Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

March 2024

COS Mission Statement

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

Call Process & Update

A congregation's Call Process contains several "mile markers" by which the journey is charted:

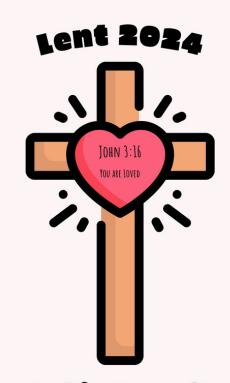
- A pastor announces that they are leaving the congregation.
- An interim pastor is identified, merges with congregational life, and begins to develop a sense of the congregation and a familiarity with the parishioners.
- A Mission Exploration Team (MET) is formed and works to engage the congregation in the self-learning and investigation that reveals a thorough understanding of the congregation's history and journey, the present reality of the congregation, where the congregation believes God is calling them, and what kind of pastoral leadership might best partner with them in pursuing that mission. This is the meat and potatoes of the Call Process.
 - Surveys and Focus Groups have been conducted to gathered congregational input on perceived needs, values, and mission.
 - The MET drafts Christ Our Savior's Ministry Site Profile.
 - A Town Hall Meeting his held for congregational review of the MSP and preparing for the congregational Town Hall Meeting December
- A Call Committee is formed. COS's Call Committee is
 Aaron Dietz, Edie Schafner, Angie Lura, Dave Abresch,
 Mike Singer, and Brynn Haigh (youth rep). The COS
 Call Committee is ready to interview call candidates and awaiting names. Please hold them in prayer.
- The Church Council receives the Call Committee's pastoral candidate recommendation.
- <u>COS</u> is in this stage > The congregation votes on the Church Council's recommended pastoral candidate and a call is issued.

Sanctuary Sundays

Sunday, March 17th & 31st

Sunday school students worship with family and church friends on these Sundays.

- March 17th: Celebration of 1st Holy Communion. We will celebrate together with those who will be receiving their 1st Holy communion on this Sunday morning.
- March 31st: Happy Easter! ALLELUIA!



Rooted in Jesus' Love

Lent 2024: Rooted in Jesus' Love

On Sunday mornings during this season of Lent, the children's ministry will dig into how we can plant the love of Jesus all around us through simple Lenten practices at church and at home.

Please stop by the table in Fellowship Hall and pick up some fun family lent ideas and activities that can be done together at home. Prayer calendars, recipes and Resurrection Eggs, just to name a few.

First Holy Communion

Sunday, March 17th during 9:15am worship

The ministry at Christ Our savior encourages the instruction of young people in the understanding of the Lord's Supper prior to receiving their 1st Holy Communion.

Instruction and preparation classes will be held on **Saturday, March 9th and March 16th from 9-10:30am.** If your child will be celebrating his/her 1st Holy Communion, please help us prepare by completing the registration form.

The form can be found on the COS website, listed under "Learn & Grow": coslc.com/first-communion-reg/

More information about the classes can be found online. You may also contact the Children's Ministry coordinator, Carol Rabideau (<u>carol@coslc.com</u>), with any questions.



Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 24th

All kids, ages 2-12, are invited to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th, Palm Sunday, following worship and Sunday school.

We are still in need of volunteers to help! Looking for people to fill and hide eggs, volunteers to help direct children to designated search areas during the easter egg hunt, and donations of Easter candy and small toys to fill the eggs. There are over 700 plastic eggs to fill and hide!

To help please sign up online or in the narthex. Sign up is located by the Sunday school information board or you can sign up here:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849ADAF28ABFDCF8-47566502-easter#/.

Please contact Carol Rabideau (<u>caro@coslc.com</u>) with any questions you may have.

Summer 2024 Children's Ministry

Parents and grandparents please take a moment to answer a few questions about Vacation Bible School.

This information will help create a game plan for when we offer Vacation Bible School and other fun summer adventures.

Survey can be found here: <u>coslc.com/childrens-christian-</u>education/vacation-bible-school/

Sunday School

Jesus Garden, Grow and Be Happy in Your Faith

All children, grades K4-6th, are invited to take part in Sunday school activities. We begin in worship (9:15am) and are dismissed to the classroom following the children's message. Please contact Carol Rabideau (carol@coslc.com) for more information. You may register at any time



throughout the Sunday school year by scanning <>< here or at

www.coslc.com/sunday-school-registration/



Bread of Healing Meal

Wednesday, March 13th at 9am

The Bread of Healing team will be putting bag lunches together for Cross Lutheran volunteers and food pantry participants. We start at 9am in the COS kitchen and then the lunches are transported to Cross.

It is a great opportunity to help while enjoying the experience together. Let either Chuck Liedke or Edie Schaffner know if you'd like to join in the fun.





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