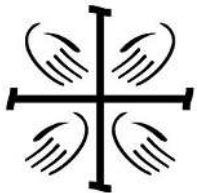
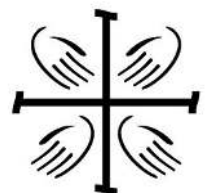


September 2019

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church



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



September 2019

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What We Are Doing

Full Sunday Evening Worship Resumes September 8th

Doors open at 5:15 p.m. for those interested in a light healthy meal at cost.

- Worship begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday School begins September 8th at 6:35 p.m.
- Confirmation begins September 15th at 6:35 p.m.
- Adult Learning begins September 8th at 6:35 p.m.
- Coffee House: If you just want to hang out and use our free wi-fi from 6:35-7:15 p.m., the fellowship hall will be open.

Evening activities wrap up by 7:15 p.m.

All of this will be in addition to our regular Sunday morning schedule with worship at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



3, 2, 1, Action!

As you likely have seen or heard, I have been spending a good chunk of time this summer getting preparations in order for Christ Our Savior to begin broadcasting one of our Sunday morning worship services. We are planning to livestream our first worship service on September 16, and consistently each week thereafter.

Our hope for bringing the worship of Christ Our Savior more fully online is to allow our members to stay connected to our worshipping community when they cannot be physically present on a given weekend and also to create a new means for visitors to become familiar with us.

Part of being a thriving and healthy community of faith is attending to the movements of the Holy Spirit in our community as God guides us to share the gospel with those around us. Though I suspect there will still be a few unexpected challenges that we will have to work through together, broadcasting our worship is the kind of innovation that we would expect to see within a community that is still growing and responding to the changing context in which it is placed. I look forward to seeing how God may work through this new offering of our time and energy to transform the community of Sussex.

Pastor Joe



Interested in Membership???

New Member Orientation

Sunday, October 13th

We will be having new member orientation on Sunday, October 13th from 11:15-12:45 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, October 27th

We will be receiving new members to our congregation on Sunday, October 27th. If you would like to be included with others who are joining Christ Our Savior, please contact Amy Berken at amy@coslc.com so we can get all the information needed for membership in advance.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Mobile Church - Connect for Worship Wherever You are

We know that a lot of us face increasing commitments and conflicts with Sunday morning worship. In order to help you stay feeling connected with your church even if you can't be present, we are starting a new option of MOBILE CHURCH beginning in October.

There are currently 5 people prepared to lead small groups of 4-8 participants to gather at homes, at church, a coffee shop, or other suitable places. The way it works is pretty simple:

Groups gather and view the new video stream of Sunday's worship (or listen to the audio).

Respond to a few questions:

1. Is there anything you will remember in a few days?
2. Did anything stick out or get your attention?
If so, what?

Following the conversation, the leader will circulate a sheet participants can write prayer requests on.

The leader will lead the small group in the prayer and close with the Lord's Prayer.

Some groups will meet once a month, some twice a month and some might meet weekly.

We are currently compiling a list of times, dates and locations based on input from the leaders. Look for more information at church, on Facebook and our website by mid-September.

COS Happenings

Adopt-a-Garden/Yard Care

Our church property is looking great! Keep up the amazing job! Don't forget to check on your garden plot for weeds this fall, too! Soon it will be time to trim the bushes and do some fall winterizing to our church property before the snow hits. If you would like to help with these projects, contact Chris at c.k.stromberg@gmail.com or Amy at amy@coslc.com.



W.o.W. (Worship on Wednesday & Evening Activities)

Thank you to everyone who set aside time and came to W.o.W over the summer! It was wonderful to be outdoors as we experienced the Holy Spirit move in us while being surrounded by God's amazing creation. We worshipped, ate, played, and relaxed by the campfire. And, we spent time getting to know each other and made new friendships along the way. A special thanks to Rob Zimdars who grilled for the events and to everyone who made or brought food to share for our meals.



Wednesday Book Group

Begins Wednesday, October 2nd

This fall, the Wednesday Book Group will be studying the Old Testament book of Proverbs. This group meets weekly from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the lounge. This study will begin on Wednesday, October 2nd. Cost is \$8 to purchase the study guide.

"Proverbs offers practical wisdom for everyday living and provides helpful advice on every aspect both good & bad. Some issues covered are pride, humility, justice, love, lust, friendship and the family. In this Bible study participants will be encouraged to apply God's Word to their life."

If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, sign-up on the adult discipleship board or contact



Gail Conrad at grammygbc@gmail.com or (262) 820-1573. New people are always welcome!

Garden Share

Bring your produce 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.



COS Book Club

Saturday, September 21st

Our Book Club has chosen Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng as our next book. Described as both a page-turner and study of a Chinese-American family living in Ohio, it is a New York Times bestseller. We look forward to you joining us when we meet on Saturday, September 21 at 11:00 a.m.

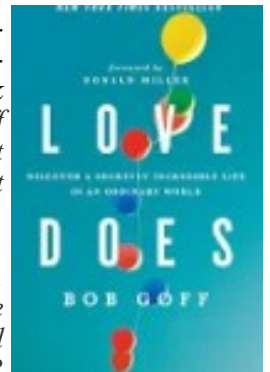


Women's Inspirational Book Group

Begins Monday, September 30th

"In Love Does, a five-session video-based small group study, you will discover the whimsy of New York Times best-selling author Bob Goff through a sometimes humorous, thought-provoking, meaningful lesson that makes faith in God simple and real."

You will discover the paradigm shifts, musings, and stories from one of the world's most delightfully engaging and winsome people. What fuels his impact? Love. But it's not the kind of love that stops at thoughts and feelings. Bob's love takes action, just like Jesus did. Bob believes Love Does."



Who: Women of all ages who want to be inspired!!!
When: Begins Monday, September 30th. We'll meet every other Monday for five sessions.

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: COS Chapel

What: During each session, we'll watch a 10-15 minute video and then share our thoughts using the discussion questions in the study guide. Optional: Love Does book \$5 for a more in-depth book study.

RSVP: For more information or to join the book study contact Amy at 414-975-1228 or email amy@coslc.com.

COS Happenings

Capture the Memories Writing Studio for Seniors

Tuesday, September 10th

Are you looking for a way to tell your story and save your memories? We are looking for seniors who would like to participate in a six week guided writing studio. No writing experience is necessary! Learn how to capture your memories and share your key life moments for yourself and future generations. While this workshop is NOT about writing your autobiography, it IS about writing and recording smaller, authentic moments from your life - memories your family will someday cherish. Cost is \$15 for all six weeks and includes a notebook. The weekly one hour writing studio will be guided by Amy Mason, who currently works in life enrichment at a local senior community, and has been trained in a writing workshop program for seniors. Ideal class size is 6-8 people. We will meet at church on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., beginning September 10th. Please reserve your space on the sign-up sheet on the adult discipleship board, and make checks payable to COS with "writing studio" in the memo portion. You can contact Amy directly at amymasonwi@gmail.com.



Worship Assistant Volunteers

Worship assistant open spots are still available for this fall. Sign up for the dates that you would like to serve on-line using SignUpGenius. You can find the on-line signups on our website at www.coslc.com under the volunteer link (on the top right). Dates are available for September through December 2019.



New Worship Assistant Members

Would you like to serve as a greeter, host, usher, communion assistant, bread baker, altar guild, lector or offering counter? Not sure what to do? That's okay! We will provide instruction and guide you as you learn the new role. We would love to have you as a part of the worship team! For more information contact Amy at amy@coslc.com.

Men's Breakfast

3rd Wednesday of Each Month at 9:00 a.m.

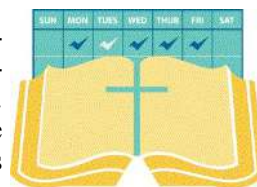
All men are invited to gather to explore God's Word from the assigned gospel readings for the prior month along with home made bread and jam and strong coffee. Come check it out! We will meet Wednesday, September 18th.



Breakfast

Bible Study for Those Who Might Not Know the Bible

Come check out the Serendipity Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month at 7:00 p.m. at church. We use a format where there are no wrong answers, and all answers are right depending on where you are in your life. It's low key and nonthreatening. This month we will meet on Tuesday, September 10th and 24th.



Evening Bible Studies

Fish & Chicken Fry

Friday, October 4th

Save the date! We're holding a fish & chicken fry on Friday, October 4th from 5:00 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. 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.



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!



Youth & Education

Please Register for Sunday School

The suggested donation for the year is \$25 and you can pay by cash or check. There are designated Sunday School envelopes in the narthex, please write "SS Registration" in the memo portion of your check. Sunday School Registration link: <https://www.coslc.com/childrens-christian-education/sunday-school/>



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 in time to sing at worship at 10:00 a.m. 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 and sing at home, and opportunities to Raise Praises as a Praise Raiser at Christ Our Savior! For questions, or more information, contact Marion at MarJask5@wi.rr.com

Praise Raisers Registration link: <https://www.coslc.com/childrens-music-registration/>



Rally Day

Sunday, September 8 is the first day of Sunday School at the 10:00 a.m. service!! School kids will be singing with some of the youth during the Children's Message. Please meet in the chapel at 9:30 a.m. to practice!

To help you learn the song we have included a YouTube video link and the words for you to learn the song.

To You Oh Lord I Lift Up My Voice

To You, Oh Lord, I lift up my soul
In You I trust, Oh Lord
To You, Oh Lord, I lift up my soul
In You I trust, Oh Lord
Higher than the mountains
Deeper than the sea
Wider than the oceans
is your love for me
You're with me on the mountains
And the valley below
You are right here beside me
Everywhere that I go



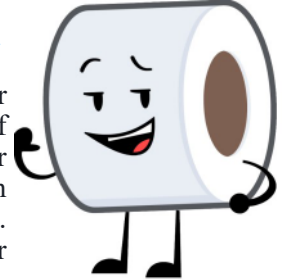
Families in Mission

Families in mission is new this year! The third Sunday of every month families of all ages will be gathering for a light lunch and to serve our community and neighboring communities! Sunday, October 20th will be our first Sunday! Watch for more details!



SOS Toilet Paper Drive

This year our annual toilet paper drive will be during the month of September. Bring in your toilet paper every Sunday and we'll stack them in the narthex and sanctuary windows. Let's beat last year's record of over 1000 rolls!!!



Pumpkin Palooza

Friday, October 11th

Save the date! Pumpkin Palooza will be Friday, October 11th from 6:00-8:00

p.m. Come dressed in your Halloween costume! There will be food, games, crafts, pumpkin decorating and more. This event is open to the whole congregation. Bring your neighbors and friends! Suggested donation of \$10 per family. For questions, contact Kim at kim@coslc.com, or Amy at amy@coslc.com.



Confirmation Registration

Sunday, September 8th, Orientation
Sunday, September 15th, Conf. Begins

It's not too late to register for confirmation! Confirmation Starts Sunday September 15 after the 6:00 p.m. worship service! 7th grade confirmation orientation is at 11:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 8th. All new 8th graders are asked to choose one of these times as well. There is a suggested donation of \$35 for Confirmation. Please make checks payable to COS memo: confirmation. Registration link: <https://www.coslc.com/confirmation-registration/>



Confirmation Food Drive

Saturday, October 12th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Sussex Piggly Wiggly and Sunday, October 13th at the Sussex Pick-N-Save and Piggly Wiggly from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Registration link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4eaaa82da0ff2-confirmation>



COS Happenings



COS Youth & T.A.C.O.S.

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FRIGHT FEST

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 12TH

MEET AT COS @ 9:30AM, RETURN 9:00PM

- Cost: \$50 per person (ticket & transportation)
- Minimum of 30 youth needed
- Bring sack lunch/dinner or money for food
- Sign up on TACOS or COS website
- Permission slip required
- Checks made out to COS Youth
- Rain Date: October 26th

Payment & Sign-up Deadline: September 29th

BRING A FRIEND!

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Cross Gift to Support Ministries at Cross/Bread of Healing

We have been partners with Cross Lutheran's Bread of Healing ministries for many years. Bread of Healing runs a free health care clinic for those with limited or no access to healthcare, a restaurant quality meal for over 200 facing food shortage, food pantry, 12 step recovery programs, a jobs training a placement program and more.

One of our members has generously offered to match the first \$10,000 we receive to support the vital, life saving ministries at Cross and Bread of Healing. We are currently half way to the goal. The impact of your gifts to support this ministry will be doubled. No amount is too small. If you would like to support this ministry you may write "Cross" in the memo portion of a check or use a designated offering envelope at church.



Giving Tree Volunteers

Over the last few years, members of the Watson family have organized the Giving Tree. This ministry has brought much joy and love to families and people in the community during Christmas. We want to thank them for all the time and dedication they invested into seamlessly running this ministry.



At this time, we are looking for a handful of people who would be willing to work together to carry on this ministry. We will be assembling a team in September and begin reaching out to organizations for the Giving Tree in October. If you are interested in helping with this ministry contact Amy at amy@coslc.com.

Thrivent \$\$ to Benefit COS Ministries

We have completed 21 Thrivent Action Teams this year which is fantastic!!! Thank you to everyone who has already filled out applications. Looking ahead, Thrivent Action Team gift cards are needed for our fall ministries including: Bread of Healing Meal, Hephatha Meal, COS Fish Fry, and Pumpkin Palooza.

If you have a Thrivent account and would like to fill out an application for a ministry this fall, please contact Amy at amy@coslc.com. She would be happy to walk you through the process. It takes about 15 minutes of your time. 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. It's a great way to support your church!



Mission Partners

Serenity Inns

Tuesday, September 17th

Kris Pena is leading our next meal at Serenity Inns on Tuesday, September 17th. She will be preparing enchiladas for the main course to serve to 12 men in recovery plus volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to serve the meal with Kris at Serenity Inns or bring a side dish or dessert for the meal, sign-up on the outreach board. Contact: Kris Pena at kkjpena20688@gmail.com.



Bread of Healing

New Opportunity to Serve!

Over the last 13 years, Mary Klemme has served with our monthly Bread of Healing meal ministry program. During the last 4 years, she has served as the coordinator. At this time, she will be stepping down as coordinator to spend time with her family. We can't thank her enough for her leadership and for all the years she has served in this ministry!

Christ Our Savior serves the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00 -12:30 p.m. with the Bread of Healing meal ministry located at Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. This is a rewarding ministry as we prepare and serve the meal right at Cross and feed 150-200 people who otherwise would go without a meal. Chuck Liedtke does an excellent job of being head chef and does the shopping for the meal.

We are looking for more people to become involved in this ministry to prepare and serve the meal at Cross. And, if you are the organized type and have a passion for helping people, we are looking for someone to coordinate this ministry. If this sounds interesting to you, or you would like more information on how you can serve in this ministry, contact Amy Berken at amy@coslc.com.



Serenity Inns

On Saturday, September 28th at 8:30 a.m. we'd like to assemble a group of volunteers for an outdoor project at Alumni House (832 N. 25th Street). We want to dig out as many of the basement window wells as possible, place gravel in the bottoms and locate new steel semicircular retainers in the wells. The result of this project will be the elimination of seepage into the basement and improve the ambient light into the basement. Earlier this year glass block was installed in the wall openings replacing the old windows or wood paneling closing off the openings.



All tools and gloves will be provided so what we need is your limbered up bodies to dig out the wells, locate the gravel and steel/aluminum retainers. Beverages and lunch will be provided. We'd like to start at 8:30 a.m. and hopefully will conclude by mid afternoon.

If you're interested and available please email me. If you have questions or suggestions please email Bill Buehler (billbuehler@cs.com)

Outreach for Hope Bike Ride

Saturday, September 7th

Our synod's annual Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride is being held Sat Sept 7th 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. We also posted 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 website so donors can support you online, or you can use one of the sponsor sheets provided at church.

All members are invited to sponsor either individual riders or the Christ Our Savior Team. There is a sign up sheet in the west hallway at church.

Let's make this the best ride ever!

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 had 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 various 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 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

None last month

Other Forms Of Memorial Giving

Purchase of worship needs for a specific Sunday. These include such needs as altar flowers and 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 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.

Human Trafficking Speaker

Tuesday, September 10th

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Health Ministry Committee cordially extends an invitation to the Christ Our Savior congregation to attend their YAH (Young at Hearts) program on Tuesday, September 10th at 12:00 noon. They will have a pot luck luncheon provided by their WELCA women, followed by a very informative meeting. Many of you may be aware of human trafficking throughout the world. At Gloria Dei know that it is now occurring closer to home. We want to reach out to people and educate them about human trafficking. The guest speaker will be Dr. Debbie Lassitor, who is the CEO of Convergence Resource in Milwaukee. She is also an ordained pastor. She along with her staff assists with rehabilitation of human trafficking victims. If the program, we suggest. Due to content of the program, we suggest adults only attend. Please RSVP to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at office@fallsgloriadei.com or 262-251-7720 by September 3rd.

See more information on the flyer on the Outreach Board in the West hallway.



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