



GOOD NEWS FROM CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



March 2018

By the time you get this we will have a good start into the Lenten season of our church year. Hopefully you are hearing the sermons that deal with the Small Catechism. If you can't be here for a Sunday, the sermons are available on the church website to listen to. We have had trouble recording them clearly so just know the problem you are experiencing is not on your end. I also want to **encourage you to be a part of the Bible study on the Apostles' Creed on Sunday morning after the service.**

The interview chat sessions (50+) have been helpful in understanding some of the problems that COS has lived through. The sermons and Bible studies are very important for everyone to take in, as things like **learning to think about WHAT you are thinking about** and studying the **basics like the Creed** help us see the truth of God's Word and how our Missouri Synod Lutheran positions are based on that Word. We are a theologically conservative church body, but not every issue or situation is clearly black and white. Clarity, understanding and love and compassion all need to be present when dealing with issues.

We need to learn how to stand firmly on that Word and still reach out in warm and loving ways to share the love of Jesus with all.

A Transition Team is being formed. It should include all current, past, and future leaders in the congregation as well as interested members who will make the commitment to be at the meetings. The duties are to assist and guide me in the Intentional Interim Ministry process, attend the monthly study and discussion meetings, be willing to purchase a copy of *"Healthy Congregations"* (Peter Steinkamp – under \$20). I'll discuss the possible time slot for these meetings with Council on Feb 26.

Keep praying for me to have clarity and wisdom, for relationships to be healed and reconciled, and that we all harken to the Lord's way through this time.

God Bless us all,

Pastor Todd

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:15 AM Worship

10:30 AM Children's

Sunday School

10:45 AM Adult Bible Study

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Children's Easter Celebration

will be held on Saturday morning, March 24, beginning at 10. Congregational kids, grand-kids, and friends are invited to hear a special Easter message, take part in an Easter Egg Hunt, learn a new song, make a craft, and enjoy a snack.



Children need to bring their own Easter baskets to gather the Easter Eggs. If you are inviting friends, please ask them to bring a basket or offer to bring one for them.

We need volunteers to take plastic eggs home with them, fill them with candy, small toys, or coins, and return them to church by Sunday, March 18. The eggs will be available for you to pick up by March 4. We also need volunteers to help with the children on March 24. Help will also be needed with the snack and clean-up. There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board soon. Please sign to let us know if you can help on the day of the Easter Celebration.

Thanks in advance for blessing the children in any way you may choose to help.



37th LWML Biennial MI District Convention

Save the Date!! July 20-22, 2018

Blue Water Convention Center

Port Huron, Michigan

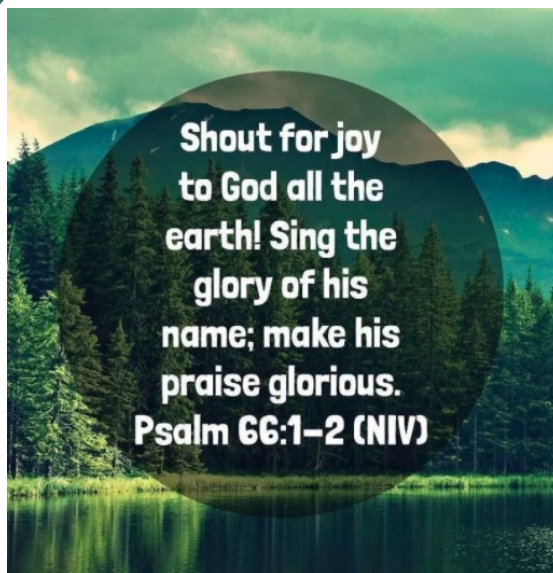
Thrivent Members

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 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.





Annual Easter Breakfast

On April 1st the Youth Group will once again be hosting the annual Easter breakfast. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a fantastic breakfast. The menu for this year includes:

Pancakes
 Sausages – links and patties
 hash browns
 eggs
 fresh fruit
 biscuits and gravy
 donuts
 juices/milk/coffee/tea

Breakfast will be served between services. (9:15am-10:15am)

Easter Worship times are 8 am and 10:30 am

This is a free will donation breakfast and the money goes to support the Youth that will be attending the Jr. Youth Gathering this summer and the Sr. High School students attending the National Youth Gathering next summer.



Easter Flower Sales

Spring will soon be here and what better way to celebrate the season with some beautiful Spring Flowers. With gorgeous flowers could possibly bring uncomfortable allergies for some members of our congregation. We would love to have an Easter Flower sale but are concerned if any of our members/guests might be uncomfortable with the flowers in the Sanctuary. Please let Whitney Kesler or Jean Vizithum know as soon as possible, if you think that may be a concern for you!!! Jesus is the Reason for the Easter season that's most important. In the meantime, we will start a sign-up sheet for flowers on our board on west end of sanctuary. All orders and money due on **March 19, 2018**. (In the case that we cannot deliver flowers to church for allergen related reasons, possibility to have them delivered to my home then picked-up from there.) Flower choices are as follows: Gerber Daisy, Orchid, Tulip, Hyacinth, Daffodil, and Lily.

Checks made out to Christ our Savior noted "Easter Flowers" Cash place in envelope with name and write for "Easter Flowers"

Portals of Prayer

New Portals of Prayer for April-June 2018 are now available.



SERVERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

MARCH 4

Reader—Shari Atkinson
 Acolyte— Kole Meschke
 Ushers—Scott and Amy Brophy
 Elders— Bruce Campbell
 Music—Ginny Liao
 Greeters—Jerry and Nelva DeBoer
 Sound—Reimink/Fenrich/Elushik
 Screen—Wayne Mavis
 Altar—Shari Atkinson
 Nursery—Jacquelyn Schwark & Lauren Hilt
 Refreshments—Mike and Michele Jacoby
 Counters—Jane Martinsen and Shari Atkinson
 Bulletin Helper— Bernice Wentzel
 Flowers –

MARCH 11

Reader—Teresa Schraudt
 Acolyte—
 Ushers—Mike and Michele Jacoby
 Elders—Bruce Campbell
 Music—Cathy Roush
 Greeters—John and Esther Klug
 Sound—Reimink/Fenrich/Elushik
 Screen—Deb Bareman
 Altar—Shari Atkinson
 Nursery—Jacquelyn Schwark & Lauren Hilt
 Refreshments—
 Counters—Jean Vizithum and Doris Kendall
 Bulletin Helper—
 Flowers—

MARCH 18

Reader—Rob Shinsky
 Acolyte—Aaron Simmons
 Ushers—Tom and Karen Nunheimer
 Elders—Bruce Campbell
 Music—Ginny Liao
 Greeters—Karen Nunheimer and Jane Martinsen
 Sound—Reimink/Fenrich/Elushik
 Screen—John Olson
 Altar—Shari Atkinson
 Nursery—Jacquelyn Schwark & Lauren Hilt
 Refreshments—COS Youth Group
 Counters—Whitney Kesler and Jane Martinsen
 Bulletin Helper—
 Flowers—

MARCH 25

Reader—Diana Mavis
 Acolyte—
 Ushers—Mike and Lila Overbeek
 Elders—Bruce Campbell
 Music—Helen Travis (Palm Sunday)
 Greeters – John Roush and Pat Shealey
 Sound—Reimink/Fenrich/Elushik
 Screen—Wayne Mavis
 Altar—Shari Atkinson
 Nursery –Jacquelyn Schwark & Lauren Hilt
 Refreshments—
 Counters—Nelva DeBoer and Shari Atkinson
 Bulletin Helper—WSCOS
 Flowers—

LWML recycling fund raiser

Get Ready, set, recycle! Your LWML is collecting empty inkjet printer cartridges, empty laser printer cartridges used cell phones, PDAs Palm Pilots, i-Pods, MP3 Players, laptops, notebooks, eReaders, tablets, & iPads (include power cords) to redeem for cash. The cash will be used to pay for expenses associated with hosting the LWML's National Convention to be held in Lexington, KY in 2021. Just bring your contributions to COS and put them in the recycling bin. It's easy and it's good for the environment also. Questions about what we can recycle? Check out the poster in the sanctuary or call Esther Klug at 269-561-2925. Your LWML thanks you!

3 More Bible Readers needed for April!!

We are looking for more Bible Readers and Bulletin Folders for Sunday Worship 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.



OFFERING COUNTERS

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.

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 January as follows: One half each to:

Holland Free Health

&

Solid Rock

CHURCH COUNCIL LEADERS:

President— Mark Johnson

V. President—Rob Shinsky

Financial Sec.—Derk Teusink

Treasurer—Joe Aubel

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

BIBLE STUDIES

EPHESIANS SPRING BIBLE STUDY ~ Everyone is invited to the Ephesians Bible study. Tuesday at 1:00pm, and on Thursday 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 March 3rd.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY– Meets every Sunday after worship at 10:45 am. See Pastor's Note Pg. 1

The COS mobile directory is now available. You may download the directory by using the following website:

[https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/434152/christ-our-savior-lutheran-church.](https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/434152/christ-our-savior-lutheran-church)

There will be a prompt to approve the terms and conditions followed by the required access code. The access code is *available on request*. You will only need to input the access code the first time you open the directory. Please note this access code may need to be changed from time to time. When this happens, you will be prompted to input the new access code. If this occurs, Whitney will input the new access code in the weekly bulletin. You may also contact her during office hours for the updated access code. Thank you to all who had their pictures taken to make this directory a success. Hope you are enjoying your directories and will find this mobile directory helpful. Should you have any questions, please contact either Whitney or Sue Johnson.



Deadline for **APRIL** Newsletter is **MARCH 22th!** Please email article or call Whitney in Church Office.
coshlld@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.

Spring Voter's Meeting

Announcement

Christ Our Savior's spring voter's meeting is scheduled for **Sunday April 15th** after the service. To be efficient with time we would like everyone to get their snacks & coffee after the service, then return to the pews so the meeting can begin.



The primary item on the agenda will be voting on new representatives for the Church Council, Elders, Trustees, and Open Arms Committee. Positions are open due to term limits, and to fill current vacancies.

Attendance by all members of Christ Our Savior is highly recommended, as your input on our direction is both welcomed and needed as we work through this transition period. If there are any agenda items you would like added, or are willing to serve please contact Mark Johnson, Council President, or Bruce Campbell, Head Elder.

Open Council positions include President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Stewardship, Education (Jane Martinsen is a nominee for this position). There is also a need for Elders, and Trustees.

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Grow Disciples
Love One Another*