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## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, February 16th**

There will be a short congregational meeting today after each service to vote on a Council Vice President. Please plan to attend.



## TACOS

**Sunday, February 16th**

TACOS is getting in on all the sandwich making! Today at 11:30 a.m. TACOS invites all teens to help make sandwiches for the Guest House of Milwaukee. There will also be FREE pizza provided for lunch afterwards with a discussion on homelessness and how the Guest House serves the Milwaukee area. Please come and join us! Questions? Contact Wade at [tacos@coslc.com](mailto:tacos@coslc.com).



## Baptism Seminar

**Sunday, February 23rd**

We will be holding our next Baptism seminar on Sunday, February 23rd at 11:15 a.m. Children are welcome. In order to have enough handouts, we ask that you contact Kim Lewin at [kim@coslc.com](mailto:kim@coslc.com).



## Families in Mission

**Sunday, February 16th**

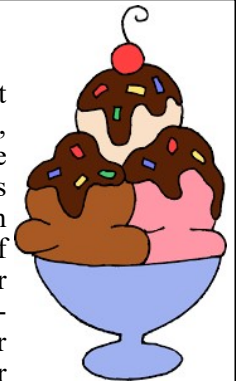
**Lunch 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel**  
Today we will be making Health Kits for the Milwaukee Guest House. A light lunch of pizza will be served and a free will offering will be taken to cover the cost. For more information contact Kim Lewin at [kim@coslc.com](mailto:kim@coslc.com).



## Cold Treats, Hot Takes

**Monday, February 24th**

This month, Cold Treats, Hot Takes continues on Monday, February 24th, at 7:00 p.m. We will again meet at the Culver's in Sussex, on Hwy. 164. Open to questioners or listeners of all ages, we will engage our shared curiosity with conversation about faith, spirituality, or the Bible. Bring questions or challenges that have been sparking your interest, or simply come listen and perhaps enjoy some frozen custard. We might not have all the answers, but we can share our hot takes as we explore our curiosity together.



## Pre-Lent Pancake Brunch

**Sunday, February 23rd**

You are invited to Gloria Dei in Menomonee Falls for a Pre-Lent Pancake Brunch on Sunday, February 23rd! Serving is from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.. Advance tickets are \$6.00 for adults or \$7.00 at the door. Children are \$4.00.



## Serenity Inns

**Tuesday, February 18th**

Hank Wallenkamp is leading our next meal at Serenity Inns on Tuesday, February 18th. He will be preparing the main course to serve to 12 men in recovery plus volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to serve the meal with Hank at Serenity Inns or bring a side dish or dessert for the meal, sign-up on the outreach board. Contact: Hank Wallenkamp 262-525-1211.



## COS Easter "Eggs"travaganza Save the Date!

Our annual Easter "Eggs"travaganza Event will be on Friday, April 3rd from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. We'll have pizza, an Easter egg hunt, crafts, and hear an Easter story. Children 1 year old thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to hunt for plastic eggs filled with candy and surprises! We'll have separate egg hunt areas based on the child's age. Parents must accompany their children.



## VBS - Save the Date!

Knights of the North Castle be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power. - Ephesians 6:10

Knights of the North Castle Vacation Bible School July 6-9, 2020 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$10 per child. Find the registration link on our website under "Learn and Grow".



Links to Registration Forms on our website:  
2020 VBS – Kids Registration Form  
(Kids who have completed 4K-3rd grade.)

2020 VBS – God Squad Registration Form  
(Students who have completed 4th or 5th grade.)

2020 VBS – Crew Leader Registration Form  
(Students who have completed 6th grade and adult volunteers.)

## Youth Basket Auction - Save the Date!

Preview Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and the auction will be held Sunday, May 3rd.

There are many ways you can help with this fundraiser. Contact Kim for more information at [kim@coslc.com](mailto:kim@coslc.com).



# Save | THE | Date

## Youth Bake Sale

**Friday, March 8th**

In conjunction with the Fish & Chicken Fry, the COS youth will have a bake sale. There will be cookies, bars, snack mixes and much more! All money donated will be used for the Youth Summer Mission Trips.



## First Communion Class

**Begins March 4th**

First Communion class for all 5th graders begins Wednesday, March 4th and continues on Wednesday evenings through April 1st from 7:00-7:45 p.m. (after the Lent evening worship service). The cost is \$10 per student. For questions, please contact Kim Lewin at [kim@coslc.com](mailto:kim@coslc.com).



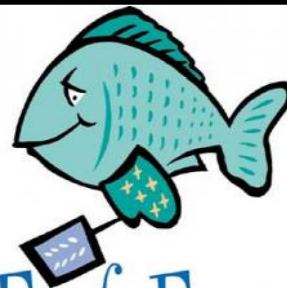
Please register on our website at [coslc.com](http://coslc.com).

## Fish & Chicken Fry

**Friday, March 6th**

Save the date! We're holding a fish & chicken fry on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. 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. Take-out orders of 10 or more please let us know in advance, so we can have your order ready for you to pick-up.



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](mailto:chuck.liedtke@sodexo.com).

## Souper Bowl of Caring

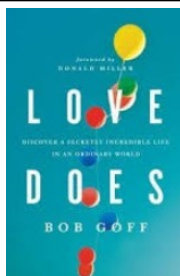
Thanks to all who gave to Souper Bowl of Caring. We raised \$1,178 for SOS Food Pantry!!



### Wednesday Book Group

#### **“Love Does” Study Begins February 19th**

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, the Wednesday Book Group will begin the book study “Love Does” by Bob Goff. They will be reading the book, watching the corresponding DVD, and using the participant’s study guide to aid in discussion. They meet on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the chapel. If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information contact Gail Conrad at [grammygbc@gmail.com](mailto:grammygbc@gmail.com) or (262) 820-1573. New people are always welcome!



### FebrU-WEARy “Brief Appeal”

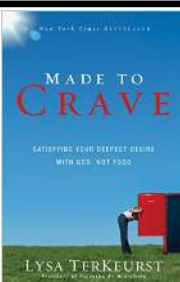
Underwear is unseen, yet is an everyday necessity that can become a low priority in the budget when faced with making tough choices between housing, food, and clothing. In an effort to meet this need, we will be collecting NEW underwear in all sizes for boys, girls, men, and women during the month of February. Drop off your donations in the hamper in the narthex.



### Women's Inspirational Book Group

#### **Study Begins Monday, February 17th**

Come join us as we begin a new book study! We will be reading “Made to Crave: Satisfying Your Deepest Desire with God, Not Food” by Lysa Terkeurst. Our first meeting will be on Monday, February 17th. We will meet for 7 sessions, rotating Mondays, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the chapel. We will be watching the corresponding DVD and using the Participant’s Study Guide for our discussions. Study guide questions will be provided. For more information on this study, check out the adult discipleship board. If you are interested in joining us for this study, and/or would like to purchase a book contact Amy [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com) or 414-975-1228.



### Confirmation Book Drive



Again this year, confirmation students will be collecting new and gently used books for children and young adults. All books that are donated will be delivered to Children’s Hospital of Milwaukee. Please bring your items to church and place them in the bins in the narthex marked book drive. Any questions, contact Kim Lewin at [kim@coslc.com](mailto:kim@coslc.com)

### Food Pantry Help Needed

On the second Monday of each month, COS has agreed to help at the Sussex Food Pantry from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. A minimum of three volunteers are needed each time. You can sign up as an individual or a family (must be over 14 years old). This is an easy commitment that only occurs once a month for two hours. The following dates are open.



March 9th  
April 13th

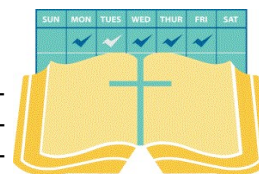
You can sign up on our website under “volunteers”. Contact Brian Kusserow at [brian.kusserow@QG.com](mailto:brian.kusserow@QG.com) or Amy at [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com) for more information.

### Serendipity Bible Study

#### **Tuesday, February 25th**

The Serendipity Bible Study is intended to engage us in God’s Word in relevant ways. There are no wrong answers. Instead, we share how we hear God’s Word as it is interpreted through our own lives and experience.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



**Evening**  
Bible Studies

### Men’s Bible Study & Light Breakfast

#### **Wednesday, February 19th**

Men are invited to explore God’s Word while we enjoy home made bread and jam and Pastor Tom’s 90 weight coffee. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room.



**Breakfast**

### Children’s Music Ministry

#### **Sunday School and Praise Raisers!:**



1. The Eyes of our Hearts are open, as we see our Great Big God! You helped us to see! Thank you to Praise Raisers and Sunday School children for lifting praises to God in worship!

2. Next Sunday 2/23 – Praise Raisers and Sunday School will SING and RING, “I Will Call Upon The Lord” at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please meet in the Chapel at 9:40 a.m. on Sunday 2/23 to get ready, and watch for upcoming emails.

The Praise Raisers meet at 9:30 a.m. most Sundays in the Chapel. Special music for Lent and upcoming weeks is underway! To receive emails about the Praise Raisers!, please send a message to: [MarJask5@wi.rr.com](mailto:MarJask5@wi.rr.com) or [kim@coslc.com](mailto:kim@coslc.com).

<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
GREETER: volunteer needed	Marsha Butorac	volunteer needed
HOST: volunteer needed	Mary Fix	volunteer needed
ACOLYTE: Margaret Watson	Ella Schumacher	Shannon Kurtzs
ALTAR GUILD: Char Mears	Linda Pupp	volunteer needed
BREAD BAKER: Sandi Blackwell		
COMM ASSTS:		
<i>bread</i> (b)	(b) Ruth Kent	(b) volunteer needed
(b)	(b) Tracy Ludorf	(b) Cristine Madden
<i>cups</i> (c) Billieann Matthias	(c) Mary Fix	(c) Florence Maas
<i>cups</i> (c)	(c) Sondra Kohn	(c) Nathan Minerath
<i>wine</i> (w)	(w)	(w) volunteer needed
LECTORS: Kathy Michalek	Harvey Kohn	
USHERS: Julie Taylor	Phil Cosson	volunteer needed
volunteer needed	Lisa Cosson	volunteer needed
COUNTERS: Char Mears & Mary Fix		
WEEKLY FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY: Toots Cain		
OFFICE RECYCLING: Nick Watson		
ETERNAL CANDLE - is sponsored by the Robbins family in honor of Marti Mueller's birthday.		
ETERNAL CANDLE - is sponsored by the Chuck Oster in honor of Anita Oster's life.		
<i>Sign up in the narthex to sponsor candles and flowers.</i>		

### Food Pantry Needs

- canned chili
- potato sides
- pancake mix
- pancake syrup
- baked beans
- toilet paper



Last Week's Offerings	YTD Income	YTD Planned Expenses
\$8,728.37	\$72,379.70	\$80,456.40

### Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

February 26th

Midweek worship begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. as we enter into our Lenten Journey. We worship each Wednesday throughout Lent at 6:30 p.m. using a quiet, reflective format, where we will focus on using the gifts of our faith and receive God's promise of forgiveness in Holy Communion.



Mid Week Worship on Wednesdays during Lent:

6:30 p.m. at Christ Our Savior

11:15 a.m. at Gloria Dei (Menomonee Falls)

### JOY (Just Older Youth) - RESCHEDULED

55 & Older Adult Ministry

Rescheduled for Saturday, February 22nd

**Raised Grain Brewing Company Tour & Dinner**

We'll meet at church at 2:15 p.m. to carpool to Raised Grain Brewing Company in Waukesha. Our brewery tour begins at 3:00 p.m., lasts typically 45 minutes, and includes samples of their award-winning beers, unique experiments that will make you a better beer drinker, a full pour of any beer after the tour, and a keepsake pint glass. Following the tour, we will stay and enjoy dinner together. Brewery tour cost is \$12 and dinner at your own expense. RSVP by signing up on Adult Discipleship Board today. Drop off \$12 in the church office. Contact, Mary Fix at [47mbfix@gmail.com](mailto:47mbfix@gmail.com).



### Stewardship Stories

#### Potential Tax Savings for Seniors!

Changes in the tax code have made it difficult for many Americans to deduct their charitable contributions this year. If you have an IRA and are 70 ½ years old, you are legally required to withdraw a portion of your IRA balance each year. These withdrawals are typically subject to taxation. However, there may be a way to reduce the amount of tax you pay:



The IRS allows IRA holders to direct all or part of their required minimum distribution (RMD) directly to charities, including Christ Our Savior. By doing this, those funds may be excluded from taxation even if you are already taking the standard deduction. Some of our Seniors are already taking advantage of this benefit. If you are already making donations to COS, this might be a good way to put money back into your pocket!

As with anything tax-related, it is important for you to consult with your tax professional to see how this may impact your overall tax situation. The IRS has rules in place that you must strictly follow in order to qualify.

If you'd like more information, feel free to email [stewardship@coslc.com](mailto:stewardship@coslc.com) or call the Church office and someone will return your call.

### Quilters Need Sheets

COS Quilters are in need of bed sheets for the back of the life saving quilts they assemble. These quilts are sent all over the world through Lutheran World Relief. If you have any sheets you are able to donate (flat or fitted) please drop them off at the donation station. For questions, contact Sam Mayek at [amayak2@wi.rr.com](mailto:amayak2@wi.rr.com).

