



Good News

A Newsletter for Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Christ Our Savior
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday
9:00 am-1:00 pm

SUNDAYS
9:00 am Worship
In-Person Service
Livestream on YouTube
Worship Video on Cable 2

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Then he took a little child and put it among them;
and taking it in his arms, he said to them,
"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name
welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes
not me but the one who sent me".

Mark 9:36-37



Dear Friends,

Children are mentioned a lot in these past few chapters of Matthew. Jesus, in his teacher role, turns to them when talking about a society that sees them as the least of these. Society back then seemed to have a ranking system when it came to people. Women and children were dependent on the men in their families for their very livelihood. For those who care for them. Jesus was always looking after the marginalized. That's because he saw a great chasm between the haves and the have nots. Sadly, not much has changed.

One of our core values is hospitality. We love to be in fellowship with one another. And that is such a good thing! Jesus experienced hospitality. But, he also saw those how those same communities pushed aside the smallest in their midst often, forgetting about them

When we ever come across text in the Bible that is repeated over and over again it is meant to be a signal to us that something important is being said. The phrase "The last shall be first and the first shall be last" is one that appears often lately in our gospel passages. Jesus turns the tables on the world's ranking system and puts children in a place of honor and value. He's saying to those nearby, and also to us, pay attention to them. They are important!

We love to see our children in worship. Their carefree ways charm us. But there is so much we could do for them. We could tell them how important they are through our actions. Many fears have been expressed over the declining presence of our young ones. Recently, our leaders have been talking about the 2024 budget. We've listened and we've taken a good look around ourselves. While we have growing programs in our church not much of it is centered around this key demographic. That is why you will be hearing more about building into our budget a part-time position focused on children and youth. My prayer is that we trust God's Spirit to move us in ways that grow God's kingdom for all. I ask that your prayers join ours remembering Jesus words "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Connie

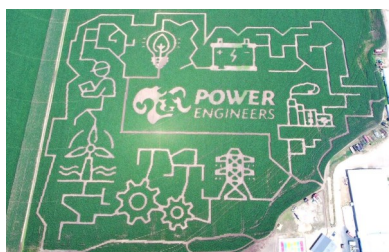


Saturday, October 21st Synodical Women's Biennial

Every two years, the Synodical Women of the ELCA gather for a day of sharing worship, information, and for conducting business. This year's gathering will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1700 Lost Dauphin Road, De Pere. Registration begins at 8:00am, with the program beginning at 8:20, and the day's activities concluding at 3:00pm.

We're having a baby shower! In-kind gifts will be gathered for the youngest clients of the Stockbridge/Munsee Health Center. Fleece fabric will be available to tie blankets during break times as well. The offering collected during worship will be split between Lutheran Disaster Response and the churchwide Women of the ELCA. Speakers will report on the recent Triennial Gathering in Phoenix as well as challenge us to Do Justice as people of faith. The business meeting will include elections for leadership of the synodical women.

Registration is \$35, and registrations are due by October 11. Registration can be done online by going to <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/7696886> to complete the form and pay electronically. Printed registration forms are available in the office. It would be best to have a few people registered who can travel



Synod Youth Event - Feltz' Corn Maze in Stevens Point

Youth in middle school and high school are invited to a day of fall fun on Saturday, October 14th at Feltz' Corn Maze! Meet by the cow at 10 am to get to know other leaders and kids from across the synod. Bring your own lunch or enjoy some snacks onsite and decide when its time to depart. We will have name tags available and do some get to know you games. The corn maze is \$8.00 for kids up to 12 and for kids 13 and older the cost is \$10.00. Bring extra money to spend in the store! Each congregation will be asked to provide your own chaperone for every 6 youth and are asked to utilize your own permission forms and safety procedures. A group RSVP will help us to know you're coming! Have questions? Struggling to get together a group or a chaperone but have one or two students interested? Contact Christine christusyouth@christuschurch.org or (920) 757-7775

PARABLE OF VINE & BRANCHES COME TO LIFE!

Thank you to all our volunteers for helping us make updates to the Sunday School rooms, Library, Fellowship Hall and our beautiful outdoors! There is still more painting to do! If you would like to help, please contact Deb Stephany.



Thank you to the 90 volunteers that helped packaged 18,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger! A big thank you to Mark and Mary Backus for organizing this event. They will report soon as to where the meals went.



Join us **this Sunday** at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We are inviting all our church family to rally around our youth. We will provide fun, refreshments, a meal and games to celebrate the occasion, please bring a dish to pass.

We will be giving out our 3rd grade Bibles.

Also on this day, the quilts and kits will be blessed.

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The Quilters with the quilts that will be blessed this Sunday



WOMEN'S THANKOFFERING SERVICE

It has been a long-held tradition among Women of the ELCA to hold a special worship service to express our thanks for all the gifts, small and large, that God has provided. The offerings collected go to the national Women of the ELCA to support the total outreach of our organization. We encourage everyone to participate to support the ministry efforts of women throughout the nation.

Our special service will take place on Sunday, October 15th, during our normal worship service. Pastor Crystal Lee of Church of Our Savior in Fond du Lac will be our guest speaker. She will lead us in a service of thanks and praise. Special Thankoffering envelopes have been ordered to be used for our special gifts.



THE CHOSEN TV PROGRAM AND STUDY

“The Chosen” Monday’s at Noon & 6 PM in Fellowship Hall

We have installed a 70” TV on the south wall of our Fellowship Hall. Every Monday, we will be showing an episode of The Chosen - beginning with season 1. We have purchased the discussion study that goes along with it.

Feel free to bring a lunch if you plan on attending at noon. For those coming at 6, bring your whole family. Refreshments will be provided. The Chosen TV program is a multi-season series centers on the life of Jesus and the different people who followed or otherwise interacted with him.



Women of Christ Our Savior (WOCOS)

One of the things we discussed at our September meeting was upcoming Bake Sales. We will again plan to have Bake Sales for all voting dates in 2024. We will need lots of baked goods, and people to volunteer to set up and sell on election days. So please watch the calendar for those dates, and if you can be on a committee to work these events please let our president, Barbara Shew know.

We also plan to have our Christmas Cookie Bake Sale on Dec 10th and our Sweetest Day Sale on Feb 11th. We will need lots of bakers, help with set-up and sales for these dates too.

Our next meeting will be on October 22nd at 10:15 in Grace Place

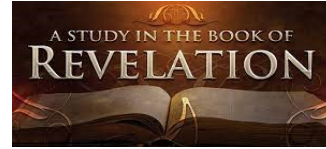
REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

On November 5th, we will be turning our Narthex into a space of remembering and lighting candles for those that are no longer with us. If you would like your loved one to be represented, gather photos and/or mementos and bring labeled items to the office by Wednesday, October 31 and we will make sure that those items will be displayed.



Are you grieving a loss? Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. This 13-week grief recovery support group might be for you.

Mondays 5:30-7:00pm
August 28-November 27
Immanuel Lutheran Church
338 N. Eagle Street
To register go to griefshare.org



BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM

Join us every Wednesday for our Bible Study. We are beginning a study on the book of **Revelation**. We would love to see you there!

There are always people who will try to take advantage of others who may



need help meeting essential needs, but please remember that Pastor Connie will never contact any of our benefit recipients via text or email. If you have received unsolicited or random calls or text messages asking to call and do her a favor, it is a scam. If ever there is a doubt, call Pastor Connie to hear from her personally. Do not respond to this recent text and delete the message so you do not get compromised or caught in identity theft.



If you are interested in providing special music or joining a small group to sing/play between now and the end of the year - please let Mary Backus or Linda Tedlie know.



4 Ways to Worship with Us!

1. In Person Worship
2. Facebook Live during in-person worship
3. YouTube Channel Recorded Videos
4. Spectrum Oshkosh Channel 2

SUN - 10 AM / TUE - 2:30 PM / WED - 9 PM / THU - 10 AM

UPCOMING REC CLASSES

- 10/10 6:00-7:30 Youth Pumpkin Slice
10/11 6:00-8:00 Fall Gnomes
10/18 4:00-6:00 Let's get Crafty
11/8 6:00-8:00 Turkey Time
11/14 6:00-8:00 Youth Thankful Things
11/15 4:00-6:00 Healthy Holidays
11/29 6:00-8:00 Christmas Countdown
12/6 6:00-8:00 Winter Cards
12/13 4:00-6:00 Community Connections

For more details or to register:
www.oshkoshrecdept.com

Currently, the food ministry is especially in need of the following items:

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Meat
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Dry Goods



We always appreciate your monetary donations so we can shop for the items most needed at the time.

We are so thankful for Debbie and all those who help keep our shelves and Birdie's Box stocked!

If you would like to be a volunteer who will stock the box, please contact Debbie Kamark:

920-495-0594
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Please note these dates:

Pastor Connie—October 16-18
Barb—October 19-20
Pete—October 20-27



October 28th from 12:30-3:00 pm is our Trunk or Treat in the big parking lot. We are needing people with cars to participate. You can decorate your car, host a car to decorate or donate candy. Plan to arrive at church at noon for set-up. Please contact the office or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Come back at 5:00 for a movie and popcorn in the Fellowship Hall.



Pastor Connie could use cash donations and Kwik Trip gift cards for her discretionary account. To donate, write checks to Christ Our Savior, then in the memo line "Pastor's Discretionary Fund" Thank you for your support!

STEPHEN MINISTERS

The next meeting will be on
Thursday, October 5th



YOUTH CANDY BAR FUNDRAISER

We have been given permission to sell candy bars at Piggly Wiggly Murdock. Please contact Katie Merwin or Deb Stephany if you are interested. The money will go to future Youth Events

FINANCE REPORT

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	August	Year-to-Date	2023 Budget
Offerings	\$ 17,432.75	\$ 155,604.54	\$ 325,00.00
Other Income	\$ 9,659.56	\$ 24,035.30	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 26,838.26	\$ 182,092.93	\$ 323,414.58
Net Profit/ (Loss)	\$ 254.05	(\$ 2,453.09)	\$ 1,585.42

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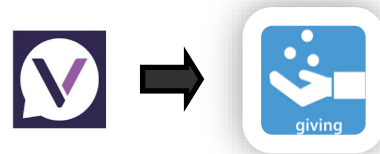
WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY

- Mail in a Check
- Shelby Mobile GIVE App
- COSLC Website
- AHC Bank Payment

You can give online!

Check out this easy way to give through our website at:

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GIVING



We have switched our online giving to Shelby Systems. For those of you who had been giving through Vanco, we will assist you in using Shelby. See how easy it is to begin giving through this new, easy software system.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Our children will be collecting during the offering on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays. All money collected will be divided between Youth & Church Life and Birdies Box .



A COLORFUL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!

Consider signing up to sponsor the flowers for a Sunday. The sign up sheet is located in the narthex. The cost is \$20.00. If you are interested in a special flower, or if you have questions, see Christine Esselman. Flowers come from Festival Foods.