



GOOD NEWS FROM CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



October 2018

As I reported to council recently there has been good progress in our Interim work and yet there is **Work to be done before the Call** process begins --hopefully in January. Pray for Christ to strengthen YOU & guide us all:

A. - All of us need to seriously work to try to complete **real reconciliation with each other in this congregation**. Many have turned that corner of forgiveness and are ready to work together with Christ and our community. A few others seem to be making little progress in this area and only mildly engaged in the efforts to move forward. **We all need to come together** toward a consensus agreement on issues that previously separated the congregation.

B. - To that end we are forming a committee of 7-11 people (minimum 4 council members) to work on putting the consensus issues into a document that could be approved by the voters and possibly be attached to the Call document.

C. - We also need to learn how to sharpen our focus on our mission objectives:

Growing God's Kingdom>Sharing God's Word>Living Christ's Love>With Open Arms for All.

Each of those 4 phrases need more understanding. If an army captain tells his troops to "capture the airfield" they have a sense of what to do. But if he adds, "capture the airfield so we can use it ourselves", that is a whole different operation for the soldiers. Intent and specifics help us to understand our Mission.

Pray in these next months that we work together in mind and heart to accomplish the above goals as a unified Christ Our Savior body of believers.

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

Rev. John Panning

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 tryout. **JUST COME!**

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

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YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be meeting every Wednesday at 7pm. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month for Bible Studies. 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays for COPPS (Conversations, Prep, Plan and Social)



THE GREAT PUMPKIN CARVE

WEDNESDAY OCT 24 6:30 TO 8PM

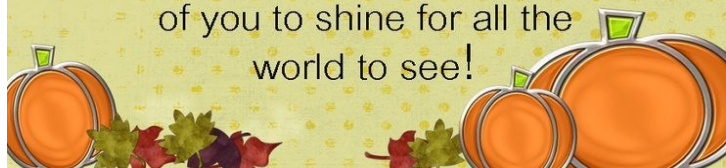
Bring own pumpkin and tools for carving and YES wear a costume or Not. Bob for apples, eat a snack, meet at church in sanctuary. Pat VanSlooten and Kathy Ballmer along with the youth group will be there to assist and have fun. Pat will be in her Peanut M&M costume. ALL YOUNG AND OLD ARE WELCOME TO COME FOR FUN AND LAUGHTER .

PORTALS OF PRAYER
FOR OCTOBER –
DECEMBER ARE HERE.
PICK UP A COPY BY
THE CHURCH OFFICE
OR SANCTUARY.



Deadline for **NOVEMBER** Newsletter is October 25. Please email article or call Whitney in Church Office. coshlld@sbcglobal.net

Being a Christian is like being a **pumpkin**. God **picks you** from the patch, brings you in, and **washes off** all the dirt. Then He cuts the top and **scoops out** all the yucky stuff. He **removes the seeds** of doubt, hate, and greed. Last, He **carves you** a new smiling face and **puts His light inside** of you to shine for all the world to see!



Trendway's 17th Annual Cruise In Benefit

The cruise-in this year was another huge success. COS 's 16th year of serving the food for this worthy event to help a family in our community with extreme financial needs. 13 year old Chloe Appledoorn suffers from Anorexia Nervosa which can be a deadly disorder and very difficult to treat. She is an excellent student at Macatawa Bay middle school and is involved with softball and band.

Our team showed generosity, compassion, giving, caring, and love working together to show the love of God in our lives to others. God supplied us with perfect weather for the day which helped us be cheerful, happy, and willing to serve. We had a total of 36 members present and served up about 3,000 meals, 150 hours of preparation, serving, and clean up time. Because the weather was beautiful it brought out about 500 vehicles (you know some of those cars will not come out in the rain), 3,000 people, and raised close to \$35,000 for the Appledoorn family.

A huge thank you to ALL who helped with set up, serving food, cleaning up, prayer, and giving your God-given talent to serve others. We are Blessed to be a blessing. #livegenerously

A heartfelt thank you from, Thrivent Financial, Tom Nunheimer, Terry Reimink, Sandy Brunmeier, and the Trendway team.

"Be the REASON someone SMILES today."



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AND HEALTH BOARD

Please take the time to check out her board for this month's health and wellness features. October topics are Bullying Prevention, Health Literacy Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Sudden Cardiac Awareness month, and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

RN Kathryn Mackey will be taking blood pressure screening on non-communion Sundays. October 14 and October 28 of this Month.



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 their 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!

James and Cristel Neuendorf will be featured this month they are missionaries headed to Puerto Rico to serve with the missionary team there in the area of Disaster Response for a couple of weeks. And also asking for prayers for continued hurricane disaster relief work in Puerto Rico, and James' final quarter of seminary classes.

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

September as follows: One half each to:

Escape Ministries

&

Forgotten Man



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We now have our Item Board ready for you to grab a tag if you would like to make a gracious donation. We will be packing our boxes early November. Stay tuned to Weekly Announcements for the date and extra information.

Here We Stand Campaign

Michigan District Endowment Allocations

STUDENT AID

39%

To provide scholarship aid to individuals preparing at a Concordia University System school or seminary for service to the Church as a Professional Church Worker

MISSIONS

36%

To provide distributions to aid mission and ministry work of the Michigan District (i.e., new mission congregations, expansion of existing missions, or new ministry opportunities)

SPECIAL PURPOSES

19%

To make gifts to specific missions and ministries (i.e., Lutheran Hour Ministries, urban ministries, named congregations) as determined by fund's restrictions

UNRESTRICTED

6%

To support Great Commission, Great Compassion, Healthy Congregations, and Healthy Church Worker outcomes of the Michigan District

COS contributions made to the LCMS Michigan District Here We Stand Campaign are made only by individual donors. Here We Stand is not a line item in our COS budget. If you wish to make a pledge or make a gift. Please mail gifts/pledges to: Michigan District, LCMS; Here We Stand Campaign, 3773 Geddes Rd., Ann Arbor MI 48105-3098.

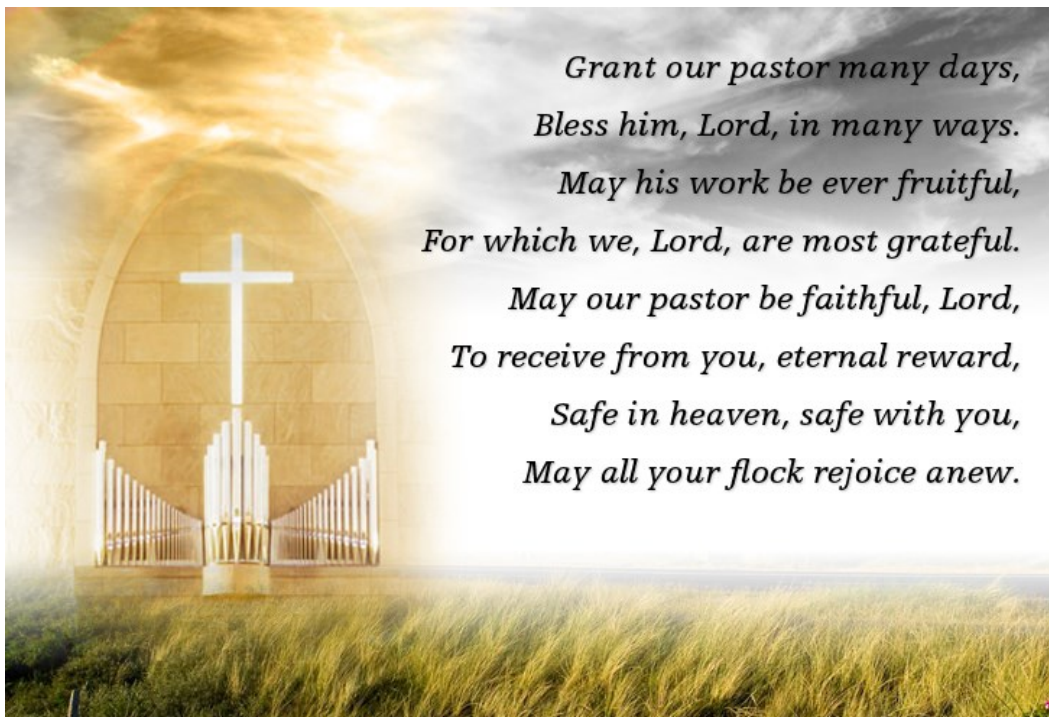
Or online at: herewestand.michigandistrict.org or by calling 734.213.4265 or 888.225.2111



Here We Stand

October is Pastor appreciation Month. Thank your Pastor.

IIM Rev. Todd Brunworth, Pastor Emeritus' Rev. George Hamilton and Rev. John Panning



*Grant our pastor many days,
Bless him, Lord, in many ways.
May his work be ever fruitful,
For which we, Lord, are most grateful.
May our pastor be faithful, Lord,
To receive from you, eternal reward,
Safe in heaven, safe with you,
May all your flock rejoice anew.*

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CONGREGATIONAL VOTER'S MEETING

Sunday November 4th after church service

-Discuss church's budget

-Other agenda items, as needed.

Lunch Provided

HURRICANE FLORENCE UPDATE

As Hurricane Florence approached the Carolina coast last week, LCMS churches in its projected path prepared for the impact. On Monday, LCMS Disaster Response leaders will meet with district officials and members of the LCMS Southeastern District to assess the situation and formulate an action plan.

If you would like to make a donation to the LCMS Disaster relief efforts you can do so online @ www.lcms.org/givenow/hurricane or call 1-888-930-4438.

THRIVENT MEMBERS OR NON THRIVENT MEMBERS DONATIONS MADE THROUGH THEIR WEBSITE WILL BE MATCHED.

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/disaster-response/>

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Grow Disciples
Love One Another*