



Good News

A Newsletter for Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Christ Our Savior
1860 Wisconsin St
Oshkosh, 54901

OFFICE HOURS

Temporarily Suspended
Please leave a message

SUNDAYS

9:00 am Worship
In-Person Service
Livestream on YouTube
Worship Video on Cable 2

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PASTOR

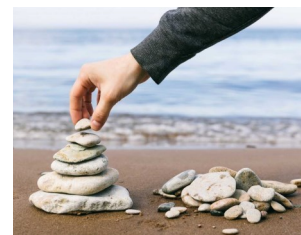
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EXECUTIVE TEAM

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“Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.”

1 Timothy 6:6-8



Dear Friends,

I was reflecting on this letter written by Paul to his coworker Timothy who was in Ephesus at the time. There were a few issues that were troubling him. He was concerned about false teachings and its spread. The other was with the wealthy in this early church and how their focus had shifted from godliness to greed. Their distractedness had become this slippery slope and was beginning to endanger the entire faith community.

I believe Paul’s words go deeper than the issue of greed, however. These words tell me that we don’t need to accumulate and take more on beyond what is necessary - especially when it takes our focus on what is truly important. I’m thinking of the things we tend to collect that fill our spaces both mentally and physically. I think of our schedules and to do lists that keep us so busy that we risk forgetting who we are and whose we are.

This passage speaks to my heart. I am so guilty of running in high gear. I tend to keep myself busy and accumulate more projects and activities that demand more of my time and less time for relationships. And after a whirlwind of a year, I found that I needed to step back and asked myself, “Can I be content with what God has already provided and work with that?” In a culture that says make more, do more, be more, are we trusting in the one who truly can satisfy our needs?



This Lent, I am committing myself to ‘Letting Go’ more when possible. I don’t believe God intended any of us to fill our time and spaces with clutter that is unnecessary. I’ve decided to begin by decluttering my physical spaces of the things I do not use or need. I’ve also begun to practice simplifying my days and my plans in order to

leave myself open to God and those around me. It won’t be easy. But this is intentional work that feels important right now.

During this time of Lent, we are called not only reflect on what God has done through Christ for us, but we are called to return to God and to who we were created to be. So, what do you say... are you ready to join me on this journey of Letting Go?

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Connie



East Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Bishops Anne Edison-Albright and David Ricken

Our Baptismal Calling: Salt & Light

Brings Catholics and ELCA Lutherans Together

On February 16th, leaders from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Green Bay and the East Central Synod of Wisconsin gathered together around their shared baptismal calling.

The content of this gathering was designed to help mentors, leaders, and influencers in our faith communities to be equipped to help others live out their baptismal callings. Those who were in attendance received resources for ministry and a deeper connection to the connecting points of our theology.

One of the highlights of the event was a presentation shared by Pastor Crystal Lee from Church of Our Saviour in Fond du Lac. Pastor Crystal presented on the shifting trends in youth ministry by reflecting with us on the content of the book, *Growing Young*. Pastor Connie, Barb Schneider and Ron Kuehl were in attendance.



DELEGATE NEEDED FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY

We are in need of one additional member from our congregation to sign up as a delegate to this one-day event. Pastor Connie and member Barb Schneider will also be attending.

Please contact the church office or Pastor Connie if you are interested.

Saturday, May 20th

8 am - 5:30 pm

First English Lutheran Church
326 E North St, Appleton, WI 54911

WISCONSIN INTERFAITH DAY OF ADVOCACY

Join the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin and Faith in Place day of action to advocate for hunger relief, climate justice, and clean water in the Wisconsin State Budget

Speakers include WKOW-TV Chief Meteorologist Bob Lindmeier and other experts on climate as well as on hunger and water issues. Hear also from guest legislators to gain tips on how to engage with our government officials.

March 21, 2023

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM (lunch included)

United Methodist Church
203 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, WI, 53703



CALLING ALL SINGERS:

It is time for the Easter Cantata season to begin. The cantata is **“The Day He Wore My Crown”** by Russell Mauldin/Sue Smith. Please join in for a musical Lenten journey together. This beautiful cantata may be broken into two performance days for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Rehearsals will be similar to the Christmas season schedule with meeting on Saturday mornings from 9-10am as well as a couple Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. Rehearsal schedule is set up for options of attendance, but it is important that you receive a copy of the score and CD to work with on your own to help with learning parts.

The schedule of rehearsals are as follows:

- SAT. MARCH 4TH – 9 AM
- MON. MARCH 13TH – 6 PM
- SAT. MARCH 18TH – 9 AM
- SAT. MARCH 25TH – 9 AM
- MON. MARCH 27TH – 6 PM
- SAT. APRIL 1ST – 9 – 11 AM
- PALM SUNDAY** APRIL 2ND - 9 AM
- EASTER SUNDAY** APRIL 9TH 9 AM

Please spread the word to your family and friends who may want to participate!!!! Also, I ask that this be sent out to all the members of the December 22 Christmas cantata as well as the Oshkosh Choraliers and other music organizations in town.

I’m looking forward to seeing and singing with as many of you as possible on Saturday Feb. 25th! If you cannot attend that day, please contact me for sign up and reserving a cantata score with CD.

Thank you!!
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920-585-4600



**The Women of Jesus’ Genealogy
LENT 2023**

Midweek Services
with Holden Evening Prayer

5:30 Soup Supper

6:30 Mid-Week Worship

3/1: “Tamar”

Pr. Jon Wills, First English

3/8: “Ruth”

Pr. Bryan Schmidt, St. Andrew’s

3/15 “Mary, Mother of Jesus”

Vicar Beth Sell, St. John’s

3/22 “Bathsheba”

Pr. Doug Holtz, Calvary

3/29 “Rahab”

Pr. Connie Weiss, Christ Our Savior



Come
Worship
With Us

- In-Person
- YouTube Live Stream - Sundays at 9
- YouTube Channel Recorded Videos
- Spectrum Oshkosh Channel 2

SUN - 10 AM / TUE - 2:30 PM / WED - 9 PM / THU - 10 AM

CHANGE TO EASIER CHURCH SOFTWARE

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Church Management Software

Both of our previous churches used PowerChurch software to manage membership data and our finances. It served us pretty well but came with some challenges and wasn't very user friendly. Late last year, our church council voted to switch over to Shelby Systems, Inc. is a leading producer of Church Management Software. Your one-stop-shop for all of your church or non-profit needs. We create, innovate and serve software to over 9,000 customers in more than 40 countries.



This new software includes:

- Membership Management
- Church Accounting
- Online Giving
- Mobile Giving App

We would like to make sure our membership data is up-to-date. Pastor will be available on Sundays during Coffee Hour and help members understand how they have direct access to their membership information and show members how to give. We no longer will be using Vanco. It is our hope to help our members who have been giving through Vanco to close out that account and begin giving through Shelby. It's so easy! Members can give through our website or text GIVE to the number below.



Text **GIVE** to: **920.289.4100**



LOOKING TO FILL TWO STAFF POSITIONS

Following her departure, we have decided to divide Megan's job into two part-time positions - an Office Administrator and a Media Specialist. It is our hope to begin the interviewing process soon. In the absence of a front office presence, we may not always hold consistent office hours. If you need to call the church, either leave a voice mail with the church office or contact Pastor Connie at 920.904.5919.



A BEAUTIFUL SEND-OFF!

We held a potluck lunch for Megan on her last day. Members who attended enjoyed spending this time with her. We wish Megan all the best as she moves forward with this new chapter of her life. She plans on getting married this fall also. We were so blessed to have her talents in the area of technology and media.



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR A/V TEAM

Mark Arend, Mark Backus, John Holdorf,
Margie Mahoney and Lucas McWilliams

These 5 people have been operating our Live Stream during Sunday services. If you see any of them, thank them for their amazing service!



Women of Christ Our Savior met at our February meeting, we decided to hold a rummage sale. The dates of the sale will be May 19th and 20th. If you have items you want to donate, please save them and bring them to church the week of the sale. Watch for more information.

We also have notified the Women of the ELCA of the Oshkosh Conference that we host the Spring Event in 2024. We will be looking for ideas for speakers and making plans for the luncheon.

We are also planning to participate in Rise Against Hunger this year. Mary Backus will keep us informed when she receives confirmation from the organization. We are hoping to have this event in September. Again, watch for more information.

We are excited as we discuss and plan for our future, and we invite you to join us at our next meeting, which will be March 26th after worship.



I have not had the luxury of sending many of you Thank You cards following the holiday and other occasions. For those who have been so generous in giving me a card, gift or words of support, thank you for your thoughtfulness. It means so much to me. I am so blessed to be serving all of you in this amazing call!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Connie



FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER CAMP!

The schedule is out for all the fun summer camp programs available through Crossways Camping Ministries. And, we are so blessed to have donated funds available to help pay for any child or youth who wants to attend camp this summer!

Campers will develop their collaboration and problem solving skills while cooking over a fire. They will build deep meaningful relationships while practicing active listening during team building activities. Together, camp will create an authentic community with positive role models that helps prepare our campers for the future.

Pioneers: 1st - 3rd Grade

3-day, 2-night overnight camp for our youngest youth campers! Our Pioneers get to experience the best camp has to offer in a time-frame that works for them.

Pathfinders: 3rd - 5th Grade

This is classic youth camp at it's best - 6 days and 5 nights filled with games, swimming, nature activities, campfires, new friends, excellent cabin leaders, engaging Bible studies, vibrant worship, and more! (Half week stay also offered)

Mavericks: 6th - 8th Grade

Our Mavericks program gives youth in this age group the opportunity to experience unconditional acceptance of their true selves. They enjoy classic recreational activities while also building self-esteem, and problem solving skills.

Settlers: 9th - 12th Grade

Settlers experience extended river trips (Village only), overnight camp-outs, low ropes challenge courses, and take part in some of the program leadership onsite with our younger campers.

For Information and Registration:

www.crosswayscamps.org



Birdie's Box Needs Your Help

Our little Birdie's Box located outside of our south-east entrance is a busy place! It's not uncommon for people in need to empty that box 2-3 times a day. Unfortunately, our stocking shelf is not as full as it could be. We could also use more volunteers to help keep that little outdoor pantry stocked. Monetary donations are the most helpful since our shoppers know what is most needed and where to find the best deals.

We will begin to collect Birdie's Box items during worship on the 2nd Sunday of every month. We'll recruit our children and youth to walk our little shopping carts down the isles during offering on that Sunday. We also will have a cash donation box for giving anytime in our Narthex.

If you would like to be a volunteer who will stock the box, please contact Debbie Kamark:

920-495-0594

dkkamark@gmail.com

Thank You
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT



BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS AT 1 PM

Join us every for our revamped Bible Study on Mondays at 1pm! We are now focusing on books of the Bible instead of the lectionary text. We would love for you to join our group.



We are so blessed to welcome the following people who have recently joined our church family. We are so glad you are here!

Rev. Glen Chase & Greg Hamilton

Sarah & Jack Anderson and Patti Wilson

Scott Dorman & Deb Guy

The Prayer Chain is an online ministry. A wonderful, loving, caring, tenacious group of "Prayer Warriors" who take time each day to pray for the needs of others.



If you are interested in participating in this email ministry, please contact Eileen Kuehl at 235-6393 or eileenkuehl4@gmail.com or 920-573-7205. Or you may contact: Diane Schmude at 920-235-4689 or diane4689@att.net. These are also the people to contact if you wish to ask for a specific prayer that needs to be addressed.



RESPIRE CARE

4th Tuesday of each month
1:30 to 3:30 pm

For those interested in volunteering contact:

DIANE SCHMUDE

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Have you suggestions for content for our newsletter? Let us know and contact the office!

secretary.coslc@gmail.com





WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING
SEPTEMBER 21-24, 2023 | PHOENIX
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Twelfth Triennial Gathering Women of the ELCA

September 21-24, 2023
Phoenix, Arizona

For additional information

go to

www.womenoftheelca.org

Visit Women of the ELCA for information and resources:

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/>

Katie's Fund: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/katiesfund>

STAY IN TOUCH: <https://www.boldcafe.org/>

Sign up for Bold Connections, Women of the ELCA's monthly newsletter with news about events and more. Also, if you check the Bold cafe box, you'll receive a monthly newsletter in your inbox with links to news articles, upcoming events, dinners, and more.

Join the Boldcafe Monthly Dinner group on Facebook to stay in touch! The monthly zoom dinner group brings together women from around the country to discuss ideas with various *Gather* magazine authors. They are the first Thursdays of the month.



Finance UPDATES

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

	Month/Year-to-Date	Budget for 2023
Offerings	\$ 35,160.62	\$ 325,00.00
Other Income	\$ 1,766.67	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 26,222.07	\$ 323,414.58
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$ 10,695.22	\$ 1,585.42

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...
thankful for your partnership in the gospel"

Philippians 1:3,5



"I would like to lay up treasures in Heaven.
Do you know the current conversion rate?"

4 WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY

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

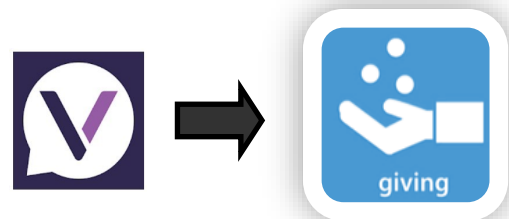
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We have switched our online giving to Shelby Systems. For those of you who are currently giving through Vanco, we will assist you in switching over. If you are able to cancel your Vanco giving, we will show you how easy it is to begin giving through this new, easy software system.