

# DISCIPLEGRAM

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO SHARE THE  
LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST IN THESE  
COMMUNITIES AND WITH PEOPLE  
EVERYWHERE

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never  
ceases; his mercies never come to an end;  
23 they are new every morning; great is  
your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

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## GREAT IS HIS (GOD'S) FAITHFULNESS!

Laments. Are you familiar with them? Do you know what a lament is? Defined in one of the resources that I looked up I saw that they are expressions of sorrow; a mournful outcry. There is a book of laments in the Bible called Lamentations—a book full of laments over the destroyed city of Jerusalem and its temple in 586 BC. It's true that the writer laments—but it's overwhelming clear that God is faithful and gracious. Yes, it's true, that even in our laments God is faithful!

As your pastor I'll remind you of that truth again and again and again. Why? Because we need to be reminded. Almost daily our lives change. Challenges of all different shapes and diagnoses come our way. Children, grandchildren, loneliness, financial stressors, housing, transportation, broken relationships (the list is seemingly never ending) all bring unique burdens aiming to distract us from what we know for certain—that God is faithful! In personal life and in your family as well—He is faithful!

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In our family here at COS we were reminded of this just recently. In case you hadn't heard, Josh Kittleman accepted the call to serve as our Director of Christian Family Life Formation AND we learned that we are going to get a graduating pastor from the St. Louis Seminary, Joel Werner. God is faithful! The process began last year. Personally I can say that there was some lamenting going on. Expressions of sorrow—yep. Mourning? Not in the “someone dying” sort of way but yeah, there was mourning too. Having talked with many of you I came to understand that I wasn't alone in my feelings. What were we going to do? Why now? How were we going to continue on? Lamenting to be sure.

And in the middle of it all I saw God's faithfulness—in all of you! Individuals stepped

up and took the reigns of things that needed to happen. A super (literally Super) call committee was assembled and began, in earnest, to seek God's leading for these two positions. Prayers of support and encouragement were offered for me and the staff. Cards and well wishes were written and delivered. In all of you I saw God's faithfulness—His mercies were truly new every morning. Thank you and thanks be to God!

In this season of God's grace and mercy let's continue to find rest in God's Word. While we're there let's find encouragement and a deep desire to be used for His glory in furthering His kingdom here and there. There's lot's to do and because of His faithfulness know that we lack nothing in accomplishing His purpose in our lives and in our congregation and community. Your continued and expanded level of involvement, prayers and financial support will be important as we boldly move forward, by God's grace and mercy, into the future of what the Lord has in store for us here at COS. Soon we will be welcoming two new staff members and their families who are going to be servants in our midst. It's an exciting time for sure—a time for all of us to acknowledge God's faithfulness and praise Him for it.

It's often through lamenting that we see, by faith, God's faithfulness. Think of Good Friday and Easter. After all we are Easter people! 😊 He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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# The Welcome Desk

## *A Ministry of Hospitality*

Featured  
Ministry



Our "new" Welcome Desk has seen its first birthday! As of Palm Sunday 2023, the Welcome Desk has been up and running for one year now. It's been a wonderful year watching how the desk has evolved, how it's been helpful to people, facilitated information for different events, been a central location for information and various collections and how it's brought people together, who have then served others with great hospitality.

What exactly is hospitality? The dictionary defines hospitality as "the friendly and generous reception of guests, visitors or strangers". We know God's two greatest commandments are to love God and love others. Hospitality is a practical way to demonstrate love for others in service to Him. His command could be thought of as *to love everyone equally*; a true sign of our love for God and our desire to live in a Christ-like way.

Surely many of us have entertained, cooked a big dinner, invited our family or friends, and offered them gracious hospitality. Why do we do this? Because we love them. Why should we practice hospitality, particularly in our church? Because God loves them! And He wants us to love them also.

How can we do this at COS? There are many ways or opportunities to serve and offer hospitality at Christ Our Savior. Some of these require meetings, studying or preparing, setting

up and taking down, organizing, cooking and serving, sewing, visiting, leading, worshiping, just to name a few. God has blessed our congregation with members who give greatly of their time to serve us all. But you say, I don't have enough time for those things, yet I would like to be involved somehow, somewhat ad hoc.

There are also some ministries that are easier, less involved and possibly more in line with your schedule. Like the Greeters, who graciously welcome people at the doors of our church, the Welcome Desk volunteers also offer a smiling, friendly, warm welcome to all who come through our doors, pass or come to the desk. These volunteers may also offer someone directions, hand out new visitor welcome bags, take a visiting family with children to the Sunday School, offer to help someone in need. Each week is different, sometimes it is busy, sometimes not. Anyone can volunteer to host the desk as their schedule allows, without a full time commitment or much preparation. The requirements are simple: be kind, be friendly, be welcoming, be helpful. Let Jesus light shine through.

What else would a Welcome Desk volunteer need to know or do? Volunteers should:

- be familiar with the church campus and where things are in order to offer directions
- arrive 30 minutes prior to the service

Here are some of the volunteers who serve at the Welcome Desk before and after services!

- read the notes in the notebook and other materials left for you by Alyssa Anders
- acquaint yourself with what is at/on the desk, as well as in the Narthex area
- wear your name tag
- bring your happy self and your best smile
- stay at the desk until the end of the first hymn prior to entering the sanctuary
- return to the desk at the beginning of the last hymn and remain for about 15 minutes after the service as the Narthex clears.

A big thank you goes to all those who have volunteered and hosted the desk at least once during its first year: Lori & Arlo Wiltenburg, Shirley Fabry, Rol & Marie Schlosser, Pam Bishop, Suann Dibble, Amy & Mark Ingersoll, Hollee Milz, Amy Milz, Ellen Hoyer, Luke Hoyer, Laura & Nathan Bronsted, Jenny & Phil Krauss, Diane & Jerry Kaye, Audrey & Mike Sauber, Debbie & Bill Reynolds, Mary & Mike McGrath, Sandy & George Keil, Gini & Bob Krenz, Debbie DeSantis, Ruth & Dan Dobberfuhr, Linda Waara, Edith Raezler, Amy & Jim Maloney, Christina & Roger Heath, Eunice

Bickel-Smith, Mary & Mike Scheidies, Laurie & Eric Candela, Ali & Fritz Quitmeyer, Shari & Jim Colwell, Peggy & Randy List, Margie Milz, Steve Milz, Elisabeth & Stuart Schluckebier, Vivian & Curt Rogosch, Sarah Young, Cheryl Moldenhauer, Barb & Bob Moldenhauer, Susan Thomson, Ellen Fuhrman, Bonnie & Rick Shingledecker, Jennifer Kuszynski, Jill Ritzler, Sandy & Bruce Baxter, Cleo & John Connolly, Laurie Riegel, Caren VanZant & John Gilbert, Linda Marzinski, Brian Smith and Michele Ciscon.

Several of them have remarked at how easy it was and how much they enjoy doing it. One person shared that she gets joy out of being at the desk and interacting with people, saying that it "makes her day".

You too may find that you'll receive joy after greeting and helping others. Please give it some consideration. We want to keep building the list of people we can call upon. Michele Ciscon is ready to write your name in the schedule. She is taking names/dates for July and the rest of 2023. Questions? See Michele in person at church or contact her at [km\\_ciscon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:km_ciscon@sbcglobal.net) or 734-502-2907.

## Vacation Bible School 2023

Join us at Christ Our Savior this summer as we go on an out-of-this-world adventure! At **Stellar VBS** we'll have a blast shining Jesus' light! **Stellar VBS** will be fun for children ages 3 years (and potty-trained) through completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Each day the children will be a part of fun Bible learning they can see, hear, touch, and even taste!

So mark these dates on your calendar: **June 19 - June 23**. The fun starts at 9 a.m and we will end at 12 p.m. Register now for VBS fun online, [www.christsaviors.org/vbs](http://www.christsaviors.org/vbs) or in the church narthex on Sundays starting May 21. There is a registration fee of \$10/maximum \$30 per family.

### Volunteers

Youth who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade, catechism students, teenagers, and adults will enjoy signing on as group leaders and assistants who help younger children.

Many volunteer positions are still available if you

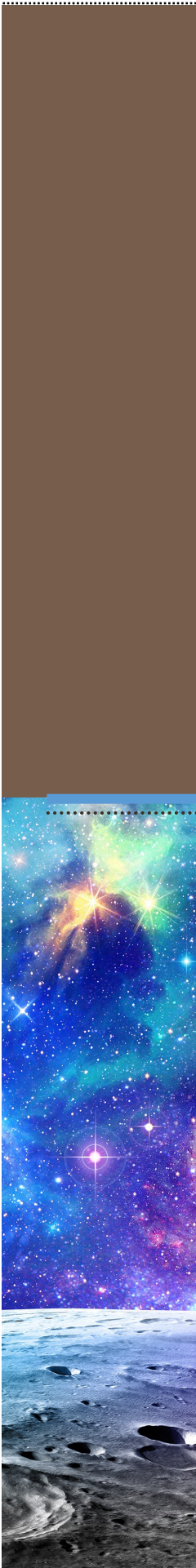


would like to help make **Stellar VBS** an exciting Bible-learning adventure for our children. To find out how you can serve in this year's VBS program, stop by the VBS table in the narthex or contact Karla at [KarlaS@christoursavior.org](mailto:KarlaS@christoursavior.org) or (734) 522-6830.

There will be a meeting (with lunch provided) for ALL volunteers working VBS week on Sunday, June 18, 12:30-2:00 pm. We feel it is important to get all of our volunteers together to give you an overview of the week, let you know what's expected of you, and unify our VBS team!

### Decorating

Help transform Christ Our Savior into outer space for our **Stellar VBS**. We will have a decorating day on Saturday, June 17. We will begin at 10:00 am and work until we are done (at least 1:00 pm). Come join us for snacks, fellowship, and of course decorating!





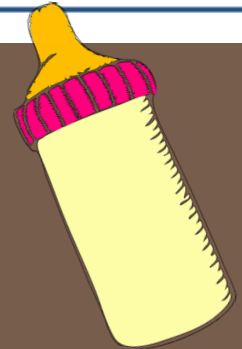
# Baby Bottle Campaign

The AAA Pregnancy Resource Center in Livonia has been helping families for over 45 years. They provide FREE services, including pregnancy tests & ultrasounds. The AAAPRC shares God’s truth with moms & dads, helping them to understand God’s plan for their lives & their baby’s life.

The Baby Bottle Campaign will be held from **Mother’s Day, May 14, to Father’s Day, June 18**. Empty baby bottles will be available in the narthex—take one home and fill it with spare change, bills or checks (made out to AAAPRC).

Bring back the bottles on Father’s Day, filled or empty. It may seem like a small contribution, but these coins add up and make a difference for LIFE.

Get the kids involved – search the van, under the couch cushions, the bottom of Mom’s purse, on the top of Dad’s dresser, raid the piggy bank. Have fun!



# A Glimpse into our Food Pantry

I was hungry and you fed me,  
thirsty and you gave me a  
drink; I was a stranger and you  
received me in your homes,  
*(Matthew 25:35 GNT)*

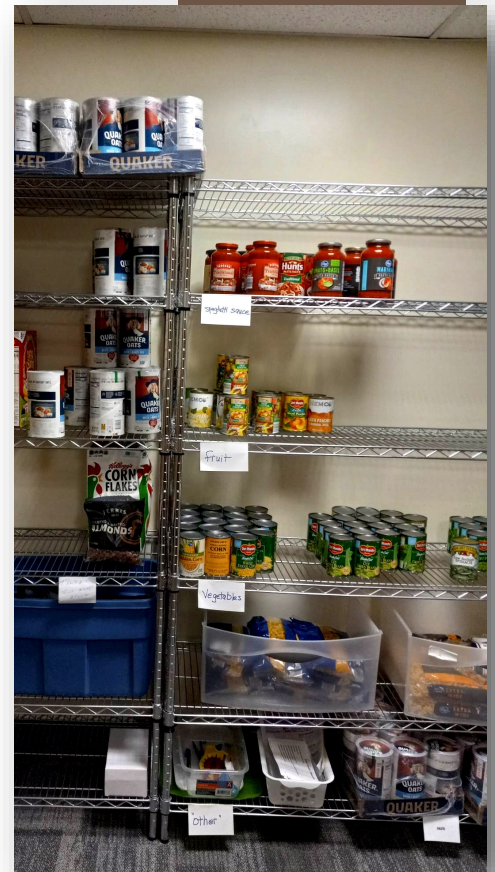
Each person who comes to the food pantry at Christ Our Savior receives a large paper bag full of provisions. The items are selected with possible meal options in mind. With a loaf of bread, the jar of peanut butter and jar of jelly will make quite a few sandwiches. If they have access to a stovetop and oven, the egg noodles, can of tuna and can of cream soup will make a nice casserole. They can also make dinner with the spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce. We include two cans of cream soup and two cans of regular soup in each bag. We also fit in two cans of vegetables, a box of crackers and a box of breakfast cereal. It’s nothing fancy, but it will provide meal options for several days.

On a busy Friday, we might hand out 18 to 20 bags of food. Consider how many groceries that equals: that’s 40 cans of vegetables, and 80 cans of soup (cream and regular). While 20 boxes of cereal sitting on the shelf seems like a lot,

they’re all gone by the end of a busy Friday morning. The jars of spaghetti sauce and boxes of noodles go fast, too. Each bag of groceries costs about \$30 to fill. Filling one bag is a simple task, but keeping 20 stocked and ready to go is more of an operation.

We are grateful for the opportunity we have to share our blessings with those in need. God has always provided for our needs, and has always kept our food pantry in stock so we can care for the needs of others. We praise him that we have this opportunity to feed the hungry—and we are grateful for you, the members of Christ Our Savior, who are God’s hands and feet to keep our shelves stocked.

Our food pantry is open every Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Talk to Linda Hollman (lindah@christoursavior.org) if you have any questions. We can always use more volunteers and please, remember us when you’re in the grocery store!



Number of bags given out in  
March: 81

Number of bags given out in  
April: 37



## The Plan of the Master Weaver

*By Tori Kane*

Our lives are but fine weaving's  
That God and we prepare,  
Each life becomes a fabric planned  
And fashioned in His care.

We may not always see just how  
The weaving's intertwine,  
But we must trust the Master's hand  
And follow His design,  
For He can view the pattern  
Upon the upper side  
While we must look from underneath  
And trust in Him to guide...

Sometimes a strand of sorrow  
Is added to His plan,  
And though it's difficult for us,  
We still must understand.  
That it's He who fills the shuttle,  
It's He who knows what's best,  
So we must weave in patience  
And leave to Him the rest...

Not till the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why —  
The dark threads are as needed  
In the Weaver's skillful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.



## A Father's Instructions for Life

*Condensed from "LIFE'S LITTLE INSTRUCTION BOOK"  
H. JACKSON BROWN, JR.*

**Y**EARS AGO, I read that it was the responsibility of parents not to pave the road for their children, but to provide a road map. So, as my son, Adam, prepared to leave for college, I jotted down a few words of counsel and put them in a dime-store binder. After his mother and I had helped him move into his dorm, I presented him with the bound pages.

A few days later, Adam called me. "Dad," he said, "the book is one of the best gifts I've ever received. I'm going to add to it and someday give it to my son." Every once in a while life hands you a moment so precious, so overwhelming, that you almost glow. I had just experienced one.

Here are the words I gave him.



**Compliment three people each day.**

**Watch a sunrise at least once a year.**

**Overtip breakfast waitresses.**

**Look people in the eye.**

**Say "thank you" a lot.**

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Our members shared these two articles with the office, so that we could share them with all of you!



# God is Here With You Today

## *What About Reverence?*



*Reverence* isn't a word you often hear these days. What is reverence? Most of us probably have a vague sort of idea in our heads, but how does it look in practice? Is it exemplified by monks chanting in a solemn Catholic cathedral? Or in a child's prayers, as they knee beside their bed?

The truth is, reverence isn't a word, a song, or a specific action. Reverence is an attitude, an attitude that says, "Over and above everything else going on around me, there is something that deserves my ultimate respect."

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As we enter the sanctuary on a Sunday morning, we bring our everyday lives, including the worries, the to-do lists, the responsibilities, and the distractions, right in with us. It can be a challenge to remember that this place is set apart, it is God's house and we're offered the unique opportunity of showing reverence as we shuffle into a pew.

At Christ Our Savior, our staff members and many volunteers work to create an atmosphere that speaks of reverence. Our sanctuary should be a place where you are free to be still and set aside the noise, busyness, and distractions that are inherent in every day life.

Our altar guild team set out the paraments and flower arrangements, ushers keep the sanctuary orderly, acolytes light the candles, and

congregation members play preservice music to uplift, encourage, and calm our hearts before worship. These acts are more than a show for the sake of pomp and circumstance; the point is to point us to Christ, and show reverence and respect for Him.

We are very grateful to everyone who helps in this effort. Many of you give your time and talents to beautify this space and create this opportunity. Thank you!

We have a large and diverse congregation, and we enjoy seeing people in all walks of life come to Sunday services. Whether you're sitting in the pew managing your busy children, sitting alone, catching up with a friend you haven't seen for a while, gulping down coffee and struggling to wake up, or sliding into a pew during the opening hymn, there is an opportunity for you to remember who you are and who God is. Think about how you can show reverence.

However you choose to use this time, be respectful of those around you. Others might be praying, meditating on Scripture, or enjoying the beauty of the morning light coming in.

Let's take the gift we're offered and set aside the distractions flooding us and remember where we are. This is God's house, and we gather to worship our Savior and remember again his tremendous love for us. This is His space. God is there with us.

## What to do in case of a Heart Attack

A gentle man collapses at a gym in Austin, Texas. Two marathon runners have cardiac arrests in California. A young man collapses playing basketball. A woman has chest pain after shoveling snow. Damar Hamlin of the Buffalo Bills and a teen playing lacrosse have cardiac arrests from unexpected chest hits.

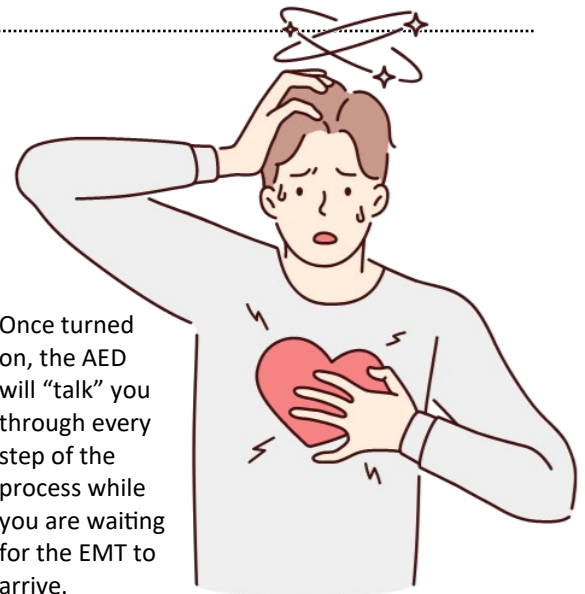
Cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, young and old, male or female but survival depends on quick response of cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) to help the heart to establish an effective rhythm.

Hearts attacks don't always occur suddenly. There are often warning signs of a problem, such as a discomfort in the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back; a fullness or squeezing in the chest, like an elephant is sitting on your chest; pain in one or both arms, back, neck, jaw, or stomach. Women often present differently, with shortness of breath, cold sweats, nausea or lightheadedness.

So, what do you do? Minutes matter, don't delay. Call 911.

Did you know that COS has two AEDs? One by the ECP and one off the narthex and a number of elders have been trained in how to use them.

The AHA and Red Cross are great resources for information and videos on how to perform CPR.



Once turned on, the AED will "talk" you through every step of the process while you are waiting for the EMT to arrive.

As with most health issues, prevention is the best medicine. Maintain a healthy life style with regular doctor visits, exercise, balanced diet, stop smoking, moderate alcohol intake and sleep.

A short discussion on stroke goes hand in hand with the above message. In this case, time is brain, but there are not always warning signs. Symptoms most often seen are facial drooping (can't smile evenly), unequal arm movements, and speech difficulties. Call 911, do not drive the person to the hospital and do not give them aspirin. More often strokes do not kill but leave the person with possibly long standing physical and mental disabilities.

With either cardiac situation, everyone is different, but the key is rapid intervention. A healthy lifestyle and positive outlook help too!

*-Ruth Dobberfuhr*

## This is YOUR Newsletter!

The Disciplegram is published six times a year and welcomes your submissions. If you have a news report, poem, artwork, short story or article that you would like to share, pass it on to our Communications Coordinator, Alyssa Anders (alysaa@choursavior.org). Please include your name and phone number.

We reserve the right to make final decisions on what is published. We try to print articles as submitted, but will edit if necessary. Items will be included as space allows.

This is YOUR newsletter. Feel free to use it!



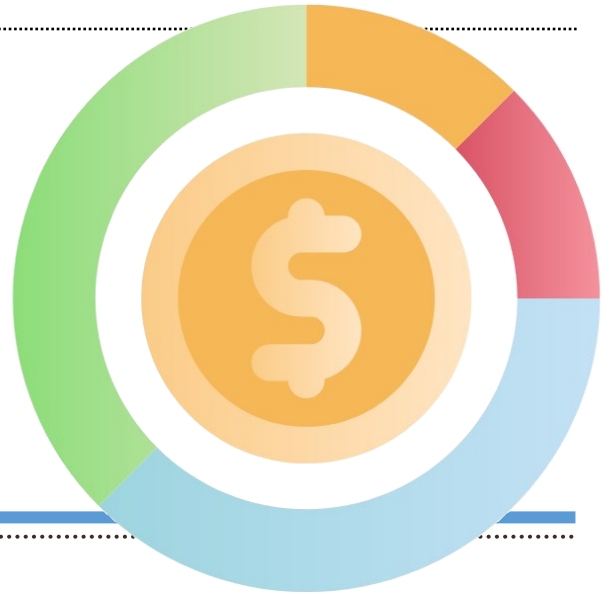


# Memorials and Gifts

<b>In memory of Angeline Bruenger</b>	<b>Intended for:</b> Food Pantry	<b>Given by:</b> William Bryant, Shirley Fabry, Marlene Lepyesh, Katharine Stasevich, Charles & Celia Weidendorf, Dan & Christine Wiersig
	General Fund	Shirley Speirs
<b>In memory of Charlotte Eminger</b>	<b>Intended for:</b> Children's Ministries	<b>Given by:</b> Shirley Fabry, Rev. & Mrs. David Huber, Kathleen Kangas, Carole Kovatch, Bob & Gini Krenz, Linda Marzinski
	General Fund	Christopher & Anne Burgess, Dan Diaz, Karl Eminger, Joe, Sharon, Joe & Shannon Kovatch, Lois Ann Nabozny, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ross, Rita Sherick
	Food Bank	John & Eunice Smith
<b>In memory of Norma Jaeger</b>	<b>Intended for:</b> Quilters	<b>Given by:</b> Jeff & Cheryl Chapman, Ruth Germeroth, Jean & Greg Glida, David Jaeger, Martin & Betty Jaeger, Margaret R. Judge, Mark & Mary Madin, Carol Marcis, Gerald & Linda Marcis, Pamela Marcis, Syl & Mary Noetzel, Michael & Carrilla Reuter, Dave & Linda Siko, Marilyn Southers, Karen Tarter, Chris & Patti Wagner, Raymond & Debbie Wardowski, Nancy Wilson, Steve & Marlene Zacharias
	General Fund LWML Quilters	David Jaeger Kathryn Witt
<b>In memory of Gregory Barnier</b>	<b>Intended for:</b> Closed Captioning	<b>Given by:</b> Katharine Stasevich
	General Fund	John & Ellen Fuhrman, Joyce V. Kasten, Nancy Stasevich, Mark & Marjorie Wojcik
	Music Ministry Missions	Ruth Hein Shirley Fabry
<b>In Memory of:</b> Bruce Heidemeyer Bruce Heidemeyer	<b>Intended for:</b> General Fund General Fund Children's Ministries	<b>Given by:</b> Diane Morrison Janice Schoenberg Linda Wilber
Bob Henry	Youth Ministry	Ron Meyer
Bob Henry	Youth Ministry	Clare Kolevar
Robert Henry	General Fund	Jim Schnurstein
Robert Henry	Youth Ministry	Kathleen Kangas

# 2022 Budget Surplus Disbursements

*Received on  
January 29, 2023*



## *Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:*

Through your generosity, we were blessed to have a budget surplus of \$35,986 in 2022. When we combine that with the remaining surplus funds from 2021, we had a total of \$54,386 in surplus funds. As is our tradition and our calling, we set out to give those funds to various ministries both locally and around the world.

Why do we have such a surplus? That's a testament to how well our staff is able to maximize your tithings. We set an annual budget based on our best estimates of cost. Then Pastor Davenport and especially the Thursday Repair Team, work very hard to keep costs down. Often, they are able to find ways to come in under budget. We are truly blessed by their efforts. And because we are blessed, we look to be a blessing to others.

Our staff worked together with the Church Council to see where we might utilize our surplus to help other ministries. Here are some of the highlights:

- ⇒ Our own Early Childhood Center will receive funds to update the cabinets and counter tops in their classrooms.
- ⇒ Several schools will receive donations, including: Concordia Lutheran School, Lutheran High Westland, St. Matthew Lutheran School, and St. Michael Lutheran School.
- ⇒ We earmarked funds to support our Livonia First Responders

⇒ As we all know, defending life has become even more important than ever, so AAA Pregnancy Resource Center and the Luke Clinic will be receiving funds from us.

⇒ Family of God will see a donation above and beyond what we normally budget so that they can continue God's work in Southeast Detroit.

⇒ Additional funds were given to the Synod National Offering for 2023. This offering is being collected leading up to the 2023 LCMS convention in Milwaukee. The purpose and goal of this offering is to produce meaningful Lutheran resources in other languages so that all may read, hear and speak the Good News of Christ crucified.

⇒ Finally, COFA and MOST are two programs where we reach beyond our borders and spread the love of Christ around the world. They will both receive a donation.

It is a privilege to be able to share our blessing with others as we are called to do. If you have any questions about our budget surplus distributions, feel free to speak to any member of council or to Pastor Davenport.

*Erik Kuszynski, Council Chairman, Randy List, Council Vice Chair, Mary McGrath, Council Secretary, Shelby Shonce, Council Treasurer, Ellen Hoyer, Arlo Wiltenburg, Ruth Dobberfuhr, Andrew Lewis, and Steven Reschke.*



# Mission Trip Opportunities



Do you want to serve in the mission field? Don't have time for a long mission trip? Join MOST Ministries for a short-term mission trip, to serve and witness to international communities that are underserved both in the Gospel and in life's necessities.

Please check our website for dates, descriptions and estimated costs of the trip under the tab Team Info. [www.mostministries.org/](http://www.mostministries.org/)

You can also contact MOST Ministries at 734-994-7909 or contact Jen Kuszynski directly. Jen is a member of our congregation in addition to being the Team Administrator Assistant at MOST Ministries. Feel free to talk to her at church, or email her at [jennifer@mostministries.org](mailto:jennifer@mostministries.org) for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

We have several open trips on our schedule, both for individuals and/or groups that want to sign up.

Here are the open trips we are looking to fill:

- ⇒ Kenya—Eyeglass Team
- ⇒ Mexico—Eyeglass Team
- ⇒ Mexico—Water Team
- ⇒ Guatemala—Eyeglass Team

# Memory Work

## Whizzes 2022-2023



Congratulations to these students and their families for outstanding effort in completing the Sunday School Learn and Earn Bible Memory Program for the 2022-23 school year.

Children who begin this program as 3-year olds and continue with it through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have completed a good portion of the memory work for Catechism Class.

*Kindergarten:* Matthew Reschke

*Grade 1:* Emma Linderman

*Grade 3:* Diane Bell,  
Audrey Reschke

*Grade 4:* Addison Linderman,  
Sarah Reschke

*Grade 6:* Matthew Cipa



# Membership Updates

## March '23—April '23

*To keep the congregation better informed about the membership of our church, the Board of Elders includes membership updates in each Disciplegram. Every two months, a report will be published that includes a list of gains and losses and the reason for each change.*

*In addition, there are members that the Elders have not been able to reach. They request your help with these members. If you have any information about them or possible ways to contact them, please share with the chairman of the Board of Elders, Mark Anders ([ElderMarkAnders@choursavior.org](mailto:ElderMarkAnders@choursavior.org)) or the church office (734-522-6830).*

### Received by Baptism:

- Landen Frye on Feb 19, 2023

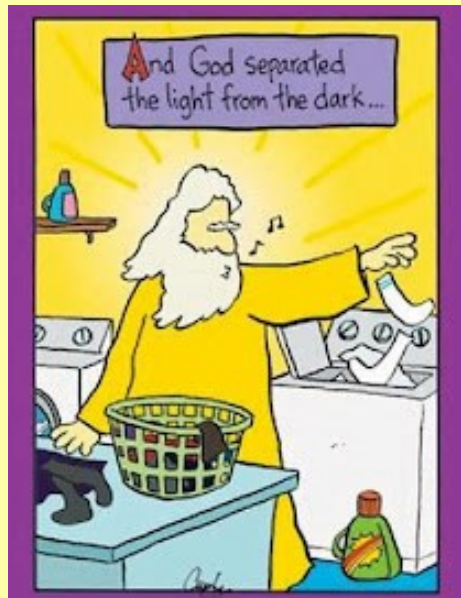
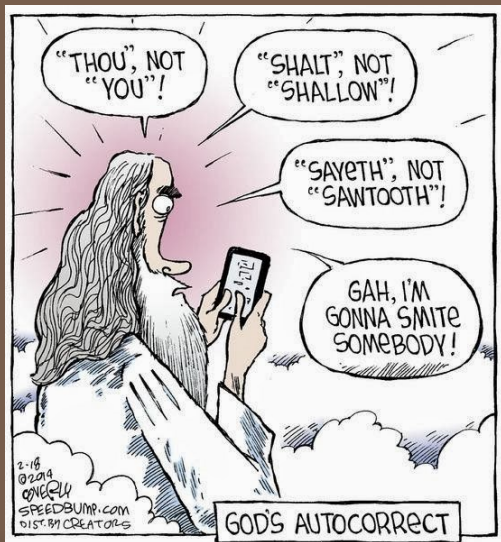
### Deceased Individuals:

- Norma Jaeger on Feb 14, 2023
- Greg Barnier on Feb 19, 2023
- Carol Collins on Mar 30, 2023
- Angie Bruenger on Apr 5, 2023

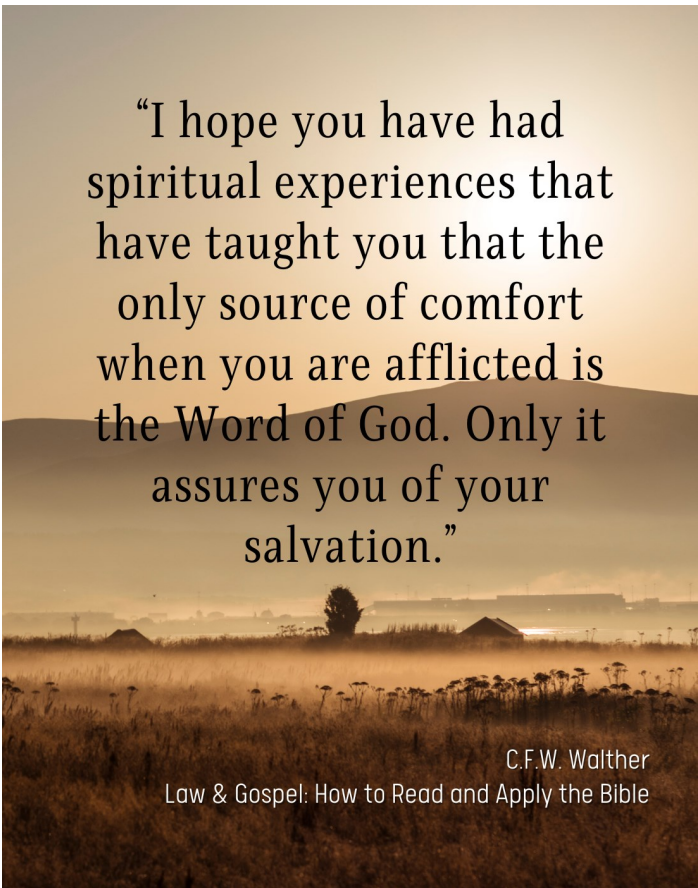
### Unreachable Members:

- Charlesetta Winston
- Jason and Crystal Forster
- Sharon Dillenbeck
- Stephen and Deborah Ratelle
- Gloria and Craig Smith

## The Lighter Side



## Food for Thought



### Spree Outreach

COS will once again open our lot for parking during the Livonia Spree from June 20 to 25. We ask for a \$5 donation to park in our lot, and all proceeds go to Meals on Wheels. We need your help to direct traffic, take donations and monitor our lot during those days. Volunteers (high school on up) are needed Tuesday thru Friday starting at 4:00 p.m; on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and Sunday at 12:15 p.m. Sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Desk soon!

### New Members

Those interested in becoming members of COS are invited to attend our next **New Member Orientation on Sunday, May 21, at 9:45am in Rooms 1-3.** That will be followed by your public reception into membership on Sunday, June 4, during the 11 a.m. worship service. To join you must have completed the Lutheran Foundations class or requested your transfer from your current church. For more information, contact Linda Hollman, Director of Outreach and Assimilation (734-522-6830, [lindah@choursavior.org](mailto:lindah@choursavior.org)).