

February 2020

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church



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



February 2020

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Drinking From the Well

February has always been a great month for reading. I love curling up with a good book, getting warm and comfy on a cold and blustery February afternoon. Though here in 2020, I am almost as likely to have a tablet, audiobook, or podcast to capture my attention. What a wonderful time in human history, to have such a wealth of differing stories, perspectives, and fonts of information so readily available for us.

As I consider my own plans to enjoy the delights of the written word, it turns my thoughts to something I try to convey to our confirmands about the written Word. It is my hope that our young eager scholars come to know that the Bible is not a static, ancient, answer book, but rather that it is a dynamic living library where the Holy Spirit continues to speak and make God's will known – as I often describe it, the Bible is like a deep well that continues to hold life giving water no matter how often one draws from it.

However, I am well aware that our own experiences of reading scripture might fall somewhat short of this vivid description. There are times and seasons in our lives where it may seem that we search fruitlessly for a glimpse of the divine hidden within passages that seem out of touch or outright offensive to our understanding.

This is where we would do well to remember that even as God promises to speak through scripture, God is also continuing to speak through God's people in our communities. For myself, my own engagement of scripture is given new life as I seek to hear its passages through the perspectives of folks who differ from myself. Thus, I like to populate my reading (or listening) list with creators who speak about our Christian faith in ways that cause me to pause for greater reflection, who invite me to read the familiar through new eyes.

In particular for 2020, two books that are high on my reading list are *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans and *Dear Church* by Lenny Duncan. Two podcasts that I've subscribed to are *Almost Heretical* and *TheRobCast*. Hearing folks engaging scripture, our Christian faith and calling, or general conversations about belief and spirituality spark my own theological imagination, even when I may disagree with the perspectives being offered.

As each of us follow where our curiosity and passion guide us, our community becomes enriched by the diversity and new depths that are made available to our mutual discerning. So, in this winter season, with the promise of spring on the horizon, with its bounty of new life, may you invite the stirring of the Holy Spirit in your journey of faith through opening yourself to a new perspective, whether by conversation, book, or podcast. And may you receive anew the life giving water that God so freely offers to sustain you on this journey as we seek to walk with one another and enrich our common ministry together.

Blessings,
Joe Wilkinson



Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

February 26th

Midweek worship begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th 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)

Fish & Chicken Fry

Friday, March 6th

Save the date! We're holding a fish & chicken fry on Friday, March 6th 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. Take-out orders of 10 or more, please let us know in advance by calling 262-246-6537 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.

Annual Wild Game Dinner

Friday, March 20th at 5:30 p.m.

Our annual Wild Game Dinner is being held at church on Friday, March 20th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.. We will have pheasant, venison, fish, possibly bear, alligator and lots of other tasty treats along with some tame food for the less adventurous. There will also be a silent auction including a trout fly fishing trip, pheasant hunts with Pastor Tom and his dog Auggie, tickets to a wine bar, wild life prints, fishing and hunting gear and much more.

Tickets are only \$10 in advance or at the door. If you would like to bring a PREPARED wild game dish or two for the feast it would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will support the food ministries we partner with.

Any donations or questions can be directed to Pastor Tom at pastortom@coslc.com.



Memorial Fund



Memorial gifts are traditionally given in honor of departed loved ones. These gifts may occur at the time of a funeral, or appropriate later date. **Celebratory** gifts honor a significant family event such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation, confirmation, or similar milestone.

The COS Memorials Team log memorial or celebratory gifts, and acknowledge them in the monthly COS newsletter. All financial transactions are performed by the COS Treasurer.

Christian Youth Activity Support

Historically, a popular gift designation has been support of Christian Youth activity. These can be noted for the **Sandra Johnson Youth Fund**. Such identified gifts will be used to support COS youth participation in Christian experiences.

Past uses have assisted in helping youth attendance at Lutherdale Bible Camp, and summer mission trips. For 2019, the Memorials Team directed the Treasurer to issue a grant of \$650 for two scholarships to the Youth Mission trip.

Memorials For Outreach

Memorials may be given for specific outreach causes. These gifts shall be immediately put to use for these designated purposes.

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.

Other Forms Of Memorial Giving

Purchase of worship needs for a specific Sunday.

These memorials are supportive of weekly worship, for purposes such as altar flowers and candles. Signup sheets and pre-printed giving envelopes are available for these purposes on the narthex wall near the Busy Bags. Your gift will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

Memorial / Celebration Gifts Last Month

In Memory of Jim Barber;

From Phyllis Barber

In Memory of Don Kapp:

From Sandra & Dennis Cawood



Thrivent Action Teams

Do you have a Thrivent Account of any amount? If you do, you qualify for two Thrivent Action Teams each year. You could support the ministries at COS with a \$250 gift card for a Thrivent Action Team to help cover the start up costs.



All you need to do is be willing to fill out a little bit

of online paperwork that takes less than 15 minutes. Thrivent Action Team cards are needed for our meal ministries, youth ministries, fundraisers, and to support or COS collections/drives to help those in the community.

Contact Amy Berken at amy@coslc.com if you would like to learn more about Thrivent Action Teams or to fill out an application. She would be happy to walk you through the process!

New Option for Gifts of Securities

We now are able to donate gifts of stocks or bonds through Thrivent for no cost. The current broker we have been working with charges 2% and a \$75 transaction fee. If you choose to donate through Thrivent, the entire amount of your gift goes directly to Christ Our Savior, with no fees.

The process is quite simple. Simply contact Paul Kwiecien at 262-271-4462 and he will take you through the process. You may also email him at Paul.Kwiecien@Thrivent.com and he will contact you to initiate the process.

You may still donate securities through the local Ed Jones office if you prefer.



Confirmation Book Drive

February 2-March 1

Again this year, confirmation students will be collecting books for children and young adults. All books that are donated will be delivered and given 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 or for more information, contact Kim Lewin at kim@coslc.com



Bible Studies and Learning Opportunities

Streaming Worship Online

Did you know, you can join us for worship from a distance on Facebook? Each week, we record and stream our 10:00 a.m. worship service. You can either watch it live or see it later. The worship services are archived on our Facebook page. While this is not intended as a substitute for being at worship physically, it's a good way to remain connected at those times you can't be present.

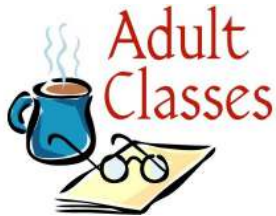


Sunday Evening Worship and Learning Continues

We continue to gather for worship on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. followed by Sunday school, Confirmation and Adult Learning. We will no longer be providing a meal before worship. If you can't make it to worship Sunday morning, you can join us Sunday evenings. The Sunday evening service is a bit shorter, lasting a half hour.

Sunday Evening Adult Learning

Each week, Matt Olson, a second year seminary student in our congregation leads us in a study of the book of Revelation, a book of the Bible that tends to raise more questions than it gives answers. Matt leads us into an approach to hear these words in a way that brings us hope.



Cold Treats, Hot Takes

Last Monday of Each Month

Pastor Joe has begun hosting a once a month, 7:00 p.m. gathering at the Culver's in Sussex, on Hwy. 164. Anyone who is interested in gathering for a time of friendly conversation about faith, spirituality, or the Bible is welcome. 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. This month we meet Monday, February 23rd. Questions? Contact Pastor Joe at pastorjoe@coslc.com.



Serendipity Bible Study

Meets the 2ND and 4TH Tuesday

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 February 11th and 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.



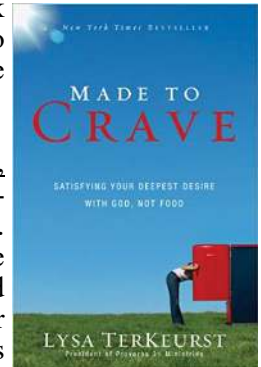
Evening Bible Studies

Women's Inspirational Book Group

New 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.

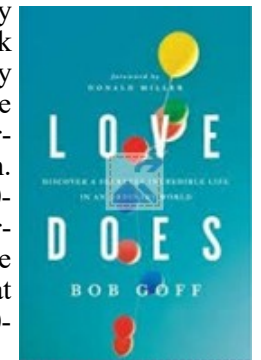


For meeting dates and more information on the study, check out the adult discipleship board in the west hallway. If you are interested in this study, and/or would like to purchase a book contact Amy at amy@coslc.com or 414-975-1228.

Wednesday Book Group

"Love Does" Study Begins February 19th

On February 19th, 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 or (262) 820-1573. New people are always welcome!



Men's Bible Study & Light Breakfast

Meets the 3rd Wednesday

Men are invited to explore God's Word while we enjoy home made bread and jam and Pastor Tom's 90 weight coffee. This month we meet February 19th, at 9:00 a.m.



Breakfast

Youth and Education

Children's Music Ministry

Sunday School and Praise Raisers!:

The children at Christ Our Savior have begun preparations for music to share in worship for the remaining winter months, and into Spring!

Thank you, Sunday School students and Praise Raisers, for teaching us about FISHING in January. We will sing, Our God is a Great Big God during the Children's Message on Sunday, February 9th. Please meet in the Chapel at 9:45 a.m. for warm up!

Watch for more coming up in February and during our Lenten services!

Praise Raisers!:

We will sing Open The Eyes of My Heart, Lord, at the beginning of worship on Sunday, February 9th. NOTE: Please meet at 9:30 a.m. SHARP in the Chapel – we will have a short time to sing, before our other Sunday School friends will arrive.

In February, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays in the Chapel. Note: **No rehearsal Sunday, February 2nd**.

If you are interested in joining the Praise Raisers, and would like to receive emails, please send a message to:

MarJask5@wi.rr.com or kim@coslc.com.



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

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 through adult.)

COS Easter "Eggs"travaganza

Save the date!



Friday, April 3rd

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 5th 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.

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors! Suggested \$10 donation per family.



Candy Donations, Cookies, & Volunteers needed!

- We need individually wrapped candies to fill over 1000 plastic eggs for the Easter egg hunt. **PLEASE NO NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER!** Please drop off candy donations in the bin in the narthex by Wednesday, March 11th. 
- We need cookies, cookies, and more cookies, to serve as refreshments. If you are able to bake a dozen or two cookies, please sign-up on the board and bring cookies the day of the event. 
- We need volunteers to help with set-up/clean-up in fellowship hall and to hide plastic eggs the afternoon of the egg hunt.

If you would like more information, or would like to help, please contact Kim Lewin at kim@coslc.com or Amy Berken at amy@coslc.com.

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. Underwear will be donated to children and families in our community to provide comfort, confidence, and dignity sharing in God's love and respect for all people.



First Communion Classes for all 5th Graders

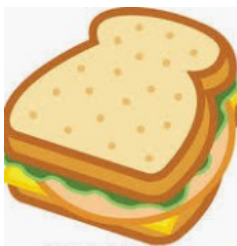
First communion classes meet on Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, and April 1, 2020. We will meet each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. following the 6:30 p.m. midweek Lenten worship service. Each class will run about 45 minutes. Students will participate in their first communion on Maundy Thursday (the Thursday before Easter), April 9th. If you have extended family who live in the area such as Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, and/or Godparents please have them mark their calendar for this very special occasion on **Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.**

In an effort to live out our baptismal promise we ask that one or more parent(s) participate in this five-week long learning event with your child. To mark this special occasion for the next step in your child's faith journey they will be receiving a Bible during worship on Sunday, April 5th. We ask that you start thinking of special verses to underline in your child's new Bible. If there are other people who have been important to your child, please ask them to notify you of a verse as well, so you can add it to your child's Bible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kim.

Please register on line at <https://www.coslc.com/first-communion-reg/> by **Sunday, March 1**. We are requesting a \$10 donation per child to help cover the cost of supplies. We ask each child to bring a clean, clear wine glass to the first night as they will be creating their own chalice during these classes. This chalice will be used by the student when communing with their family the night of First Communion.

Confirmation

Confirmation students will be making sandwiches every Sunday in the month of February from 4:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Parents please be sure to sign up to help make sandwiches. One parent in each group will need to drive the sandwiches down to the Milwaukee Guest House homeless shelter. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4eaaa82da0ff2-guest>



Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 2nd

Each year on Superbowl Sunday we collect cash gifts to support our food pantry ministries we're connected with. Don't forget! Souper Bowl on Superbowl Sunday.



Youth Summer Mission Trips

To all of you who are registered and going on one of the two summer mission trips, the next payment of \$100 is due Sunday, February 16. Please make your check payable to COS Youth.



Youth Basket Auction

Youth Basket Auction Preview will be Sunday, April 26th. Auction day is Sunday, May 3, 2020 after the 10:00 a.m. service.



TACOS

With a busy January in the review mirror, TACOS looks towards an even better February!

First, let's recap the highlights from January in the world of TACOS. TACOS took 10 youth and 2 adults to the Winter Wonderland Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls, MI. Winter fun was had by all! Activities included snowshoeing, hiking, cross country skiing, fort building, and some even took on downhill skiing at a nearby ski resort. Also, TACOS hosted a Late Night Pancake Study Session for high schoolers the night before semester exams. Students were able to bring their study materials and grab a bite to eat before taking on their exams!



This February, TACOS will keep on the gas with more exciting opportunities to serve. The big ticket event is February 16th! This is our TACOS Sandwich Making Day for the Guest House in Milwaukee. On this day after church, around 11:30 a.m., we invite our TACOS youth to help make sandwiches for the Guest House and enjoy a free pizza lunch to follow!



We hope to see you around in the month of February!

Wade Crevier
Director of TACOS

In the Middle (30s, 40s & 50s)

Saturday, February 8th

Candlelight Ski/Hike at Pike Lake

Let's Get Outdoors! Join us on Saturday, February 8th at the Pike Lake Beach in Hartford for their annual Candlelight Ski/Hike. Skiing is available, and the 2-mile hike starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by a large bonfire with refreshments, donations accepted. The normal entrance fee to the park will apply, either an \$8 daily car pass or the annual state park sticker (\$28). Don't hike or ski? Plan to come about 6:30ish and join us by the fire at the North Shelter! RSVP to Hope Ingle by texting 720-383-8133 or hope.ingle@gmail.com to let us know you plan on joining us.



JOY (Just Older Youth)

55 & Older Adult Ministry
Saturday, February 8th
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 is at your own expense. RSVP by signing up on Adult Discipleship Board by Sunday, February 2nd. Contact, Mary Fix at 47mbfix@gmail.com.

COS Book Club

Saturday, February 15th

The February meeting for the COS Book Club will be held on Saturday, February 15th at 11:00 a.m. We will be discussing Three Things About Elsie by Joanna Cannon. All are welcome. If you have any questions contact Carolyn Casper at (262) 246-4041 or Diane Otto at (262) 691-3778.



Mac-n-More

Thank you to everyone who donated food for our annual Mac-n-More food drive. We collected a huge pallet of food that will be donated to Cross Lutheran Food Pantry where hungry children and families in need will be fed thanks to your generosity!



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 in the west hallway. Contact: Hank Wallenkamp 262-525-1211



Desserts for Bread of Healing

Wednesday, February 12th

With Valentine's Day around the corner, it would be so sweet of you to make some "sweets" for our Bread of Healing meal on February 12th. All kinds of "sweet" desserts are needed. Bring your sweets to the COS kitchen before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11th.

Join us as we head to Bread of Healing at Cross Lutheran Church on February 12th to serve over 200 hungry people. Chuck plans the menu and purchases all the food ahead of time. We mostly need caring and compassionate people like you to prepare and serve the meal to those who are less fortunate.



Contacts: Chuck Liedtke at chuck.liedtke@sodexo.com or Larry & Edie Schaffner at elschaffner02@live.com

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