



GOOD NEWS FROM CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH



January 2018

2018 – NEXT CHAPTER OF LIFE IN CHRIST’S CHURCH

As we throw our 2017 calendar in the trash and open up the new one for 2018, we also look at a new field of opportunities together as Christ’s church. I am sure all of us have questions concerning where God will take us next. Our first step together will be to welcome Pastor Todd Brunworth. He will be joining us right away. On January 14, the first step in our morning worship service will be his installation as our Intentional Interim Pastor. He will take over the worship service after that opening. From that point forward we will be moving forward in our life together.

Please seize the opportunity that day to come to worship, welcome him as he serves among us, get to know him right away, and pray that God will reveal to him and to us what His next plans are for us. Remember a few specifics which will set the table for our future:

- Christ is on His throne, and He is ready to lead His church.
- The Holy Scriptures have not changed. God will use His Word in all its truth for our benefit.
- God has called us together to live as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Let us continue to live under His amazing grace.

Pastor George

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:15 AM Worship

10:30 AM Children’s

Sunday School

10:45 AM Adult Bible Study

Rev. George Hamilton

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. John Panning

Pastor Emeritus

In This Issue

Pgs. 1 and 2

2018 - Next Chapter in Christ’s
Church,
Servers for the Month of
January,
LWML

Pgs. 3 and 4

Ladies After Christmas Party,
Epiphany Sunday
Thank you from your COS Staff,
Calling all volunteers

Pg. 5

Siberian Bishop 6pm Saturday
St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church,
COS Safety Review

Ladies After Christmas Party

Date: Thursday, January 11, 2018

Time: 6 PM

Where: the home of Cathy Roush
149 Sunset Drive, Holland (616)392-9537



What: food, fun and fellowship

Bring:

1. a small plate of hors d'oeuvres
2. a wrapped "white elephant" gift to exchange.

Desserts Provided

Please see the poster on the sign-up board in west end of sanctuary!

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 Xfinity channel 21. 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

December as follows: One half each to:

Community Action House
Holland Rescue Mission

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

WELCOME TO THE EPIPHANY SEASON

The day of Epiphany is always January 6, twelve days after Christmas Day. The Epiphany season continues through Transfiguration Sunday, which always occurs on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. So what do we do with Epiphany? Why does it show up on our church calendar? What difference does this season make for my life?



- The word “epiphany” means “manifestation.” In our Christian vocabulary we use it to celebrate the arrival of Jesus into the human world. God was suddenly revealing Himself to us.
- We start the Epiphany season by watching the Wise Men (Magi) come from the East. They saw the light of the star and followed it to see the baby Jesus being revealed.
- Each of the Gospel readings for the season gives us an additional frame of the slideshow of light that Jesus brings into our lives.

Jesus is the light of the world. Let him shine more brightly in your life as the next six Sundays unfold.



THANK YOU

The members of your church staff say “thank you to our brothers and sisters in Christ” for your love and generosity to us. We all enjoy serving you, but you sent us warm fuzzy feelings with your Christmas gifts which we received on Christmas Eve. So we say thanks to you again as we look forward to sharing together in the ministry of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church during 2018.

Carol Garnsey, Pastor George Hamilton, Whitney Kesler, Pastor John Panning, Pat VanSlooten

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.

Also Altar Helpers contact Whitney during Office hours if interested.

Siberian Lutheran Mission Society

Please Join us at

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

- Saturday January 6, 2018 at 1:00 pm
- Located at 15395 Rannes St.;
- Spring Lake, MI 49456



Bishop Vsevolod Lytkin of the Siberian Lutheran Church will present an interesting and informative program. Bishop Lytkin is joined on this visit by his son Yuri and their organist Natasha.

More information is available on the work of the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society in support of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Visit their website at www.siberianlutheranmissions.org

Take a few minutes on their website to familiarize yourself with this mission.

Preceding the program a light luncheon will be served. A freewill offering will be accepted for support of the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

For more information please contact Bill Boice at 616-402-5457 or Mary Ann Weise at 616-818-8216.

Sponsored by St Matthew Lutheran Church, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society and Thrivent.

COS SAFETY SECURITY REVIEW

We are all aware of recent mass shootings in our nation. Some of those have occurred in churches. This situation stirs fear in our hearts, and it prompted a Church Council meeting discussion of our safety at COS. Here is a summary of relevant information. We all need to be aware of resources we have for facing emergencies.

1. The main entrance door is locked during worship. A volunteer in the hallway will open for late-comers.
2. The media center has a landline phone for immediate contact to first responders in case of emergency.
3. **Exits Available:** We have outside access through the main entrance by the offices, the double doors to the parking lot from the Sanctuary, a single door between the organ and the choir risers, and a single door to the East next to the nursery room door.
4. **Tornado shelter:** The best places to go are the youth room or the music room. No windows to break.
5. **Equipment on hand:** We have a defibrillator on the wall across from the kitchen entrance. First aid kits are in the kitchen and the media center.
6. **Fire/smoke alarms** are located throughout the building. They are inspected regularly.

We can all take a few simple steps to assist each other in maintaining our mutual safety. Please help. The steel double doors from the sanctuary to the parking lot may appear to be closed but may not be latched. Check them from the outside. Do not leave the kitchen doors ajar or prop them open.

If we have a fire, close doors behind you when you leave, including the door over the “pass through” counter in the kitchen.

**CHRIST OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**3151 North 120th Avenue
Holland, MI 49424**

Phone 616-738-0100

Website: www.cosholland.com

*Proclaim God's Kingdom
Grow Disciples
Love One Another*