



# Good News

*A Joint Newsletter for Christ and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches*

Christ Lutheran  
Our Savior's Lutheran  
1860 Wisconsin St  
Oshkosh, 54901

OFFICE HOURS  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 am-1:00 pm

SUNDAYS  
9:00 am Worship  
In-Person Service  
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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28



Dear Friends,

We've experienced so much change these past two years! Together we are accomplishing so much for the sake of living out God's mission in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are active in ministry as we work towards consolidating our two congregations. We worship together in-person, on cable TV and online. We are loving our neighbor through feeding those in need, walking alongside of a local refugee family, providing respite for those who care for an elderly family member, ministering to another one-on-one, and so much more.

While we are beginning to find our momentum again, we also need to find time to revisit our identity and purpose. After all, we are becoming a new congregation together. What a perfect time to see where God is not only leading us, but how God is recreating us. Having a clear sense of our identity and purpose in this new time, is essential if churches want to not only survive but thrive.

Beginning June 5th, I will be meeting with members in the Fellowship Hall after worship to explore these very things. Everyone who joins in the conversation, will have a voice and vote. Through meaningful discussions and thought-provoking activities, we will discover our Purpose, CORE Beliefs, CORE Convictions and CORE Practices. Knowing who we are will help us to develop to also come up with a new name and a mission statement for our church.

It's such an exciting time for time! When change comes, it can also feel a bit unsettling. The apostle Paul reminded the new church in Rome, that their love of God will not only see them through, but that God will work through them and give them purpose according to what God desires. I believe we are ready for that.



Core Value Cards Activity

I see how gifted and faithful you are as you live out your faith lives. Together, we can do amazing things! I already see so many of your Core Convictions (values) shining through in how you are putting them into practice.

Let's work together this summer to see where God is leading us. Knowing who we are and what God is truly calling us to do in ministry, is essential in moving us forward. Once we have a clear picture of that, we can accomplish so much more in the name of Christ. I look forward to this special time with you and experiencing the Holy Spirit's work in, through and all around us!

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Connie*



(L-R) Mark Arend, Ron Kuehl, Pastor Connie, Eileen Kuehl, Jerri Schmidt, member of First English and our financial consultant, joined us for the event.



**East Central Synod of Wisconsin**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## 2022 ECSW SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Yes! It was so nice to attend our Synod’s annual assembly May 13th through the 14th. The Synod made history by offering the first Hybrid Assembly to welcome voting members online and in person. Another first was, the presence of their “Prayground” which welcomed children intentionally into the assembly space. In fact, it was located in the center of the room. Another first came on Friday night as Dinner Church was held. Each table shared Holy Communion in the context of this meal together.



Along with the usual business of electing people to synod council and committees, the assembly was passed 6 resolutions that were presented for a vote. Those resolutions included: Participate in Pray Act Connect Education (PACE) to Reduce Hunger in our Neighbors Near and Far, Encourage Synod Women of the ELCA - Be Bold to Act, Safe Gathering Spaces for All God's Children, Resolution to Work for Racial Equity, Diverse Books Support Cross-Cultural Literacy, A Memorial Calling for a Just Transition to 50% Reduction in US Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030. You can find out more about these resolutions by visiting [www.ecsw.org](http://www.ecsw.org).

More than anything else, it was so life-giving to see so many from our synod in person again!

### MISSION SUPPORT



Mission Support is the lifeblood that keeps the Synod vital and engaging. The East Central Synod of Wisconsin relies on Mission Support from our congregations to fund our programming, be able to walk with congregations in transition, develop staff, and be connected with the ELCA Church-wide organization. Mission Support is used to fund the ministries and operation of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, as well as a host of ministries we in the ELCA rely on to support our Congregations.

### PRAY FOR UKRAINE



As the situation in Ukraine is unfolding right before us, World Relief Fox Valley invites you into a moment to pause and pray for the people affected right now and their families. We invite you to pray the entirety of this prayer or a portion of this prayer alongside the rest of the World Relief community. You can also use this prayer structure to guide additional prayers you may have for the people of Ukraine.

### SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE



This year’s Synod Assembly service project was partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit committed making sure no child has to sleep on the floor by building twin-sized bunk beds May 7, 2022, members of many congregation throughout the Fox valley area came together to build beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Lots of beds were built with lots of helping hands. More than 50 Beds were Sponsored + Monetary Donations were given for Bedding and More!



We need help with numerous jobs on Sunday's. We have a need for counters for the weekly offerings. We would like to have them count every week on Sunday's

after church or Monday mornings around 11 am. These people would be responsible for counting the weekly offerings given at church on Sundays and the offerings given through mail and online. We also need help with Communion Assistants, Acolytes, PowerPoint helper's and Readers. If you would be interested in helping or signing up, please sign up in the Narthex or email Barb Schneider or Megan Hafenbreadl for more info.



### PRAYER STATION IN SANCTUARY

We've added a prayer station in our sanctuary. We encourage you to feel free to light a candle for whatever is on your heart. People can visit the station before or after worship or in the mornings during office hours from 9 am-1 pm Monday - Friday.

Whatever your candle represents, do not simply light it and walk away. As you gaze upon the candle, take a moment not only to pray but to listen for anything the Spirit may be saying to you in this sacred moment.



If you are not receiving our weekly emails, please email Megan or call the office. Please check your spam or junk folders first, If not, we can set you up in our new system so you are receiving our link for Facebook and YouTube.



(Top L-R) Rhett Jodarski, Connor Palmquist, Lucas McWilliams and Barb Schneider. (Bottom L-R) Pastor Connie, Nathan McWilliams, Ella Seeley and Tiffany Schwab.

### AFFIRMING THEIR BAPTISM VOWS

We were blessed to have 6 of our 7 confirmands affirm their Baptism vows on May 1st. We heard them recite their bible verse - a verse they selected that really reflects their faith. It has been a wonderful two years with these amazing young people. Treston Eckstein is our 7th confirmand. He will be affirming his vows on Sunday June 5th.

Below are their selected verses:

Rhett: Joshua 1:8

Ella: John 8:12

Connor: Matthew 17:20

Tiffany: Psalm 118:6

Lucas: 1 John 4:16

Treston: Jeremiah 29:11

Nathan: Psalm 37:5

### Bible Study with Pastor



**Every Monday at 1pm**

Join us in-person or online!

Join us every Monday at 1 pm either in-person or on Zoom. We will be meeting at 1 pm every week in the Fellowship Hall or Grace Place. We will look at the upcoming text for each Sunday. We hope you can join us, whether it is online or in-person! Look out for an email for the weekly link to join us.



*4 Ways to Worship with Us!*

1. In Person Worship
2. Facebook Live during in-person worship
3. YouTube Channel Recorded Videos
4. Spectrum Oshkosh Channel 2

SUN - 10 AM / TUE - 2:30 PM / WED - 9 PM / THU - 10 AM



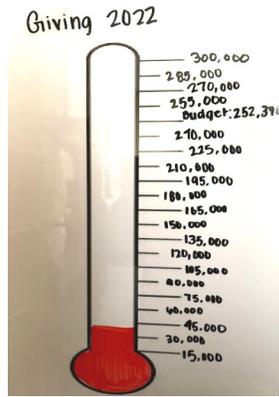
# MILESTONES

## Confirmed on 5/1:

Rhett Jodarski	Connor Palmquist
Lucas McWilliams	Ella Seeley
Nathan McWilliams	Tiffany Schwab

## Baptized on 5/15:

Waylon Arthur Knapp



## Giving Campaign:

We have put in three different places, a thermometer gage that shows our current giving situation. The thermometer tracks how much giving has currently been giving since January of 2022. The thermometer in the Narthex shows where we should be vs where we are. We update it as much as possible. If you have any questions, ask



## BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE:

Building and Grounds had a good meeting on May 10th. They talked about keeping this building up and running and also talk about how we are turning off the heat until winter. So please remember not to touch the thermostat. Only Pastor Connie or Hayden can touch it. We also want extend a huge thank you to Mark Backus for helping cut down some trees for us in the back of our parking lot. We are looking at different ways to use the space when they are all cut down.



## PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain is an online ministry. A wonderful, loving, caring, tenacious group of "Prayer Warriors" who take time each day to pray for the needs of others.

If you are interested in participating in this email ministry, please contact Eileen Kuehl at 235-6393 or eileenkuehl4@gmail.com or 920-573-7205. Or you may contact: Diane Schmude at 920-235-4689 or diane4689@att.net.

These are also the people to contact if you wish to ask for a specific prayer that needs to be addressed.



## GAS CARDS NEEDED

I could use some more gas cards to hand out to those in need. With the great increase in gas prices, it has become even more difficult to some to be able to fill their gas tanks. Thank you for your support!

- Pastor Connie



Have you suggestions for content for our newsletter?  
Let us know:

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Maryla Karl: [mjkdrk124@gmail.com](mailto:mjkdrk124@gmail.com)



### Duckling Update:

Some of the ducklings hatched on May 9th. Below is a picture of the ducklings in the courtyard before we let them out.

Unfortunately, one duckling did not get out with its mom, so Pastor Connie took it to Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary where it will get the care it needs.



### YOU ARE INVITED!

#### APPLETON CONFERENCE 2022 SPRING EVENT

Saturday, June 11th

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
2330 E. Calumet Street, Appleton

All ages welcome. Handicap accessible. In-kind gifts will be collected for Appleton East Compassion Pantry. See the office for more information.



### BURDEN VS. LOAD?

Are you carrying an extra burden? We all have our daily load and it can sometimes get very difficult. However, a burden is a life event or situation that interferes with being able to handle your daily load.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

(Galatians 6:2, NRSV)

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide care to someone who is dealing with a burden. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person weekly for an hour. This caring relationship lasts for as long as you agree. If you would like a Stephen Minister or would like to become a Stephen Minister, Contact Pastor Connie or Linda Tedlie 920-410-0745 / tedliel@gmail.com.

### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



You can find us on social media in more ways. Below we have put the names of our pages as well as the URL's to get to them.

Find us on Facebook. We have combined our Facebook pages into one Facebook page.

[www.facebook.com/  
christoursaviorslutheranoshkosh](http://www.facebook.com/christoursaviorslutheranoshkosh)

Find us on YouTube. We have also started using just one YouTube Channel.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCA0C2B-FnQscUDQeN930BMA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA0C2B-FnQscUDQeN930BMA).

Find links to any of our social media pages on our website at:

<https://www.christoursaviorsoshkosh.com/>

We are continually finding new social media platforms to be active on so be on the lookout!



Several committees are always welcoming new people to their groups. If you would like to get involved in the Endowment committee, Worship and Music committee, Mutual Ministry or the Stewardship committee, please let Pastor Connie or Barb Schneider know and they will direct you to the right place. We would love to see these committees startup again and see new faces involved in the life of the church!

## A COLORFUL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!



Consider signing up to sponsor the flowers for a Sunday. The sign up sheet is located in the narthex. See Christine Esselman about the flowers. The cost is \$20.00. Christine will take care of the rest. If you are interested in a special flower, just let Christine know and she will do her best to accommodate. Flowers come from Festival Foods.



### WEBSITE UPDATE!

The website is being updated weekly. Please check out the many resources that are on it. If you have any suggestions, call us or email us! We would love to hear from you!



Traveling this summer? Staying at a Hotel/Motel? Consider taking those complimentary items such as shampoo, conditioner, bars of soap. Put those items in a gift bag and place them in Birdie's Box. I really appreciate all the donations and want to thank the volunteers for helping stock the box. If you have questions, let me know. Please keep the suggestions come. I appreciate everyone's input.

Enjoy your Summer & Safe Travels!



### Coffee Hour Update

We have officially started coffee hour again after Worship at 10am. We will also offer it online as well for those that cannot attend in-person. Please use the link in our weekly email. We hope this Fellowship time will bring us together again. Come join us!



Below you will find a list of Consolidation Team Members. If you have any questions about the consolidation, reach out to one! They are open to questions and talking to you about what is coming up next for the church!

Judy Abraham	920-527-0739
Mark Arend	920-426-7248
Mark Backus	920-233-6468
Shari Englund	920-379-5669
Kevin Harvot	920-379-0829
Toby Kamark	920-495-0594
Dorene Myers	920-420-1586
Shelley Rasmussen	920-216-8737
Barb Schneider	920-279-3795
Linda Tedlie	920-410-0745
Pastor Connie	920-904-5919

### A NEWSLETTER ARTICLE REQUEST

When submitting articles, please try to keep them brief when you can. We are receiving many articles and want to make sure everything makes it into our monthly newsletter.

**July articles due by:**

**June 21st no later please**



**EDUCATION TEAM**

The education met on Sunday, May 22nd to talk more about what the next steps are going to be for the education in the church. This included Sunday School, Confirmation, First Communion and Adult Religious Education, and youth group. If you have any questions or want to get involved, call Pastor Connie.



### Christ Lutheran Church

	Month	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
Offerings	\$6,022.50	\$18,440.67	\$59,500.00
Other Income	\$5,011.06	\$19,078.69*	\$5,320.00
Expenses	\$11,001.13	\$40,420.94	\$159,692.91
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$32.43	(\$2,892.56)	(\$94,872.91)

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church

	Month	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
Offerings	\$9,627.94	\$39,789.96	\$165,700.00
Other Income	\$2,419.00	\$9,406.62**	\$20,050.00
Expenses	\$29,671.83	\$85,816.59***	\$234,105.70
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$17,624.89)	(\$36,611.01)	\$46,55.70

#### Special Notes:

- Other Income for Christ Lutheran includes payments from Our Savior's toward Pastor Connie's salary (which was not included in the budget figures).
- \*\* Other Income for Our Saviors includes more than \$5,000 that is being held for future expenditures.
- \*\*\* OSLC Expenses include nearly \$13,000 for the AV project that was taken from previous gifts to the church



#### COUNCIL NOTES:

Council is wanting to let everyone know that they are encouraging everyone to get involved in the church some way or another during the summer to stay connected! Council is trying to get together new committees and ministries and start up some that haven't been around for awhile. If you want to get involved, see Kevin or Barb for more information.

#### 3 WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY

- Mail in a Check
- Mobile Give+ App (also on website)
- AHC Bank Payment



You can give online!

Check out this easy way to send your offering to the church through our website at

[www.christsaviorsoshkosh.com](http://www.christsaviorsoshkosh.com)

“A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.”  
Proverbs 18:16”



**ONLINE GIVING** is secure, easy to set up and allows you to schedule recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have internet access. We use an online giving system called Vanco. You can visit our website for the link to online giving. Click the “Vanco/Giving” tab and it will direct you to the right place.