



Good News

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

Christ Lutheran
Our Savior's Lutheran
1860 Wisconsin St
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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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I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
...to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Isaiah 53:20b, 21b



Dear Friends,

Isaiah is writing to God's people who have been in exile. They are weary and running low on hope. He basically is telling them that the end of their captivity is in sight! Here the prophet talks about rivers in the wilderness. For people who live in desert regions, water is a valuable commodity. For all living things, water is LIFE. It refreshes our bodies and nourishes the land. What those exiled people needed to hear was that God had not given up on them. Even though they had experienced a time, this wilderness passage paints a beautiful picture of a dry desert with refreshing, life-giving waters running through it—changing the landscape as it becomes a place that draws all life to itself.

As I write this, I am preparing to depart for the Holy Land. For Rick, Mark Arend and I, along with many others from our synod, we have wandered in the wilderness of waiting. Because of the pandemic, our trip had been postponed for two years. And now, we will finally be able to step in the sands of Israel, Palestine and Jordan. We will walk where Jesus walked and we will meet many who call these places home. And I will not only be refreshed by my time away, but inspired to think that God chose to walk in these places in the flesh.

By the time you read this, we will be back home. We'll have many stories to share. We will have stepped into a better understanding of the geography and people of these special places. We'll have briefly left behind the things that are familiar to us in order to gain a better understanding of our neighbors from afar. I will also reflect on how much things have changed these past few years for all of us. We had been growing weary and worn by the challenges of a pandemic and a world that seems most unforgiving at times. Maybe, we can reflect on the ways that God has accompanied us and helped to bring those life-giving waters to us when we needed hope and refreshment in our own desert places.

As we journey towards the end of Lent and into joy of Easter, let us take a moment to reflect on the faithfulness of God throughout our lives. May it help you find the joy in the midst of life's challenges. May it bring you New Life as you continue to move forward in faith.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Connie



East Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Families in crisis need you

Conflict in Ukraine has put millions of people in danger. As Ukrainians shelter from bomb blasts or flee their homes, many need medical attention, food, water, and basic sanitation. In the combat zones, thousands of families have been cut off from water, food, electricity and fuel for days. Health facilities have sustained damage and many Ukrainians are in need of medical attention. The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) estimates that more than 870,000 million people have fled to neighboring countries like Hungary, Poland and Moldova, while more than 160,000 have been displaced within Ukraine in winter temperatures. The flood of refugees will put pressure on food and other supplies in host communities.

Your gift will deliver urgent support and care, like: food, shelter and other critically needed items; Mission Quilts and Kits for families who fled their homes; and medicine and supplies for clinics. You can give online at www.lwr.org/match or by mailing to LWR, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Write "Ukraine Relief" in the memo.

LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION



The LWF is a global communion of 148 churches in the Lutheran tradition, representing over 75.5 million Christians in 99 countries. We strive to put our faith into action within and beyond the communion, and seek God's Word and Spirit to guide us. This action takes a variety of forms from theological reflection and dialogue with other churches and faiths, to deepening relationships, sharing about our faith, serving those in need and advocating for a more just, peaceful and reconciled world.

To learn more visit:
<https://www.lutheranworld.org/>.

WORLD HUNGER



More than 820 million people – that's about 11 percent of people in our world today – are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to micro-loans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

HELPING AFGHAN ALLIES



Today, there are over 80 million people around the globe who have been forced to leave their homes. After years of fleeing violence, famine and extreme poverty, their greatest hope is that they'll find a safe place to rebuild their lives and call home. Here's the good news. When you join us today, you can. At World Relief, we've welcomed, advocated for, and helped integrate over 400,000 immigrants in vulnerable situations to communities all across our nation. And we've done so with the help of bold and compassionate women and men just like you. If you want to learn more visit, <https://worldrelief.org/fox-valley/>.

Join us for a continental Breakfast on Easter Sunday!



We are excited to be hosting a continental

breakfast on Easter Sunday starting at 8am. We have looked forward to have fellowship opportunities again, and are excited to start having them starting on Easter. Please join us as we will be having coffee and some goodies in the Fellowship hall. We hope to see you there!

Join us for Easter worship on Facebook live @ <https://www.facebook.com/chistoursavior-slutheranoshkosh>



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.

Please join us for the remaining Lenten Season for these dates and times. We hope to see you!

LENTEN LINE-UP

RESTORE

4/3 Sun - 9 am
4/6 Wed - 6 pm

HOLY WEEK

RETURN

4/10 Palm Sun - 9 am

REMEMBER

4/14 Maundy Thu - 6 pm

RELEASE

4/15 Good Fri - 1 & 6 pm

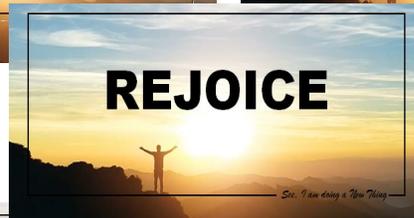
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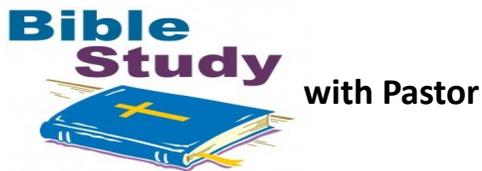
4/17 Easter - 8 am
Breakfast & 9 am Service



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





Every Monday at 1pm

Join us in-person or online!

Join us every Monday at 1 pm either in-person or on Zoom. We will be meeting at 1 pm every week in the Fellowship Hall or Grace Place. We will look at the upcoming text for each Sunday. We hope you can join us whether it is online or in-person! Look out for an email for the weekly link to join us.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE



By the end of this year, we would love to be sending out under a certain number of newsletters. If you are receiving the newsletter and would like to save us the paper and manpower it takes to get it to you every month, please send us the blue or pink card back that we have provided in this/past newsletter. You can either email us your response and address, use the google forms response in our weekly emails or you can send it back to the church address which is listed below:

1860 Wisconsin St., Oshkosh, Wi 54901

The newsletter is always available online and we will still send to those that can't access the internet, but we would love to send out less than we have before. Please consider reading the newsletter online instead of receiving it in the mail.



Women's study groups available :

Circle of Light meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at

9am in the Fellowship hall. We would love for you to join us!



WEBSITE UPDATE!

We have recently added a "community resources" page to the website. It has links to things like free legal help, Lutheran World Relief, Fill The Gap, and anything that the community offers to help with. Many people have been sending us more links, so please check it out if needed or just to check it out. It is a good resource to send to others when they need help.



Joy Circle meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the Fellowship hall. All are welcomed to attend. We hope to see some familiar faces and

hope you can join us!

Do you know anyone caring for a loved one at home who has memory loss, Alzheimer's or dementia? Let them know about the Respite Care Program. Have them call Colleen at Valley VNA at 920-727-5555 to get information and sign them up. Our church is a site for this pro-



gram, 1-day a month, the 4th Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. you are interested in volunteering for the program or just have questions, please con-

tact Diane Schmude with any questions at

920-235-4689 or diane.4689@att.net



Stephen Ministry is a special part of our congregation. If you would like to be connected to a Stephen Minister, we can match you with that special person. We have numerous Stephen Ministers to help.

There are also numerous ways to be involved in this ministry. Stephen Ministers can help in a variety of ways. If you would like any more information about Stephen Ministry, how to get involved or want to be matched to a Stephen Minister, please reach out to Linda Tedlie at: 920-410-0745 or Tedliel@gmail.com



The joint women's group met on Sunday, March 13. We viewed a presentation about Rise Against Hunger. We decided to schedule a meal-packing day, aiming for a fall date (possibly in conjunction with God's Work Our Hands). We will use the time between to inform the congregation and seek the additional \$1200-\$1500 needed. We are looking into a limited participation in the summer Farmers Market. The Oshkosh Conference Spring Event will be at Grace in Ripon on Saturday, April 23. More information will be shared when we receive it. The synod women's organization is planning a fall retreat at Imago Dei Village for Saturday, September 24. We will not schedule a regular meeting for April or May because of Palm Sunday and Mothers' Day. If a meeting is needed, we'll announce an impromptu one on short notice.



In the month of April, we are asking people to donate rain ponchos, so we can put them in Birdie's Box for those that need them. Sometimes, we take for granted the roof over our head that keeps us dry. For some, they are not so lucky and need something like a rain poncho to stay warm and dry as the seasons change.

Please consider donating rain ponchos in April and check your local stores for them. Places like Dollar General or Dollar Tree usually keep a bunch in stock and sometimes you can get lucky and find them for cheap with a coupon. Please keep us in mind while you shop.

If you would like to give in the form of a check, please write "Birdie's Box" in the memo so we can direct the funds to the right place. We thank you in advance for your continued support of this ministry!

-Debbie Kamark



Debbie Kamark just wanted to thank everybody who has given to Birdie's Box in the past couple of months during

our campaigns. There has been so much support for this ministry and she is overwhelmed with gratitude. We will continue to hold monthly campaigns to make sure we continue to fill the gaps in donations.



The Holy Land Update

If you are interested in watching Pastor's journey in the Holy Land, please visit our YouTube channel to watch all the videos. They are posted by date or by the destination of her journey. Pastor will be talking about her journey during coffee hours in April if you want to hear about her journey then. She would love to share all her new insights!

A NEWSLETTER ARTICLE REQUEST

When submitting articles, please try to keep them brief when you can. We are receiving many articles and want to make sure everything makes it into our monthly newsletter.

May articles due by:

April 21st



BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE:

The Building and Grounds crew has been hard at work updating some things in the church. The lights in the Sanctuary are still being looked at. Building and Grounds is getting the piping marked out that is underground so we know where pipes are in the future. Building and Grounds is having several cleanup days in April. Please refer to the calendar if you want to come help rake or help clean up the property. Next B+G meeting is April 19th.



Worship and Music Committee update:

Worship and Music would like to thank everybody who have so far participated in the Lenten services during Lent.

Also, a huge thanks too, to everybody who helped prepare all the items for the planting of the marigolds. We cannot wait to see what they look like on Easter!



QUILTING UPDATE

The Quilters are back to work again every Thursday starting at 8:30 am in the quilting room. They are hard at work every week making and sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you want to support the Quilters, they are running out of blankets and flat sheets. If you have any laying around, consider donating them so the Quilters can make more quilts. Any size top bed sheets in any color or design they will take as well. Blankets do not need to be in excellent condition as they are used as fillers. Thank you!



We need counters for the weekly offerings. We would like to have them count every week on Sundays after church or Monday mornings 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. If you would be interested in helping or signing up, please sign up in the Narthex or email Barb Schneider.



MILESTONES

Lynn K. Harron

Born 9/13/22- Risen to new life 3/6/22

Service at C-OSLC 4/3 at 3:00pm

Sandra Peterson Buhrow

Memorial Service 4/2



CONSOLIDATION

We have put up a huge cork board in the Narthex called the "Communication Station." Here you will find any information on consolidation and what steps we are on in the process. If you would like to help in any of the steps, you can find contact information here as well for certain people to get in contact with. You can also visit our website for update on the consolidation process, under the "Better Together" tab. There is also a link to the paperwork Synod gave us for consolidation process there as well. Pastor will be talking more about where we are in the consolidation process when she returns from her trip. We hope to be getting out more information soon.



We hope that everyone has a safe and blessed Easter Sunday! - Staff and Parish Council



The Prayer Chain is an on-line 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.



A COLORFUL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!

After Lent, 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.



Have you suggestions for content for our newsletter?

Let us know:

Mark Arend: mwarend@gmail.com

Maryla Karl: mjkdirk124@gmail.com



Christ Lutheran Church

	Month	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
Offerings	\$4,543.01	\$7,853.51	\$59,500.00
Other Income	\$3,407.95	\$8,573.75	\$5,320.00
Expenses	\$9,347.46	\$20,054.50	\$159,692.91
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$1,396.50)	(\$3,627.24)	(\$94,872.91)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

	Month	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
Offerings	\$12,606.04	\$20,026.21	\$165,700.00
Other Income	\$840.00	\$6,803.81	\$20,050.00
Expenses	\$22,077.18	\$39,213.72	\$234,105.70
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$8,628.14)	(\$12,383.70)	\$46,55.70

Special Notes:

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

Other Income for Our Savior's includes more than \$5,000 that is being held for future expenditures.

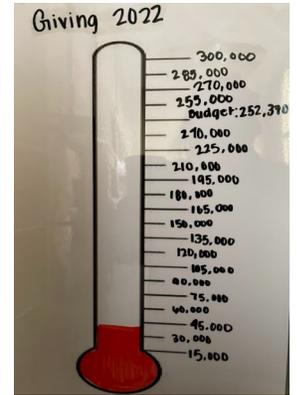


COUNCIL NOTES:

Council has been busy at work and is excited about the progress they are seeing in the church at all different levels. They are excited the consolidation team and the progress the team is making. They are planning to put out some information on the progress of consolidation very soon!

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

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.