



Good News

A Newsletter for Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Christ Our Savior
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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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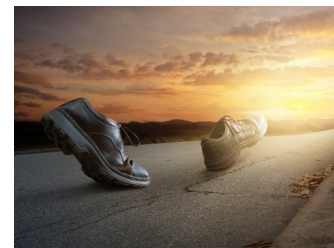
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Vice President - Kevin Harvot
Treasurer - Barry Rusch
Secretary - Katie Merwin

“Now you’ve got my feet on the life path, all radiant from the shining of your face. Ever since you took my hand, I’m on the right way.”

Psalm 16:11 (Message Bible)



Take a moment, my friends...

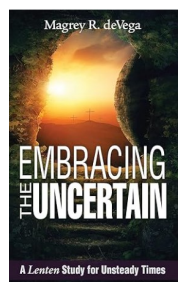
Can you reflect on your life’s journey for a minute?

This human life of ours has its ups and downs. Often we feel vulnerable. Can you picture those moments where you stepped around a curve in your journey and were hit with a circumstance that brought your fear and uncertainty?

Psalm 16 speaks against the world’s claim that security and satisfaction come from material wealth or human accomplishments. Instead, it insists all that is good and all that is needed are found in the presence of God. The psalm is a perfect companion for us regardless of where we are on our journey.

As we enter this Lenten season, the psalmist not only reminds us of the Easter promise but also that we have a companion walking alongside of us on that unpredictable path we walk. If we believe that God is the source of life and security, we can experience the “fullness of joy” along our journey.

This Lent, you will see some physical reminders of the journey we walk alongside our Lord in his most difficult but wondrous walk to the cross. We’ll involve our children as they lay our steps towards Jesus’ death and ultimately resurrection. Join us for worship this season - beginning with Ash Wednesday. Allow yourself to immerse yourself in the experience of life and death as it has been redefined by our Lord. Then remember... he walks alongside of us!



If you find yourself distracted by the world’s woes, why don’t you consider joining us on Wednesdays at 1? Beginning, February 14th we will be diving into a book/Bible study. Embracing the Uncertain invites us to engage and wrestle with life’s uncertainties, not ignore them. The stories within serve as signposts in the gospel narrative, pointing down at a world filled with uncertainty, but pointing us forward to a cross that can show us how to follow Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience.

I believe that if we move forward willingly in this Walk of Faith that we will experience the Joy of our Lord throughout our life’s journey!

Your Partner on the Journey,

Pastor Connie



East Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



**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



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

Save the Date! COS are Invited to this Fun Synod Youth Event!

Gutter balls and strikes! Bring what you have to the Synod youth bowling event on Saturday, April 20th at Revs Bowl Bar & Grill in Oshkosh. Registration \$13.99 per person and includes two games, shoes and lunch. Voted best bowling alley in Winnebago County, Revs will serve up a pitcher of soda and a 16" pizza for every four people. The fun will start "rolling" at 12:00 pm and wind down at 3:00 pm. Space is limited and first-come, first-serve, so RSVP soon.

Contact our new Director of Youth and Family Ministry:

Beth Sell at cos75faith@gmail.com or 920.312.1659

See you on the lanes!



Created for Community

A Midweek Collaborative Lenten Series

5:30 Soup Supper / 6:30 Holden Evening Prayer

The invitation to Lent spoken on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we enter this season together “with the whole church”. It goes on to state that “we are created for communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation.” Though many common Lenten practices rightly invite us to individual acts of “repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love,” Lent is also a time for the deepening of community.

Join our community worship services! Each congregation will have it’s opportunity to host. Each congregation will have four opportunities to visit other churches and be their guest. We hope you join us as we, once again, offer a midweek half-hour Holden Evening worship service.

FEB 21 - In Community with Creation
St. Andrew’s / 1100 E. Murdock Ave

FEB 28 - In Community with All the Saints
Christ Our Savior / 1860 Wisconsin St

MAR 6 - In Community with Our Neighbor
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.



Join us on this Lenten journey as we . . .

WALK BY FAITH

but not alone



<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY MORNINGS</u>	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u>	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u>	<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>
2/14	2/14 - 3/24	3/28	3/29	3/31
6:30 Worship	9 am Worship	5:30 pm Dine & Worship	1 & 6 pm Worship	9 am Worship

More information to follow.



2024 LOOKING GOOD! Positive outcomes from Annual Meeting

January 14th at our annual meeting the new budget was approved—including a new staff position—Director of Youth & Family Ministry—and we voted on new council members.

If you get a chance, please thank the outgoing council members—Joanne Campbell and Shari Englund—for all their work this past year. Join us in welcoming the new members—Kevin Harvot and Greg Hamilton. Maryla Karl is Council President with Kevin Harvot as Vice President. Katie Merwin is Secretary. We look forward to what this year will bring!

Vicar Elizabeth Sell—a current seminarian of the TEEM program, will be joining our staff as Director of Youth & Family Ministry. Due the TEEM program being on pause, we have been given the opportunity to utilize her gifts with youth and families. Vicar Beth will be starting her position on January 23rd. She will be available Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sunday mornings. When you see her, please make sure to welcome her!



Thank you to Lucas for serving as media specialist this past year. He has helped us get a jump start in getting comfortable with multi media. Lucas is a busy senior in high school and has a lot to look forward too. Therefore, we will be advertising for a new media specialist. If you happen to see Lucas on a Sunday morning, please make sure to thank him for his service!

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

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/
chrightsaviorslutheranoshkosh](http://www.facebook.com/christsaviorslutheranoshkosh)

Find us on YouTube. We will be using YouTube Live for Sunday services unless our system goes down.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCA0C2B-FnQscUDQeN930BMA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA0C2B-FnQscUDQeN930BMA).

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

<https://www.christsaviorsoshkosh.com>



LET'S MEET THE NEW COUNCIL PRESIDENT

My name is Maryla Karl and I have been a member, along with my late husband Dennis, of Our Savior's Church since the early 2000's. I have a daughter Erica (John) Nourse and son Benjamin. I have four grandchildren: Jordan, John David, and Jenna all confirmed at Our Savior's and Caleb age 10. It is an honor to be president of COSLC's council. I hope to serve to the best of my ability. See you during announcements each Sunday!



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

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

The Book of Philippians

Chapters 3 & 4 Study

Ends Feb. 7th

Embracing the Uncertain

Book/Bible Study

Begins Feb. 14th

LOOKING FOR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS!

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

UPCOMING DATES:

February 11	Sweetest Day Bake Sale & Silent Auction
February 14	Ash Wednesday Mid-week Lent Service COSLC
February 17	Ladies Retreat @ All Saints
February 20	Election Day Bake Sale
February 21	Mid-week Lent Service St Andrews
February 28	Mid-week Lent Service COSLC
March 6	Mid-week Lent Service
March 13	Mid-week Lent Service

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – BABY CARE KITS

A big thank you, for your support for our LWR projects. We again will 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.

UPCOMING REC CLASSES

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



YOUTH SUPPLY NEEDS:

Little Candy and Trinkets for
Youth Egg Hunt

Contact: Beth Sell
cos75faith@gmail.com or 920.312.1659

BUILDING USE REMINDER

If you are using the church building, please make sure before you leave 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)

Saturday, February 10th, from 9am-noon is set up for the Sweetest Day Sale and Silent Auction. Please bring your priced items to the church during those hours. For the Silent Auction, we would like nice items or basket gifts and a suggested starting bid.

We will be setting up in the Fellowship Hall, so please plan to join us for a fun time as we raise money for our out-reach projects.

Tuesday February 20th is our first election day sale of the year. Again, donated baked goods are needed. There will be a sign up sheet for shifts to work the bake sale.

We are working hard on preparing for the Spring Event for the Oshkosh and Appleton Conferences. The date is April 20th and the theme is Good Neighbors. We have speakers lined up. We'll be asking for help for the luncheon. Keep watching for more information as we get closer to the date.

Our next meeting will be Sunday February 18th following the church service. All are welcome so please join us.

We hope to have future discussions with the following questions about our Women's group, and would love your input. These come from a Sept 19, 2023 Daily Grace message.

1. What's unique about our group. What's at our heart and soul?
2. What is God calling us to do or to be in the future? In what direction should we be headed?
3. What gets in the way of our going there? What are some things we do now that don't help toward the future God is calling us to?

Please consider these questions and share your thoughts with our Leadership team:

Barbara Shew, Diane Schmude or Kim Steiner.



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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.

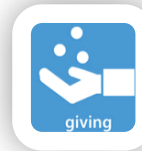
WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY

- 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.christsaviorshkosh.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 .



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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld

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I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER, BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT