfire. It's a great way to get to know others better who you see at church on Sundays. Neighbors and friends are invited 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.



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.



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 or Amy at amy@coslc.com.



JOY (Just Older Youth)

55 & Older Adult Ministry

Wednesday, August 28th Wisconsin Automotive Museum & The Mineshaft Restaurant

Join us on Wednesday, August 28th 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 10:45 a.m. to carpool. Admission to the 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.

Mary Fix at 47mbfix@gmail.com

Pat Sciortino at jptino@wi.rr.com

In the Middle - Escape MKE

Saturday, September 14th

Do you like solving puzzles and riddles, all while being locked in a room with your closest church friends, trying to escape? Then join us for the next In the Middle event on September 14th when we head out to Escape MKE and dinner at Mo's Irish Pub in Wauwatosa. Tickets for Escape MKE are \$29.95/each, dinner is on your own. *RSVP to Hope or Patrick Ingle by Sunday, August 14th.* Payment must be made by this date to reserve your spot. Make checks payable to Christ Our Savior with "In the Middle" in the Memo line. Once reservations are made, we will send out time and carpool information. Hope to see you there!

Hope Ingle: hope.ingle@gmail.com

Patrick Ingle: patrickingle@mac.com



Youth & Education

Sunday School

Rally Day is Sunday, September 8th

Sunday school registration is now open for the 2019-2020 school year! Just a reminder that Sunday school is available at the 10:00 a.m. and after the 6:00 p.m. worship service. Rally day is September 8th.



Sunday School Registration

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

Praise Raisers Registration

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



Confirmation

Confirmation registration is now open for all 7th and 8th grade students. There will be an orientation for all 7th graders and their parents on Sunday, September 8th you have the choice of two times 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Confirmation begins Sunday, September 15th.

<https://www.coslc.com/confirmation/>



Thank You Mission Trip Leaders!

Thank You from the bottom of my heart to the adults who served as Mission Trip Leaders this summer, I could not do my job without all of you! Pastor Joe Wilkinson, Wade Criever, Geneva Ivory-McClain (Hephatha Lutheran), Cheryl Rehm, Tammi Furre, Dave Madden and Faye Aebly (Gloria Dei Lutheran).



Hello From T.A.C.O.S.

Hello friends! My name is Wade Crevier and I am the new Director of TACOS (Teens Around the Community of Sussex) for the surrounding Sussex area. I grew up in Peshtigo, Wisconsin and just received my Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay studying Communications. My ministry background is rooted in outdoor camping ministry. I have worked at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls, Michigan for the past three summers where I served as a camp counselor and as a member of the leadership staff holding the position of Villager Coordinator. I have also led worship as pulp supply for multiple churches within the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA and one day aspire to follow a calling into pastoral ministry.

Now, I'm excited to share with you some of the exciting opportunities we will have this summer and also coming this school year for TACOS programming!

Our first event is happening on July 31st. From July 28th to August 2nd, Christ Our Savior will be hosting over 60 students from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove, Minnesota who will be in town on a mission trip. On Wednesday night, July 31st, we will be having a cookout and invite all of our TACOS youth to join us in a fun night with our friends from Minnesota! For more information you can talk to either myself or Kim Lewin. An exact time for the cookout will be determined coming soon, but we would like to have as many people come and help make the night as fun as it can be!

The other important news I bring is in regards to TACOS programming for the fall. Opportunities for our middle school TACOS youth will be on Wednesday nights this coming school year from 2:40-5:00 p.m. Christ Our Savior is also continuing the middle school meal ministry with Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee on every fourth Tuesday of the month. Our middle schoolers can walk over to the church at 2:40 p.m. and help prepare a meal to bring down to Hephatha after their Kid's Praise program and feed those who most need it in the area. It is our hope to expand this outreach ministry, but those plans are still in the works. I will let everyone know as soon as we learn more about this amazing opportunity for TACOS.

For our high school TACOS youth, opportunities to gather will be held on Tuesday nights this coming school year from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This later time is meant to accommodate the busy life style of our youth while still giving them the opportunity to come together and grow in resiliency and faith here at Christ Our Savior.

I look forward to meeting more of our teens in this community, and I am also very excited about kicking this program off and seeing what our youth can do for this community.



Mission Partners

Serenity Inn

Tuesday, August 20th

On Tuesday, August 20th we'll be serving at Serenity Inn. We are looking for a few people to help with preparing and serving a meal for 12 men who are in recovery at Serenity Inns. Not a cook, not a problem. Consider taking the meal to the Serenity Inn. We need drivers and folks to eat with the residents each month. Typical evening: leave COS at 5:00 p.m., eat around 6:00 p.m., and return by 7:30 p.m. Schedule conflict? Consider making a side dish or purchase an item for the meal and drop it off in the kitchen. There are lots of ways to help! Check the outreach board and sign up in the area you would like to serve.

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



Garden Share Time!

It's time to start sharing what you are growing in your gardens! Lettuce, 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**

Community Banquet

Lannon - Lisbon - Menomonee Falls - Sussex

Thursday, August 22nd

Please join us on Thursday, AUGUST 22, for the Community Banquet held at St James Catholic Church on Town Line Rd in Menomonee Falls. COS is responsible for COOKING and SERVING that night and we could use your help as we prepare dinner for about 150 guests. If you are available, please sign up on the posted form down the west hallway. We're usually in the kitchen by 3:30 p.m. and more hands are useful around 4:30 p.m. for last minute prep and the 5:30 p.m. serving time. Join some other friendly folks with willing hands and make a difference in our community.



If you have any questions, email Diane Otto at diane.lee.otto@gmail.com. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride

Saturday, September 7th

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

You can register for this year's ride at 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 \$40 per rider or \$80/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 website so donors can support you online, or you can use one of the sponsor sheets provided at church

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 16th 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.



Cross Lutheran Annual Block Party

Sunday, August 18th

Cross Lutheran in Milwaukee is holding their Annual Block Party on Sunday, August 18th from 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m. The event is held right outside of Cross Lutheran Church. There will be free food, information, entertainment and a chance to socialize with the church, neighbors, partners, and more!



Our ministry partners at Cross have asked us again this year to help at their Annual Block Party. We are looking for 5-6 people to lend a hand with food prep and to serve the food on Sunday, August 18th. If you are interested in helping serve with others from COS, sign-up on the outreach bulletin board, or contact Mary Klemme at maryklemme@gmail.com or Chuck Liedtke at chuck.liedtke@sodexo.com.

Memorials

Memorial Fund

Memorial gifts are not limited to memorials given in conjunction with a funeral or memorial service. Memorial gifts are often in recognition 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 has been to assist youth attendance at Lutherdale Bible Camp. For 2019 the fund granted \$650 for two scholarships for the Youth 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 Russell & Joan Burghardt:

From: Terance & Debra Birkholz, Robert & Pamela Poblacki, and Laurie Poblacki Foote,

Other Forms Of Memorial Giving

Purchase of worship needs for a specific Sunday. These include such needs as altar flowers or an eternal candle. 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 announcements.

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.



Do You Have a Few Hours to Help at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee?

August 5-10

Our Greater Milwaukee Synod is hosting the ELCA Churchwide Assembly August 5-10 in Milwaukee. Our synod needs over 200 local Lutherans to help host the event. If you have 4 hours or more of time you can spend at the Wisconsin Center that week, please go to www.cwa19 to find out how you can fit in.

Sussex Main Street Block Party

Sunday, August 18th

Join your neighbors and friends at the Civic Center Campus in Sussex! From 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. there will be food trucks, a farmer's market, beer, live music, and games. Please bring a non-perishable food donations for the Sussex food Pantry. Click [here](#) for more information.



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