



# 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  
On-Line: FB & YouTube

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"You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last"

John 15:16



Dear Friends,

Jesus was talking to his disciples, but he was also thinking about anyone willing to stay close and connected. If we do that, we most certainly will grow and bear fruit.

So here we are... ready to grow again! We will be one new congregation by January 1st. Not only will we be bringing two congregations together, but also discovering who we are in this new time. We will be digging deep into our roots to reflect on our PURPOSE as God's church together.

Those roots feed the tree trunk - a strong image for a congregation's core Beliefs. These beliefs stand firm against even the most powerful of storms. There will be seasons with more or less growth. Like the rings on the trunk of a tree, the faith of the community is always central.

The tree gets its shape from what branches out of its trunk. Every congregation bears branches that are unique to who they are. These branches are our core convictions. They reflect what defines us as a community. They are our values and we will identify them together in July.

Core Practices are what new people see first when they visit. What do they see? They see our behaviors. The leaves on a tree and the fruit that emerges out of the branches reflect the life and health of the tree. Leaves provide shade while fruit feeds and nourishes those in its presence. The ministries we engage in not only reflect who we are, but how we make a real difference for others.

On Sunday, July 10th, we will begin a 4-week worship series that will help us discover our identity as it is changing and growing. We'll be reminded of what has always been the foundation of our faith. Then, we'll take a good look at our new growth and the different ways we are effectively feeding our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I am filled with joy and anticipation as we journey in faith together! Once we have a stronger sense of who we are, we can give words to how God is calling us in mission. Then, we will come together to rename the church that is being made new by a God who has chosen us for such a time as this! Please join us for worship this July, and play an important role how we move forward together.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Connie*



The month of June holds space for communities across the country who have been historically marginalized to celebrate stories of liberation and freedom. These celebrations echo the stories from our faith about the Lord who liberated those in bondage to slavery, who leads people out of exile, and who frees those bound to sin and death through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Acknowledging these celebrations and including them in our worship and fellowship does not resolve the historical hurts and suffering inflicted upon historically marginalized people by the church as an institution and the people within. What acknowledgment and celebration of these events does do is open our minds to a deeper, more authentic inclusion of all people.

We desire as a synod to create hospitality and warmth that is authentic and safe - welcoming all people into the rich theological traditions we hold - a theology and grace that sets us free to love, serve, and heal. We repent of our part in past sufferings of all marginalized people, but especially BIPOC and LGBTQ+ peoples. May Christ continue to heal us and make us whole - and we are more whole - when the whole body of Christ is loved, supported, and celebrated.

## SYNOD UPDATES

The synod staff has transitioned the phone system and now is connected through cell phones. This means the synod staff is now available to be texted and called. When you contact synod staff, whether texting or calling, please be sure to include your name as many of the synod staff are still working on merging contacts. In addition to these direct lines, the main phone number for the synod office remains the same, (920) 734-5381, and is still an appropriate way to reach the synod staff person you are calling.



East Central Synod of Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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.

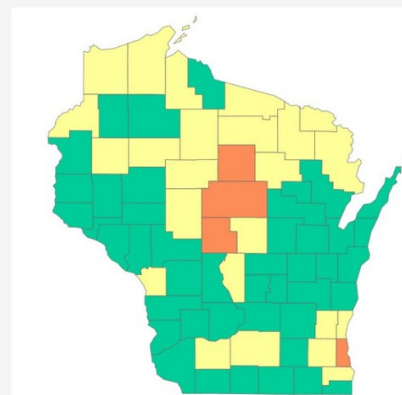
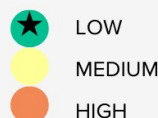


If you are not receiving our weekly emails, please email Megan or call the office. Please check your spam or junk folders first, If not, we can set you up in our new system so you are receiving our link for Facebook and YouTube.



**East Central Synod of Wisconsin**  
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Covid-19  
Community Levels



**Low**  
3/20 ECSW Counties at  
Medium or High Community Levels  
Week of June 22, 2022

Full plan: [www.ecsw.org/covid19](http://www.ecsw.org/covid19)  
Data: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>

### Covid 19 update:

The community levels for Wisconsin are listed above. Please, if you feel sick or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, please stay home. We offer other ways you can still be active online with us. We are trying to keep everyone safe and healthy.

For more information visit [www.ecsw.org/covid19](http://www.ecsw.org/covid19)

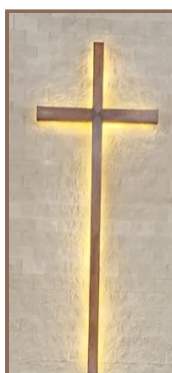
### Bible Study with Pastor



**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

**Alfred F. zur Horst**  
August 7, 1928 - June 2, 2022

**Baptized on 6/5**  
Phoenix Eckstein, Trax and Bea Radtke

**Affirmation of Baptism on 6/5**  
Treston Eckstein

**Baptized on 6/12:**  
Lucas Gerald Adam Kryzaniak



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 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!



### BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE:

Building and Grounds is currently in the process of cutting down some dead trees on our property. Council has agreed to cut off the a/c in the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship hall. This is to help cut our bill down during the summer months. Hayden will still monitor the temperature in the building. Some squirrels have gotten into the building and are being taken care of. We are needing to replace a phone line a squirrel got into above the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for being patient with B+G during these warm months.



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 di-ane4689@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 continue to need more gas cards to hand out to those in need. With the great increase in gas prices, it still remains difficult for some to be able to fill their gas tanks. Thank you for your support!

- Pastor Connie



Thank you for all your thoughts , prayers and support during this difficult time. It truly meant a lot.

-the family of Alfred. Zur Horst



## 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/christsaviorslutheranoshkosh](http://www.facebook.com/christsaviorslutheranoshkosh)

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA0C2B-FnQscUDQeN930BMA>.

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

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



## 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.



As you're shopping this summer, we'd appreciate it if you'd be willing to pick up some items for our LWR kits. We hope to be able to pack them in early fall for shipping.

Here's what we need for each of the kits:

Quilters, Twin size or larger blankets for fillers (can be new or used)

If you have questions, ask Audrey Reichow

Personal Care Kits:



Bath-size towels, Bath-size soap bars, Adult-size toothbrushes, Sturdy combs, preferably wide-tooth, Metal nail clippers

School Kits:



70-sheet notebooks – wide- or college-ruled, 16- or 24- crayon boxes, Pencil sharpeners, 30-centimeter rulers, Blunt scissors, Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens), 2 12" Erasers,

Baby Care Kits:



Cotton t-shirts (6- to 24-month size), Gowns or sleepers (6- to 24-months, Receiving blankets\*, Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with hood – or include baby cap if no hood (6- to 24-months), Cloth diapers\*, Socks, Bath-size soap bars, Diaper pins or large safety pins, Hand towel – dark color recommended, \*Flannel sheets to be used to make diapers and blankets



## 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!



## Celebrating our recent Graduates:

### High School:

Ava Rusch– Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Going to UW Oshkosh

Courtney Carpenter– Oshkosh West, Going to UW Oshkosh

Caden Barlow– Oshkosh North, Going to Fox Valley Tech

Lindsey Porst– Oshkosh North, Going to Fox Valley Tech

Haleigh Eckstein– Markesan High, Going to Fox Valley Tech

Chase Wilker (Dianne Schmude's Grandson)- Valders High School, going to UW Green Bay

### College:

Kiera Carpenter– Marianne College, Now working with ThedaCare

Let us know if we missed your Graduate!



Have you suggestions for content for our newsletter? Let us know and contact the office!

## 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:**

**July 21st no later please**



## FEEDING HUNGRY KIDS 2022

FEEDING HUNGRY KIDS is a program to feed neighborhood children during five of the six weeks Oshkosh Area School District Food Service closes. We realize some families do not have the structure or funds to offer enough food to their children. Our program seeks to nourish children by giving them food, activities, and community that results in a feeling of acceptance and love.

The last two years, we prepared bags with items to help with breakfast, lunch and dinner. This was due to COVID which is still an issue. We do not fit the criteria for FEEDING AMERICA, so this year we will not be receiving food from the Oshkosh Area Pantry. Obviously, this limits what we can offer, however, we feel we will definitely make a difference.

Again this year, members from First Presbyterian of Oshkosh will be teaming up with us. Besides volunteers, their monetary contribution will allow us to offer socks, underwear and hopefully, tennis shoes. These items will be offered to those children that attend and sign up during the first three weeks of our program. We will be shopping at Jake's Network of Hope for these items, which costs us 20% of retail. Last year, this was the highlight of the program. The joy shown in the children's faces, along with the thank yous we received from parents proved how important this donation was to the families. New shoes for gym or everyday! First English Lutheran and St. Andrews Lutheran both will be running the program as well.

We have spoken with those in the know at Oaklawn Elementary School and have decided on three locations: Edison Estates Mobile Home Park, Logan Avenue Apartments and Lakeview Mobile Home Park.

### HERES HOW YOU CAN HELP:

ATTENTION HOME GARDENERS...

Our goal is to introduce fresh vegetables and fruit whenever possible. We are calling on all gardeners to donate any extra produce. Deb Stephany 920.379.6248 or Barb Rothenbach 920.379.2072 will be happy to pick them up or please leave them in the Church kitchen any Sunday prior to the dates below.



Mondays 11:30-12:30 - July 18th July 25th , August 1st, August 8th , August 15th and August 22nd

Please consider to volunteer...



FEEDING HUNGRY KIDS will be on site at Edison Estates each Monday between 11:30 am and 12:30 PM

If you would like to help pack bags at church (2x during the offerings), or if you are available to work the site any of the days mentioned, please give Deb or Barb a call. We will be sure you have a teammate each of the days you can volunteer.

More to come on the dates, times and locations to follow.

WE ARE BLESSED to have you working with us!

-Deb Stephany

-Barb Rothenbach



### Christ Lutheran Church

	Month	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
Offerings	\$12,597.10	\$31,037.77	\$59,500.00
Other Income	\$4,017.73	\$23,105.44*	\$5,320.00
Expenses	\$8,872.79	\$49,293.73	\$159,692.91
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$7,742.04	\$4,849.48	(\$94,872.91)

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church

	Month	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
Offerings	\$14,076.03	\$53,874.99	\$165,700.00
Other Income	\$245.00	\$9,651.62**	\$20,050.00
Expenses	\$15,230.43	\$101,344.67***	\$234,105.70
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$909.40)	(\$37,818.06)	\$46,55.70

\* Other Income for Christ Lutheran includes payments from Our Savior's toward Pastor Connie's salary (which was not included in the original 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.