



# Christ Our Savior

March 6, 2022

## Congregational Meeting Announced



Sunday, March 6, 2022, after the 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. worship services Christ Our Savior is holding a congregational meeting to address the church council's recommendations for meeting the church's current financial challenges.

## Worship in Lent

Midweek Worship on Wednesdays will be at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Our Savior.



We worship each Wednesday throughout Lent at 6:30 p.m. using a quiet, reflective format where we will focus on use of the gifts of our faith and receive God's promise of forgiveness in Holy Communion.

## \$1 a Day During Lent

During Lent we ask each household to set aside \$1.00 a day for hunger relief. Place a bowl on your kitchen table for this daily offering. If you have children at home, this is a great teaching opportunity.



## Fellowship Time - Goodies

**Sundays 9:00-11:30 a.m.**  
Beginning in the New Year, YOU will have the opportunity to volunteer your time and share your gifts/talents during our fellowship time on Sundays from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. in fellowship hall.



Each week, we are looking for a few volunteers to donate store purchased or homemade goodies (2 dozen/per person) for our fellowship time. There is a signup on our website and also on the goodie table. Items must be at church by 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning. You can drop them off early on the table in our entryway Saturday night. Please label items "Fellowship Time." Suggested items: donuts, donut holes, cookies, muffins, cupcakes, brownies, bars, banana bread, etc. **NO NUTS** due to allergies!

In addition, we are looking for 1-2 volunteers each week to set-up and clean-up the goodie table. Signup [HERE](#) to donate items or volunteer to help with fellowship time. If you have questions, contact Amy Berken at [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com)

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## Electronic Giving

Sunday morning church attendance isn't the primary way we live out our Christian faith. Direct deposit is one means of financial stewardship that ensures no matter what your schedule looks like, you are consistently supporting the ministries of our faith community. If your household is interested in signing up for direct deposit, fill out the green from the welcome table.



## How Do I Increase My DD Contributions?

Simple, just email Sandy in the office at [office@coslc.com](mailto:office@coslc.com) and let her know what you would like changed.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars Contributions

If you have Thrivent products that are investment vehicles (not term life policies), they generate Thrivent Choice Dollars which you can designate to your church. It does not reduce the value of your holdings or cost you any money. All you need to do is log on to your Thrivent account, scroll down until you see Thrivent Choice Dollars. It will show you how much your products have earned. Click on the "direct" button. Christ Our Savior is already a designated recipient. If you have questions or difficulty, you can contact Paul Kwiecien, a Thrivent Representative, at 262-271-4462.

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## Designated Gift to Youth Position Made

Meeting the needs of COS's financial challenge has required the church council to carefully consider all possible options. The degree of action needed has required the unwelcome decision that effective March 1, 2022 the positions of Associate Pastor, Director of Youth Education and Ministry, Director of Outreach and Adult Discipleship, and Office Manager will be reduced to half time.



Since this information was first shared, a member of the congregation has stepped forward and pledged funding to raise the Director of Youth and Education position to 75% for a period of 12 months beginning in March. The church council has accepted this generous gift and is grateful for the financial support of the congregation and its members that allows the mission of the church - ***Gathered in Christ, Fed by God's Word, and Sent to Serve*** - to occur even in these stressful times.

In Christ, COS Church Council

## Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Kitchen Items

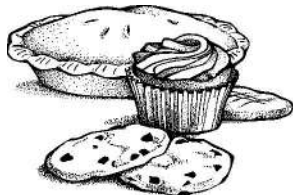
We are collecting the following items to help supply the kitchens at the 10 Pine Ridge Elder Meal Sites. These items include cookie pans, cake pans, flat pans, muffin pans, big mixing bowls-aluminum, medium and smaller mixing bowls-aluminum, dish towels, dishcloths, and scrubbers for doing dishes. Place donated items in the bin labeled for PRIR in the entryway. If you have any questions, contact Amy at [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com).



## Community Banquet

**Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> (setup & desserts)**

This month, we've been assigned the role of setup and desserts on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with setup, reach out to Diane Otto at [dot-to@wi.rr.com](mailto:dot-to@wi.rr.com) or 262-691-3778, or signup on our outreach board at church. We will meet at St. James at 3:45 p.m. to set up. The meal takes place at 5:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend, but would like to bake, simple desserts such as cookies and bars, they can be dropped off in advance at COS in the entryway 3:00 p.m. on Thursday. Please label the desserts as Community Banquet. As always, thank you for your help!



## Milwaukee Refugee Help

My name is Sophia Gordon. I am a high school senior and member of Christ Our Savior. For the National Honor Society I have chosen to participate with the SEA Literacy Program and the Hanan Refugee Relief Group to help refugee families living in the Milwaukee area. The SEA Literacy program provides students with English language development, homework assistance, as well as helping them develop social skills.

Many of the families that these organizations help, fled their country urgently in hopes of a better life and came with little to nothing. The homes they are now living in are poorly equipped, without many daily household items. We have decided to collect donations to be given to these families.

We will be collecting donations now through March 20th using donation boxes in the entryway, as well as through an Amazon Wishlist. The Wishlist donations will be sent and collected at Bethlehem Lutheran Church to be brought down to the families. Here is a list of items needed.

Rugs  
Bedsheets  
Towels  
Microwaves  
Vacuum Cleaners  
Socks (Different sizes, male and female)  
NEW Eating Utensils  
NEW Bowls  
Pots/Pans  
Clothing (Different sizes, male and female)

Here is the link to the Amazon Wishlist:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/J4A1DTKXZL7Q?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/J4A1DTKXZL7Q?ref_=wl_share)

Here is the link to the project website:

<https://www.ensuring-success.com>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [smgordon04@icloud.com](mailto:smgordon04@icloud.com) or call 262-388-7437. Thank you for your help.



## Bread Bakers Needed!!

We are in dire need of bakers to bake communion bread. The recipe is easy and it is a quick way to help out your church family.



Please go to the SignUp Genius and commit to a few Sundays. The recipe is on the SignUp Genius website. Contact Linda Mengel with any questions 414-405-3639 or if you would like a demonstration.

# The Three “T”s of Stewardship

The recent announcements about the financial challenges facing our congregation may have left many of you feeling helpless or anxious. You may be asking: “What can I do to help?”

Fortunately, there is MUCH you can do to help. We are the body of Christ. We work miracles in His name. And just like Christ, we have the power to heal ourselves and others. God has already given us all the tools we need to put ourselves back on a sustainable path. All he asks in return are the three “T”s: Our **Time**, our **Talents** and our **Treasure**.

## Time

The Bible states that we should give one tenth of our earnings to God. Here at COS, our giving tradition has been “5 and 5”. We ask that you give 5% of your income and 5 hours of your time per week.

One of the best ways to reduce anxiety is to take action. There are many ways you can use your time to serve our mission. For example: Collecting and recycling aluminum cans or delivering boxes of food to Cross Lutheran or the SOS food pantry, or serving as a worship assistant by reading, ushering or counting offerings. Please consider volunteering your time by signing up at [www.coslc.com/ministries/](http://www.coslc.com/ministries/) or by contacting Amy Berken at [Amy@COSLC.com](mailto:Amy@COSLC.com).

## Talent

We share our talents in many ways. What gifts do you possess that can uniquely benefit the mission of our Church? Maybe you are good with children. Maybe you fix things. Maybe you cook or sew or play music. Maybe your gift is organization, or leadership. Maybe you’re good at bookkeeping.

Your Church needs people with all these skills and many more. At this moment, we are especially in need of people to serve on committees for Stewardship, and Evangelism. We need volunteers to serve on Church Council and the Mission Exploration Team. If you have talents that can serve our mission, please reach out to the Church Council at [Council@COSLC.com](mailto:Council@COSLC.com)

## Treasure

The past 2 years have been difficult for all of us. This congregation has not kept up with our existing financial commitments; much less addressed the rising costs that we all have experienced because of Covid-19. To help you assess your giving as a percent of income, please see the chart below. Please note that if you are a current direct deposit giver you can increase your monthly or twice-monthly amount by simply sending an email to Sandy at [Office@COSLC.com](mailto:Office@COSLC.com) or calling the church office at 262-246-6537. The following chart is a guideline that shows different amounts of offerings based on differing annual incomes.

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Percentage of Monthly or Weekly Income													
		10%		8%		6%		5%		4%		3%		2%	
		Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly
\$46,800	\$900	\$390	\$90	\$312	\$72	\$234	\$54	<b>\$195</b>	<b>\$45</b>	\$156	\$36	\$117	\$27	\$78	\$18
\$52,000	\$1,000	\$433	\$100	\$347	\$80	\$260	\$60	<b>\$217</b>	<b>\$50</b>	\$173	\$40	\$130	\$30	\$87	\$20
\$65,000	\$1,250	\$542	\$125	\$433	\$100	\$325	\$75	<b>\$271</b>	<b>\$63</b>	\$217	\$50	\$163	\$38	\$108	\$25
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$667	\$154	\$533	\$123	\$400	\$92	<b>\$333</b>	<b>\$77</b>	\$267	\$62	\$200	\$46	\$133	\$31
\$95,000	\$1,827	\$792	\$183	\$633	\$146	\$475	\$110	<b>\$396</b>	<b>\$91</b>	\$317	\$73	\$238	\$55	\$158	\$37
\$110,000	\$2,115	\$917	\$212	\$733	\$169	\$550	\$127	<b>\$458</b>	<b>\$106</b>	\$367	\$85	\$275	\$63	\$183	\$42
\$125,000	\$2,404	\$1,042	\$240	\$833	\$192	\$625	\$144	<b>\$521</b>	<b>\$120</b>	\$417	\$96	\$313	\$72	\$208	\$48
\$145,000	\$2,788	\$1,208	\$279	\$967	\$223	\$725	\$167	<b>\$604</b>	<b>\$139</b>	\$483	\$112	\$363	\$84	\$242	\$56
\$165,000	\$3,173	\$1,375	\$317	\$1,100	\$254	\$825	\$190	<b>\$688</b>	<b>\$159</b>	\$550	\$127	\$413	\$95	\$275	\$63
\$185,000	\$3,558	\$1,542	\$356	\$1,233	\$285	\$925	\$213	<b>\$771</b>	<b>\$178</b>	\$617	\$142	\$463	\$107	\$308	\$71

Your church’s mission of Being Gathered in Christ, Fed by God’s Word, and Sent to Serve, and day-to-day ministry depends on your generous support!

Thank You,

The COS Stewardship Team [Stewardship@COSLC.com](mailto:Stewardship@COSLC.com)



	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
ACOLYTE:	volunteer needed	volunteer needed	Makena Lura
ALTAR GUILD:	Joan Singer	Joan Singer	volunteer needed
BREAD BAKER:	Linda Mengel		
COMM ASSTS:			
<i>bread</i>	(b) volunteer needed	(b) volunteer needed	(b) volunteer needed
<i>cups</i>	(c) volunteer needed	(b) volunteer needed	(b) volunteer needed
LECTORS:	Maria Liedtke	Edie Schaffner	(c) volunteer needed
USHERS:	volunteer needed	Larry Schaffner	volunteer needed
	volunteer needed	volunteer needed	volunteer needed
COUNTERS:	Chuck Liedtke & Wendy Minor		
SS HELP:	Emerson Strohbusch, Mallory McCoy, Cassidy Manchester		

[2022 Flower & Candle Sponsor Sheets](#)  
 To sponsor flowers and candles, please sign up on the board in the narthex.



FELLOWSHIP TIME:  
 Goodies: volunteer needed  
 Set-up: volunteer needed    Clean-up: volunteer needed  
 WEEKLY FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY: Pam and Neil Zimmerman  
 OFFICE RECYCLING: volunteer needed  
 ETERNAL CANDLE - sign up in the narthex to sponsor the eternal candle.  
 ALTAR CANDLE - sign up in the narthex to sponsor the altar candle.  
 MISSION CANDLE - sign up in the narthex to sponsor the mission candle.  
 ALTAR FLOWERS - are sponsored by Anita Higgins in memory of Bryan Higgins.

Last Week's Offerings	YTD Income	YTD Planned Expenses
\$22,860	\$94,509	\$107,248

**Purchase Your Easter Flowers!**  
**Deadline to Order is Sunday, April 10th**  
 COS is offering beautiful Easter flowers to help beautify our church and your home this Easter season. Offered is a single-stem lily in a 6" pot for \$10.00 each! Flowers can be placed in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion, or for no specific reason. The plants can be taken home after the last worship service on Easter Sunday. Order as many as you wish!



Melissa Maas, owner of Bank of Flowers, has offered to donate \$5.00 to COS for every pot that is purchased. Thank you Melissa and Bank of Flowers.

Please use the "Easter Flowers" envelopes by the sign-up sheet in the narthex for payment.


**SOS Pantry Needs**  
 Sussex Food Pantry is in dire need of food donations. They have bare shelves! The exterior doors are always unlocked.



**Current Food Pantry Needs**

Canned chicken & tuna	Shampoo & conditioner
Canned beans (any kind)	Body wash & bar soap
Chunky / Progresso soup	Toothpaste & toothbrushes
Hamburger Helper	Deodorant
Potato, pasta & rice sides	Baby wipes
Jell-O & pudding	Toilet paper
Pancake mix & syrup	Canned vegetables
Juice (64 oz. bottles)	(peas, carrots, mixed)

**Women's Inspirational Book Group**  
**Begins Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 Come join us in March as we begin a new book study, "Forgiving What You Can't Forget: Discover How to Move On, Make Peace with Painful Memories, and Create a Life That's Beautiful Again" by Lysa Terkeurst. Our first meeting will be on Monday, March 7th. Our meeting time will be determined based on participants' availability. We will meet twice a month for 6 sessions. During each session, we'll watch a short video and then share our thoughts using the discussion questions in the study guide. For more information or to join the book study, contact Amy at 414-975-1228 or email [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com)



**Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive**  
 During Lent, we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly to feed hungry kids in our community. This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can start bringing in your items and placing them in the windows in our sanctuary. Instead of giving up something for Lent, think about giving to others during this season!



**In-Person Worship Assistants**  
 Calling all Communion Assistants, Bread Bakers, Altar Guild, Offering Counters, Hosts, Lectors, and Ushers. We are inviting YOU to serve! All adults, middle school, and high school youth are encouraged to participate. Sign-up on our website under volunteers to serve as a worship assistant. If you would like to serve but are new to the role, reach out to Amy Berken at [amy@coslc.com](mailto:amy@coslc.com).

