



Christ Our Savior

1860 Wisconsin St
Oshkosh, 54901
www.coslcoshkosh.com

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
10:00 am Sunday School

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A Newsletter for Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

"For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of self-discipline"

2 Timothy 1:7



Dear friends in Christ,

We are living through a season when the air feels thick with anxiety — in our nation and across the world. Conflict, polarization, and fear seem to be everywhere we turn. News headlines remind us daily how fragile peace and truth can be. In moments like this, it's easy to feel pulled apart — between compassion and outrage, hope and despair, silence and speaking out.

As followers of Jesus, we are not called to withdraw or to harden our hearts. We are called to clarity and conviction. Clarity about who we are and whose we are — beloved children of God, created in God's image, entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation. Conviction that love, not fear, is the strongest force in the world; that Christ's cross still stands as God's "no" to hatred and God's "yes" to life.

This does not mean we have easy answers. It means we keep turning our hearts toward Christ, who meets us at the crossroads of pain and promise. It means we keep asking: How can we be agents of peace? How can we bear witness to truth without losing kindness? How can our faith make us courageous, not comfortable?

Included in this newsletter is a letter from ELCA bishops making a stand where Jesus stands—with and for those whom society often seeks to exclude, erase, or diminish. I encourage you to read this timely letter.

In this tense time, the church's voice matters — not as a partisan echo, but as a clear and compassionate witness. We can pray honestly, speak truthfully, and act justly. We can listen deeply to those who see the world differently. And we can hold fast to the promise that God's light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

May the Holy Spirit give us steady hearts and hopeful vision — to see the world as God sees it, and to live as Christ calls us to live: with clarity, conviction, and love that does not give up.

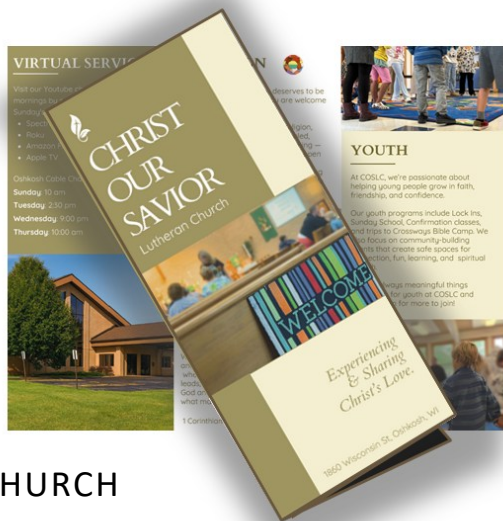
In Christ's peace,
Pastor Connie

Welcome, New Members

Holly Chilsen

Ron and Linda Christensen

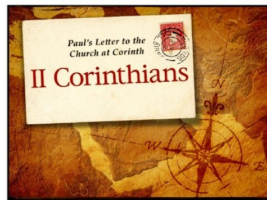
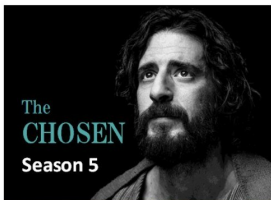
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CHURCH
BROCHURES

NOW AVAILABLE IN LOBBY!

2 STUDIES OFFERED WEEKLY!



Mondays - 11 am Wednesdays - 1 pm

We continue to offer two studies each week. We begin Season 5 of The Chosen and will begin to study the book of 2nd Corinthians.

Please join us! Enter Door 3



WELCOME PASTOR CRYSTAL!

November 9th

for our

THANKOFFERING SERVICE

We will be holding our Thankoffering service during worship on Sunday, November 9th. Pastor Crystal from Church of Our Savior in Fond du Lac will lead our worship service. Pastor Connie will be preaching and presiding at Church of Our Savior in Fond du Lac that day.



JOINT THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Nov. 26th - 6:30 pm

All Saints Lutheran

1072 Honey Creek Rd, Oshkosh



Join us as all seven ELCA churches in Oshkosh gather for worship followed by pie and fellowship!



THIS ADVENT IS FOR DREAMERS!

In a time when trust feels fragile and divisions run deep, The Will to Dream calls us into holy longing - a sacred desire for a world made whole. Awaken your imagination this Advent season. Dreams remind us of the possibility that there is enough love, mercy, and courage for all.

October 8, 2025



A Letter from Bishops of the ELCA to the Church

Beloved in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we write to you in this moment of national and global tension with clarity and conviction. Our faith compels us to stand where Jesus stands—with and for those whom society often seeks to exclude, erase, or diminish.

Our shared confession that every person is created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) grounds us in the conviction that all people possess inherent dignity. The incarnation of Jesus Christ reveals God’s profound solidarity with humanity—especially with those who are marginalized or oppressed. The gospel we proclaim insists that our neighbor’s need is the occasion for our love and that our public life is shaped by justice, mercy, and a commitment to the common good.

Further, we have a shared tradition in our social teachings which grounds us. The ELCA’s [*Social Message on Immigration*](#) reminds us:

“We are to respond to newcomers as we would to Christ—welcoming them, meeting their immediate needs, and advocating for justice in our laws and policies.”

Likewise, our recently adopted Social Statement [*Faith and Civic Life*](#) affirms that Christians are called to be “a public witness, holding leaders accountable when they fail to protect the vulnerable.”

We are living through a time when vulnerable communities are being scapegoated and attacked. Immigrants and refugees are vilified, though Scripture commands us to welcome the stranger. People of color continue to bear the devastating weight of racism woven into the fabric of our society. Transgender people, beloved by God, are being targeted with laws and rhetoric that deny their dignity and even their right to exist. These assaults on our siblings are not political abstractions—they are deep wounds in the body of Christ.

In this time of division and fear, we, as people grounded in our faith, insist on love. This commitment flows from our faith in Christ crucified and risen—the One whose love breaks down barriers, confronts hatred, and transforms hearts.

Love insists on the *dignity of every human being*.

Love insists on *justice* for the marginalized and oppressed.

Love insists that the *church must reflect God’s diverse, life-giving community*.

Love insists that we *listen, speak, and act with respect*, even in disagreement.

Love insists on *hope*, trusting that God’s kingdom of justice and peace will prevail.

This love also compels us to speak clearly against Christian Nationalism, which our [Churchwide Assembly named as a distortion](#) of the Christian faith and an unhealthy form of patriotism. Christian Nationalism confuses the Gospel with political power, turns God into a mascot for the state, and privileges some people over others based on race, religion, or birthplace. This is not the way of Jesus. The kingdom of God is not a nation, not a culture, not a political ideology—it is God’s reign of love, justice, and mercy for all people.

Therefore, as bishops of this church, we declare that the ELCA cannot be silent. Our call is clear:

- To proclaim the God-given dignity of every human being.
- To resist systems and ideologies, including Christian Nationalism, that oppress, dehumanize, or erase.
- To stand shoulder to shoulder with those who are targeted or harmed.
- To bear public witness that the love of Christ is stronger than fear, stronger than hatred, and stronger than death.

We call on all members of the ELCA to join us in prayer, advocacy, and action:

- Pray for those who are vulnerable and for all who work for justice.
- Advocate in your communities, legislatures, and Congress for laws that protect migrants, advance racial justice, and safeguard LGBTQIA+ people.
- Engage in the holy work of hospitality, creating spaces of safety, affirmation, and belonging for all God’s children.
- Model respectful dialogue in a polarized world, seeking understanding rooted in love.
- Hold fast to hope, trusting that the Spirit is still at work renewing creation and reconciling the world to God.

In baptism, we are marked with the cross of Christ forever. That cross is not only a sign of our hope—it is also a summons to follow Jesus into solidarity with those who suffer.

In the power of the Spirit, let us be bold. Let us be faithful.

Let us Insist on Love—in our words, our actions, our public witness, and our life together.

Together in Christ,

Bishop Kevin Strickland	Southeastern Synod
Bishop Susan J. Briner	Southwestern Texas Synod
Bishop Becca Middeke-Conlin	Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod
Bishop Vivian Davila	Caribbean Synod
Bishop Donna Simon	Central States Synod
Bishop Bill Gohl	Delaware-Maryland Synod
Bishop Anne Edison-Albright	East Central Synod of Wisconsin

Not listed: 40 additional Bishops



*Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old, they will not turn from it*
Proverbs 22:6

Thankfulness is the feeling I feel every Sunday and Wednesday when I see all these bright smiling eyes of our youth! I am also thankful for all the candy donations for the Trunk or Treat as we had 279 children, 14 trunks and a showing by the Oshkosh Police Department! It was an amazing event!

This month we are focusing on sending Christmas to our troops again this year. We will be delivering presents to Marines in Japan and sending presents to the Air Force in Saudi Arabia. We will be making cards and asking you as a congregation to please write cards as many do not get cards from family or friends and this becomes a lonely time of year. We are also going to be serving here in our community with Loaves and Fishes at the end of this month!

Musical speaking parts are being handed out, please take time to run through them with your child. If you would like to help with making chili, corn bread or sweet treats please contact Ms. Beth.

Dates to mark in your calendar:

November 1st – 9am – 10am 1st Communion Class and **10:30-11:30am** Chalice painting @ Fire Escape

November 9th – Uncle Mike Kringle Distribution after church in the Fellowship Hall

November 16th – 8:15am 1st Communion Walk through, and Celebration followed with a Pasta Bar and CAKE reception after service – **ALL KIDS ARE SINGING THIS DAY!**

November 29th – 11:15am – 1pm Loaves and Fishes **1-2pm** @Church Christmas Musical Rehearsal

November 30th – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK

December 13th – 9am – 10:30am Musical rehearsal – **4:30** arrival warm-up “The Mystery of the Manger”
Service @ **5pm** with Chili dinner to follow

December 28th – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

With Advent almost upon us we look forward to the manger and the journey to Bethlehem. Watch for upcoming tools coming home to help make the advent family time meaningful. We are here to support your family’s faith walk whether just starting or just looking for some new views. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to call, text or email me.

Blessing and Peace!

Ms. Beth Sell – Director of XLR8 and family ministries
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November has 5 Saturdays. This gives us the

opportunity to reach out to our community with love and food. We will be helping Trinity Episcopal Church as well as hungry people in Oshkosh. On Saturday, November 29th, we will be preparing and serving a meal. We'll gather in our kitchen at 10am to prepare the meal. Then we'll travel to Trinity downtown to serve the guests that come. Meal service runs from 11:30-12:30, after which we'll pack up our things and return to COS for any final clean-up. Our young people are once again invited to help us. This does not mean that the grown-ups have the day off. We will need all of us working together to prepare, serve, and clean up. The number of people attending these meals has been growing this year, so we'll need lots of help! Please join us! I promise that it will be well worth any effort you make!

ANNUAL COOKIE SALE

On Sunday, December 14th, the Women of Christ Our Savior will be holding a Christmas cookie sale. We will offer cookies, candies & other treats. Those who would like to contribute treats should bring them to the church on Saturday morning between 9:00 and noon. Please package them in groups of 6 and mark for \$3 a plate.

This is a great way to get a jump start on your Christmas baking!



CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

**Saturday, Nov. 29th
10am-noon**

Mark your calendars and join us on Sat., November 29th at 10:00 pm as we set-up the Christmas Tree and decorate the Sanctuary.



POINSETTIA ORDERS

If you are interested in purchasing any poinsettias, please see the insert in the bulletin. **Deadline to order is December 1st.**



**ANNUAL
MEETING**

Sunday, February 1st

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 1st following worship. Committee Leaders, it's not too early to start getting your annual reports ready! Watch emails for more details.



Pastor Connie could use cash donations, grocery gift cards and Kwik Trip gift cards for her discretionary account. To donate, write checks to Christ Our Savior, then in the memo line "Pastor's Discretionary Fund" Thank you for your support!



10/5/2025

Meeting Minutes Overview

Business:

- * Christmas Decorations—There are 12 boxes of items remaining. A discussion was held to determine what to do with these. A decision was made to have a “Holiday Rummage Sale” on Nov 1st from 9am-1pm. We will offer what is left over to the congregation on Sunday. If anyone has any holiday décor they may like to donate, please bring to church.
- * The cookie sale is not able to be held at the same time as the Sunday School Christmas Program due to scheduling changes. It will be held on December 14th. Cost will remain \$3.00 per package. The unsold cookies will be used to pack a Christmas bag for our “shut-ins” on December 15.
- * Funeral concerns—we are in need of two items: an outline of what the people of the church can provide for a funeral that Pastor can give to families. The second is a list of church members who may be available to serve or bake during a funeral.
- * Kitchen concerns—storage: the kitchen needs to be reorganized. We have 3 people who are willing to do this. It was advised to check with Barb Schneider to see what she needs kept.

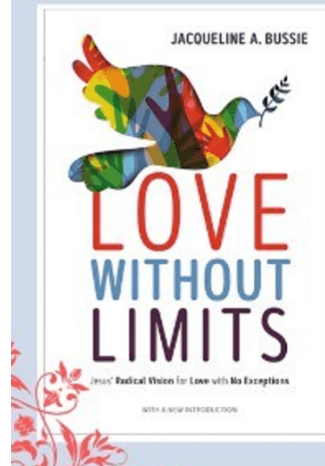
Other news:

- * Bicentennial Meeting will be held at St. Marks in Neenah on November 8th. Registration in \$35.
- * November 9th is our Thankoffering Sunday. We will need readers, ushers and communion help. If you are able to help see Barbara Shew or Susie Smith.
- * Trunk or Treat is October 25th. If you are not hosting a trunk, consider signing up for serving hot dogs. See Beth Sell to sign up.

Next meeting is November 9th

ECSW Women of the ELCA

2025 Biennial Convention Love Without Limits



With Featured Speaker, Author
Dr. Jacqueline Bussie

Plus:

- Election of Voting Members to 2026 Triennial Convention
- Election of ECSW Women of ELCA Board Members
- Consideration of Resolutions
- Discussion of 2026-2027 Budget

Saturday, November 8, 2025
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
140 South Green Bay Road
Neenah, WI 54956

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The Saturday, November 8th (8:00-3:30) event at St. Mark's in Neenah will include breakfast, fellowship, a business meeting, worship service, lunch, and featured speaker, Jacqueline Bussie, author of *Love Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision of Love with No Exceptions*.

Register online at rebrand.ly/biennial2025

The registration fee is \$35.00.



We are excited to have both North and West Madrigal Singers here at church to perform some carols before service. We hope you can be here to enjoy these elite groups of musicians that will start the season bright!

North—December 7th at 8:40 am.

West —December 21st at 8:40 am.



KRINGLE ORDERS

If you ordered a Kringle, make sure to stop in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 9th to pick it up.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 26 Thanksgiving Eve Joint Service
- November 30 Loaves & Fishes
 - Christmas Decorating
 - Musical Rehearsal
- December 3 Soup Supper/Holden Evening Prayer
- December 10 Soup Supper/Holden Evening Prayer
- December 13 Children's Program
 - Dinner to Follow
- December 14 WOCOS Bake Sale
- December 17 Soup Supper/Holden Evening Prayer
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service

STATEMENTS

Shelby statements have been emailed. Please hold on to these for your end of year records.



We are committed to inclusion, love, and belonging.
You are welcome and needed here!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Matt. 25:35

"We share because we care"



Imagine going to bed tonight with an empty stomach. For many in our community, this is reality. Together, we can make sure no one has to face that kind of hunger alone.

We always need:

- Noodles & spaghetti sauce
- Cereal & oatmeal packets
- Mac & cheese
- Peanut butter
- Crackers (soda & graham)
- Canned meats, veggies & fruit cups
- Quick-prep items (90-second rice, chicken/tuna pouches, ramen noodles)

November Focus: Canned & uncanned Soups

Please remember: canned goods cannot be placed in Birdies Box during the winter months. When temperatures drop below freezing, cans can freeze, expand, and even burst, leaving a dangerous mess and making the food unusable. **(No glass items please)**

Statement from an individual we helped. "The food you gave helped me make it to payday."

Your gift of food items, gift cards, or monetary donations may be the very meal someone has been praying for. Thank you for giving from the heart.

Questions, ideas or to help out:

Barbara Stanchik — 920-707-0642
Devon Pedersen — 920-410-0598

The office will be closed on
Thursday, November 27th.



FINANCE REPORT

	Sept 2025	Year-to-Date	2025 Budget
Offerings	\$ 14,686	\$ 146,620	\$ 196,000
Other Income	\$2,760	\$ 33,591	\$ 43,700
Expenses	\$ 32,280	\$ 224,231	\$ 354,240
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$14,834)	(\$ 44,020)	(\$ 114,500)



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WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY

- Mail in a Check
- ACH Bank Payment

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Our children will be collecting during the offering on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month.

All money collected will go to Youth Missions.



FLOWER MINISTRY



Consider signing up to sponsor the flowers for a Sunday. The sign up sheet is located in the lobby.

The cost is **\$30.00**.

If you are interested in a special flower, or if you have questions, see Christine Esselman.

Flowers come from Festival.

FIND US ON



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

Find us on Facebook.

www.facebook.com/chistoursaviorslutheranoshkosh

Find us on YouTube. We will be using YouTube Live for Sunday services.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA0C2B-FnQscUDQeN930BMA>.

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

<https://www.coslcoshkosh.com>