



GOOD NEWS FROM CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



January 2020

Dear COS congregation,

Happy New Year! 2020 will be our best year, with a new pastor and people worshipping in harmony. We just have a little work to do before that. We have attached Pastor Frusti's official letter declining our call. (page 2) The Call Committee will be meeting next week to plan our next move. Please keep praying for God to show us the way.

In His Service,

Jean Vizithum, Tom Nunheimer, Rick Elushik, Shari Atkinson, Pastor John Panning, MaryAnn Hamilton, Jenni Brinker and Bernice Wentzel



Sunday Morning Schedule

9:15 AM Worship

10:40 AM Children's

Sunday School

10:45 AM Adult Bible Study

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Rev. George Hamilton

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. John Panning

Pastor Emeritus

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

TODD I. FRUSTI, Pastor

December 30, 2019

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
3151 120th Ave.
Holland, MI 49424

Dear People of God at Christ Our Savior,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus!

For the past several weeks, I have given a great deal of consideration to the call to serve as pastor of your congregation. After much time in prayer and deliberation, I have decided that I will decline the call to serve at Christ Our Savior and I will continue serving here at Trinity Lutheran Church in Davison.

I believe that the congregation of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church has a bright future. The Lord will send the right pastor to lead and love your congregation as you "share the love of Jesus" with your community and beyond.

Thank you for the warm and kind hospitality expressed to Lisa and I when we visited CoS on December 6th. It was a pleasure for both of us to meet so many of you. Also, thank you for patiently waiting for me to make a decision concerning the call. The added activities and services of the Advent and Christmas seasons made it especially difficult to focus on such a big decision.

Please be assured that you will be on my prayer list and that I will continue to pray for you while you continue to seek and call your next pastor.

In His service,

Pastor Todd Frusti

Lutherans for Life Presents: Going Gracefully: A Better End-of-Life Approach than Assisted Suicide

WHEN: Saturday, January 11, 2020, 1-4pm

WHERE: St. Mark Lutheran Church, 4475 Henry Street, Norton Shores, MI 49441

WHO: Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Lutherans for Life Executive Director

Assisted suicide recently became legal in Canada, California, Colorado, and our nation's capital. Now Hawaii, Maine, and New Jersey have decriminalized it too. How can Christians compassionately affirm God's Gift of Life in Situations of pain, impairment, or advancing age? We'll examine assisted suicide's statistics and solutions, evaluate autonomy, pain, quality of life, and death with dignity, explore the Gospel's better way, and offer suggestions for upholding life in congregations and communities.

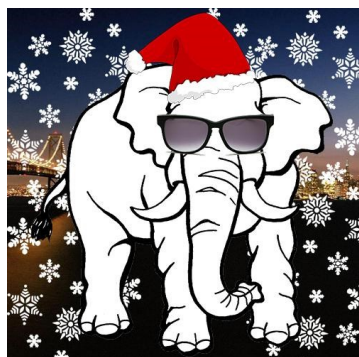
Please look for Flyers posted around church for more information on the event. Event is free.

CHRISTMAS SOUP, SALAD, WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO EVENT

This FRIDAY January 10th @ 5:30 pm

Sign-up sheet in sanctuary.

Ask Pat VanSlooten for details.



Thank you to all my friends and family of COS so much for my Christmas Blessing this year. I truly love helping out as much as I can in the Church Office.

Whitney Kesler, Cadence and Quinn

SAVE CANCELLED STAMPS

The Michigan district of the LWML is collecting used stamps to support Becky Grossman's Ministry with LBT (Lutheran Bible Translators)! Simply save your cancelled stamps by cutting them off the envelope leaving a 1/8 inch border. This is a great time of the year as we receive Christmas mailings. All stamps are useful, but foreign or commemorative ones are more valuable.

LION'S CLUB GIFT

The Holland Lions' Club gave COS a generous money gift to be split between our Hand 2 Hand program and our Frozen Meal program. A special thanks goes out to Jerry DeBoer for directing

OFFICE HOURS

The office will not have regular office hours until January 20th. Your Secretary is training for a 2nd shift position these next two weeks and has to train 1st shift starting this Monday. I can meet anyone after 4pm those days I am training if you need me in the office. I answer texts all the time feel free to call or text me.

(231) 942-0172 Whitney Kesler

JOIN THE BIBLE STUDY ABOUT “YOKES” NOT “JOKES”

January 12 is the start for the next Sunday morning Bible study adventure, *So Grab the Jesus Yoke*. Jesus wants us to be freed from the burdens of life that challenge us at every turn. Jesus promises rest for the soul. When we feel afflicted by pressure from the world, exhaustion from overwork, or pain from being pulled in every direction, where is the peace and rest?

Join this four week study to discover that:

Jesus reveals God to us

Jesus reveals that God comes to those who are willing to be beginners instead of experts

Jesus invites us to come to Him for the answers

Jesus teaches that rest comes to those under His yoke.

GOD SIGHTINGS IN DECEMBER – WHAT FUN!

During the weeks leading up to Christmas we heard many reports from each other about events and situations where God was present and active. Wasn't that encouraging?

- ☐ God really does see what happens in our lives.
- ☐ He cares about the results and consequences

Let's keep our ears and eyes open to notice how involved God really is our big events as well as our daily routine activities. If we simply look for Him, pay attention, and give thanks, we will find great joy and encouragement to see how active our relationship with God can be.

Pastor George



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

January Hats, Gloves and scarves

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.

BIBLE READERS

New sign-up sheet for 2020 is up if you would like to sign up for Bible Reading for Sundays.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AND HEALTH BOARD

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

Kathryn Mackey will be taking blood pressure on non-communion Sundays.



GROWING IN FAITH GARDEN

Need a quiet conversation with God? Please feel free to use our garden as a space of your own. You don't need to sign up for a plot to enjoy all that He provides for us. Stop by anytime to pull a few weeds, water the plants, or just take a minute to breathe.

January 5

January 19

January 12

January 26

Reader-
Acolyte-
Ushers—Kent Rowan/John Roush
Elders—Nunheimer, Fenrich, Brinker, Bareman
Music—Ginny Liao
Greeters—Derk and Andrea Teusink
Sound—Reimink/Fenrich/Elushik
Screen—Ray Crockford and Heath Brinker
Altar—Esther Klug
Nursery—Not staffed
Refreshments—Helen
Counters—Jean Vizithum/ Rob Shinsky
Bulletin Helper—
Flowers—

LWML DONATE YOUR CHANGE PROGRAM

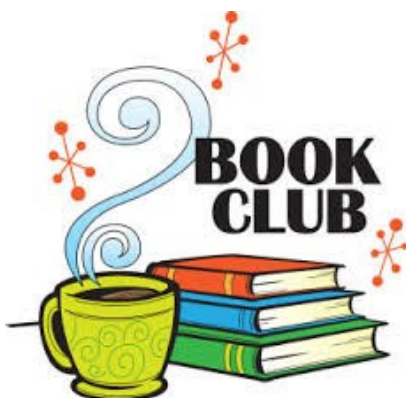
Donate Your Change <http://lwml.donateyourchange.com>

LWML would like to announce a new way to give called Donate Your Change. Think of it as an electronic Mite Box.

Donate Your Change is a quick and easy app that rounds up your spare change to the nearest dollar what you don't spend on a regular purchase. How it works is you connect your preferred card to the app, make a purchase with that card, as normal, and invest your change in your organization(s) of choice. For example, after setting up my preferences and securely linking my credit card to the app, I buy a coffee and spend \$3.80. Donate Your Change automatically donates the remaining twenty cents to my organization of choice (LWML). It easily makes giving a part of your lifestyle, without making any changes to your lifestyle. There is no cost in setting up the app. Anyone with a debit or credit card can set it up. The user is in control of how much money is rounded up to be donated and in control of where the money goes.

Donate Your Change went through a security screening process in order to be approved for integration and to access bank and credit card companies by Cigital, Inc., a leading software security and quality consulting firm. So, you know your financial information is encrypted, private, and secured.

To learn more, visit www.DonateYourChange.com



Our COS book club has been meeting since last summer. There are about 12 participating in the book club.

We meet the 4th Monday of the month to discuss the book. We would love to have you join us. Contact Ann Campbell or Jenni Brinker.

HAND2HAND

We are helping 2 different hand2hand programs.

1. Lunch and dinner for Roosevelt Elementary - Carol Garnsey and Youth Group help package.
2. Breakfast and snacks for Eagle Crest - COS collects the food items and package them and delivers them to Eagle Crest. We do this in conjunction with Westshore Community Church. Westshore combines the lunch and dinner foods with the breakfast and snacks. Westshore and COS delivers the food bags to Eagle Crest. COS delivers the food every 3 weeks. See posters on the walls in the Fellowship Room for food that you can contribute.



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! Mission Report by John Klug

Here We Stand, a campaign initiated in 2017 by the Michigan District of the LCMS, was launched with this extremely important goal: To carry out the District Mission and Ministry To the fullest.

Campaign funds are distributed as follows:
Professional Church Worker Scholarships
Innovative Missional Ministry
Michigan District Endowment
International Ministry

As to the Professional Worker Scholarship, Rev. Prof, Charles Schultz, Pre-Seminary Director, CUAA explained the urgency of the scholarship as follows:

“Every year there are students who have to make the difficult decision
Of selecting the second choice for their schooling because of cost
Considerations. A contribution toward church work scholarship directly
Impacts the number of pastors who will serve the church and the quality
Of their training.”

The Innovative Missional Ministry portion of the campaign is an effort to meet the needs of the communities served by Michigan District Congregations. In an effort to respond to the Ever-changing society congregations need to continually adapt to changing demographics, new and expanded forms of communication, advances in technology, economic challenges, varying worship styles and other influences.

Rev. Mitch Vogeti, Chesaning, Mi commented on the importance of Innovative Missional Ministry as follows:

“ In our culture today, very few un-churched people start out looking for
a church service. They are, however, longing for a place to feel cared for,
and a place where they can care for others. When they meet Jesus there,
it all makes sence.”

The Michigan District Endowment portion of the **Here We Stand** campaign emphasizes preparing for future mission and ministry in the Michigan District. Michigan has gone through challenging times with the long and arduous recession. This fact has impacted the ability of Michigan District congregations to provide for ministry funding. Following is a breakdown of Michigan District Endowment Allocations:

The International Ministry portion of the **Here We Stand** campaign helps fund the work done by LCMS International Missionaries from Michigan. It is our responsibility to help those workers who are out in the field through the means in which we can; by encouraging, supporting, praying for and financially equipping them.

Presently, some members of COS are individually contributing to the **Here We Stand** campaign, but as a congregation as a whole no commitment has been made. The COS Council in the future will consider how we as a church can be more involved in the funding of the **Here We Stand** campaign.

Following is a commitment form that you can use to make an individual commitment to the **Here We Stand** campaign.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service

9:15 a.m.

Children's Sunday School

10:30 am

Adult Bible Class

10:45 a.m.

*"Grow God's Kingdom
Share God's Word
Live Christ's Love"*