



# Good News

## *A Newsletter for Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church*

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Dear Friends,

Things are really beginning to fall into place with our newly consolidated congregation! Much of the hard work has been done. All the congregational voting has taken place. All that's left are the few business details - like getting new federal, ELCA and non-profit numbers. We also are waiting until the end of the year to combine our finances. As I write this, we have just finished up an uplifting Quilter's social in Grace Place. Our ladies got to know each other a bit more as they began to dream together. Soon we hope to see them moving into the back portion of Grace Place - which will allow them more space for more people work. Then what becomes of the old quilting room? That will serve as our main storage center for our tables, seasonal items, etc.



If you find yourself in the building sometime, take a look around. Things are not only falling into place but shifting! Recently, we moved the music office to the back purple room next to the old quilter's space. It is our hope that we will become more organized with our music program. We took a big hit with Covid. But now, we can begin to build and grow the many ways we use music for our worship services. Barb Schneider will soon be ending her time as the Christ Lutheran Secretary and sliding into her new role as Worship Administrator. Her new office is being painted from blue to yellow. She will now be across from the fellowship Hall and closer to the main door the public uses during the week. We also intend the files that are kept in her office to contain the new church business. Our secretary, Megan, is busy redeveloping our church data base. Needless to say... it is an important time of reorganizing as we continue to form this new church.

Whether we are in worship, activity or service, we are using our gifts and working together. And as I look around, I can see that our core values are informing what we do as Christ Our Savior. It is obvious to me that we are being called by God in this time together. The work of consolidation is not an easy one. But, if we keep God's mission in the forefront of all we do, we will continue to grow and thrive.

So my friends, please say a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all that has been done on our behalf. Be sure to also thank those who are leading and helping us get so much done at this time in this space with an amazing group of people!

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Connie*

### Christ Our Savior

1860 Wisconsin St  
Oshkosh, 54901

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

SUNDAYS  
9:00 am Worship  
In-Person Service  
On-Line: FB & YouTube

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## Synod hosts retreats for Pastor's and parish staff!

Pastor, Barb and Megan spent some time in late October in Egg Harbor on retreats with the Synod staff. Theological Conference and the ad+Ministers conference met in Door County consecutively under the themes "Gardens in Parched Places" and "Hope in Times of Exile." Turning to teachers, The Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel and The Rev. Melissa Bills, we gathered to dwell in Advent texts and to ponder the church in these times. The Holy Spirit drew us together for many days of learning and connecting.



### Power of Our Voice

This is an action-based advocacy event to help make the world more equitable. Here in the United States and across the world, there are countless reasons for being an advocate. We will focus on those wherever justice is a concern. After all, in our baptismal covenant we were charged with advocating for justice. In this workshop, we will learn a bit about synod members' trip to the Holyland in March, Churches for Middle East Peace, an organization comprised of many denominations including the ELCA. What is it that they do, and how might we learn from and work with them? In addition, you will learn about the work of the newly-formed Advocacy for Justice Team of the East Central Synod of WI. The AJ Team has just completed their advocacy training, and they are eager to go to work with you. You too can become the voice of an advocate.

### SYG is BACK!

God's love is for everyone - but it can be hard to talk about that. How can we take what we have experienced in life to share with others who Jesus is - who he came to love and what he came to do? Join with lots of other high school students from around the region for a fun weekend of meeting new friends, taking time to play and rest, and reflecting on your own story. The Rev. Asher O'Callaghan (he/him), Associate to the Bishop in our synod, will be our primary speaker. Pastor Asher discerned a call to ministry in the midst of his own gender transition. Embodying transition, Pastor Asher is uniquely equipped to share his faith story with those who experience God in the changes and challenges of life. He's ready to encourage us to make sense of God's presence and grace on the journey.



# Worship

## WHAT TO EXPECT

**November 27**

Advent 1 Worship 9 am

**November 30**

Soup Supper 5:30 pm  
Midweek Worship 6:30 pm

**December 4**

Advent 2 Worship 9 am

**December 7**

Soup Supper 5:30 pm  
Midweek Worship 6:30 pm

**December 11**

Children Program/Worship 9 am

**December 14**

Soup Supper 5:30 pm  
Midweek Worship 6:30 pm

**December 18**

Cantata Worship 9 am

**December 21**

Soup Supper 5:30 pm  
Midweek Worship 6:30 pm

**December 24**

Christmas Eve Worship 6 pm

**December 25**

Christmas Day Worship (TBD)

**January 1**

Worship 9 am

**January 8**

Celebratory Lunch 11 am  
New Beginnings Worship &  
Pastor Connie's Installation  
1 pm  
(Pr. Jenn Pockat Presiding)

## NEW BEGINNINGS THEME RUNS FROM ADVENT - EPIPHANY!

We are so excited to be entering the Advent season with so much to look forward to. Just like expectant parents, our congregation is getting ready to birth a brand new church! We will focus on the expectation of the arrival of Jesus as we journey through this new time.

Join us this Advent as we return to our long-awaited Soup Suppers prior to mid-week services. Various committees will be hosting those events for the 4 weeks during Advent.

This year, we will be offering a Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service. Choose one or attend both. Each service will offer something different.

Then, we will be celebrating our new beginning as Christ Our Savior on Sunday January 8th at 1 pm. Assoc. Bishop Jenn Pockat will be presiding as Pastor Connie is installed. Area churches and their pastors will be in attendance. A celebratory lunch will start us out that day at 11 am. Because of the importance of this special service, there will be no 9 am worship on the 8th.

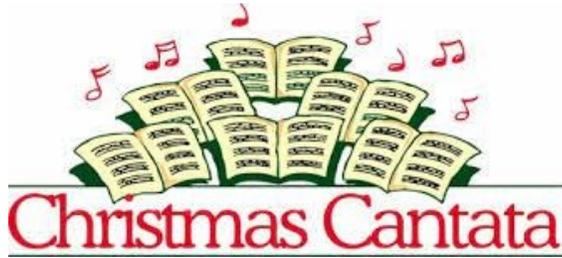
*Community*

**THANKS GIVING** **eve SERVICE**

**NOVEMBER 23 | 6:00 PM**

Pie & Fellowship to Follow

**St. Andrew's Lutheran Church 1100 E Murdock Ave, Oshkosh**



Cantata Rehearsal dates are listed below. We will be performing "Mary, Did You Know?" For all dates, rehearsals will be starting at 9am:

11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10 & 12/17

The Christmas Cantata will be on December 18th. We hope you are all excited to bring this event back to our Parish. We hope to see you all on December 18th to celebrate the Christmas spirit that lies ahead.



There will be a children's program this year on December 11th. If you want to have your children or grandchildren be involved, please talk to our Sunday school

teachers. They are excited to be bringing the Children's program back this year as the church hasn't been able to have it because of COVID in the past few years. If you have any questions, please email the kids ministry email below.

kidsministry.coslc@gmail.com

### Poinsettia Order Form

Please print names clearly to ensure proper spelling.

Make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church Flower Fund

Deadline: TBD. We will need to get orders in extra early this year because the supply and demand for the flowers are huge this year and orders are taking extra long to get places. Please consult the Weekly Word for an update on the deadline.

**NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.**

\$15.00 Each Plant

White \_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ Marble \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

or In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_



### New! Children's Offering

Pastor Connie has started to offer a children's offering during service/communion since the end of September. An offering plate/bucket will be available around the altar. If you want to let your kid(s) put money in the children's offering plate, send them up towards the altar during offering time. These funds will be donated to the Oshkosh Humane Society.

Thank you in advance!



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### Trunk-or-Treat Success!

Trunk-or-Treat was a huge success on October 23rd in the COSLC parking lot. Lots of fun games, trunks and people within our parish and in the community attended to put on a celebratory event for children in the local community. Thanks to all those that helped.

### Collaboration Amongst Colleagues in the Synod!



In early October, Pastor Crystal Lee of Church of Our Saviour (Fond du Lac), Pastor Connie Weiss of Christ Our Savior (Oshkosh), Pastor Doug Holtz of Calvary (Oshkosh), and Pastor Karen Jewell-VanBuskirk of St. Andrew's (Oshkosh), along with their confirmation students - gathered for a confirmation intensive/lock in to spend time in the small catechism. The picture shows just a small time frame they spent together collaborating with all their ministries. Here's their plan: the four classes will meet twice a year for overnight intensives focusing on Luther's small catechism. The larger group will also participate in special projects, fun activities, and periodic visits to different churches and places of worship.



### Social Media Updates:

Please be on the lookout for new name changes on our weekly emails, social media sites, and bulletins in the next coming month. Because we have now voted to change our name officially, we will inform you if links or anything of that nature change. Consult the Weekly Word for current changes.



### BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS AT 1 PM

Join us every Monday in person as we look at the upcoming text for each Sunday. Look out for an email for the weekly link to join us online.

### A COLORFUL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!



Consider signing up to sponsor the flowers for a Sunday. The sign up sheet is located in the narthex. See Christine Esselman about the flowers. The cost is \$20.00. Christine will take care of the rest. If you are interested in a special flower, just let Christine know and she will do her best to accommodate. Flowers come from Festival Foods.



**SUBSCRIBE**  
TO OUR CHANNEL

We will be going live on YouTube and not on Facebook on Sundays! This is the only way we won't get blocked for copyright reasons. If we somehow can't stream on YouTube, please check our Facebook page for updates.



If you are not receiving our weekly emails, please email Megan or call the office. Please check your spam or junk folders first. If not, we can set you up in our new system so you are receiving our link for Facebook and YouTube.



## MILESTONES



Happy Birthday to all the council and congregation members that have birthdays/anniversary's in November!



### Weddings

Crystal and Shane Skifstad  
October 15th

Kayla and Jeff Wilson  
October 29th



## PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain is an online ministry. A wonderful, loving, caring, tenacious group of "Prayer Warriors" who take time each day to pray for the needs of others.

If you are interested in participating in this email ministry, please contact Eileen Kuehl at 235-6393 or eileenkuehl4@gmail.com or 920-573-7205. Or you may contact: Diane Schmude at 920-235-4689 or diane4689@att.net.

These are also the people to contact if you wish to ask for a specific prayer that needs to be addressed.



### 4 Ways to Worship with Us!

1. In -Person Worship
  2. Facebook/YouTube Live during in-person worship (Usually YouTube if technology cooperates)
  3. Recorded Videos on our YouTube
  4. Spectrum Oshkosh Channel 2
- Sun-10am/Tue-2:30pm/Wed-9pm/Thu-10am



**MATCHING FUNDS FUNDRAISER:**

We received pledges of seed money totaling \$20,205. We have 100% buy-in from the members of both councils, and 3 pledges of seed money were received from other generous donors. All pledgers of seed money have already donated their funds. We have done our best to explain that all checks for matching funds should be made payable to Our Savior's and should be clearly marked as Matching Funds. All the donors have followed these instructions. Any Christ Lutheran members who donate matching funds have been set up with a giving record for Our Savior's, and they will receive 2 giving records at the end of this year – one from each congregation. The total received in matching funds (through Sunday, October 22) is \$13,299.46. There have been 54 matching funds donations thus far, with several people donating more than once. This includes 8 people who gave using Vanco. Some of their amounts were adjusted because of charge card processing discounts. Thank you to those who continue to donate and have helped us get closer to our goal. We hope to receive the remaining (approximately) \$7,000 to meet our goal by the end of November.

In Christ's love,  
Barb Schneider

Thank you to all those who are donating food to keep Birdie's Box full. It is very much appreciated and I appreciate seeing all the help!

-Debbie Kamark



**Joint Women's Group**

The women of our congregations will be sponsoring a craft and bake sale on voting day, November 8. Anyone wishing to donate crafts or baked goods for the sale should bring them to the church (with prices marked on them) by the end of the work day on Monday, November 7.

Our next meeting of the women's group will be after worship on Sunday, November 13. We will be discussing future plans, including distribution of remaining funds for the existing groups as well as looking at options for how we will be organized next year.



All Saint's Sunday is on November 6th. Join us as we not only remember those we have lost this year, but all the blessed saints who have gone on before us.

***Dolores Reetz***

***Tina Bays***

***June Backus***

***Lynn Harron***

***Steven Boylan***

***Alfred zur Horst***

***Norman Diel***

***Clifford Sundquist***

***Susan Andre***

***Ariana Bayer***



# Finance Update

## Christ Lutheran Church

	September	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
Offerings	\$2,859.38	\$46,744.51	\$59,500.00
Other Income	\$3,992.46	\$39,477.09*	\$5,320.00
Expenses	\$8,727.86	\$90,394.88	\$159,692.91
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$1,876.01)	(\$4,173.28)	(\$94,872.91)

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

	September	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
Offerings	\$6,310.57	\$98,182.63	\$165,700.00
Other Income	\$20.00	\$16,418.86**	\$20,050.00
Expenses	\$15,680.75	\$175,411.21***	\$234,105.70
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$9,350.18)	(\$60,809.72)	(\$48,355.70)

**Special Note:** Offering figures for September do not include the Sunday offering from September 25. That offering will be included in October's totals.

\* Other Income for Christ Lutheran includes payments from Our Savior's toward Pastor Connie's salary (which was not included in the original budget figures).

\*\* Other Income for Our Saviors includes more than \$12,000 that was designated for future expenditures.

\*\*\* OSLC Expenses include nearly \$26,000 for the AV project that was taken from previous gifts to the church.



### 3 WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY

- Mail in a Check
- Mobile Give+ App (also on website)
- AHC Bank Payment



You can give online!

Check out this easy way to send your offering to the church through our website at

[www.christsaviorsoshkosh.com](http://www.christsaviorsoshkosh.com)

"A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great."  
Proverbs 18:16"



**ONLINE GIVING** is secure, easy to set up and allows you to schedule recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have internet access. We use an online giving system called Vanco. You can visit our website for the link to online giving. Click the "Vanco/Giving" tab and it will direct you to the right place.