



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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*Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10*



Recently, I attended my 3rd Leading Well Retreat in Carefree, Arizona. Funded by a Siebert grant, I was able to attend this annual retreat and conference one more time at no cost. Leading Well is a four-day training retreat for church leaders that offers practical learning, sabbath rest, and collegial support. For me, it was a time for renewal. The speakers we had were amazing and I learned so much. I was reminded to slow down enough to my mind and body.

We listened to author and coach Rozella Haydée White. She focuses on nurturing life-giving and justice-seeking love in this world so that all can thrive. In her recent book, she speaks about the peace we all hope for...

"Peace seems like an elusive concept these days. Everywhere I turn, I hear of conflict and destruction. When there is talk of peace, the concept is sorely misunderstood and mis-used. We romanticize peace, as if it might spontaneously arrive. But peace is far from this simple."

Rozella believes the one thing that keeps us from peace is people's belief that "there isn't enough. Enough time. Enough resources. Enough jobs. Enough money. Enough joy. Enough love. This belief in scarcity is the biggest sign that we don't believe that we belong to each other—leading to the absence of peace and a world of chaos.

As we await the birth of another Christmas, I pray that this intentional time of waiting and watching forces us to still ourselves enough to realize how much Jesus is enough for us. And in that satisfaction, may we enjoy this special time as we focus on the one who came down to us out of love - God Emmanuel.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Connie

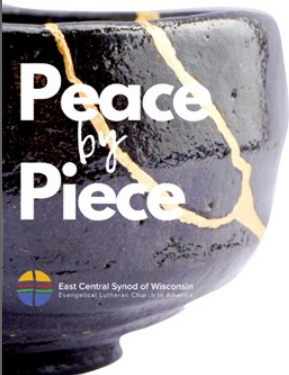


Welcome to our New Synod Youth Positions

Please welcome Wendy Black and Amy Moore! Wendy Black will be our NEW Synod Youth Coordinator and Amy Moore will be our NEW Synod Youth Administrator!

The two positions will work together and pertain directly to synod youth ministry but with different focuses. The Synod Youth Administrator will primarily focus on database management, policy creation and implementation, logistics for youth events including financial management, communications, registrations, and other pieces that we would identify together in conversation. The Synod Youth Coordinator will be working on program development, purpose statements and goal setting for the ministry, connections between youth, youth leaders, and congregations to resource and equip their ministries, and strengthen partnerships with Crossways and other ministry partners like LOPPW.


As Wendy and Amy begin their work with the synod, please extend a welcome their way. They will begin their work December 1st and can be connected to at wendy.black@ecsw.org and amy.moore@ecsw.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



Synod Building Closing Date Set

The sale of 16 Tri-Park Way--the synod office building--is on track with a December 15 closing date. 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.

Please continue to pray for the building sale as it concludes; for God's ministry that happened in and through the building and the ministry made possible through its sale. Synod staff will continue to work from offices across the synod and are available to meet in person, online, or by phone.



THE CHOSEN TV PROGRAM AND STUDY

“The Chosen” Mondays at
Noon & 6 PM in Fellowship Hall

We have installed a 70” TV on the south wall of our Fellowship Hall. Every Monday, we will be showing an episode of The Chosen - we are currently working through season 2. We have purchased the discussion study that goes along with it. Feel free to bring food if you wish for yourself. Beverages will be provided. The Chosen TV program is a multi-season series centers on the life of Jesus and the different people who followed or otherwise interacted with him.



THE BOOK OF REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM



If you are interested in providing special music or joining a small group to sing/play between now and the end of the year - please contact Mary Backus (920-585-4600) or Linda Tedlie (920-410-0745).

POINSETTIA ORDERS



Please print names clearly to ensure proper spelling.
Make checks payable to Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Flower Fund



Deadline: December 8th. Please send in this half sheet with your check or cash to the office before the deadline.

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

\$10.00 Each Plant

White _____ Red _____

Name of Sponsor(s): _____

In Honor of _____

or In Memory of _____

**ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
COOKIE SALE**



On **Sunday, December 10th**, the Women of Christ Our Savior will be holding a Christmas cookie sale. We will offer cookies, candies, other treats and crafts.

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 marked for \$3 a plate. If you are able to help set-up or during the sale please contact Diane Schmude at 920-235-4689.

We are setting up a memorial fund in honor of Jerri Schmidt. The funds collected will go to Lutheran Campus Ministry at UW-O where Jerri was a member of the board. If interested in donating to this memorial, write checks out to COSLC and write "Jerri" in the memo.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- December 6 Soup Supper
 Holden Evening Prayer
- December 9 Christmas Tree set-up
- December 10 Women's Christmas Cookie
 Bake Sale
- December 13 Soup Supper
 Holden Evening Prayer
- December 14 Annual Reports Due
- December 17 Christmas Program
 Holiday Lunch
- December 20 Soup Supper
 Holden Evening Prayer
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service
- December 30 Loaves and Fishes
- January 14 Annual Meeting

**BE STILL
& KNOW**

Advent



This Advent, we are taking time to still ourselves and reconnect with God and others. We will be offering 3 mid-week Holden Evening Prayer services at 6 pm - with Soup Suppers prior at 5:30.

Join us on the 17th at 9am for

**Once Upon a Manger:
A Paper Bag Pageant**



The Oshkosh North Madrigal Singers will be at church on Sunday, **December 3rd at 8:40 am** to perform some carols before service. We hope you can be here to enjoy this elite group of musicians that will start the season bright!

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Saturday, December 9th at 10:00 am as we set-up the Christmas Tree and decorate the Narthex.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Dec. 25th - January 1st

Amy will be taking time with family during this time



UPCOMING REC CLASSES

- 12/6 6:00-8:00 Winter Cards
- 12/13 4:00-6:00 Community Connections
- 2/14 4:00-6:00 Healthy you
- 3/13 4:00-6:00 Community Connections
- 4/17 4:00-6:00 Game Night
- 5/15 4:00-6:00 Let's Garden

For more details or to register:

www.oshkoshrecdept.com

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
dkkamark@gmail.com

ARTICLES DUE BY DECEMBER 14TH

If you run a committee, we will need you to write a brief article that will be added to our Annual Booklet. **Articles are due Friday, December 14th.**



Here is a list of committees that submitted reports last year:

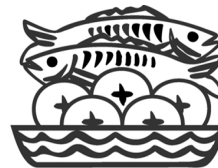
Altar Guild
Building & Grounds
Birdies Box
Care Kits—Baby, Personal & School
Youth
Courtyard
Feeding Hungry Kids
Good Neighbor
Loaves & Fishes
Stephen Ministers
Sunday School
The Tie that Binds—Quilters
WOCOS

ALSO! SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 14TH

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

LOAVES AND FISHES



On Saturday, December 30, 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 it!

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.

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/	(\$ 6,928.23)	(\$ 24,030.73)	\$ 1,585.42

2023 COUNCIL MEMBER CONTACTS

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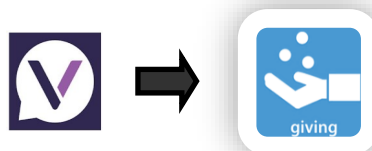
WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY

- Mail in a Check
- Shelby Mobile GIVE App
- COSLC Website
- AHC 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.