



GOOD NEWS FROM CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



February 2018

Hi COS it is good to be among you.

I've met many great people already and look forward to meeting more of you.

In this 1st phase of the Intentional Interim Ministry I am conducting interviews with any who want to talk to me about the History of Christ Our Savior. There are sheets on a table in the back of the sanctuary for you to pick a time to meet with me. As of this writing I've conducted about 18 interviews that are helping me put together a history of our church. All are invited to sign up for an interview. If you don't see a time that works or you need an evening appointment please email me with a couple of options and I will contact you about the appointment.

In the second phase which will start in late Feb or March we will be forming a transition team which will meet about once a month to work through issues and make plans for the church and calling your next pastor. If you are a leader in any area of Christ Our Savior we want you to be on this transition team. By next Fall, we hope to know and agree on what we are as a congregation and an idea of where we want go in fulfilling our mission of sharing the love and grace of God to those around us. Getting clarity and consensus on these types of issues will help guide us in the Call process for a new permanent pastor at COS.

PLEASE BE PRAYING ABOUT THIS PROCESS!! Satan loves to attack church people and bring division and disruption to the body of Christ. We can fight this through consistent worship, prayer and Bible study that will help us to do what St. Paul says in 2Cor.10 -- take every thought captive to the Lord Jesus Christ. I know everyone will not be at all events -- but the more consistent we are in our worship, Bible study and prayer the more successful we will be in helping this transition to be a true transformation in our hearts.

God bless us and protect us as we move forward together.

Peace

IIM Pastor Todd Brunworth

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:15 AM Worship

10:30 AM Children's
Sunday School

10:45 AM Adult Bible Study

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Pastor Emeritus

Rev. John Panning

Pastor Emeritus

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A Note from Pastor Todd

We are in the midst of the first procedural aspect of the Intentional Interim process-gathering history. As of Jan. 23 I have completed 19 interviews (about 26 people) and about 10 more are scheduled so far through the end of January. I appreciate your cooperation. Common threads are showing up. Good statements are being made about COS and many are praying for a better future.

The next stage of the IIM process will be the formation of a transition team. This group will probably meet once a month, and will work through various aspects of church life and mission. If you are a leader in any area of COS (Council, boards, committees, Bible studies, work groups, food activities, etc.) you should plan to be on this transition team. Others can also join - having 30+ people is fine. Hopefully by the end of Feb. we will be getting the Transition Team in place and begin to work toward our path forward. To do this we need all of you to be very regular in our worship, Bible Study and prayer. We need the Holy Spirit to change all of us and guide us to the solutions we need. Devotions and prayer are critical to the successful conclusion of this transition process.

The Lenten season is fast approaching (Ash Wed is Feb. 14th). The theme for midweek services is forthcoming. Many people choose to give something up for Lent. Instead I invite you to “take something on” for your Lenten discipline. I hope you will join your fellow COS members in reading the six chief parts of Luther’s Small Catechism each day according to this schedule:

Monday—The Ten Commandments

Tuesday—The Apostles’ Creed

Wednesday—The Lord’s Prayer

Thursday—The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Friday—Confession

Saturday—The Sacrament of the Altar

Sunday—Daily prayers, Table of Duties, or Christian Question/answers

The Small Catechism is found on page 321 in the Lutheran Service Book or follow the box link. We are checking on the possibility getting a printed pamphlet of the Catechism for those who need one.

Please set up an interview if you wish to be a part of that process. If you have an issue personal or otherwise I am available to talk with you by phone or at the office if you so desire.



Offering Counters Needed

We need additional teams of 2 to count the offerings. Many of those who are on a counting team have flown off to warmer climates for a few months! This takes about an hour, and training is available. Please see Mark Johnson, Council President or Derk Teusink, Financial Secretary to sign up, or to have your questions answered.

We are looking for more Bible Readers and Bulletin Folders for the new year. Please sign up for a date that works for you. Sign-up sheets are on west end of Sanctuary on Bulletin Board. What a great way to PtL. Thank you.

WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS

“Worship for Shut-Ins” is a Lutheran television 30 minute worship service. It includes the Propers for the day, prayers, and a LCMS pastor delivering a message that is one-on-one to the viewer. Also included are up to four choir selections. There are no commercials or repeats. It is shown at 11:30 A.M. on local cable channel 54 or 21. Xfinity channel This may also be viewed on our website: www.cosholland.com by going to the “Sermons & Media” section.

MISSION-GIVING UPDATE

(including “Local Benevolences”)

We joyfully respond to a resolution of the congregation passed several years ago that 10% of all “General Fund” offerings would be designated for “Missions.” That percentage, then, is divided into two parts; so that 7% of the total “General Fund” offerings go for mission-work through our District and Synod, and 3% of the total is given for “Local Benevolences.” Recently our Elders have distributed the Local Benevolence portions for

January as follows: One half each to:

BARNABAS MINISTRY

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CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

CHURCH COUNCIL LEADERS:

President— Mark Johnson

V. President—Rob Shinsky

Financial Sec.—Derk Teusink

Treasurer—Philip Matro

Secretary—Sue Johnson

Education—Jane Martinsen

Stewardship—Ann Campbell

Head Elder-Spiritual Welfare—
Bruce Campbell

Ministries —John Olson

Evangelism—Pat VanSlooten

Head Trustee—Rick Elushik

Missions—John Klug

Additional Elders: Art Fenrich, Tom Nunheimer

Additional Trustees: John Bareman, Ray Crockford, Ken Reimink

CHURCH WORKERS:

Admin. Assistant—Whitney Kesler

Custodian—Pat VanSlooten

Youth Director—Carol Garnsey



Take Heart, Take Action
February 24, 2018 | Our Savior, Lansing
8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

TAKE HEART

\$15 Student
\$20 General
See event page for Livestream details.
Price increases to \$20/\$25 on February 1.

Everywhere we go, we go as a witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But what does it mean to be a witness? Can my witness be used to help someone believe? How can I be a witness to people who really don't seem to care about church or the faith? **Take Heart, Take Action** is a conference providing **biblical insight** and **practical advice** on witnessing. Please join us on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Lansing.

Keynote Speakers

Rev. Dr. Mark C. Wood Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr.
Rev. Gregory A. Finke Rev. Todd A. Jones
Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier - Moderator

For more information visit:

michigandistrict.org/theological18



37th LWML Biennial MI District
Convention

Save the Date!! July 20-22, 2018

Blue Water Convention Center

Port Huron, Michigan

Thrivent Members

For all those Thrivent members who receive Thrivent choice dollars. The year has come to an end and you only have a short time left to transfer those dollars into a place of your choosing. If not transferred they will be dropped. Please don't forget to check online or call Thrivent soon. Thank you Terry Reimink

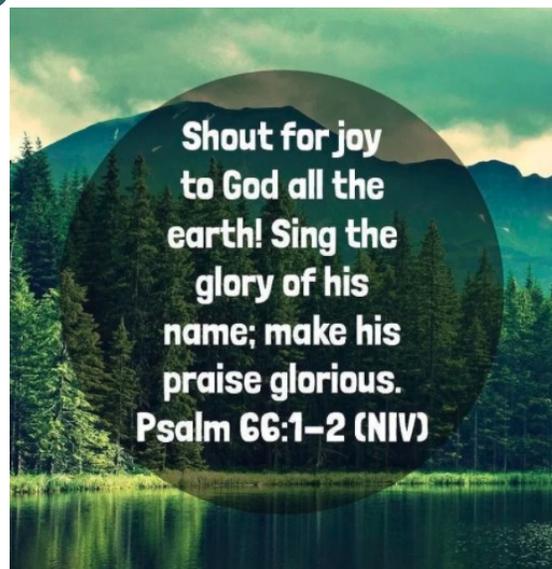
Operation Christmas Child!!

<https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child-countries/madagascar/>

~Please go to the link or click the box above if you would like to see



where our Christmas boxes went and watch the kids open and also hear a great message from Our God in the Highest.



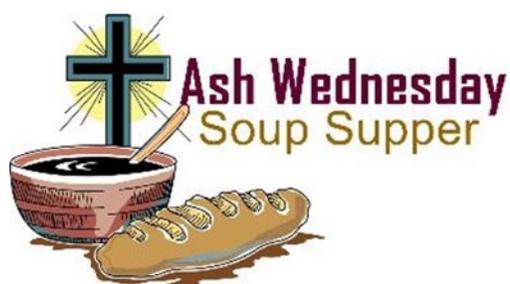
BIBLE STUDIES

EPHESIANS SPRING BIBLE STUDY ~ Everyone is invited to the Ephesians Bible study. We will begin on Tuesday, January 30 at 1:00pm, and on Thursday, February 1st at 7:00pm.

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS- Meets the first three Saturdays of each month at 9: 30a.m. We are presently observing the action-filled life of the Apostle Paul. Read Acts 16, and join us at 9: 30 am with the next Saturday meeting February 3rd.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

February 4th & 11th~10:45 am "Peter's Personality Profile" - Peter the Apostle brings to us a colorful personality, but he also shows us how God can mold his people for ministry in unexpected ways. What promise does he hold for us? Join the Study after worship for these two sessions. Discover how Jesus may be working in your life today. ~George Hamilton



The Season of Lent starts February 14th with Ash Wednesday Service. COS will start the Lent season with a soup supper at 5:30 pm with Ash Wednesday Service to follow at 7:00 pm. Choir Practice follows service at 7:45pm.

Egg Hunt Volunteer Needed!!!

We are looking for a volunteer to lead the Easter Egg hunt this year.

See Jane Martinsen for details!





Deadline for **March** Newsletter is February 20th!! Please email article or call Whitney in Church Office. cosh1ld@sbcglobal.net
616-738-0100



I would like to give special thanks to all of you that donated cards and stamps that I can use in the card ministry for the people of our church.
Pat Looman

2018 Michigan District Convention

The LCMS District Convention will be held June 24 – 26, 2018. All congregations have the ability to nominate candidates for open positions. Positions to be filled at this convention include District President, Regional Vice President, District Secretary, members of the Board of Directors, Church Extension Fund Board, and Circuit Visitor. These positions are open to Pastors, and in some cases lay people. Our Circuit was seeking nominations for our Circuit Visitor last fall, and the Council recommended Michael Goers, pastor at St. Matthews in Spring Lake. Any member wishing to provide input on remaining nominations on behalf of Christ Our Savior should discuss their recommendation with Mark Johnson, Council President no later than February 17, 2018.

Upcoming Positions to be Filled

Christ Our Savior's Spring Voter's Meeting is right around the corner, so a prayerful focus by all members is needed. The primary item on the agenda will be voting on new representatives for the Church Council, Elders, and Trustees. Positions are open due to term limits, and to fill current vacancies.

Open positions without a nominee include **President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Stewardship, and Elder & Trustee** positions. It is also election year for Education, however, Jane Martinsen is a nominee for the position.

If you are willing to serve please contact Mark Johnson, Council President, an existing Council Member or Elder. Position descriptions are on the bulletin board by the side double doors for your review. Training would be provided by the outgoing office holder...so the transition will be smooth and easy!

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Love One Another*