



# Good News

*A Newsletter for Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church*

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
 Monday-Friday  
 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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

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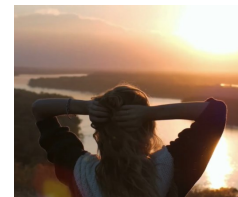
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The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”  
 Mark 2:27-28



Dear Friends,

We have had quite the journey together these past two and a half years. It felt much like a marathon where we needed to pace ourselves. Last fall, we found ourselves speeding up to a sprint towards our imagined finish line. Engaging in God’s work is so good, but it can also be exhausting.

I have been blessed to have served three congregations these past fifteen years. My journey began on the UWO Campus. Eight years later, I was called by the synod to expand my call to include Christ Lutheran Church. It was during that time that I discerned the need for me to focus on one congregation. I worked closely with the Director of Mission Development in training to be a Congregational Re-developer- recognizing that I had been called to another congregation in need of rebuilding. The congregation put their trust in God and made some bold moves -- LITERALLY. Now, I reflect on our consolidation journey and find myself in awe of how God’s Spirit has led us through our own time of redevelopment.

So, now what? Personally, I am hearing the Spirit’s strong call to an intentional time of sabbath known as Sabbatical. In the book “Clergy Renewal”, the authors share that sabbatical leave is a holy trek. It’s not just about taking a break. Rather, it’s an intentional time in which I can find rest, renewal and refocus on who God is calling me to be in this new time. I am fully committed to serving all of you at Christ Our Savior. I see the new energy and positive changes that are abounding. The Spirit is truly at work in, through and all around you. And it’s exciting!

I have come to believe that the best way I can be the most effective pastor in this next chapter is to be fully renewed. God gifted us with sabbath time. Here, rest is not defined by sleeping in or taking a day off. Rather, sabbath is a gift where we connect with our creator and step away from the treadmills we often find ourselves on. My Sabbatical will last two months. I chose to step back this June and July. These two months are usually quiet times within the church year. It is my hope and intention that my absence will not be a disruption on the ministry.

Currently, I am working with leadership and staff to put structures in place to support our congregation and the ministry we have built together. May we never forget that God wants only the best for us. Yes, Christ Jesus is the Lord of the sabbath. I hope that you will see the value in taking the time to find rest in him.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Connie*

## 2023 ECSW Synod Assembly Taking Place May 20th

Pastor Connie will be joined by delegates Barb Schneider and Cathi Nimmer for our Synod’s Annual Assembly being held in Appleton this May. The assembly has been scaled back to a one-day event. Gathered under the theme “To Hear the Word of God and Share in the Lord’s Supper,” the assembly will feature worship, reporting on churchwide and synod business, voting on synod resolutions and office position. The assembly also offers the opportunity for participants to gather in meaningful fellowship.

## Zoom Cook-Along! Fellowship and Fun !



Chef Kathy Robinson will be leading folks from across the synod in two opportunities to gather together online, make a meal, and while cooking, share in some conversation around the table with people across the synod rooted in our assembly theme, "To Hear the Word of God and Share in the Lord's Supper!" Cook-along via zoom from the comfort of your own kitchen. There is no cost to register. A list of ingredients will be emailed to those registered for each meal by May 1st.

**Cook-Along 101** | Asparagus Stuffed Chicken  
Tuesday, May 9th, 5:30-7:00 pm

**Cook-Along 102** | Caribbean Shrimp and Rice Bowl  
Thursday, May 11th, 5:30-7:00 pm

**Register through the synod’s website at : [www.ecsw.org](http://www.ecsw.org)**



## East Central Synod Assembly

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS BEING COLLECTED

Our church will be collecting offerings to bring to this year’s synod assembly. Offerings given at synod assembly will be split between the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund and a named scholarship, in honor of The Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras, to Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem, Palestine, established by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land.



### LOCAL PASTOR MOVING ON SOON

May 16th will be Pastor Doug’s final day at Calvary Lutheran in Oshkosh. He has been a great collaborator with us and will be missed. We celebrate Pastor Doug’s new venture as he begins a new journey as an interim pastor within our synod. Please keep Calvary Lutheran, Pastor Doug and his family in your prayers during this time of transition.

## EASTER DAY AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR



### EASTER BREAKFAST

We were so blessed to have Katie and Ben Merwin along with family and other volunteers serve our congregation a warm and delicious breakfast on Easter morning prior to worship. We know we had over 100 who enjoyed the bountiful feast that not only fed our tummies but souls that morning!

### EASTER WORSHIP

Alleluias rang out on Easter morning as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord. We were so blessed to have special music provided by Mary Backus, Nancy Reichenberger, Lucas and Nathan McWilliams, Haleigh Eckstein, Jana and Dan Singer, Dave Bayer and a small choir of members of our church and the Oshkosh Coraliers. It was so nice to have such a strong music presence this day!

*Thank you to all who helped!*



### SPECIAL OFFERINGS IN MAY

May 7th  
Synod Assembly

May 14th  
Birdie's Box

May 28th  
Feeding Hungry Kids



- Readers
- Communion Assistants
- Flower Donations
- Ushers/Greeters
- Power Point Operators
- Musicians
- Worship & Music Team Members
- Alter Guild Members

*Visit with Pastor Connie*

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
Noon - 1 pm

Elsewhere Market and Coffee House  
531 N Main St, Oshkosh



### BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS AT 1 PM

Join us every for our revamped Bible Study on Mondays at 1pm! We are now focusing on the Book of ACTS. We would love for you to join our group.



The women will be hosting a rummage sale on Friday & Saturday May 19 & 20 from 8am-3pm. Donated items can be brought to church the week prior and set-up will be Thursday. We do not plan to price items, we will be asking that shoppers pay what they feel is fair, as the proceeds from the sale are used by the Women of our Church for our Outreach projects. If you have a large item and feel it should have a suggested price, please mark your item accordingly.



Recently, we moved our Birdie's Box shelving to our library. We are making plans to give our Fellowship Hall a bit of a face lift.. The new location of our shelving makes restocking items easy from the large parking lot entrance.

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

- Rain Panchos
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Meat
- Cereal



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

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

920-495-0594

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Monthly Meeting

Sunday, May 21st

10:15 am in Grace Place

*Save the Date!*

Collaborative Vacation Bible School



July 10-14th

5-7:30 pm

Location TBD



**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.

# FINANCE REPORT

## Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

	Month	Year-to-Date	2023 Budget
Offerings	\$ 17,588.93	\$ 65,381.08	\$ 325,00.00
Other Income	\$ 921.19	\$ 3,271.00	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 23,147.51	\$ 71,161.82	\$ 323,414.58
Net Profit/	(\$ 4,637.39)	(\$ 2,509.74)	\$ 1,585.42

### ENVELOPES ARE HERE

If you would like a box of giving envelopes they are in the narthex or contact the office.

### CHILDREN'S OFFERING TOTAL FOR MARCH

In March, \$35.63 was collected.

Year to Date we have collected \$67.43

### BAKE SALE BRINGS IN A BOUNTY!

On April 4th we had a bake sale for those coming to vote. We raised a total of \$670! This amount was equally divided between Birdie's Box and Feeding hungry Kids.



**SAVE THE DATE:** September 10

GODS WORK OUR HANDS

More details to follow.

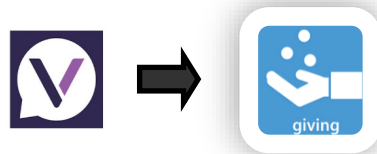
See Mary Backus for more details.

### 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:



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

### BUILDING USE REMINDER

If you are using the church building, before you leave, please make sure that the following are done:

- All lights are turned off
- All doors are locked and shut tight. Please ensure this by checking from the outside.

Thank you for helping us be good stewards of our building.