



GOOD NEWS FROM CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



September 2018

Dear members and friends of Christ Our Savior:

We had a good Transition Team meeting on Aug 20th. I hope the summary of it will make this newsletter. The table discussions went well as we studied Psalm 34 and 37 thinking about how God answers us and how we need to wait patiently on the Lord.

I had a resource from articles about the Apple stores that helped us rethink how we think about church activity. I'll share 1 – The Apple stores don't sell phones-- they give you an experience of how your life will be enriched if you have their phone. So just one aspect of this translates to the church this way. "Stop worrying about membership and about whether people will join—the church's equivalent of selling stuff. Instead ask people why they are here, why they have come, what are they looking for and how this congregation can aid them in their walk with God." "Why have you come?" and what are you looking for? Are great questions to engage people and get a hint of what they are seeking!!!

Rev. Galan Walther (from Michigan District) was with us again and talked about the finishing the process and getting the paperwork filled out, in order to bring us closer to actually calling a new Pastor maybe by the 1st of the year. There are forms like "Lay Leaders Questionnaire" and "Pastoral expectations" that will be completed in the next month that will move this process along. In order to help that happen in a way that we can have maximum participation, directions for this part of the process will come to everyone in the congregation what in our mission statement are we doing and what are we not doing or could do better.

All of this will help us define our ministry and direction at COS. In reality it would be best if we had directions in ministry that we all agreed on (after all it is the ministry of you people whom God has called to COS. With that ministry more clearly defined, a pastoral match that will last has a greater possibility.

We will continue to keep you informed. Please participate so that your voice is present.

God Bless our forward movement!!!

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:15 AM Worship

10:40 AM Children's

Sunday School

10:45 AM Adult Bible Study

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Pastor Emeritus

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FALL VOCAL CHOIR START-UP INFO

The COS Vocal Choir will have its 1st rehearsal on Wednesday, October 17, at 7 pm. This “semester” (through December) we are set to meet twice a month and participate in the Sunday morning service once a month-more often in December. If this plan will work with your schedule and if you enjoy singing, you are warmly invited to join Choir members who have already expressed a commitment. All voices are needed, and it is not a requirement that you be able to read music, nor are there ever any tryouts. **JUST COME!**

Feel free to contact Cathy Roush or any Choir Member with questions or if you would like to know the rehearsal and “sing” dates on the schedule.

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Administrative Assistant Contact Information

I have recently moved apartment buildings and also a new phone service and phone number.

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I ALSO POSTED NEW PHONE NUMBER ON OFFICE DOOR.



Sunday School for kids will begin on September 9th from 10:40-11:30 am.

3 year old to high school. Join us as we learn more about the “Fruits of the Spirit” through Bible Stories, Crafts, Songs and Games.

The Children 2nd grade to 4th grade will receive a Bible during the Sept 9th Worship Service.

PORTALS OF PRAYER FOR OCTOBER – DECEMBER ARE HERE. Pick up your copy near the church office or in the sanctuary.



Deadline for **OCTOBER** Newsletter is **SEPTEMBER 24**. Please email article or call Whitney in Church Office.
coshld@sbcglobal.net

TRANSITION TEAM MEETING 8 ASSIGNMENT. We invite anyone in the Congregation to participate in this assignment. Please review COS mission statement :

Grow God’s kingdom

Share God’s Word

Live Christ’s Love

With open arms for all

Please jot down 1 or 2 things **we are doing** in each category of our mission statement. Also jot down 1 thing **we could do** that we are not doing in each category of our mission statement

Whoever submits something **needs to be at the next meeting and participate**

[Sept. 17, 2018 7pm].

Our mission statement is also at the beginning of our Bulletin every Sunday.

17th ANUAL CRUISE IN BENEFIT

The annual cruise in will be on Friday, September 7, 2018 from 5-9pm. It will again be held at the Trendway Corporation grounds located on the N.E. corner of Quincy and 136th St. in Holland. This year's recipient is for the family of Chloe Appeldoorn. She suffers from Anorexia Nervosa, a serious and sometimes



deadly disorder that can be difficult to treat. Chloe is 13 years old and an excellent student and Macatawa Bay Middle School and involved with softball and band. The family has had devastating medical costs incurred as they pursue effective treatment for Chloe.

Our Church has been blessed to be able to serve the food at this event for 16 years and everyone has had so much fun and enjoyed the night of seeing hundreds of classic vehicles, and helping others. We can all help with this worthy cause again in our community. Please see the flyer on our bulletin board and please sign up to help serve hot dogs, Hamburgs, brats, and chips. Your participation is so appreciated .

If you have any questions please talk with Tom Nunheimer or Terry Reimink



LWML Lakeshore Zone "Our Ever-Constant Lord"

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

Saturday, September 29 | 8:30 AM—4:00 PM

Maranatha Conference Center

Guest Speaker Pastor Matthew Heise, Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Registration \$40 by September 1 | girls ages 10-18 are FREE when accompanied by an adult

Questions? Contact helentravis@charter~ Sign-up on bulletin board on west side of sanctuary.

Ingathering gifts for MAP Supper House in Muskegon Heights Large canned fruit, Disposable flatware, bowls, divided plates, Styrofoam cups

Missionary Information

Our Congregation is very blessed to be able to help serve our missionaries. John K. would like to share some of our Missionaries Newsletters every month or so with there prayer requests and other ways they serve. In the hallway by the kitchen is information on ALL our missionaries I always post the most up to date newsletter on that board so check it out!

Becky Grossman will be featured this month she is serving the people of Liberia through translation ministry with LBT-Lutheran Bible Translators. Here are some of her prayer requests. Pray for Gola as they make final revisions and as we complete all checking to prepare their New Testament text for printing. Up until now, they have only had small portions for scripture available. Pray for Maan team as they continue drafting Old Testament and revising their New Testament so they can have a complete Bible.

WORSHIP ANEW

“Worship Anew” 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

August as follows: One half each to:

Solid Rock Ministries

&

Holland Rescue Mission



We are taking donations for Operation Christmas Child. Please pick up a list of ideas back by our summer vacation bulletin board in back of sanctuary.



Women's Bible Study

Will begin this Thursday Sep. 6 at 10:00 am. Lunch to follow meeting at church.

Men's Bible Study

Resumes September 15th. More information coming soon.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AND HEALTH BOARD

RN Kathryn Mackey will be taking blood pressure screenings after church on September 9 and September 23rd. Please take the time to check out her board for this month's health and wellness features, such as Healthy Aging, Suicide Prevention, Obesity Awareness, and National Fruit and Veggie Awareness month. More details in September Newsletter.

September is a month to get back in the swing of things. Children return to school and Bible studies pick up. The end of summer often means the end of vacations, picnics, and long days. This time of year is often a time of transition, but we are reminded that God is with us in all walks of life—even in the toughest times.

September is also grandparents day wish your grandparents a happy day.

September is the time to get back into a schedule back can often be easy to neglect healthy habits. This month let us look how God provides for us throughout this changing season looking at healthy things let's make new goals and revisit some old ones.

Wishing you a great September,
Kathryn Mackey

Philippians 3:14-16

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

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TRANSITION TEAM

Next Transition Team Meeting will be 7pm on September 17

Transition Team Meeting notes are in a binder on table by our west wall bulletin board.

Check out all the hard work your transition team has been working on.

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Love One Another*