



Good News

A Newsletter for Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Christ Our Savior

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Oshkosh, 54901
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday
9:00 am-1:00 pm

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

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“What is the kingdom of God like?

And to what should I compare it?

It is like a mustard seed that someone took
and sowed in the garden;

**it grew and became a tree, and the birds
of the air made nests in its branches.”**

Luke 13:18-19



I love the parables of Jesus. This particular one brought so much imagery to my mind. As I look outside, I see the birds begin to flock. They are gathering as a community in order to make a big move. And how about us? What is our next big move? Yes, we've settled in after the hard work of consolidation. Now, many are working hard at giving our interior a facelift. But really, now what?

The Parables of the Mustard Seed describe the growth and spreading influence of the church. The parable of the mustard seed is about outward growth. Birds from outside fly into and become part of the tree. The tree is now large enough to sustain life around it. I think back to how we've grown in so many ways. And remember this, growth of the kingdom comes from small beginnings.

Recently, I met with our church council to talk about how we can do some growing ourselves. We asked how we can reach more people in our community. We talked about how we can extend our branches out to youth and families as fall returns. And we talked about sacrifice.

I find myself working on a sermon about taking up our own cross. My mind contemplates the many ways we can do this together as God's church. How are we being called to spread the kingdom of God? In what ways will our branches extend themselves to make room for others? What risks is Jesus calling us to take in faith for the sake of others?

You will be hearing from our church council this month on how they feel we might answer some of those questions. I ask that you pray on these questions for now. Then, trust that God will answer.

This is both an exciting and challenging time to be church. We've seen God take the smallest of dreams and produce something fruitful with it. I believe that it's time again to remember the faithfulness of God as we move forward in this new time together.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Connie



Winter Camp

Pine Lake Camp
Feb 2-4, 2024



COSLC Endowment Gift!

Youth in grades 3-8 can sign up for a weekend of exciting winter fun. We'll balance our time between outdoor activities and time to warm up inside. Come experience all that camp has to offer during a completely different season than Summer Camp! Individuals and Youth Groups are welcome!

Jr. High Blast

Imago Dei Village
Nov 3-5, 2023



COSLC Endowment Gift!

Looking for a retreat opportunity for your middle school group? Look no further! This fall retreat is designed to give your students an opportunity to engage with others, learn a more about God, grow in who they are, and provide all the camp fun that you know and love! Reserve spots soon because these retreats fill up FAST!

Fall Crafting Retreat

Pine Lake Camp
Nov. 3-5, 2023
\$160-\$190/Person

Imagine the progress you will make with dedicated time and space for your quilting and crafting arts. Surrounded by fellow makers, you'll be inspired by the variety of skill and projects. With meals provided (Friday & Saturday: brunch & dinner, Sunday: brunch) and devotions available, your time will be maximized to develop those works of art! Thursday night early arrival or Monday late departure are optional add-ons, with meals on your own.



Wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. LDR will work to provide for immediate needs and long-term recovery amid the widespread destruction.



East Central Synod of Wisconsin
Biennial Convention – October 21st, 2023
St. John Lutheran Church – DePere
1700 Lost Dauphin Road

Give today:

<https://community.elca.org/uswildfires>

PARABLE OF VINE & BRANCHES COME TO LIFE!

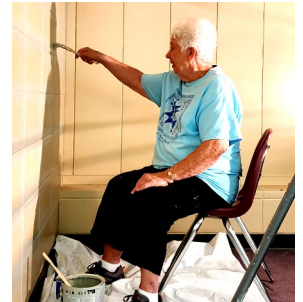
Fellowship Hall and Library Get a Make-Over that Reflects Our Vision

It's been a busy time this summer! Our Fellowship Hall has been repainted. A BIG thank you goes out to all those who put their time into making so much happen in our interior spaces! The colors were selected to reflect our image of growth and new core values. The subtle green tones reflect the vine that we stay connected to. The muted purple tones reflect the fruit produced by staying connected to the one that brings us life - fruit that we, in turn, share with others.

If you wander throughout these renewed spaces, you will see that there is also work being done in what was once our library. The shelving has now been moved to our Fellowship Hall where lounging visitors can see our books in a whole new light. New gathering spaces have been created in the old library. A desk that houses our historical information has also been located on the wall adjacent to Grace Place.



What a fun journey it's been reimagining our spaces in order to make our building more inviting and practical. The minimal funds used for this update have come from donated gifts. We are so blessed by the many who have volunteered their time and talents!



Dennis Weisbrick & Betty Hawley are just two of many who are involved with the interior update

FELLOWSHIP HALL TO BE SITE OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The Oshkosh Recreation Department has signed a facility use agreement with the church in order to secure space in our Fellowship Hall. They will be moving their youth and adult crafting programs to our place this fall. This is just one way our ministry is beginning to branch out into our community. The first class will take place on the evening of September 12th. Some Tuesday and Wednesday evenings will see these two groups gathering here. It is our hope that this is just the beginning of our relationship with the Rec. Dept. As we continue to reimagine what ministry can look like, we are excited to begin by opening our doors to those within our community. It gives us a chance to build relationships with the School District while sharing with others just who we are in Christ. We will be sure to keep you updated on how our space is working out for these upcoming visitors!



THE CHOSEN TV PROGRAM / STUDY COMING SOON!

"The Chosen" Premieres Monday, Sept. 18th
Noon & 6 PM in Fellowship Hall

We have installed a 70" TV on the south wall of our Fellowship Hall. Every Monday, we will be showing an episode of The Chosen - beginning with season 1. We have purchased the discussion study that goes along with it.

Feel free to bring a lunch if you plan on attending at noon. For those coming at 6, bring your whole family. Refreshments will be provided. The Chosen TV program is a multi-season series centers on the life of Jesus and the different people who followed or otherwise interacted with him.

SAME TIME DIFFERENT DAY!

Our Monday Bible Study is moving to Wednesdays in September. We will still gather at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We are hoping more people will be able to join us on our new day.



BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM

Join us every Wednesday for our Bible Study. We will be studying *Living in Faith Through Prayer*. We would love to see you there!

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.



Are you grieving a loss? Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. This 13-week grief recovery support group might be for you.

Mondays 5:30-7:00pm
August 28-November 27
Immanuel Lutheran Church
338 N. Eagle Street
To register go to griefshare.org

CALLING ALL QUILTERS!!



We will be starting up on Thursday September 7th at 8:30. Hope you see you there!



STEPHEN MINISTERS

We will meet on Thursday,
Sept 7th
10:00-12:00

SAVE THESE OCTOBER DATES!

October 1

Rally Day/Sunday School

October 4

Bible book study of Revelation

October 28

Trunk or Treat



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

BOOKS, BOOKS & MORE BOOKS!



There is still a great selection of books to look through in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by and grab a few!



On September 17, after service, our Treasurer, Barry Rusch will give an update on our church's finances . It will be an

informational meeting about the future direction of the church. The finance committee will also be working on the budget for next year. There will also be a vote to change the constitution C12.05.c. It reads The Congregational Council may enter into contracts of up to \$5,000 for items not included in the budget. The council would like to have you vote on the change to \$15,000 for items not included in the budget.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

September 10

We are partnering with Rise Against Hunger for this meal packaging event. Worship will be at 9:00 with brunch following in Grace Place. We will begin packing meals at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan on attending and helping as we need all hands on deck. Sign up by calling Mary Backus at 920-585-4600.

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

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Meat
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Dry Goods



We always appreciate your monetary donations so we can shop for the items most needed at the time.

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

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

920-495-0594

dkkamark@gmail.com

NEW OFFICE HOURS



Beginning September 1st, the office hours will be Monday - Thursday 9:00-1:00.

This summer, we were able to use our Youth Endowment



Fund that supports kids going to camp. We had 2 youth attend camp this year—reports are, they had a great time! It is not too early to start thinking of camp for next year.



MONTHLY MEETING

Sunday, September 24

10:15 am

In Grace Place



MILESTONES

Deaths:

Clara Dorsey 7-6-2023
Jim Simonson 8-19-2023



Wedding Blessings:



Zach Polley & Jordan Nourse
8-25-2023

FINANCE REPORT



Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

	July	Year-to-Date	2023 Budget
Offerings	\$ 18,188.25	\$ 138,171.79	\$ 325,00.00
Other Income	\$ 916.08	\$ 14,375.74	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 26,198.36	\$ 155,254.65	\$ 323,414.58
Net Profit/	(\$ 7,094.03)	(\$ 2,707.12)	\$ 1,585.42

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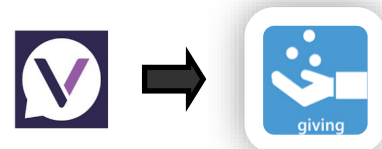
WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY

- 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:

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GIVING



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

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Our children will be collecting during the offering on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays. All money collected will be divided between Youth & Church Life and Birdies Box .



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.