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Light Meal
6:00 pm Worship
SS/Confirmation
Adult Learning/Coffee House
- 12 - 09 - COS Food Pantry Shift
- 12 - 10 - HS TACOS
Band Practice
Serenity Inns Meal
- 12 - 11 - COS Quilters
Bread of Healing Meal
Wednesday Book Group
Guardian Angel Quilters
MS TACOS
AA Meeting
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Choir Rehearsal
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- 12 - 15 - SS Christmas Program

[Donation Station](#)
Food Pantry
Cross - Hygiene bags
Serenity Inns
Outerwear
Hephatha Stockings
Giving Tree

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[Birthday Party for Jesus!](#)

Friday, December 13th

Mark your calendars now! Friday, December 13th will be our annual Birthday Party for Jesus from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall! Come join us as we prepare our hearts in the season of advent for the birth of our Savior!



We will have pizza, hot cocoa, cookie decorating, crafts, games, and activities. We will take time to pause and hear a Christmas story. We'll end the night with birthday cake and ice cream! Birthday presents for Jesus will be donated to the SOS Food Pantry and Hephatha Church-Strong Baby Sanctuary.

For more information, contact Kim Lewin at kim@coslc.com or Amy Berken amy@coslc.com.

[We Rejoice](#) as we welcome our newest member through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. *James William Plese*, son of *Luke & Jenny Plese*. Sponsors for James are *Andrew Smith & Amanda Greene*. Because Baptism is one of our church's two Sacraments, we treat it with great respect and ask family and friends to refrain from taking flash photos during the Baptism. The pastor is available after the service for photos.



[Annual Meeting Notice](#)

Sunday, December 15th

Our congregation's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, December 15th following each worship service. At this meeting, we will vote on a proposed budget for 2020 and elect church council members.

Annual Meeting Sunday



[Giving Tree](#)

Thank you to everyone who took a tag or two from the Giving Tree. Just a reminder that all gifts and tags are due today, Sunday, December 8th!

[New Hephatha Tags Added to the Giving Tree](#)

There are a few families from Hephatha Lutheran Church that could use support to purchase Christmas gifts. Gift card tags (blue) to Walmart, Target, and Kohls have been added to the Giving Tree. If you are able to donate a gift card, please purchase the gift card and drop it off at church by this Wednesday, December 11th. Gift cards can also be purchased at the Scrip Table.

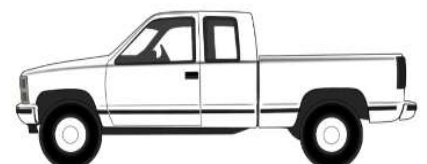


Questions? Please contact:
Michele Marsh at mmarsh6@wi.rr.com or
Amy Berken at amy@coslc.com

[Truck and Driver Needed](#)

Tuesday, December 17

Middle School Meal Ministry is looking for a truck and a driver to help deliver Birthday Party for Baby Jesus presents and Christmas Stockings to Hephatha Lutheran Church Tuesday, December 17. We will leave COS at 4:00 p.m. You can stay and help serve dinner or you may leave once the truck is unloaded. Please Contact Kim Lewin at kim@coslc.com if you can help out!



Desserts for Bread of Healing

Wednesday, December 11th

Do you like to make cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, or other desserts? If you enjoy baking consider making a few desserts for our Bread of Healing meal on Wednesday, December 11th. Please bring desserts to the COS kitchen before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10th.



Better yet, join our dedicated members of the Bread of Healing team at Cross Lutheran Church and help make the meal and serve lunch to over 200 people who are hungry. It is a rewarding experience knowing you are feeding the hungry! Contact Chuck Liedtke at chuck.liedtke@sodexo.com.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Contributions

If you have Thrivent products that are investment vehicles (not term life policies), they generate Thrivent Choice Dollars which you can designate to your church. It does not reduce the value of your holdings or cost you any money. All you need to do is log on to your Thrivent account, scroll down until you see Thrivent Choice Dollars. It will show you how much your products have earned. Click on the "direct" button. Christ Our Savior is already a designated recipient. If you have questions or difficulty, you can contact Paul Kwiecien, a Thrivent Representative, at 262-271-4462.

Direct your
Thrivent Choice Dollars
Today!



Thrivent Action Team Cards Needed

Thrivent Action Team cards are needed for Bread of Healing Meal, Hephatha Meal, and the Giving Tree. If you have a Thrivent account and would like to fill out a Thrivent Action Team application for one of these ministries, 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 costs of projects, events, or ministries at Christ Our Savior. It's a great way to support your church!



Holiday Meals

Sussex Outreach Services will be providing 250 Christmas meals this holiday season to local families in need. Sussex Area Service Club and the Sussex Lions will be collecting monetary donations for these meals on December 7th & 8th at our local grocery stores. The donations collected will then be applied to money collected to put towards the cost of the meals, about \$20-\$25 a family.

Please consider helping to support this wonderful program that allows families to come together and celebrate the holidays together!



Worship Assistant Volunteers

SignUpGenius is NOW available for January – May 2020!

Attention all Communion Assistants, Bread Bakers, Altar Guild, Lectors, Ushers, Hosts, Offering Counters, Greeters!! Sign up NOW for the dates you would like to serve on-line using SignUpGenius. You can find the on-line signups on our website at www.coslc.com under on-line signups. Dates have been extended January through May 2020.



Worship team coordinators will be reaching out to their teams shortly for scheduling. If you prefer not to use SignUpGenius, please check your availability and let your worship team coordinator know when you would like to serve.

New Worship Assistant Members

Would you like to serve as a host, usher, communion assistant, bread baker, altar guild, lector, greeter 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.

Worship Assistants Needed for Christmas Worship Services

We are looking for a few ushers, hosts, Communion Assistants, and Lectors for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services. There is a clipboard on the welcome desk to sign-up. Thanks for helping serve as a worship assistant this Christmas!



Volunteers Needed!

Sunday School Sings/Praise Raisers!

SS Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15th at the 10:00 a.m. service

Come To Bethlehem! during our **Christmas Program** on Sunday December 15th at the 10:00 a.m. service. Hear them tell how God brought people to Bethlehem, how they welcomed baby Jesus, and then how they let others know this Good News of the Savior's birth!

children's
program



Important: arrival times for Sunday 12/15

- speaking parts/costumes – please arrive by 9:00 a.m. (classroom next to Chapel)
- All others – please report to the Chapel by 9:30 a.m. for warm up and line up to move into church.

We are asking families to bring 2 dozen cookies to share after the program.



Look for the SS Constant Contact email for more information and links to the music.

TACOS Camping Weekend

January 17-19th

TACOS will be going to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in the U.P. of Michigan for the Winter Wonderland Retreat the weekend of January



17-19th. This retreat is for anyone in 6th-12th grades. We will have everything from snowshoeing, sledding, cross country skiing, and even downhill skiing. If you are interested in learning more, you can email Wade at tacos@coslc.com or sign up on the bulletin board by the TACOS office. Sign up deadline is December 18th.

Wade is also seeking adults who would help with transportation and chaperoning the trip. If you are interested, please email him at tacos@coslc.com.

JOY Group - Upcoming Events

December - Elf The Musical

On Sunday, December 15th, we'll be going to see a 2:00 p.m. performance of Elf - The Musical at the Waukesha Civic Center.

Tickets have been purchased for the event!



JOY Coordinators:

Mary Fix at 47mbfix@gmail.com

Pat Sciortino at jptino@wi.rr.com

Like us on Facebook!

Keep up to date with what's happening at Christ Our Savior; and now view live streaming of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service! It's a great way to stay connected!



Hephatha Winter Outerwear Collection

CHILDREN/INFANT - Any clothing (except used underwear) items must be clean, no stains, holes, tears, missing buttons or broken zippers. Winter hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, coats, boots, new socks and underwear.

ADULT - Winter coats, boots, gloves, and hats. Please inspect for tears, stains, broken zippers, missing buttons, etc.



Donations can be left at the Donation Station.

Wednesday Evening Advent Services

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

We worship Wednesday evenings in Advent at 6:30 p.m. using the Holden Village setting. Seminary student, Matt Olson, from our congregation will be preaching brief homilies on Isaiah's prophecy leading God's people to anticipate the Messiah. Make time to get away from the busy-ness and commercialism of the season as we prepare ourselves to regain what Christmas is all about.

Wednesday Afternoon Advent Services

Our sister congregation, Gloria Dei Lutheran, will be holding Wednesday Advent worship services at 11:15 a.m. followed by a light lunch. This is a great opportunity if you don't want to drive after dark Gloria Dei is located on Town Hall Road just south of the hospital in Menomonee Falls.



Serenity Inn

Tuesday, December 17th

Mark Stieglitz is leading our next meal at Serenity Inn on Tuesday, December 17th. He will be preparing the main course to serve to 12 men in



recovery plus volunteers. The food for the main meal is covered, but we could use Christmas Cookies for dessert. If you are able to make cookies, please drop them off in the kitchen by Tuesday, December 17th by 4pm. If you would like to volunteer to serve the meal with Mark at Serenity Inn sign-up on the outreach board. Contact: Mark Stieglitz at marks.dtp@gmail.com

8:30 a.m.
 HOST: volunteer needed
 GREETER: volunteer needed
 ACOLYTE: Ramsey Botsford
 ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Michalek
 BREAD BAKER: Kathy Michalek
 COMM ASSTS:
 bread (b) (b) Cindy Klein
 (b) (b) Cheri Schaefer
 cups (c) Matt/Chris Meyer (c) Zach Stromberg
 cups (c) (c) Tamara Tomczyk
 wine (w) (w)
 LECTORS: Kathy Michalek Christa Augustyn
 USHERS: Pat Damato volunteer needed
 Ed Damato Jim Wojciechowski
 COUNTERS: Holly Pauly & Valerie Schneider
 WEEKLY FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY: Toots Cain
 OFFICE RECYCLING: Cathy Henk
 ETERNAL CANDLE - is sponsored by June Haizel in memory of her brother and sister..
 ALTAR CANDLE - is sponsored by Cheryl Schroeder in memory of David Schroeder.
 MISSION CANDLE - *sign up in the narthex to sponsor the mission candle.*
 ALTAR FLOWERS - *sign up in the narthex to sponsor altar flowers.*
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6:00 p.m.
 Sue Markwald
 volunteer needed
 Jake Fillingner
 volunteer needed
 (b) volunteer needed
 (b) volunteer needed
 (c) Alex Augustyn
 (c) Madeline Rehm
 (w) Christa Augustyn
 Todd DeLonge
 volunteer needed



Reverse Advent Calendar

One of our 5th grade students, David Thon, has asked if we could collect food during advent. Instead of opening a calendar each day of advent to get something, that maybe we could all give something like food, to the SOS Food Pantry! A poster is in the narthex and has been divided into 4 Sundays. There is a bin at church where you can drop off your food.



Week 2

Stuffing mix, canned fruit, crackers, applesauce, tuna, beans

Scrip Ending!

December 15th is the last Sunday you can place a scrip order. Orders will be available by December 22nd.



Order Scrip for Stocking Stuffers!

Scrip cards fit perfectly into stockings for Christmas. They have a variety of cards you can order. *Scrip is also a great idea for Secret Santa gifts and college students!*



ORDER TODAY for December 15th delivery.



Food Pantry Needs

- Hamburger Helper
- applesauce
- pasta sides
- jelly/jam
- canned peas/carrots
- shampoo & body wash

Last Week's Offerings	YTD Income	YTD Planned Expenses
\$11,271.38	\$539,525.98	\$638,060.06

Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve

10:00 a.m., 3:30, 5:00, 6:30 p.m.
 (6:30 p.m. - candlelight service)

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 29th we will worship at 10:00 a.m. only with Holy Communion. We will sing Christmas Hymns by request.



*Christmas Worship
 Schedule*

Red or White Poinsettias

Deadline - Sunday, December 15th

Purchase a red or white poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary and to take home after the Christmas Day service. Melissa Maas, member and owner of Bank of Flowers has kindly offered to donate \$5 to our church for every poinsettia purchased. Flowers come in a 6" pot for \$20 each.

Sign up today in the narthex.

