



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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“And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”

Romans 10:15



Dear Faithful Travelers,

Do you know what I have noticed? You have beautiful feet!

No, I don't have some odd foot fetish. I have been paying attention lately to the messages so many of you are sharing in so many wonderful ways. The Good News of Jesus is spoken through your own faith stories and ways you care for others in and outside of our faith community.

Paul makes clear how many are still not understanding what it means to be living a life of faith. He shares that many in these early churches are missing the boat in what true righteousness is. To be honest, it seems like many Christians today still struggle in this area. They may look the part but never really make an impact in sharing the Good News.

Paul reminds these early believers that righteousness does not come through their own actions. Rather, it can only come through faith in Christ - not by the laws and practices they are keeping. If we think that merely working hard at doing righteous work is enough -- what was the point of Jesus going to the cross for us? Truly believing that Jesus Christ is Lord holds transforming powers. It leaves us open to trust that wherever Christ leads us, we are exactly where we are needed.

We must first be 'sent' in order to proclaim the Good News! And who is sent? It's not merely pastors by profession, but all people who believe. In turn, more people come to know Christ when they hear your faith-filled stories. So, keep moving those beautiful feet forward, my friends. Trust in the one who went to the cross for you out of love. Trust that through Christ's resurrection salvation is yours. Then, share that amazing news with those who really need to hear it!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Connie



East Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



WE'RE LOOKING TO EXPAND

Join ECSW'S Racial Equity Team!

Do you, or someone you know have a passion for racial equity work? Are you or someone you know curious how you might join other lay and rostered leaders in the synod to learn about and challenge racism on personal, institutional, and national levels? Come check out the Racial Equity Team! Whether you've been doing this kind of work for decades, or just recently started dipping your toe in the waters, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact our Synod at:
ecsw@ecsw.org (920) 734-5381

Or Call our Church Office:
(920) 235-4850

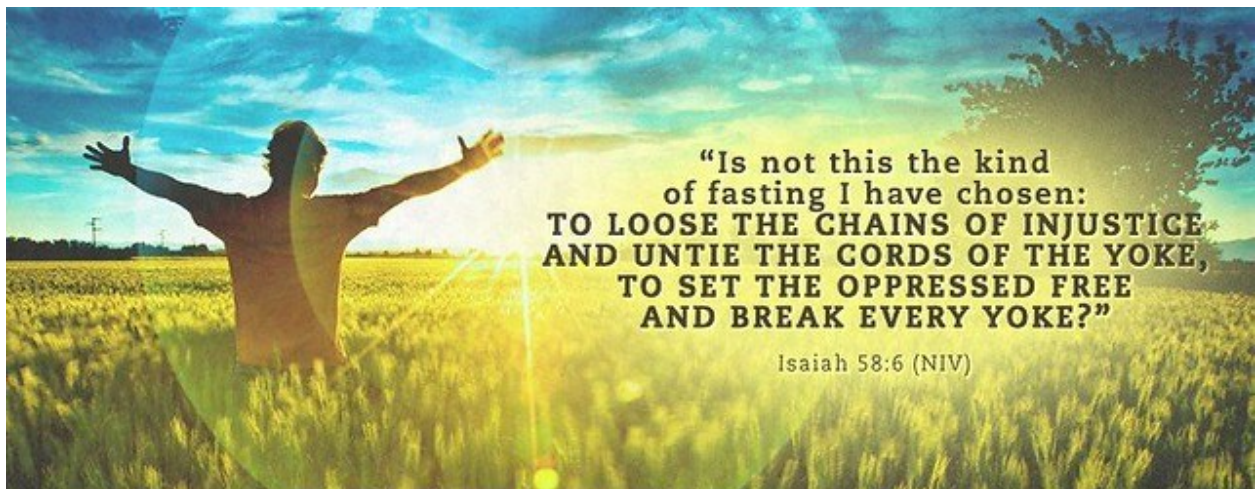


LENTEN RESOURCE FROM SUMUD: For Justice in Palestine and Israel

The ELCA's new initiative, Sumud: For Justice in Palestine and Israel, presents "Following the Way of Jesus: A Lenten Holy Land Journey." This Lenten video series for individuals and congregations consists of six short videos that introduce people to the land, the theology of Sumud and its significance through Scripture as the "way of Jesus." Each video will be available in both English and Arabic.

To join a small group discussion, learn about how to start a group at your congregation, or if you have questions about the study or Sumud, contact the ELCA's Sumud coordinator at:

jennifer.sung-torgerson@elca.org





Created for Community

A Midweek Collaborative Lenten Series

5:30 Soup Supper
6:30 Worship Service

We finish out our collaborative midweek Lenten services! Please show your support for our final three congregations as we sit down for a soup and fellowship followed by a half hour worship service.

MAR 6 Luther's Small Catechism
First English / 1013 Minnesota St

MAR 13 In Community with Those on the Margins
St. John's / 808 N. Main St

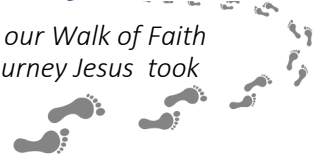
MAR 20 In Community with Christ
Peace / 240 W. 9th St.



LOOSE OFFERINGS will go to
Nova Counseling Services in Oshkosh.



Join us for worship this Holy Week as our Walk of Faith leads us to remember the amazing journey Jesus took that leads to our own salvation.



March 24th - 9 am

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

Take the turbulent journey from celebration to the crucifixion of Jesus this worship. A dramatic reading of the Passion will bring Jesus' journey to life.

March 28th - 6 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us as we dine and worship together around a big table in our very Sanctuary. This experiential service will bring new meaning to that final meal.

March 29th - 1 & 6 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Gather with us at the cross as we pause in these solemn moments to remember Jesus' great sacrifice.

March 31st - 9 am

EASTER SUNDAY

Celebrate with us as we praise God for the resurrection of our Lord and the promise of life everlasting!



7:45 - 8:45 AM

EASTER BREAKFAST

Join us in the Fellowship Hall prior to worship!



CREATIVITY IS UNLEASHED THIS LENT!



As we journey this Lent, we are being reminded of the heavy journey Jesus took for us through some creative displays. A big thank you goes out to all who are helping to make our worship experiences so meaningful!

Greetings Family in Christ,

Spring is in the air! I have seen my first crocus of the season, and the promise of life is ever visible. I have been here for a month, and I wanted to share a few highlights of the month and a glimpse into the future. The Holy Spirit is moving us in all new directions.

This Lenten season we are hosting a four-hour VBS, and we have invited our neighborhood school Oaklawn to join us. I am working on strengthening our relationship with them as we are their ALICE drill meeting place. We will be offering crafts, food, sensory tomb, and the love of God through the life of Jesus. I would love to have this become a multi-generational event. You all are invited!



First Communion is upon us. We are hosting a first communion class on Saturday March 9th from 11am-3pm. This class will be led by Pastor Connie and myself. Lunch will be provided and will end with a trip to The Fire in Appleton to make chalices. We will then meet Saturday April 20th at the church from 3:30pm-5pm to bake gluten free bread and to practice for Sundays blessed day. First Communion will be held at 9am Sunday April 21st with a celebration to follow in the fellowship Hall.

We have a youth synod bowling event coming up on April 20th from 12pm-3pm at Rev's Bowling. This will be the first of many events we will start attending through our synod. Keep your eyes open for upcoming events.

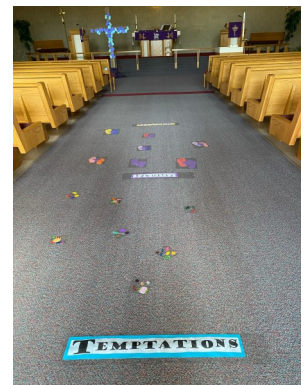
I am looking for a small group of people who are out of the box thinkers that want to join a Youth Steering Group. Please see me if you feel the Spirit tugging at you. It takes a village to raise up a child and a child raised with their church family is clothed in the armor of God.

Vel Phillips is asking for small group reading helpers. There is an online form to complete, or you can go to the school office to complete a form for volunteering. Kristen Levy who is a member of our church and she has found that through these relationships we make through these reading groups pulls kids back into school. You don't need any special training...just a love for reading and a patient heart to help our city youth to discover a love for reading. This is how we share Christ love out in our community. Please see me if you have questions.

As you see it's been a busy month and I have felt right at home here. I want to thank you all for making me and my daughters feel welcome. Sophia hopes that everyone was able to find a "Little Jesus" to keep as a reminder of our Saviors love. We are to be beacons of light to lead others to Christ. Thank you for walking and shining with me.

God Bless and Happy Spring!

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MILESTONES

Welcome New Members:

Brad & Barb Williams

Leon & Jean Klatt

Beth Sell

Baptism:

Waylon Chad



Deaths:

Betty Lou Carter

Catherine Gehrke

Betty Boheen

Mike Dodson

THE CHOSEN TV PROGRAM AND STUDY



"The Chosen"
Mondays at
11:00 am in the
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

1 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Embracing the Uncertain

Book/Bible Study



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – BABY CARE KITS

A big thank you, for your support for our LWR projects. We will again be trying to put together 50 bundles of Baby Care items for 2024, and need your help. At this time, we would like to collect regular bars of soap and hand towels (dark colored). When you are out shopping, please consider buying a couple extra for our LWR projects. To make 50 kits, we need 100 bars of soap and 50 hand towels.

Thanks for your help. For questions, please contact Eileen Kuehl at 920.573.7205.



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

Mondays 5:30-7:00pm

March 11-June 10

Immanuel Lutheran Church

338 N. Eagle Street

To register go to www.griefshare.org

UPCOMING REC CLASSES

3/5 5:30-8:00 Youth Craft

3/6 5:30-8:30 Adult Craft

3/13 3:30-6:30 Adaptive Adventures

4/9 5:30-8:00 Youth Craft

4/10 5:30-8:30 Adult Craft

4/17 3:30-6:30 Adaptive Adventures

For more details or to register:

www.oshkoshrecdept.com



YOUTH SUPPLY NEEDS:

Little Candy and Trinkets for

Youth Egg Hunt

Contact: Beth Sell

cosfaith75@gmail.com or 920.312.1659



Thank you for continuing to provide for Birdies Box. We had a pretty mild winter, now on to Spring. The following items are always well received for those in need:

Mac n Cheese, oatmeal, grits, ramen or canned soup, graham and saltine crackers, cereal, peanut butter, tuna and chicken pouches or cans, spam, jello, pudding, cake and cookie mixes, any kind of noodles. Pancake mix, potato flakes, rice, bread, fruit snacks, spaghetti and tomato sauce, sardines, peas, corn, pork n beans, any kind of breakfast bars. Also travel size shampoo, conditioner, unopened soap bars.

Moving forward in 2024, I hope to announce some additional fundraising opportunities with local restaurants. We have one on the calendar for **April 8th** at Culvers (by Menards location only) 5-7 pm. 10% of sales during those hours will go toward our hunger ministry, so please get the word out to family and friends. A flyer will be coming out as the date approaches.

If anyone is interested in helping me shop, and/or stock the shelves after shopping or help plan some fundraising events, let's talk - 920-495-0595.

Also accepting monetary donations or gift cards for Birdie's Box. If writing a check please make it out to Christ Our Savior and write in the memo Birdies Box. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

"Blessings"
Debbie Kamark:
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Women of Christ Our Savior (WOCOS)

The Spring Event for the Women of the Oshkosh and Appleton Conferences will be held April 20th at our Church. The theme is Good Neighbors, based on our recent experiences sponsoring a refugee family. Tara Koji, a teacher from Oshkosh North who works with refugee students will be our main speaker. We will share more information next month and there will be a sign up sheet for needed volunteers.

We want to thank everyone who supported us at the Sweetest Day Sale. We are happy to report that we were able to earn over \$600 to support our outreach and other programs.

Because we have 4 election bake sales and are hosting the Spring Event this year, we decided not to have a rummage sale this year. We will plan to do the next rummage sale in the spring of 2025, so please keep saving your sale items for us until next year.



On Saturday, March 30th, we will host a Loaves and Fishes meal at Trinity Episcopal Church downtown. We will gather at our kitchen at 10:00 that morning to prepare a simple and delicious meal, and then we'll go to Trinity's undercroft (a fancy church word for basement) to serve it. Please join us for a time of fellowship and service. You'll be glad you did! And, if you have an idea for a meal that can be prepared and served easily, please let Barb Schneider know. She'd love to have you lead (or assist) with the preparations.



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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.

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:

www.christsavioroshkosh.com



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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 .



We are looking to hire a part-time media specialist. If you know of anyone who might be interested, have them contact Pastor Connie by email—pastor.cweiss@gmail.com or 920.904.5919.

WEBSITE UPDATING

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