



GoodNews

A Joint Newsletter for Christ and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches

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Our Savior's Lutheran
1860 Wisconsin St
Oshkosh, 54901

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

SUNDAYS
9:00 am Worship
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Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable,
always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you
know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58



Dear Friends,

Consolidating our two congregation is not some easy task. It takes real work! It's not easy, but it has been so rewarding! Sometimes, however, I think that we can lose sight of why we are doing all of this. It's easy to see this work of consolidation as a plan to save ourselves - as a way to survive. When we do that, we can so easily miss the point. For the danger in being church together is looking for a safe landing spot where we can be comfortable together, gather in worship and fellowship in our building, while forgetting why God has called us in the first place.

Instead, as we move forward in faith, we are called to be participants in building God's Kingdom. It's a career in discipleship that calls us to roll up our sleeves and get busy doing what Jesus did.

When we read the gospels, they are not there for us to be comforted that we, too, will find a comfortable landing spot when we die. If that is true, what's the point of living? Actually, with the resurrection of Jesus, God's kingdom has already been ushered in. Jesus remains present and Lord of our lives. And just like in the garden, God still counts on us to be good stewards here on earth in this time and place. After all, we are made in God's image because we are meant to care for creation and draw it close to our creator. And through Jesus' death and resurrection, God's long-awaited Kingdom is already here. Therefore, we need to take seriously our call to be builders of the kingdom, and not hold back. Just as our two congregations are being made new, God's work of re-creation has begun! Anything you do in the name of Christ is not wasted but so important!

Paul worked hard with the Corinthian church. Often, the world would distract them, cause them to fight, pull them in another direction and cause them to doubt. But we are doing the work, my friends. We are being thoughtful about who we are in this new time and place. And as God's New Creation, we already are understanding the strong values that have resulted in fruitful ministry involving Hospitality, Helping Others, Faithfulness and in the ways we are Prayerful.

So like Paul, hear my encouragement to keep up the good work - New Creation people! Your labor is not in vain. God wants to use you for this kingdom now. For the kingdom is not some far-distant goal or promise, IT IS HERE! May you find yourself growing stronger in your building skills as we move forward in this newly created time for our church with the many ways we can spread the Good News!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Connie

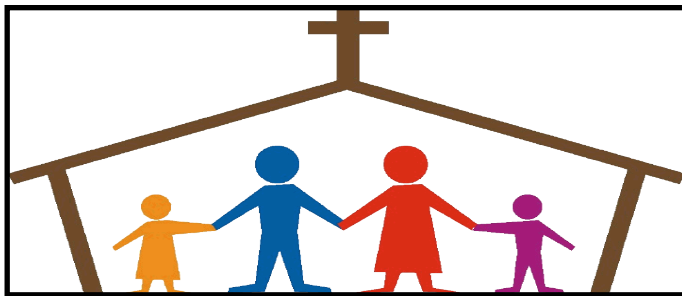
RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING OFFERED



Racism has caused suffering for many years, yet many people don't know very much about why or how this happened. The Racial Equity Team of our synod will offer a six-hour workshop in October led by Dr. Joyce Caldwell and Rev. Marilyn Miller of Leading for Racial Equity of Milwaukee.

Caldwell and Miller provided anti-racism training for lay and rostered people several years ago in virtual format due to COVID 19. Their workshops have been very well received here and throughout the region, and Caldwell and Miller are recognized as national leaders in this work. Participants may choose to attend either session: Friday, October 14 at Lutheran Church of the Wilderness or Saturday, October 15 at St. John Lutheran in Ashwaubenon. Ideally, participants will attend with one or two others from their congregation, ministry, or organization including a council or board member. Youth aged 13 and older are welcome as part of the team. Time will be included for these groups to discuss how to take this information back to their congregations, ministries, or organizations. Watch for how to register information.

LAY SCHOOL : EDUCATION FOR ALL



Registration for Lay School continues! Throughout August we will continue to feature courses. This week, Introduction to New Testament! **Introduction to the New Testament: The goals of this course are to gain a working knowledge of the content of the New Testament, a basic understanding of its socio-historical background and an awareness of how the New Testament came into being. The student will develop skills in reading biblical texts while exploring the various Gospel portrayals of Jesus. Students will use the knowledge to grow in confidence in proclaiming the Gospel to others. Students will also explore key theological concepts such as grace, justification, the theology of the cross and stewardship. The instructional method will encourage students to grow in love and excitement in the reading and study of the Bible. Pastor Ryan Eikenberry will teach this course and is the Faith Life Pastor at First English Lutheran in Appleton, WI.



2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly: Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) gathered for the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Aug. 8-12 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Meeting under the theme "Embody the Word," the assembly participated in plenary discussions to make decisions about the work of this church. They also spent time in worship and Bible study.

The triennial gathering — the highest legislative body of the denomination — was composed of more than 900 voting members serving on behalf of the 3.3 million members of the ELCA. The ELCA's 65 synods elected voting members to serve at churchwide assemblies. See the Synod website for more information.

THE MANY WAYS WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR...



Thank you to the many volunteers who came together to assemble our school and healthcare kits.



Thank you to all those that helped in assembling the Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Your help is always appreciated! -Eileen K.



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.



Worship and music is looking for any people or musicians that want to be involved in worship and music during the fall time. If you would like to join or have question, sign-up in the Narthex or call Mary Backus.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sun, Sept 18th, will be the day our 2 congregations vote on a new name for our church.

Sun, Oct 2nd, we will have a Congregation Meeting about voting on establishing a new congregation, approving the new constitution, calling Pastor Connie to the new congregation, and electing a new council.

OUR CORE VALUES IN THIS NEW TIME

Through weeks of meaningful discussions, we have uncovered our 4 core values. They are:



HOSPITALITY
FAITHFUL
HELPING OTHERS
PRAYERFUL

These values are reflected in the ministry we carry out as God's church together. We hope to develop a brand new mission statement that describes how we live out our lives together in Christ for the glory of God and out of love for our neighbor.



The Gathering Place is gearing up for its annual plant giveaway for incoming UW-O students. Help them Minister to Students in a warm and welcoming way by:

1. Planting or purchasing small houseplants
2. Label the plants by name/congregation Include specific directions for care of plant.
3. Drop off plants at The Gathering Place at 620 Elmwood anytime between Thursday, Sept. 1st, and Sunday, September 4th.

Any Questions? Contact LCM at

920-231-1168 or lcmoshkosh@gmail.com



If you need to call Barb, please call 920-235-4850 as we are trying to transition the church to one phone. This is for our consolidation process. Megan will be able to take a message for you, so Barb can get back to you when she is in the building. You can also reach the parish office at our email at

secretary.coslc@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, let us know!



CONGREGATIONAL CONSULTANT LEADS AUGUST LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Members of our Council and Consolidation Team gathered in Calvary's Fellowship Hall with congregational consultant Cathy Cowling. In preparation for the consolidation of our two congregations, leaders spent time sharing challenges and successes. Cathy shared valuable tools with our leaders as we work towards becoming one new congregation. This uplifting time together affirmed the new direction our two congregations are taking.



4 CHURCHES COLLABORATE THIS FALL

We are excited to enter into a brand new Confirmation program that will have four congregations teaming up with us this year. They are Calvary, St. Andrew's and, First English of Oshkosh along with Church of Our Savior of Fond du Lac. We will gather two times a year for catechism-intensive retreats. We are so excited to be collaborating!

MEET & GREET ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sun., Sept. 18th at 2 pm - Our Savior's

FALL INTENSIVE LOCK-IN

Fri., Sept. 30th - Sat, Oct 1st

Beginning at 6 pm - St. Andrew's



RALLY DAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH!

We will be welcoming children and their families to join us for an Ice Cream Social on the 18th. Kids will meet their teachers and see their classroom.

. We hope to see you there for this special day!



Join us for

"God's work. Our hands."

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

Beginning at 9 am

Worship - Service - Brunch

Join us for God's Work Our Hands Sunday as we combine worship with community service. We'll stop mid-worship to spend an hour in one of several service opportunities. Then, we'll meet back in our sanctuary to finish worship. After that, we will gather in our Fellowship hall for a delicious brunch.



CULTIVATING GENEROUS
CONGREGATIONS

ZOOM LEADS TO STEWARDSHIP CLASS

A few council members and pastor joined a synod Zoom to hear from churchwide leaders on how to shift our minds on stewardship. Following the meeting, pastor signed up for the fall seminar on Cultivating Generous Congregations.

This program maps the new landscape of religious giving and will provide our congregational team with tools to help us build a culture of generosity unique to our needs and challenges.



MILESTONES



CLIFFORD SUNDQUIST

May 31, 1947 - August 4, 2022

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to Ron Kuehl
(8/12) and Mary Jo Rasmussen
(8/20). Thank you for all that
you do for the church!



GIFT CARDS NEEDED

I could use some more gift cards to hand out to those in need. Gift cards for groceries or a fast-food place would be helpful

Thank you for your support! - Pastor Connie

Thanks everyone for helping meet the needs for those struggling in our area. Items that Birdies Box could use: Canned ham, chicken, tuna, beef stew, fruits and vegetables. Peanut butter, jelly, jam, noodles, pasta, cereal, paper products and toiletries. CVS has an excellent reward\$ program just by using your extra care card. I recently was able to get (5) bottles of body wash - A \$5.00 value for FREE. I appreciate anything you can donate. If you prefer to give a monetary donation/gift card rather than shop that would work also.



The need is very real!

Peace be with you, Debbie Kamark

SHARING HER STORY OF THE HOLY LAND

Pastor Connie was invited to speak at a women's event a Grace Lutheran Church in Berlin.



Pastor shared pictures and stories of the trip she took with her husband, member Mark Arend, and others from our synod. The 12-day adventure took the group to Jordan, Palestine and Israel visiting holy sites, hearing narratives from the Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian tour guides as they connected with the rich and complicated history of God's people. The trip also revealed the conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians that have resulted in oppression, hate and division. But all along the way, the group fell in love with the people they encountered.

Pastor Connie, Rick and Mark look forward to sharing this trip with our congregation this fall!



SUBSCRIBE
TO OUR CHANNEL

Hi Friends! We will be going live on YouTube and not on Facebook on Sundays! If you subscribe to our channel, it will notify you when we go live. 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.



Thank you to all those individuals that stepped up to clean the building while we haven't had a custodian. We appreciate you very much for your

dedication to the parish.

- C-OSLC Staff and Council



PRAYER STATION IN SANCTUARY

We encourage you to feel free to light a candle for whatever is on your heart. People can visit the Prayer Station before or after worship or during office hours from 9 am-1 pm Monday - Friday. If you light one during office hours, please let Megan know.



MATCHING FUNDS FUNDRAISER:

To date, we have received pledges of seed money totaling \$20,205. We have 100% buy-in from the members of both councils, and 3 pledges were received from other generous donors.

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. Several pledgers of seed money have already donated their funds. The total received, so far, from them is \$18,030. The total received in matching funds (through Sunday, August 21) is \$4,655.20. There are 25 matching funds donors thus far. This includes 5 people who gave using Vanco. Some of their amounts were adjusted because of charge card processing discounts. Five of the donors are from Christ Lutheran, one of whom isn't a member but maintains ties because of his deceased parents. Three other donors are not officially members of the congregation.

In Christ's love,
Barb Schneider



We need help with numerous jobs on Sundays. We have a need for counters for the weekly offerings. We would like to have them count every

week on Sunday after church or Monday morning around 11 am. These people would be responsible for counting the weekly offerings given at church on Sundays and the offerings given through mail and online. We also need help with Communion Assistants, Acolytes, PowerPoint helpers and Readers. If you would be interested in helping or signing up, please sign up in the Narthex or email Barb Schneider or Megan Hafenbreidl for more info.



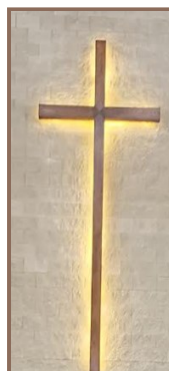
The Prayer Chain is an online ministry. A wonderful, loving, caring, tenacious group of "Prayer Warriors" who take time each day to pray for the needs of others.

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.



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.



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



Offering Envelopes 2023:

Offering envelopes will only be ordered on a per need basis. If you want envelopes for 2023, please let Megan in the church office know by the end of September, so we can order you some for next year.



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.



FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Below you will find our social media platforms that we currently use. Make sure to subscribe, follow and share our pages so people can find us!

Find us on Facebook. We have combined our Facebook pages into one Facebook page.

[www.facebook.com/
christoursaviorslutheranoshkosh](https://www.facebook.com/christoursaviorslutheranoshkosh)

Find us on YouTube. We will be using YouTube Live for Sunday services unless our system goes down. .

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCA0C2B-FnQscUDQeN930BMA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA0C2B-FnQscUDQeN930BMA).

Find links to any of our social media pages on our website at:

<https://www.christoursaviorsoshkosh.com/>



SISTERS IN CHRIST UNITED FOR ALLYSHIP 2022 Women of the ELCA Fall Retreat

“Allyship” will be the theme for the 2022 Fall Retreat on Saturday, September 24th at Imago Dei Village. Speakers, music, worship and so much more. Register today!

Save your shoes! Bring your shoes! In kind gifts of gently used shoes (all sizes) will be collected for Soles for Jesus. New for 2022 – Children’s Programming! Youngsters (ages 5 – 12) are invited for a day of activities led by Crossways Camps staff. As always, teen girls are welcome to participate in the retreat.

Every participant needs to complete a registration form. Fall Retreat 2022 Friday night lodging is available for adults. Shared accommodations using lower bunks are available for adults on Friday, September 23rd, 2022 for \$58.00 per person. The suggested check in time is from 7p-8p on Friday evening. Payment for overnight lodging is due at Saturday morning registration. Cash or check is accepted.

To reserve shared accommodations for Friday evening, check the appropriate line on the registration form (due 9/1/22). No Friday night meal or program will be provided. Continental breakfast as part of the retreat will be served on Saturday morning.

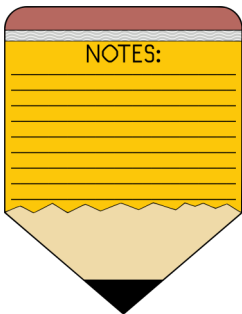
Registration forms and scholarship applications are due by September 1st, 2022..

If you have any questions or need a printout of the scholarship information or registration, please email Megan at:

secretary.coslc@gmail.com



Financial updates were not done at the time of printing and publishing this due to our consultant getting sick this past month. As soon as we get the numbers we will share them with you. Thank you for your patience!



Council notes:

Council would like to remind everyone that September and October will be busy and important months for the congregation. They ask all to stay involved and up to date as much as

possible. If you need more information on what is going on, call the office!



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

“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.