



GOOD NEWS FROM CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



May 2018

Pastor Todd's Notes

As I write this we have 3 more of the 7 Sundays of Easter and with fingers crossed we might be turning a corner in the weather department- 60* + is supposed to be here by the weekend. By the time you read this we will hopefully have had a week of more actual warmer Spring weather.

We had our first transition team meeting on April 16. Elsewhere in this newsletter (page 2) there will be a report about that meeting and about some of the comments from the 5 different table groups we had working on the exercises at hand. Maybe you have already heard some reports as I encouraged all the participants to "tell everyone what we did tonight."

If you want a sample of what got us off to a good start do what your Transition Team Members did and read Romans 12:3-21. What verses in there are meaningful to you and why?

Our next meeting is just around the corner on May 7 at 7pm. Please continue to pray for me to have wisdom and for our congregation to have openness for God to do His healing work in all of us, and for the processes we are going through to work toward a common ground where our faith and church life come together toward healing and unity.

Also—Don't miss the 4part sermon and Bible study series starting April 29 – "I am a Church Member". Please don't be afraid of Bible Study. You can come and just listen if you want. No pressure to read or talk if you don't want to.

Blessings to all at COS

Pastor Todd

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:15 AM Worship

10:30 AM Children's

Sunday School

10:45 AM Adult Bible Study

Intentional Interim Minister

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Rev. George Hamilton

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. John Panning

Pastor Emeritus

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Transition Team Meeting
Based on the book “Healthy Congregations” by Peter L. Steinke
April 16, 2018

Pastor Brunworth led the meeting with 27 COS members in attendance. We divided up into round tables and discussed Romans 12: 3-21. Apostle Paul writes there should be no basis for a superior attitude or self-righteousness. Each member of the church has a different function, but all are needed for the health of the body. We should all be encouraging with a cheerful spirit. We are stronger all working together. If anyone has special talents, let them use those talents within the church. We should all show brotherly love within the family of God and honor one another above ourselves. Be joyful in hope. Share with God’s people. Bless those who persecute you. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Live in peace. Pastor then went on to explain that a change in Pastor puts a congregation on a journey. Members leave for various reasons with examples of moving closer to family, possibly a job change, or conflict. When a Pastor leaves quickly this can cause confusion and/or panic. It becomes a jolt to the congregation.

Chapter one titled “Wholeness” explains a systems approach. If one part of the system falls apart it impacts everything else. We should not try to figure out WHO is the problem, but WHAT is causing the problem. We need to place more emphasis on the key role of “mood, tone, and spirit” in enhancing congregational health. If we as individuals do this correctly, it will come out as a whole in the congregation. We discussed how people care for, respond to, and manage their life together. Health is promoted by personal activity. Health comes from measures that each person can affect. Having responsible leaders is important. The leaders behavior can set the tone for the congregation. At times a healthy congregation is manifested by growth in size. At other times health involves sheer maintenance with little or no growth at all. We cannot expect everything to always be perfect. Do not construe the lack of growth as a problem. Keep the total picture in mind. Mind, heart, and strength are three parts of a whole. We should love each other by putting all three of these together. A lot of things play a part in how we treat each other. Body, mind, and spirit encompass the whole person. Health embraces the whole person. When we think of the congregation as a system or a whole, we also consider all the interactions of the parts and the emotional environments in which those interactions take place. What interactions most support health? What emotional interactions most encourage disease process? Is the emotional environment leading toward health or illness? We need to stay looped together. Some loops use information to regulate, keeping the system in balance, while some loops use information to amplify. Amplification can create a change in the system. There are two ways of thinking. Separate parts thinking and system thinking. We can’t focus on a person that needs to be fixed. We need to look at the whole process. We are all sinners. We need to catch this sooner and do something about it. For example forgiveness and be apologetic. Church families operate by a system.

Each table spent some time coming up with goals and/or things to accomplish during the transition process. These included:

- Communication - people need to be heard. We need open channels of communication.
- Common understanding of Missouri Synod doctrine.
- Define who we are as a church.
- Revisit our mission statement.
- Reconsider the meaning of “Open Arms For All”.
- How to deal with the underground current of feelings that don’t come to the surface-where they can be addressed?
- Leadership- Need more members to volunteer.
- Get to know each other on a more personal level.
- Outreach to younger families.
- Work on our relationships with one another. Know the needs of each other.
- Have a better understanding of each task within the church. i.e. altar care, flowers, etc.
- Reach out to ask people to either help or attend an event.
- Have patience.

The meeting ended with prayer. Next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2018 at 7: 00. Please read chapters 2 and 3. Respectfully submitted by Sue Johnson

Dear Members of Christ our Savior Lutheran Church,

The elders decided to have volunteers help out with some of the duty elder jobs. The job title would be serving assistance who would check lights and thermostats. Help lock doors and assist in other ways. (see Page 4) Former elders are asked to volunteer to serve communion.

If you would be willing to help, let an elder know right away. The elders are Bruce Campbell, Art Fenrich, Tom Nunheimer and Art Johnson.

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Tom Nunheimer 616.994.9558

Art Johnson 616.294.1040

If you have prayer needs (ill, visit, hospital call) please let us know. This is how prayers are printed in the bulletin or pray chain email. There is also a prayer table in the back after worship service for individual prayer or anointing needs.

Many members have visited our home bound, yet more visitors are needed. Prayfully consider how you may help. Stephen's Ministers also make calls, but not everyone is visited. Let us know you'll help. Our church is blessed with many volunteers and we thank God for each one. A leader is needed to coordinate this to avoid duplication and to make sure all home bound are visited monthly.

In His Service,
Bruce Campbell, head elder

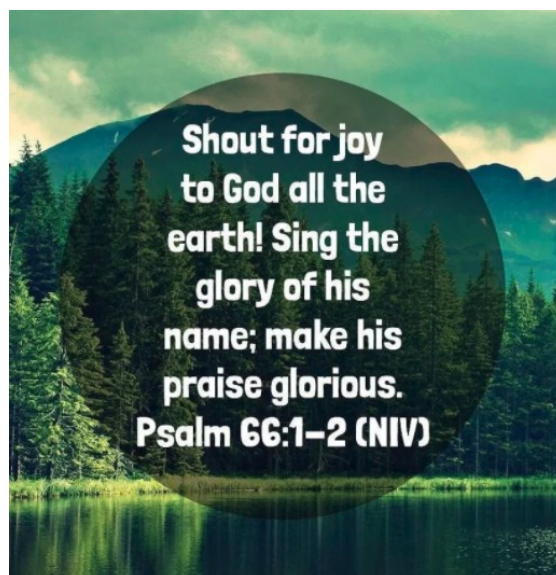


37th LWML Biennial MI District
Convention

Save the Date!! July 20-22, 2018

Blue Water Convention Center

Port Huron, Michigan



SERVICE ASSISTANT

Job Description Psalm 100: 2a "Serve the LORD with gladness."

Prior to Worship:

1. Arrive fifteen (15) minutes before service time
2. Make sure sidewalk is clear of ice and snow
3. Put on your name tag (located on the northeast wall in sanctuary)
4. Check that correct hymn numbers are on hymn board, check lighting, sound, heat or cooling, communion table set up (collection baskets for wine glasses on pedestals), bulletins and name tags on usher table, baptism - font is set up.
5. Check that ushers and greeters are ready, greet people (especially visitors - write up name tags, obtain address/ phone for home visit)
6. Check for reader, acolyte, nursery staffed; help get replacement if necessary
7. Help turn on lights in sanctuary, hall and all rooms; set heat at 70 in winter and cool 75 in summer on all thermostats
8. If extra sunny help pull down East side shades in winter

During Worship

1. Sit in hallway, allow access to building for late comers (main door locked)
2. Welcome and greet late comers, if visitors sign guest book
3. Check all rooms and parking lot for abnormal activity (monitor cameras). Have female usher check woman's restroom once, and vice versa for men.
4. Alert duty elder or media person and call 911 if necessary

After Service

1. Encourage people to stay for refreshments and fellowship; invite people to come again and/or attend Bible classes. Thank those who leave for coming and worshiping with us.
2. Help put hymn books under seats, help collect fellowship sheets and place pads on end seat of each row or table. (Put sheets in black attendance book).
3. Assist duty elder with removal of offerings from altar and assure that the money is placed in the safe or delivered to two counters. (Obtain the red bank bag in office drawer).
4. Check sanctuary double door is secure, turn off all lights and turn thermostats to normal 62 heat in winter and 80 for cool summer.
5. Check with sound operator that system is shut down.
6. Check in kitchen that coffee pot is cleaned, check dials of oven and stove are off after clean-up crew is finished. Kitchen and bathrooms no running water.
7. Put shades up in winter, leave down in summer to keep sanctuary cool.
8. Check that safe room door, music room, secretary and Pastor's doors are locked. All doors must be closed in case of fire.
9. Double check for all outside doors to be locked. (two exit doors, double door in sanctuary and main door.

List of Sample Actions of Comfort for the Month of May

~Contacts from Pastor

~visit the weekend after diagnosis from daughter and boyfriend (now son-in-law), who brought games to play and kept us laughing and positive

~Friend who was in my room when doctor came with probable diagnosis asked: "would you like to have this discussion in private or would you like me to stay? Is so, is it OK to ask questions?" At my request she stayed asked questions, then helped me remember answers and tell my husband.

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>.

There will be a prompt to approve the terms and conditions followed by the required access code. The access code is available upon 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.

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:

Help a Member

And

Forgotten Man Ministries

CHURCH COUNCIL LEADERS:

President— Jean Vizithum

V. President—Rob Shinsky

Financial Sec.—Nelva DeBoer

Treasurer—Joe Aubel

Secretary—Pat Desire’

Education—Jane Martinsen

Stewardship—MaryAnn Hamilton

Head Elder-Spiritual Welfare—
Bruce Campbell

Ministries—Vacant

Evangelism—Pat VanSlooten

Head Trustee—Rick Elushik

Missions—John Klug

Additional Elders: Art Fenrich, Tom Nunheimer, Art Johnson

Additional Trustees: John Bareman, Ray Crockford, Ken Reimink

CHURCH WORKERS:

Admin. Assistant—Whitney Kesler

Custodian—Pat VanSlooten

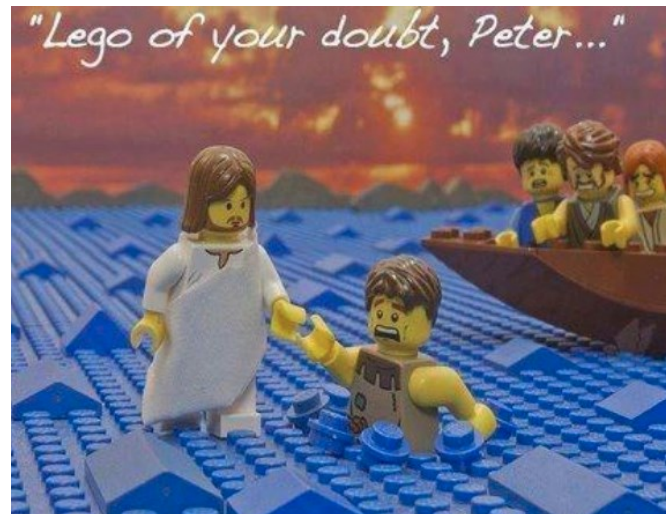
Youth Director—Carol Garnsey

Family Style VBS

VBS will be held on July 10, 17, 24, and 31st from 5:30-7:15 p.m. This years theme is Parables told by the use of Legos.

Save your gallon size plastic ice cream containers.

Save the Dates!!!



Spring Voters' Meeting Summary

Our Spring Voter's Meeting was held on Sunday April 23rd. We had a good turn out with 63 members in attendance. The primary action items were voting on representatives for Council, Trustees and Elders. We also discussed and voted on the topic of a paid Youth Director.

The 2018 – 2019 Council are:

President	Jean Vizithum (n)
Vice President	Rob Shinsky
Head Elder	Bruce Campbell
Secretary	Pat Desire' (n)
Financial Secretary	Nelva Deboer (n)
Treasurer	Joe Aubel
Stewardship	MaryAnn Hamilton (n)
Education	Jane Martinsen
Evangelism	Pat VanSlooten
Missions	John Klug
Ministries	Open

("n" indicates newly elected to the council)

We also have a new Trustee - Peter Schraudt, and a new Elder – Art Johnson.

The meeting included discussion regarding a paid vs. volunteer Youth Director position. This topic was added to the agenda after much discussion at the Council level and with various members. A vote was taken, and the congregation voted to retain the paid Youth Director position.

Please pray for and support these leaders as they lead COS into the future.

On May 27th at Christ Our Savior **Cristel Neuendorf** will be a guest speaker during our Worship Service, she is A LCMS Missionary please stay tuned for more details from her soon. Look in your Sunday Announcement tri-fold May 13.

Whitney Kesler will be out of the office May 26-June 2. Please make sure you get your Newsletter Articles or anything You may need for the Church Services of May 27 and June 3rd by Monday May 21. Thank you.

National Day of Prayer in Zeeland, MI will host an Event at Zeeland Town Hall, May 3, 2018 at Noon. It is time, again, for us to come together to pray for our local, state and national leaders.

NURSERY WORKER POSITION

We are in need of two nursery workers for the fall of 2018. Must be experienced and be able to commit to every other Sunday 15 minutes before, during and after the service, as well as special occasions. Must be experienced and able to pass a criminal background check. \$10/hr A detailed job description is available. Please contact Ann Campbell, Nursery Coordinator @ 269-903-5708.



Welcome New Members, Simon Le and Kent Rowan. Congratulations to our New Confirmand Aaron Simmons. Thank you all for coming to the blessed Celebration.

Message from outgoing Council President

I would like to express my gratitude for the support and prayers from my fellow Council Members, and the congregation during the 4 years I served as Council President. It was with great joy that I served and I look forward to the next chapter here at Christ Our Savior. As I have mentioned in the past, together we will move forward!

In His Service, Mark Johnson

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