



GOOD NEWS FROM CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



June 2019

LETTER FROM PASTOR KRACH

Dear members of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Holland, Michigan,

I am humbled by your overwhelming vote to “call” me as your next pastor. Please know that I will keep all of you in my prayers during this exciting time of deliberation and prayer. Please pray for me and my family and for Our Savior Lutheran here in Gladwin as well as we consider and digest all that is happening. May the Lord Jesus bless all of us with His Holy Spirit and give us wisdom and guidance.

Peace,

Pastor Krach

CONGREGATIONAL CALL FOR NEW PASTOR

Last Sunday, May 19, COS voted unanimously for Rev. James Krach of Gladwin, MI. He has been in the ministry for 19 years. Both he and his wife were born in Saginaw, MI. He was interviewed on line by the call committee, and the call committee voted unanimously to present him for a vote by the congregation, and the congregation voted unanimously to call Pastor Krach. Call documents are now being prepared, inviting him to come and visit. We thank you for your active participation in the call meeting and ask you to remember Pastor Krach in your prayers.

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:15 AM Worship

10:40 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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Remember to pray daily for our newly called pastor James Krach from Gladwin, Mi.

A whole lot of things go on for a pastor when a Call is received. We believe the Call process is guided by the Holy Spirit so every Call is taken seriously. At that moment the Pastor has two Calls –His present Call where he is now and the new Call that he has received from us at COS. Everything from comparing the Ministry he has at his present church to the ministry possibilities he might be good at in the new place. Certainly all the family concerns, selling a home and purchasing a different one in a new community. Children- their ages and schooling situations, and other financial issues that might be in play. The Holy Spirit's guidance can trump all human considerations. It is fine for us to pray that he would choose to accept our Call from COS. But we want him to come at the direction of the Holy Spirit and **that we and he would be empowered by the Spirit to accomplish the ministry that the Lord wants us to do in this area.**

Our best preparation for a new pastor is to get serious about our own involvement of ministry and growth at COS. Think about the 4 essential characteristics [listed below]—evaluate your own current activity to each of the 4 essential characteristics.

It takes 50% + 1 to have a growing, maturing congregation. If 50% + 1 of the average number of your adults in worship have the following 4 characteristics, then you will have the right number of disciples to provide leadership and to engage in ministry and service to grow and mature spiritually as a congregation, and perhaps to grow numerically.

When too few people are fully involved in **all four** disciple-making characteristics within your congregation, deficiencies show up in various places within the congregation. When your congregation has low expectations of the people connected with it, then you get a more casual collection of disciples rather than **a movement of committed disciples.***

All four characteristics are essential!!

1. **Worship**—they are faithful attendees at regular corporate worship in the life of the congregation. It is not just an event but a relationship experience with God and fellow worshipers.
2. **Fellowship**—they participate in meaningful, in-depth, ongoing fellowship experiences with other households who are connected to the congregation. They count these people among their closest friends, relying on and celebrating with them.
3. **Spiritual Formation**—They are committed to learning pathways connected with our congregation that help them grow spiritually through study, prayer, spiritual gifts discovery, ministry capacity building other spiritual formation activities. They are eager to learn what it is like to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
4. **Ministry**—they are engaged in one or more forms of ministry involvement inside and outside of our congregation. They cannot hide their Christ-like love for one another. They need to do ministry in order to feel complete as disciples.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is about to enter a new chapter in its ministry. God has led us to call Pastor James Krach to be our next pastor. Now we face some new challenges.

Current Goal: Match the In-come with the Out-go – Each of us now needs to ask a simple question, “God, what should I do now?”

Bible Inspiration: Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.

“⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”



Paul was asking the church in Corinth (along with other churches) to support gathering money to send to Christians in Jerusalem who were suffering. This collection was a one-time special effort, not routine.

Paul makes two major points here.

Generous giving produces great benefits for both the givers and those receiving the gifts. (v. 6) God plans to bless the generous. Just as we know you have to plant lots of seeds to get a big harvest, He blesses generous givers.

Our attitude as givers needs to be cheerful rather than grudging. (v. 7)

Plans in Progress for COS and a Gap to Fill

Our Voters Meeting on May 5 approved a plan to reduce our monthly mortgage payment from \$3,236 to \$1,916, by extending the term of the mortgage from 8 years out to 15 years. After this adjustment, the next few months present us with a gap to fill.

COS Monthly spending forecast for July – December	\$17, 669
Current monthly giving (based on January – April)	<u>14,984</u>
Gap to fill	\$ 2,685

\Two phases of change to close our gap between expenses and giving

“Put a DENT in the Debt” – One time gifts before June 16 to reduce the mortgage debt. These gifts would reduce future monthly debt payments by \$7.52 for every \$1,000 gift (\$90 savings per year).

Increase our monthly giving. Generous people who care about our future ministry together can make this a reality.

Pieces of History

Generous giving is part of our history. We have a pattern of giving to God to support His church.

Monthly giving in 2018 dropped significantly. In the same year worship attendance took a greater drop. The point: our giving decline is much less than our attendance decline. Those who are worshipping at COS are giving generously Praise the Lord for leading us to generous giving. The Church Council members stepped up last fall and jointly committed to increase their monthly giving. That initiative has helped to keep our giving as high as it is. We give thanks for that leadership.

Summary: Join in this opportunity to make a difference in the next chapter of our life together as God’s church. Ask the Lord to guide us to reach the bountiful harvest He has in mind for our work together and for each of us individually.

Mary Ann Hamilton, Stewardship Chair



SIGN-UP FOR A REFRESHMENT GROUP

Need groups of 3 to 4 people to set-up and serve refreshments, and do clean-up. There are enough cookies, breads, cheese, crackers, and drinks at the present time.

Serve from what we have or bring a vegetable tray, fruit tray, bagels and cream cheese, donuts, breads, or a dessert to supplement what is already in the kitchen.

Ask Jane Martinsen for more details.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are collecting toys for the month of June.

MALEAH TEUSINK'S GRADUATION

Zeeland West HS Graduates
May 29.

Her Open House will be June 1st, 2019 at 1pm-4pm at their home, 323 N. Colonial St. Zeeland MI 49464.
Please Come!!

LADIES TEA

June 1, 2019 from Noon-2pm here at Christ Our Savior. All adult ladies of COS and Guests. Tea time fancy or whatever makes you comfortable.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AND HEALTH BOARD

Please take the time to check out her board in the back of sanctuary next to refreshments.

RN Kathryn Mackey will be taking blood pressure screening on non-communion Sundays. June 9 and June 23 of this Month.



BIBLE READERS

We need summer Bible Readers. Please register on the sign-up sheet to join our ministry of reading the Bible Reading for Sunday services.



COS YOUTH GROUP is collecting donations for Hand2Hand cupboards. It is an organization that sends school aged-children home for the weekend that may need food and nutrients to nourish them throughout the

weekend when they are not in school.

Meal ideas: canned spaghetti sauce and noodles, chicken helper and canned chicken, pancake envelopes and small plastic syrups, instant rice packets and black beans, peanut butter and plastic jelly bottles, instant mashed potatoes and gravy packets, stews or soups, and mac n cheese, ravioli or spaghetti, pizza sauce dough mix pepperonis

Snack ideas: Microwave popcorn, instant oatmeal packets, pop tarts, cheese crackers, fruit or pudding cups, breakfast or granola bars, fish crackers or pretzels, rice crispy treats, non-refrigerated cheese sticks, beef jerky or slim jims, raisins, small boxed cereals

THANK YOU to those of you that have prayed for our family over the course of the last several months. We have been blessed by the kindness that we have been covered with during this time. The prayers, cards and thoughtful conversations have been truly appreciated.

~ The Garnsey Family

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.



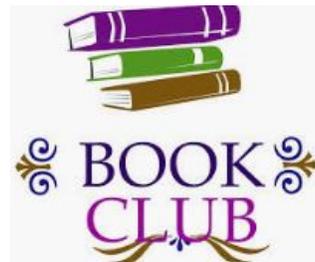
Deadline for **July** Newsletter is June 25. Please email article or call Whitney in Church Office.
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SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Beginning in May, we will be reading “Nine O’clock In the Morning” by Dennis Bennett with a discussion group to meet Tuesday June 4th @7pm @COS. We will meet again in July and August with two more books. Suggested books and volunteers to lead the discussions for future months is most welcome.

This now classic story tells how the Charismatic Movement began and swept into churches across America. Father Dennis is still hailed as one of the central figures in the early renewal movement. In 1960 Father Dennis Bennett announced to his congregation that he had experienced a new outpouring of God’s Spirit and how it affected his church and his life.

If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with a deadline of April 28. Please contact Ann Campbell with any questions.



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 here for Worship and presentation on Sunday, June 23rd .

She writes, "Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We made a good progress last month completing Joshua in both Dan and Maan. The survey through the Bandi area paved the way to the next steps for transition team selection. Pray for wisdom on that. I'm looking forward to bing with you all in June."

In Christ, Becky Grossman



Worship on the Waterfront!!!

Less than a month away, celebrate Father's Day with your family and head over to Grand Haven's gorgeous waterfront Stadium to join us in a time of Praise and Worship.

Sunday, June 16 at 7:00 pm at the waterfront stadium, 1 N. Harbor Dr., Grand Haven, MI 49417. No tickets required; bring blankets and lawnchairs. More details below.

What you need to know when coming to WOW:

Venue: Worship on the Waterfront is held in the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium. This stadium is newly renovated for 2018. Gone are the old wood bleacher seats and in is a new grassy amphitheater. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair and have a seat in the grass. Food and drink are allowed in the stadium, so stop on your way and get ice cream. Food and drink will not be sold at the stadium.

Time: Gates open at 6:15pm. Worship will start at 7pm and finish around 8:30pm. Feel free to stay after, as the stadium offers the best view of the musical fountain.

Cost: WOW is free to attend, thanks to our many sponsors. A free will offering is at your own discretion.

Parking: Arrive in town early as parking goes fast. A limited number of handicap and regular parking spaces are available in the lot next to the stadium. Several other lots are available within a block or two of the stadium. If you are unable to find a spot, feel free to park at First Reformed Church, 301 Washington Ave. It is an easy 3 block walk down Columbus St to the stadium.

Weather: Please dress accordingly. The stadium is open to the elements, good or bad. The stadium sits on the banks of the Grand River, just upstream from Lake Michigan. Plan on a breeze and temps a minimum of 5-10 degrees cooler then further inland.

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