



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

"Be devoted to one another in love.
Honor one another above yourselves. "

Romans 12:10



Dear Friends,

One of the greatest joys of being your pastor is getting to know you - not only on Sunday mornings, but also in the everyday spaces of life. Scripture reminds us that we are called to be devoted to one another in love and to honor each other as members of the body of Christ. What better way to do this than by sharing time together?

Our congregation is growing—and that's good news! I've noticed the energy and activity increasing, and I love seeing ministry come alive in so many people and in so many ways. Our Confirmation program has 11 young people this year, and our Sunday School has grown to 30 kids. That's big for us! And it doesn't even scratch the surface. We are blessed with a wide variety of study groups, ministries, and gatherings throughout the week.

With growth, however, comes more opportunities for pastoral care. One of my deepest joys is sitting down with people one-on-one. While I can't meet personally with everyone, my first priority is always those in greatest need - whether at the hospital, in times of crisis, or walking alongside someone through a challenge. Still, I long for more intentional connections. If you would like a visit, please let me know. It would be a true gift to share that time together.

I would love to meet you where life really happens: around your kitchen table, on your porch, in your living room, or even out in the community. These visits aren't about formality or perfection—they're about presence, listening, and encouragement in faith. Whether over a cup of coffee, a simple meal, or just a short conversation, these moments allow us to grow deeper in Christ's love for one another.

If you'd like to schedule a visit, please reach out. I would be honored to spend time with you, to hear your stories, to pray with you, and to share together in the gift of God's love.

Your partner in Christ,

Pastor Connie

Welcome, New Members

Bill and Barb Clausen

Harley and Axel Davies, Krystal Kyrola

Aaron, Sarah and Vivien McAninch

Carole and Bob Roon

Eric, Amy, Alison and Ethan Strangeway

Bill and Doris Wolfgram

2 STUDY GROUPS 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 continue to study the book of 1 Corinthians.

Please join us! Enter Door 3



STITCHED IN CHRIST

A Knit and Crochet
Bible Study

Sundays from 10:30-11:30 in Passage Way

Contact Beth for more details

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NEW CONFIRMATION PROGRAM BEGINS!

We are thrilled to welcome 11 young people to our 2025-26 Confirmation program. This year, we will be digging deep into the Bible and the books that tell the story of humanity's relationship with God and how we fit into that ongoing story.

Classes meet on
Wednesdays at 6 pm



2025 THANKOFFERING SERVICE

Thankofferings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received – and we do receive so many blessings. And we are so grateful for wonderful blessings God has bestowed on us!. That's why we give Thankofferings.

Many people collect small offerings in a special container at home throughout the year as they find themselves feeling grateful. Others just give one special gift per year when the Thankoffering service happens.

The founders of Women of the ELCA decided back in 1988 that Thankofferings are to support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization. Our founders would be amazed to see what that covers these days! Our ongoing ministries include our many online and printed communications channels, our justice and advocacy work, training and development for elected leaders throughout the women's organization, our constant work in support of congregational and synodical women's organizations, the administration of our grants and scholarship programs, all that goes into our triennial convention (the business meeting, that is), and so much more.

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. The theme for the day reflects on our gratitude that our God provides wonderful people to accompany us on our journey through life. We will supply special Thankoffering envelopes to designate these gifts as separate from our regular offerings.



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

Sundays are for Jesus and football! The leaves are changing, and our hearts are on fire for Jesus! Sunday school is in full gear in the Old Testament in the Life of Noah. We have two songs in our hearts and speaking parts will be released soon.

We will be doing our Uncle Mike's Kringle Fundraiser this month. These funds go towards Crossway Camps and National Youth Gathering for 2027! Order forms will be handed out Sunday October 5th and returned on Sunday October 26th with Kringle distribution on November 9th! Just in time for the holidays!

Dates to mark in your calendar:

October 1st – 6pm – 7pm 1st Night of Confirmation / **7pm-8pm** Youth Group

October 5th through October 26th – Uncle Mike's Kringle Sale starts

October 8th – 8pm **XLR8 Meeting in the Fellowship Hall in person**

October 10-11th – 7pm-7am Confirmation Lock-in for ALL confirmation students

October 25th – 1-3pm Trunk or Treat - **11:30am** setup starting time

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

November 16th – 8:15am 1st Communion Walk through and Celebration

November 29th – 11:15am – 1pm Loaves and Fishes **1:30pm – 3pm** Church Christmas Decorating and Musical Rehearsal

I want to thank you for supporting your young Disciples in Training with working on their memory bible verses and the My Devotion book. Having them here at church fuels their soul and creates a strong faith-based community. Please take a look at our church website youth page to see the XLR8 COS Youth calendar for all the events and Sunday School schedule. Share the calendar with your family as there is the flyers for the Trunk or Treat and Christmas Program just to name a few.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to call, text or email me. We here at XLR8 COS Youth are here to walk with not just the kiddos but also for your whole family.

Blessing and Peace!

Ms. Beth Sell – Director of XLR8 and family ministries
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OUTDOOR REHAB FUNDRAISER FOCUSES ON FENCING

We are working at upgrading the outdoor spaces of our property. We have found funds for replacing our outdoor sign. We hope to move it to the corner of Wisconsin and Stillwell by our front entrance. We'll keep you updated.

Now, we are turning our attention to the grass space south of our parking lot. So many cars and trucks are driving over the grass and endangering people walking in our parking lots. We are receiving generous donations! So, we hope to begin building sections of the fence around this grassy area. It is our goal to protect the property while providing additional safe recreational space. Thank you to all who are supporting this work!



Green envelopes are in the lobby for donations.

We will provide regular updates on the progress of the fundraiser and projects.



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!



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Saturday, Oct 25 - 1-3 pm

We will be having our Trunk or Treat in the big parking lot. We need people with cars to participate. You can decorate your car, host a car to decorate or donate candy. Plan to arrive at church at noon for set-up. Please contact the office or sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

CANDY DONATIONS WELCOME!



We are also collecting individually wrapped candy for our Trunk or Treat. Last year we ran out and we are anticipating more kids this year! If you want to donate any, please bring it to church and put it in the basket in the lobby.



Do you play an instrument? Do you love to sing? We are looking at developing a praise band in the near future. If you want to learn more, please call the office!

There will be NO respite care on Tuesday, October 14th. It will resume on October 28th.





For years, our congregation has offered meals to the community any time there is a fifth Saturday during a month. We do this through the Loaves and Fishes program organized by the people of Trinity Episcopal Church downtown. We began working with their congregation because we wanted to feed the community, they had an established program, and I had an "in" through working in their office. They had always offered meals on the first and third Saturdays of each month. By covering the fifth Saturdays, we were able to expand their program during those months with extra weekends.

During this entire time, I've been the primary coordinator for these meals. I can see that I won't be able to continue the task forever. For our November meal, I'd like to work with one, two (or more) additional people through the planning and preparation time. It's always a good idea to share the information and work among a group – instead of counting on just one person to do it all. This way, we can gradually expand the number of people who can continue our outreach efforts. The total time invested is 7-10 hours 4 or 5 times over the course of a year.

Here's the tricky part: I'm not good at asking for help. I know that many of you are willing to help if asked, but I don't know who to ask. I'll need you to contact me to say you're willing to look into helping here. You can call me at 920-279-3795, or email me at church: worship.coslc@gmail.com.

Thank you for all you do – for our congregation and for our community!

With love,
Barb Schneider



PLEASE NOTE THESE OUT OF OFFICE DATES

Pastor Connie: October 13th-17th

Pete: October 16th-24th

ECSW Women of the ELCA

2025 Biennial Convention

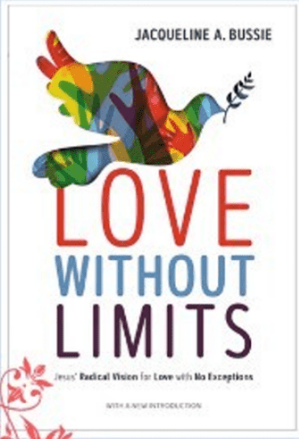
Love Without Limits

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.



The Women of the Church did not hold a meeting in September. Our next meeting will be October 5th following church service.

COATS FOR KIDS

The Salvation Army's annual Coats for Kids program collects and distributes thousands of new or clean, gently-used warm coats to local kids and families in need. Coats are accepted in sizes infant to adult. New or gently-used, clean winter coats can be dropped off in the box by the office until October 23.



REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Remembrance Displays

Oct. 19th - Nov. 2nd



Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos) is celebrated in Mexico and other Latin American countries in different ways, but with a common purpose – to celebrate those who have passed away. The celebration, which takes place on Nov. 2 and the days leading up to it each year, is one of the most renowned traditions in Mexico and is a way to remember loved ones by displaying their photos and favorite items, and leaving gifts and offerings at a personalized altar.

We will have 2 shelving units set up in the lobby which will provide members space to make a remembrance altar to their loved ones that have passed. This tradition in Mexico serves not only as a remembrance but a celebration that the dead live on in a life promised by Christ.

Let us help you lift up those you have lost. These displays are a happy, colorful celebration where the dead are honored and the deceased are remembered. These displays also help us remember to celebrate the joys of life. Throughout Mexico, altars called las ofrendas (“offerings”) are set up in homes to welcome home the souls of the dead.



Beginning October 19th

- Bring a photo & item that reflect the loved one(s) you are remembering
- Set up display within a space on our shelves

We will provide decorative touches and make electric candles available.

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

“We share because we care”



Greetings everyone -

Due to personal reasons, Debbie Kamark has resigned as the Birdies Box Coordinator effective immediately.

Devon Pederson and Barbara Stanchik are now co-leading this important ministry. The dedicated volunteers helping with this ministry are incredible and will continue to do what they are currently doing. “Thank you”.

If anyone is interested in getting involved there are plenty of opportunities in this area. Please contact Devon, Barb or Amy (church secretary) so the momentum continues.

Your new coordinators will be giving you updates.

Have a blessed day! Debbie Kamark



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 17 Soup Supper/Holden Evening Prayer

December 24 Christmas Eve Service



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

FINANCE REPORT

	Aug 2025	Year-to-Date	2025 Budget
Offerings	\$ 16,445	\$ 131,734	\$ 196,000
Other Income	\$3,832	\$ 30,831	\$ 43,700
Expenses	\$ 31,290	\$ 161,175	\$ 354,240
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$10,983)	(\$ 29,786)	(\$ 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.



COLORFUL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!



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>