



# Good News

*A Newsletter for Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church*

## Christ Our Savior

1860 Wisconsin St  
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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Vice President - Maryla Karl  
Treasurer - Barry Rusch  
Secretary - Shari Englund

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.*

*Hebrews 11.1*



Dear Friends,

Like most in our beautiful state, I love cheese! It's hard to imagine a pizza without it's gooey topping, or a creamy layer in a home-made sandwich. There are just some by-products birthed from their source that brings so many options and lets say... flavor to life! Thanks to milk, we have cheese. We could have been satisfied to just stick with that creamy dairy drink, but someone began to see more possibilities more and took a risk.

We've been there before, my friends. Risk seems to be one of the by-products of faith. Remember, we've named one of our core values as faithfulness. Your ability to continually put your trust in God has enabled us to jump into unknown territory for the sake of furthering God's mission. And like that beautiful by-product of cheese, our consolidation came from making a huge leap. That doesn't mean that being church together is easy. When we are faced with those nudges that encourage us to move out of our comfort zone , it would be easy to ignore it and not do anything. But, where's the faith and future in that?

For God's 1st century believers in Jerusalem, persecution from Rome was a constant experience. Even so, the writer of Hebrews warns that the real risk is in not moving forward in the faith with this new thing in Jesus Christ. The author speaks about having confidence and hope in the promised word of God as revealed in Jesus. God is faithful to those who trust. We are told that if we trust, we won't be disappointed. There is always some risk moving towards something new. This writing addresses those who had not made the leap to see Jesus as the promised one, but also to those new Christians to not to lose hope.

We have so much to look forward to! As we walk this journey together, may we see the fruits of our faithfulness and wonder what God is up to next --- what new by-product can come out our ministry?

Your Partner in the Faith Walk,

*Pastor Connie*



**East Central Synod of Wisconsin**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Housing Justice and  
Congregational Futures**  
in North Central Wisconsin




February 1st, 8:30-2:00pm  
**St Michael Parish**  
611 Stark St, Wausau



The Wisconsin Council of Churches is hosting a day of learning, listening and conversation about buildings, mission and ministry, and affordable housing needs in North Central Wisconsin. The event will take place and be centered in Wausau, but people from throughout our synod are invited and encouraged to attend, learn and make connections for similar conversations in other areas.


For more information and registration check out the following link:

<https://www.wichurches.org/2023/11/housingjusticenorthcentralwi/>



**JOURNEY WITH JESUS**  
Synod Youth Gathering  
**February 16th-18th**  
**Imago Dei Village**

**Who Can Go?**  
**Students Grades 6-12**



Featuring Musician  
and Motivational Speaker  
*Franki Moscato*



Tom Scheurman is a realtor and leader in our synod; here, he and Bishop Anne get a photo on the day the building sale paperwork was finalized

**SALE OF TRI-PARK WAY CONCLUDED**

*“Even as we mark the end of an era in one place, we acknowledge how we all are participants in God’s mission that continues beyond this day and these walls.”*

Service of Leave-Taking, Evangelical Lutheran Worship:  
Occasional Services for the Assembly, p. 125

The sale of 16 Tri-Park Way--the former synod office building--closed on December 15. As decided by the 2023 Synod Assembly, proceeds from the sale of the building will go into the endowment as undesignated funds to be a sustainable source of support for ministry in our synod. More details about the sale of the building will be included in reports to the synod assembly this May. Synod staff will continue to work from offices across the synod and are available to meet in person, online, or by phone. To connect with synod staff, please go to the synod website: [www.ecsw.org](http://www.ecsw.org)





## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Thank you to the Koerners for the beautiful tree and we are so thankful to everyone who helped decorate for Christmas!

### FIND US ON



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.

[www.facebook.com/  
christoursaviorslutheranoshkosh](http://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/UCAOC2B-FnQscUDQeN930BMA>.

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

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



## THE CHOSEN TV PROGRAM AND STUDY

### Mondays at 11am in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we continue to view The Chosen - a multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1st century, the series centers on Jesus and the different people who met and followed or otherwise interacted with him. The program work for anyone who desires to come in the middle of series. Feel free to bring a lunch.



## WEDNESDAY WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

JANUARY 10th  
**Revelation Chapter 22**

JANUARY 17th - FEB 7th  
**Philippians**  
4-Week Study



*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

**CANCELLED  
EVENT!**



**DUE TO THE PREDICTED SNOW  
STORM, THIS EVENT HAS BEEN  
CANCELED FOR JANUARY 9TH.**

**Stay Tuned!**

**WE ARE WORKING ON RE-  
SCHEDULING ANOTHER  
EVENT AND WILL KEEP  
YOU UP TO-DATE.**



**SERVING IN WORSHIP**



**WE NEED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS!**

Please consider signing up to serve in one of these capacities during in-person worship. If you are willing join us, you will find sign up sheets in the narthex. Otherwise, contact our Worship Administrator Barb Schneider.

- Readers
- Communion Assistants
- Flower Donations
- Ushers/Greeters
- Power Point Operators
- Musicians
- Worship & Music Team Members
- Altar Guild Members



**JERRY SCHMIDT  
MEMORIAL FUND**

We currently are setting up a memorial fund in honor of a friend of our faith family Jerri Schmidt who died unexpectedly on October 21st.

Funds collected will go to Lutheran Campus Ministry at UW-O where Jerri served on the board..

If you interested in donating to this memorial, write checks out to COSLC and make sure to write "Jerri" in the memo.



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th**

**Following Worship**



**THANK YOU OSHKOSH NORTH MADRIGALS!**

Oshkosh North Madrigal Singers were at church on Sunday, December 3rd to perform some songs/carols before service. We hope you enjoyed them. We thank them for their time!

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

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|-------------|--|
| January 9   | Culver's Fundraiser Night -<br><b>CANCELED</b> |
| January 14  | Annual Meeting                                 |
| February 11 | Sweetest Day Bake Sale                         |
| February 20 | Election Day Bake Sale                         |

## 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.

As cold weather and winter is upon us, we are in need of the following items to stock our shelves:

- Hats—any size and color
- Mittens/gloves—any size and color
- Socks—any size and color
- Scarves
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Meats
- Cereal
- Oatmeal packets
- Dry Goods
- Chili Mix
- Hot chocolate packets
- Plastic forks and spoons
- Ramen soup
- Can openers



We always appreciate your monetary donations so we can shop for the items most needed at the time. **If writing a check, please make it out to Christ Our Savior and write "Birdies Box" in the memo.**

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:  
920-495-0595  
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## Women of Christ Our Savior (WOCOS)

Thank you to all the generous bakers, crafters and shoppers. We made just over \$500 at the Christmas Cookie Sale! So now, you can all rest a little in January because in February we will have 2 Bake Sales. February 11th will be our annual Sweetest Day Sale and Silent Auction. We have decided to hold bake sales on election days, so February 20th will be our first bake sale of this election year.

Our next WOCOS meeting will be Sunday January 21 at 10:15 am in Grace Place. We hope you can plan to be with us then as we make plans for 2024.

We also want to say Thank you to Kathy Dutcher for serving as our Treasurer this last year. Kathy is returning to her home church so we will certainly miss her.

## WEBSITE UPDATING

Pastor Connie has been updating the website when she is able. Taking Faith Home and the Newsletter are current.

## UPCOMING REC CLASSES

|      |           |                     |
|------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1/23 | 5:30-7:30 | Youth Craft         |
| 1/24 | 5:30-8:30 | Adult Craft         |
| 2/14 | 4:00-6:00 | Healthy You         |
| 2/20 | 5:30-8:00 | Youth Craft         |
| 2/21 | 5:30-8:30 | Adult Craft         |
| 3/5  | 5:30-8:00 | Youth Craft         |
| 3/6  | 5:30-8:30 | Adult Craft         |
| 3/13 | 3:30-6:30 | Adaptive Adventures |

For more details or to register:  
[www.oshkoshrecdept.com](http://www.oshkoshrecdept.com)



# FINANCE REPORT

## Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

|                       | September     | Year-to-Date   | 2023 Budget   |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Offerings             | \$ 12,557.25  | \$ 158,993.04  | \$ 325,00.00  |
| Other Income          | \$ 848.10     | \$ 24,883.40   | \$ 0.00       |
| Expenses              | \$ 20,333.58  | \$ 207,907.17  | \$ 323,414.58 |
| Net Profit/<br>(Loss) | (\$ 6,928.23) | (\$ 24,030.73) | \$ 1,585.42   |

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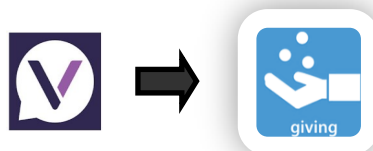
## WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY

- Mail in a Check
- Shelby Mobile GIVE App
- COSLC Website
- ACH Bank Payment

You can give online!

Check out this easy way to give through our website at:

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GIVING



## 2024 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE IN!

If you would like a box for weekly giving, please call the office.

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

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.