

# Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

## June 2024

### COS Mission Statement

A Community Gathered in Christ, Fed by  
God's Word, Sent to Serve...

### From the Desk of Pr. Matthew

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:11-19**

*Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.*

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.*

I know that some find the chill and snow of February the peak season to live in Wisconsin, but I need to be honest: I love the heat that bakes in June and July. There is something about feeling the sun warm my skin, and its light through my eyelids that just brings me joy. I always say it's because I was born in Arizona, that the heat is my native climate, but the truth is both of my parents were from this area of Wisconsin, and I didn't live in the southwest in any part of my childhood memories.

As we move into this blessed heat, I have been pondering the reading I started this month's article with. This piece of the Early Church being reminded to encourage and build up one another, to be at peace with each other, and to be patient and love others is the word of God that I need to hear year-round. Yet, what draws it to me now is this command to "rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;" as I begin moving through the world a bit more freely because the cold of the year no longer encourages me to stay inside. There is a practice of doing

"prayer walks" that I think I may try and take up this summer. My understanding is not that you go and pray for God to show up in "bad" places, or to pray for others to think and believe as you do (I know that prayer walks sometimes have that challenging history), but instead are a time to walk through God's world, where God already is, and listen and notice for what God might be sharing with you. Scripture is full of places where "even the rocks shall shout" the good news, so why wouldn't our neighborhood around Christ Our Savior? Why wouldn't our work places? Why wouldn't the neighborhood around your home or mine?

I'd like to invite you to go for an intentional prayer walk this month, maybe several, and just see what being open to God's presence in the world might bring. You can go in your own neighborhood, and tell me about it. You can call or text me, and we can go for a walk together (I think I will try to have one most weeks this summer, and I'd love company). We proclaim that we have an Active and Present God, so this summer I encourage you to not quench the Spirit and instead go looking.

In Christ,  
~Pr. Matthew Rose



**MYSTERY  
2024 MISSION**

Calling all  
**7th-12th graders**

Applications for this years summer  
mission trip is LIVE at [COSLC.com](http://COSLC.com)

July 25-30th



## Sunday Fundays

One Sunday morning each month this summer, special activities will be planned just for kids...and kids at heart!

Come to worship and hang around afterwards for fellowship and fun.

### **First Sunday Funday: Sunday, June 9th**

Make a Gift for Dad or Grandpa. During worship, we will gather in Fellowship Hall to make a special gift for Father's Day.



## VBS at COS!

**June 24th-27th**

The vacation bible school experience of the summer "Backstage with the Bible," is going on June 24-27 at Christ Our Savior.

Daily concert, crafts, games, lunch and more! All access backstage passes are available NOW online at [coslc.com](http://coslc.com). Get one for yourself and a friend too!

Please contact Carol Rabideau ([carol@coslc.com](mailto:carol@coslc.com)) with questions you may have.

## VBS Help Needed!

We need help to make VBS an amazing experience! This is a great way to serve and learn together.

Looking for adult leaders to guide children in crafts, bible lessons, lunch, and snack time. We also need help with leading games and roadies.

For more details and to sign up, visit [coslc.com](http://coslc.com).

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