



12 - 15 - SS Christmas Program  
 COS Annual Meeting  
 Poinsettias Deadline  
 Families in Mission  
 JOY Event  
 Light Meal  
 6:00 pm Worship  
 SS/Confirmation  
 Adult Learning/Coffee House

12 - 16 - Hephatha Giving Tree Tags Due

12 - 17 - Hephatha Meal  
 HS TACOS  
 Serenity Inns Meal  
 Band Practice

12 - 18 - COS Quilters  
 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
 Wednesday Book Group  
 MS TACOS  
 TACOS Winter Camp Registration Deadline  
 AA Meeting  
 Advent Worship  
 Choir Rehearsal

Donation Station  
 Food Pantry  
 Cross - Hygiene bags  
 Serenity Inns  
 Outerwear-Hephatha  
 Reverse Advent Food

2020 offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Pick up yours today.

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## Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 22nd

Worship at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. only with Holy Communion.

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

Worship at 10:00 a.m. only with Holy Communion. We will sing Christmas Hymns by request.



*Christmas Worship  
Schedule*

## Annual Meeting Notice

**Sunday, December 15th**

Our congregation's annual meeting is today following each worship service. At this meeting, we will vote on a proposed budget for 2020 and elect church council members.

Annual Meeting Sunday



## Sunday Evening Meals End December 15<sup>th</sup>

This evening will be the last Sunday we provide a meal prior to worship.

## Sunday Evening Worship

will be held today, but NOT on December 22nd, or December 29th.



## Red or White Poinsettias

**Deadline is TODAY! - 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.



## Worship Assistants Needed for Christmas Worship Services

We are looking for a few Greeters, Ushers, Hosts, Communion Assistants, and Lectors for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services. There is a clipboard on the table in the middle of the narthex to sign-up. Thanks for helping serve as a worship assistant this Christmas!



*Volunteers  
Needed!*

## The COS Book Club

**Saturday, January 11th**

Our next meeting will be on January 11th from 11:00 - 12:30 p.m.. We will be discussing The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure. All are welcome. Any questions, contact Carolyn Casper at (262) 246-4041 or Diane Otto at (262) 691-3778.



## 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!



## 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!



## 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](http://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](mailto:amy@coslc.com).

## 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](mailto: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!



## JOY Group - Upcoming Events

**December 15th - Elf The Musical**

Today, 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 [47mb-fix@gmail.com](mailto:47mb-fix@gmail.com)

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



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## Sunday School Sings!

Thank you Sunday School children, Praise Raisers, Confirmation helpers, parents, families, friends, Choir, Band, musicians, our Pastors and Leaders for all of your time and energy in preparing and sharing our Christmas Program today! We are grateful for our caring congregation, joining us as we "Come to Bethlehem!" We heard and saw, how God loves everyone, and we are all called to share this in places like Bethlehem in our world, everyday, as we welcome and celebrate the birth of His son, Jesus (God with Us).

## Praise Raisers!

We will meet next at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, in the Chapel. If you are interested in joining the Praise Raisers, and would like to receive emails, please send a message to: [MarJask5@wi.rr.com](mailto:MarJask5@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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:tacos@coslc.com).

## TACOS is Celebrating Christmas this Week!

Our HS TACOS party will be December 17th from 7-8:30 p.m. and our MS TACOS party will be December 18th afterschool-5:00 p.m. There will be all sorts of holiday fun planned, so make sure to be merry and bright and come celebrate with us!



## 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 Inns

**Tuesday, December 17th**

Mark Stieglitz is leading our next meal at Serenity Inns 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 4:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to serve the meal with Mark at Serenity Inns sign-up on the outreach board. Contact: Mark Stieglitz at [marks.dtp@gmail.com](mailto:marks.dtp@gmail.com)

HOST: volunteer needed  
 GREETER: volunteer needed  
 ACOLYTE: Tyler Seils  
 ALTAR GUILD: Cori Lawrence  
 BREAD BAKER: Toots Cain  
 COMM ASSTS:

bread (b)  
 (b)  
 cups (c) Julie Taylor  
 cups (c)  
 wine (w)

10:00 a.m.  
 Mary Fix  
 volunteer needed  
 Kylie Krueger  
 Toni Snyder

(b) Maria Liedtke  
 (b) Julie Ann Paulson  
 (c) Billieann Matthias  
 (c) Isabella Lederer  
 (w)  
 Hope Ingle  
 Harvey Kohn  
 Sondra Kohn

6:00 p.m.  
 Ronda Salerno  
 volunteer needed  
 Katie Bianchi  
 volunteer needed

(b) Cristine Madden  
 (b) volunteer needed  
 (c) Nathan Minerath  
 (c) Gabrielle Ezrow  
 (w) volunteer needed  
 Christa Trushinsky  
 volunteer needed

COUNTERS: Julie Ann Paulson & Billieann Matthias

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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## Food Pantry Needs

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



## 2020 Offering Envelopes are Available

Pick up your 2020 offering envelopes in the narthex today! **Please note, if you use direct deposit, you no longer have paper envelopes issued.** There are also direct deposit forms/envelopes available on the table for those who would like to give it a try.



Last Week's Offerings	YTD Income	YTD Planned Expenses
\$11,640.38	\$551,166.36	\$651,370.73

## New - Hephatha Tags on 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 tomorrow, Monday, December 16th.



Questions? Please contact:  
 Michele Marsh at [mmarsh6@wi.rr.com](mailto:mmarsh6@wi.rr.com) or  
 Amy Berken at [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com)

## Scrip Ending Today!

Today is the last day to pickup scrip that was previously ordered. Online reloading will continue, but we will no longer fill online orders for new physical cards.

The following cards are available to take home today so stop by the scrip table for your last minute needs.



### CONTRIBUTION to COS

- 10% Chipotle \$10
- 10% Culvers \$20
- 8% Dick's Sporting Goods \$25
- 5% iTunes \$15
- 4% Speedway \$50, \$100
- 3% Target \$50, \$100

### SCRIP CARDS ON SALE

- 9% Aeropostle \$25 - ON SALE FOR \$20
- 8% Dunhams Sports \$25 - ON SALE FOR \$20
- 10% Finish Line \$25 - ON SALE FOR \$20
- 8% Footlocker \$25 - ON SALE FOR \$20
- 13% J Crew \$25 - ON SALE FOR \$20
- 7% JC Penney \$25 - ON SALE FOR \$20
- 3% Marathon Gas \$2 - ON SALE FOR \$20
- 9% TGI Fridays \$25 - ON SALE FOR \$20
- 8% Zappos \$25 - ON SALE FOR \$20

## 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 3

spaghetti, canned vegetables, noodles, oatmeal, rice, soup