



*A Newsletter for Christ Our Savior in Oshkosh*

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church  
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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"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Isaiah 43:1

Dear Friends,

Following Worship on September 18th, members voted on a new name for our consolidated congregation. Members who were not present that Sunday were able to submit their vote ahead of time. Ballots reflected 16 names many of you suggested for our new congregation. Meet the result of your vote →

**HELLO**  
our name is

**Christ Our Savior  
Lutheran Church**

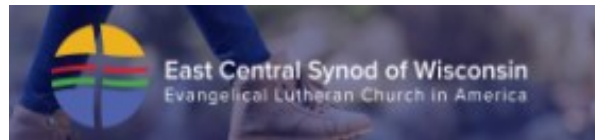
We are doing it, my friends! We are moving forward in a way that affirms our desire to become one. It's not to say that it doesn't mean that change is always easy. It takes a lot of work. And, it takes trust in Christ - Our Savior.

Change can bring about fear. For the prophet Isaiah, he delivers good news in the midst of a challenging reality for the Israelites. They have become scattered as a result of their own sin. The prophet has harsh words from God for the people at the end of chapter 42. They are living out the consequences of their actions. However, there is good news! Isaiah shares that relief is on the way! In chapter 43, they are reminded that they are still loved and not forgotten. Isaiah tells them that God continues to be in relationship with them. This message is strengthened through the intimate act of naming them as God's own. And the same remains true for us today. Not only are we named and claimed through our baptism, we have named our worshipping community after the one we value.

For the past two years we have been using both of our names in one singular sentence to identify ourselves to others. As soon-to-be former members of Christ and Our Savior's Lutheran, we can celebrate our histories and the ministries that have brought us to this point. God always has a plan! For the Israelites, the prophet shares that God's plan is redemption through a Messiah. Of course, we know the outcome of that redemption which resulted in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have learned about our own salvation through the words of our Messiah. And we can learn from God's people of the past - that we matter to God. Even when we forget who we truly are, God never does.

As we move closer to this consolidation as Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, let us not fear during this transition. Let us remember how much we are loved and being led at this time. May you never forget God's comforting and empowering words that "You are mine." And that is something to celebrate!

In Christ's Love, *Pastor Connie*



Synod Office Updates: **The East Home Base** - Bishop Anne's public office space is now located at the North Site of First English on Ballard Road in Appleton. Because the First English pastors and staff are working from their downtown location, the north site had a vacant office suite with room for gathering and hospitality. With plenty of natural light streaming into the space, the office is bright and welcoming and there is plenty of comfortable meeting space and a large table for gathering. In person meetings with Bishop Anne are available by appointment only. **The Central Home Base** - Pastor Jenn's public office space is now located at the Welcome Center at Imago Dei Village on Cloverleaf Lake Road in Clintonville. With gathering spaces that include fireplaces and a view of the lake, the rustic and quiet feel is a good place for the synod to host meetings with a more retreat-like feel. Held in a geographically central place within the synod, those who gather will find a place of familiarity and warmth. Crossways once nested at the synod office space and now the inverse is true. In person meetings with Pastor Jenn are available by appointment only.

## GROWING YOUNG DISCUSSION GROUPS



Join others from across the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin to discuss the book *Growing Young*, by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffen, their research and how we can implement it into our congregations. Discussions are open to all: youth, young adults, rostered ministers, and lay members. We will gather twice a month from September through December, so that we can have time to process what we are learning and start implementation of what we learn. You can attend any of the discussion that work for you, so if one of the weeks does not work, please come when you are available. Please email Pastor Crystal Lee (pastorcrystal21@gmail.com), or fill out the form and answer the last question, if you are interested but are unable to attend an afternoon meeting.

## SYG IS BACK!

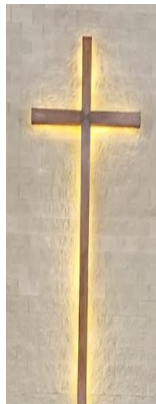


God's love is for everyone - but it can be hard to talk about that. How can we take what we have experienced in life to share with others who Jesus is - who he came to love and what he came to do? Join with lots of other high school students from around the region for a fun weekend of meeting new friends, taking time to play and rest, and reflecting on your own story. The Rev. Asher O'Callaghan (he/him), 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. For more info visit <https://www.ecsw.org/youth-ministry-committee>

## GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY



On October 11th, worshippers observed God's Work, Our Hands Sunday by breaking in the middle of worship to spend one hour in service to our community. Bethany and Barry Rusch provided two great opportunities to serve. One group gathered in our Fellowship hall to work on greeting cards sharing words of love and support for LGBTQ students at UWO. The other group visited The Residence assisted living to visit with residents during that time. After that, members returned to finish worship and then gathered to share their experiences and enjoy a continental breakfast.

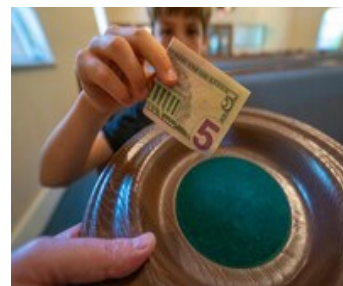


### *4 Ways to Worship w/ Us!*

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

## NEW ... CHILDREN'S OFFERING IN WORSHIP!

Pastor Connie has started to offer a children's offering during the worship service. An offering jar will be available in front of the altar. If you want your kid(s) to put money in the children's offering jar, send them up towards the altar during offering time.



Funds will be donated to the Oshkosh Humane Society. Thank you in advance!

# SAVE THE DATE!

### CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CANTATA

Beginning Nov. 5th at 9 am  
(Meeting every Saturday until Dec. 17th)  
*Contact Corky Abraham if interested!*

CHRISTMAS CANTATA - Dec. 18th at 9 am

### MIDWEEK ADVENT SOUP & SERVICE

Wednesdays, Nov. 30 – Dec. 21st

### BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Wednesday, December 21st

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Sunday, December 11th  
9 am in Sanctuary



## RALLY DAY SUNDAY AND A STRONG START TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM!



Sunday school is off to a great start! On September 18th, the congregation was brought together to celebrate our younger members. Some of our teachers were blessed in worship and children were then led out of worship following communion. After meeting in the classroom with parents, the families joined parishioners in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy fresh popcorn, build their own ice cream sundaes and visit for the rest of the hour.

Students will meet from 10-11 am every Sunday. They will come to understand the weekly gospel reading through meaningful discussions, prayer and fun activities. Teachers plan on including special service projects to help students understand how to engage in God's work through the work of their own hands.

Please keep all the Sunday School teachers and students in your prayers as they continue into the rest of the year. If you want your child to attend, there is no sign-up or registration. Just show up at 10 am after service or come to service and your child will be taken to the Sunday School room after communion. If you have any questions, call the parish office.



### THE COLLABORATION HAS BEGUN!

On the afternoon of September 18th, pastors and confirmands and parents from Calvary and St. Andrew's of Oshkosh, along with Church of Our Savior's in Fond du Lac met in our Fellowship Hall. We enjoyed ice cream sundaes as students and their parents introduced themselves to each other.

Pastors Karen Jewell, Doug Holtz and Crystal Lee joined Pastor Connie in discussions on what families can expect in the collaboration. 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 service projects, fun activities and the periodic visits to different churches and places of worship.

Pastor Connie, Barb Schneider and other mentors will meet separately with our confirmand to strengthen her knowledge of the bible and what it means to live out her faith in the world.



**Saturday, October 22nd**

**12:30 - 3:00 pm**

#### JOIN US FOR THE FUN!

- Bring your Car
- Cone in Costume
- Decorate your trunk
- Hand out treats

#### DONATE FOR THE EVENT

- Cans of Soda
- Bottled Water
- Chips (Variety Pack)
- Money for supplies

Our Sunday School Team is hosting Trunk or Treat in our parking lot! Join us as we host local trick or treaters. We'll be serving hot dogs, hamburgers and brats. We'll also host fun games and activities for the kids who come!

**HELP US MEET OUR GOAL OF 25-30 CARS!**



ARIANA BAYER  
1985- August 20, 2022



Happy Birthday to all staff, council  
and congregation members that  
have birthdays in October!

Happy Anniversary to  
Pastor Connie and Mr. Rick!



be changing our name on everything before the end of the year. We will inform you if links or anything of that nature change. Consult the Weekly Word for current changes.

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 Please consider donating ONE ITEM  
 to help others.  
 Thank You!  
 FRUIT

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2122

## WHAT IS THE 2122 CAMPAIGN FOR KATIE'S FUND?

So who is Katie you may wonder?

Katharina von Bora Luther was a BOLD and practical woman of faith. The Women of ELCA honor her life by supporting global connections, leadership development, and living theology for many women.

The goal of the 2122 Campaign for Katie's Fund is to grow the endowment fund to \$4,000,000 to make more funds available to expand the footprint, reach, and impact women's leadership and ministry in the church for the sake of the world.

The following are examples of grants that were provided through Katie's Fund in the past: A workshop about bullying to youth leaders at the ELCA Youth Gathering Enabling 2 young women to participate in the 25th Anniversary Liberia Tour. A young woman, Sherri, was able to attend seminary. Elizabeth was able to attend a leadership conference that changed her life.

These are a few examples of how the money empowers women to be bold and reach out across the globe for Christ's ministry. As a tribute to women you know and love, you might donate in their honor or memory. I have personally found this very satisfying. Please encourage your people to donate generously. Checks can be sent to:

Women of the ELCA  
Gift Processing Center  
P O Box 1809 Mansfield  
VA 22116-8009



### 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. We will have extras but not that many. Please let Megan know by October 8th at the latest.



### BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS AT 1 PM

Join us every Monday in person as we look at the upcoming text for each Sunday. We meet in the Fellowship Hall.



If you need to call the office, please email us first @ secretary.coslc@gmail.com. We have been having some phone line troubles and often times we are not receiving all calls that come through. Email Megan with any questions or concerns you have and she can call you back.

If you have any questions, let us know!



**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.



### 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.



### GIFT CARDS STILL APPRECIATED

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



### 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.

### WELCOME THE NEW MEMBER OF OUR STAFF!



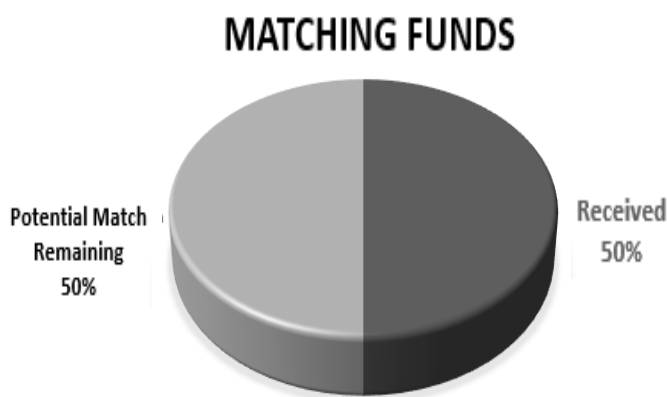
We are so excited to welcome our new custodian, Pete Valdez. He comes with a lot of experience from being a custodian with the Oshkosh School District. If you see him around, make sure to say hi, and introduce yourself!



## 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 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, September 18) is \$10,574.52. There have been 41 matching funds donations thus far, with a few 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!

In Christ's love, Barb Schneider



**41 Matching Fund Donors**

**Received \$10,574 so far**

**Over 50% of the way to our goal**

We would like to thank all of our donors who have contributed a little over \$20,000 to help us fund this campaign. We also are especially grateful to those who have donated above and beyond their regular giving, to help us get closer to our goal. Thank you to those who are not members of our congregation and those in the community that support our church, that have donated towards our matching funds.

We encourage everyone to spread awareness to those in the community about our campaign, so we can get more people to donate. We always have more information on our website at:

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

We are so grateful for all your support during this time!



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

**October 2nd** will be a very important congregational meeting. At this meeting, each congregation will vote to disband their current churches, and then consolidate into one. We will also be calling Pastor Connie at this time to the new congregation. We will propose a budget at this time as well (because we need it to call Pastor Connie). At this meeting, we will also vote on new council members (to start in January of 2023) and vote on our new constitution. We need as many members as possible of the congregations present to make the vote most meaningful. It is important for you to attend, so you can voice any concerns or questions moving forward. If you have any questions, call the office or email us.





### Christ Lutheran Church

	August	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
Offerings	\$4,645.17	\$43,885.13	\$59,500.00
Other Income	\$4,312.76	\$35,484.63*	\$5,320.00
Expenses	\$10,970.74	\$81,666.93	\$159,692.91
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$2,012.81)	\$2,297.17	(\$94,872.91)

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church

	August	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
Offerings	\$11,378.00	\$91,872.06	\$165,700.00
Other Income	\$160.00	\$16,398.86**	\$20,050.00
Expenses	\$12,856.98	\$159,231.26***	\$234,105.70
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$1,318.98)	(\$50,960.34)	(\$46,55.70)

\* 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.