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Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



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We've Won!

Dear Members of "the team" here at Christ Our Savior, I'm writing you today to remind you that we've won! The victory is yours and mine—Jesus Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!! The victory over sin and satan is ours by grace through faith because of what Jesus, the Savior of the world, has accomplished through His death and resurrection. Just a couple of Sunday's ago we celebrated His resurrection victory. We gathered together in three worship services (nearly 1000 of you were in attendance—praise be to God!) where we praised God, sang, and listened to His Word and received the Word made flesh—it was on Easter that we were reminded that the tomb was empty, His reality is ours, we've won!!

I'm not much of a NBA fan nowadays but I watched some of the Pistons vs. Knicks game last night. It was a win or go home game for the Pistons. It was exciting, right to the end with our Detroit Pistons getting the win. That excitement lasted about 10 minutes for me. The realization that in order to get past the first round they are going to have to win the next two games—one at home (where we haven't won, in the series, yet) and then one at the Garden. Reality set in.

Remember, “team members”, we’ve won! It’s not a basketball game or tournament that we remember, but a victory that outweighs the greatest game ever played. The victory that we celebrate as “team members” is Christ’s victory, it’s our victory by faith. This celebration isn’t a 10 minute experience or a one or two day event in our lives. His death and resurrection are eternal events, having eternal implications, ones that will sustain our joy and peace for a lifetime until the day of Christ’s return. We’ve won!!

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Are you celebrating? What are you celebrating? Games come and go. Successful seasons change into subpar performances. Gifted teams struggle, players are injured, players graduate, coaches go on to bigger and better things. Joy turns into weeping. What are you celebrating?

I’m writing to remind you to celebrate Christ! He has risen—He has risen indeed! His victory, our victory, isn’t just distant memory, it is a present reality. In the days following Easter we need to remember this, we need to focus on the “author and perfecter of our faith,” we need to “fix our eyes on Jesus” (Hebrews 12:2). Through His Word and Sacraments, He will lead us in His ways; He will teach us obedience and self-sacrifice; He will teach us love for our neighbors. He will show us that forgiveness of sin and eternal life is ours. It is with joyful, generous, and celebrating hearts, that we continue to celebrate the new life that Easter has brought us by sharing the message of the Cross and the Empty Tomb with all who listen. Run around the house, the neighborhood, our city and beyond—when you do people will take notice and ask you what’s up. Tell them of the historical account of Jesus of Nazareth, invite them to church, challenge them to celebrate too!

Keep celebrating, keep looking with eyes of faith, at Jesus until in Heaven you see him face to face! Celebrate! Rejoice! We’ve won—because of Jesus!

From one living and excited “team member” to another,

Pastor Dean M. Davenport

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with your request.

Our Most Precious Gift

Covered in Prayer

**Featured
Ministry**

Prayer is one of the most precious gifts God has given us. What a joy and privilege it is to pray for others. The volunteers involved in the *Covered in Prayer Ministry* make prayer blankets to provide people with a constant reminder that they are covered in prayer and wrapped in God's loving arms. As they tie each knot, they say a prayer for the person receiving the blanket. These blankets are then gifted to whomever might need a bit of encouragement.

You can help! Here are the areas where they can use volunteers/donations:

- Making blankets
- Delivering blankets
- Donating fleece (2 yard pieces)
- Donating funds towards fleece

Thank you so much for the beautiful Prayer Blanket! The constant reminder that people are praying for me and God is always with me brought me so much comfort! Your Prayer Blanket meant so much to me that I am now making Prayer Blankets for other people. God Bless You

Thank you so much for thinking of me and keeping me in prayer. The prayer blanket has been a real comfort to me. Just to know that there are prayer warriors praying for me and those in a compromised health condition is enough to give me strength. Please thank those in your group for the blanket and for helping to give me inner peace knowing they are praying for me. Gods will be done in his time



It was very nice of you! We appreciate all the prayers and love shown to our ladies and their babies. God Bless each and everyone of you. In Him, Jan K AAA PRC

We have been able to bless over 1,000 people with Prayer Blankets. Many thanks to everyone who has helped in any way. God bless you for being a blessing to others.

If you know someone we can bless with a Prayer Blanket, please let the leaders of this ministry know. If you can help in any way or have questions, please contact: Nikki Hammer (734-536-4089) or Linda Beadle (734-890-2951).

-Nikki Hammer, edited by Alyssa Knock



Connecting with Others in Our Community

The Apostle's Creed in Our Lives

"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20.

As a follower of Jesus, we know what we are supposed to be doing. We profess it every Sunday through our Mission Statement where we say that we are "commissioned to share the Word of Christ to all." But like many, we are afraid to say anything to people in our community. We just do not know what to say. Yet, we have known all along what to say, we learned it in our youth. It is right in front of us, and we confess it every Sunday, just like we profess our Mission Statement.

Through the words of the Apostle's Creed and Luther's Small Catechism (LSC), we can tell the entire story of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is simple. We know it and have learned it. We just have to speak it.

Start with the First Article of the Apostle's Creed. "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of

heaven and earth." From this one statement we can move directly to creation which in turn moves to Adam and Eve. In creation, God made all things out of nothing simply by speaking His Word. We believe that He not only made the earth and all its creatures, but He made us also. As we say in the explanation of this article in Luther's Small Catechism, "I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them."

God invites us to trust Him to provide us with everything we need, "clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, spouse and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods." (LSC) As Psalm 145:15-16 says, "The eyes of all wait upon You; and You give them their meat in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing." As we pray in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread," we recognize that the Creator of all things provides for His creatures. We put our trust in God and His promise to take care of us, His children.

We also believe that, "He defends us against all danger and guards and protects us from all evil." (LSC) God often works through others to provide this for us. As children, we depend on



our parents to provide for our good. It is through our community, the secular kingdom, that we are also provided with protection.

Why does God do this? Because He loves us. Remember? He does this “purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.” (LSC) We can tell people that because of God’s love for us, He will provide. Luther stated it so well in his explanation of the Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer, “that we with all boldness and confidence ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.” All we have to do is ask God in prayer. “God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.” We ask because God invites us to do so with faith. In the meaning to the Introduction of the Lord’s Prayer it says, “With these words God invites us to

believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.” Our heavenly Father wants us to trust in His love for us.

“For all which it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him.” (LSC) It is why we come to church in thanksgiving, praise, and service to God. It is because of His everlasting mercy and grace for the blessings of creation that He has granted us. This grace extends beyond the provisions needed for this life. We will see this as we look at the story of Christianity in the Second Article of the Apostle’s Creed next month. For now, use the First Article to let people know who God is and why we believe in Him.

-Steven Kern, St. Paul, Millington, MI



True North

Vacation Bible School 2025

Join us at Christ Our Savior this summer for TRUE NORTH VBS! We will discover that Jesus always points us in the right direction.

TRUE NORTH VBS will be fun for children ages 3 years (and potty-trained) through completion of 5th 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 23 - June 27**. The fun starts at 9:00 AM, and we will end at 12:00 PM. Register online www.christoursavior.org/vbs or in the church narthex on Sundays starting May 18. There is a registration fee of \$10/maximum \$30 per family. When registering online, the fee can be paid on Sundays at the VBS table in the narthex, during office hours in the church office, mailed to the church office, or paid the first day of VBS.

Volunteers

Youth who have completed 6th 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 **TRUE NORTH 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 (734) 522-6830 or KarlaS@christoursavior.org

There will be a meeting (with lunch provided) for ALL Volunteers working VBS week on Sunday, June 22, 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 a spectacular Northern Wilderness for our **TRUE NORTH VBS**. We will have a decorating day on Saturday, June 22. 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!



- Project Compassion -

Fur Blessings

A New COS Ministry

With each new season comes change, new beginnings, and opportunities, and this Spring is no different at Christ Our Savior. The Comfort Animal Committee has been hard at work, and is excited to share that we are preparing to use God's gift of animals to launch a NEW ministry here at COS!

As with all things, God provides, and has blessed us with two dogs within our own congregation to serve in this capacity. With this key component in place, considerable time has been dedicated to training needs, Therapy Dog Certification research, creativity developing a ministry name, and finding a supportive Bible verse to serve as our emphasis.

So, who are our canines? Let me introduce you to Toffee Parrish and Zoey Heath!

TOFFEE

Breed: Cavapoo (defined as a cross between a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and Poodle)

Birthdate: April 27, 2024

Parents: Drs. Stephen and Elenn' Parrish

Special Traits: Soft and fluffy! Sweet natured. Loves EVERYONE!

Favorite Treats/Snack: Peanut Butter Dipped Milk Bones

Ministry Strength: Cute and cuddly bringing a smile to everyone's face, and bringing people together in conversation. The WHOLE neighborhood finds JOY in Toffee—up close or just driving by!

Favorite way to Relax: Chewing on a "Whimzey" ... or a shoe ... or tearing up paper. His parents call him, "Toffee the Ripper."



ZOEY

Breed: Purebred Golden Retriever (with a reddish coat)

Birthdate: July 8, 2022

Parents: Roger and Chris Heath

Special Traits: Warm and VERY friendly!

Favorite Treats/Snack: Homemade Pup Cups or Popcorn

Ministry Strength:

Living up to 1 Corinthians 13:4, as Zoey is a kind heart that loves everyone she meets! She does well in medium to large spaces since she is not a little dog...

Favorite way to Relax:

Snuggling on the couch watching TV with her humans.



Ministry Name:

Fur Blessings

Ministry Bible Verse:

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

These dogs and their handlers will be serving you and your families, so remember, this is your ministry, too... and we need YOUR help! **Fur Blessings** does not come without the requirement of **prayer support** and a **financial cost**. Our first expense is to obtain proper training for our four-legged friends. Among the best, most local companies, Off Leash K9 Training, LLC has been selected to be our educational resource, and comes *highly* recommended by the community through connections with the Livonia Police Department and Schoolcraft College.

We will begin with an 8-week private training schedule of 'Basic and Advanced Obedience,' followed by a 4-week 'Therapy Group Class.' This will lead to receiving the Canine Good Citizen Certification jumpstarting our dogs' resumes in screening at facilities, and aid in liability and insurance requirements. These 12 weeks are critical before even beginning the process of 'Therapy Dog Training' offered once a year in September.

In order to fund and support us, a dedicated account has been established for the **Comfort Animal Ministry**. We are looking to raise roughly \$5,400, the price of training and certificates to initiate this new ministry's needs for two dogs. This is a wonderful opportunity to help make a *pawsitive* impact for our church family and community... Will you PLEASE help us with a donation today, and launch this project of compassion forward?

God's blessings, and much thanks!

— Natalie Hansen

**SUPPORT
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Presence

Christian Family Life Formation



"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." - John 1:14

The Word became flesh and DWELT among us. That's such a powerful confessions we have as Christians. We do not have a distant God who is unacquainted with what it means to be in our shoes. No, we have a God who came himself and dwelt among us. The incarnation shows us the ultimate value God places on being present.

This is something I've been reflecting on a lot as a father, husband, and staff member of COS. In a world of incredible distraction, I'm more drawn to the idea that one of the greatest gifts we can give to others is our presence. Not just our physical presence, but our full, attentive,

engaged presence. Let's explore what the power of presence can look like in three key areas of our lives—our homes, our church, and our community:

Within our homes, being present often means putting down our phones, turning off screens, and engaging directly with those we love. It can mean looking into their eyes when they speak, listening not just to respond but to understand, and creating space for meaningful conversations. The truth is, our presence in the home tells our family members that they matter more than our devices, our work, or our own agendas. When we're fully present, we communicate to our loved ones that they are valued, seen, and heard. This mirrors, in an imperfect way, how God is perfectly present with us—fully attentive, never



distracted, always available.

What about within our church? In previous Disciplegram articles, I've emphasized how we at COS are an intergenerational family of faith. Part of living out this reality is being genuinely present with one another. This presence goes beyond just showing up on Sunday mornings. It can mean noticing when someone is missing, checking in when someone seems troubled, celebrating milestones together, and walking alongside each other through life's challenges. Our presence with one another at Christ Our Savior communicates that we are indeed family – bound together by the love of Christ.

Finally, our presence extends beyond our homes and church into our wider community. Jesus modeled this by being present with those on the margins – eating with tax collectors, touching lepers, and speaking with Samaritans. He didn't just offer proclamations from a distance; He engaged directly with people in their real lives and real needs. When we volunteer at Family of God, participate in Christmas Blessings or work with a non-profit such as C.A.R.E.S., or simply take time to get know our neighbors, we follow Christ's example. Our missional presence in the community says that others matter to us because they matter to God. It communicates respect and dignity in a world where many feel invisible or forgotten.

You and I both know that being genuinely present isn't easy. It requires time, which seems

incredibly scarce. It demands attention, which is constantly pulled in multiple directions. And I believe it takes courage, as real presence makes us vulnerable to the pain and struggles of others.

Yet the rewards are immeasurable. Through our presence, relationships deepen, trust grows, and love flourishes. Most importantly, our presence with others reflects God's presence with us. After all, one of God's greatest promises is His presence: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

I want to be clear. We cannot be perfectly present like our omnipresent God is. We are going to fail in being present towards those we love and towards those we feel called to serve. We will NOT be able to be present for everyone in the way we would like to be. That's where we thank God for the Grace that He freely gives us when we fail to be present. Then, we lean on the Holy Spirit to give us the strength we need to be present in our relationships.

With that reminder of God's grace constantly in mind, I'm challenging myself this summer and I extend the challenge to you. Try taking one step toward more intentional presence. Maybe it's a technology-free dinner hour in your home, a coffee date with a friend, or time caring for your neighbor. Whatever it looks like, remember that your presence matters more than you know.

*In Christ,
Josh Kittleman*



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 Knock (alyssak@christoursavior.org).

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!

Alleluia!

Early Childhood Program Update

As we approach the end of another wonderful school year at Christ Our Savior's Early Childhood Program, we have much to celebrate and be thankful for! The past few months have been filled with continued learning, growth in faith, and special events that have helped strengthen the connections between our ECP families and our congregation.

One of the highlights of this spring was seeing so many of our ECP families at our Easter Fair on April 19th! This wonderful children's ministry/outreach event provided a joyful opportunity for our ECP children and their families to experience the Easter story in engaging ways. Children excitedly decorated cookies, participated in various crafts, and listened intently as Linda Hollman shared the meaningful message of resurrection eggs. The Easter egg hunt that followed was a great end to the afternoon! It was truly heartwarming to see our ECP families experiencing the joy of Easter alongside our congregation members and those in our surrounding community.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for our ECP Preschool Graduation on Thursday, May 29th. This special ceremony is an important milestone as we celebrate all that our graduating students have accomplished during their time in our program. Our teachers are privileged to witness tremendous growth in these children—not just academically, but spiritually as they've learned about Jesus' love for them. The graduation ceremony is always a meaningful touchpoint for families as they prepare for their children to transition to kindergarten and some brand new adventures! We invite congregation members to keep these graduating students and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this next step in their journey!

As we wrap up the regular school year and look toward our summer program, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to you, the congregation, for your continued support of

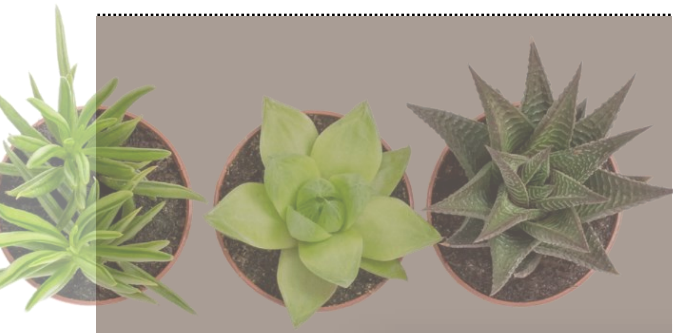


our Early Childhood Program. Your prayers, encouragement, and willingness to assist when opportunities arise (like our Halloween Trick-or-Treating event) have been a tremendous blessing to our staff, students, and families. We've seen God's hand at work throughout this year as children grow in their understanding of Jesus' love and families become more connected to our community.

Yet even though we are finishing up an academic year, our work continues! Please continue to keep our ECP staff, children, and families in your prayers as we finish this school year and transition into our summer program. Pray that the seeds of faith planted in our Early Childhood Program will continue to grow and flourish, and that the Lord would use this ministry to draw more families into His family!

-Josh
Kittleman





Reflections on *Children of Light* Women's Retreat 2025



Yetta Hrushka, Suann Dibble and Lisa Bartoszek reunited at retreat and recalled planning the 2000 women's retreat.

I'm a retreat "junkie." Whenever I learn about a retreat, I quickly write a check and register! Running on empty is a dangerous way to live. Since I'm daily expending energy on exercise, cooking, cleaning, baking, laundry, encouraging, Bible study, sewing, knitting, gardening, reading and writing, I know when I need "tune-up and servicing."

"Children of Light" retreat on March 22 presented a woman's view of Ephesians. From 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. I immersed myself in God's Holy Word. I sat between Charlotte Barel who joined our church two months ago and Vicky Grocki who joined COS one year ago.

Vicky told me, "I loved how seamlessly Judy Mayle, Pat Schultz and Raeann Kusch's individual presentations flowed together. The slides really

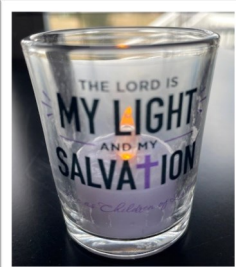
brought the ancient city of Ephesus to life and enhanced one's perspective on the many challenges Paul faced in bringing Christianity to the gentiles. The theme, Children of Light, is so applicable to Jesus's commission to pass the Good News of salvation to a sin benighted world. Attendees received much encouragement to let our lights shine through the darkness."

A flickering tealight candle sat in front of every woman during the retreat. Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Live as children of light. The above words were printed on each candle holder. Now my souvenir candle holder sits on my desk and reminds me to let my light shine.

Charlotte Barel share her thoughts. Charlotte said, "I enjoyed learning about the history and culture of Ephesus. I appreciated the speakers connecting Paul's teaching about Christ to their practices. My biggest take away



Dianne Sherman (seated left) served as Chairman of retreat. She created souvenirs of tealight candles.





Speakers (l-r) Judy Mayle, Raeann Kusch and Pat Schulz sit with Diane Christianson (far right) and another attendee



Maureen Osborne arranged flowers for table centerpieces. Marie Schlosser crafted paper butterflies for the floral bouquets.

was what Raeann said about our inner self-talk. Women need to be encouragers. As women we would never say the things we say to ourselves to others. My word for the year is: I am a child of God—created for Father God.

The highlight of the retreat is when I got up and played “Who Do You Know” bingo. With almost sixty women and seven churches present, there were lots of women I didn’t know. Lisa Bartoszek who co-chaired the 2000 COS Women’s Retreat was in attendance. I quickly reunited Yetta Hrushka and Lisa who co-chaired “Enjoying The Presence of God” led by Jan Johnson of Simi, CA.

Lisa Bartoszek said, “I liked the personalities of the speakers. Their styles complimented each other, one with a more deep dive approach and the other was more off the cuff and entertaining. All three speakers were intelligent women.”

Peggy Roberts, Executive Director, for AAA Pregnancy Resource Center, told us that ultra sounds are required on women to determine the cost of an abortion. Abortion costs increase \$100 for every week of gestation beyond twelve weeks. Eight out of ten women decide to keep their baby after the ultra sound. The resource center is funded one hundred

percent on donations. A large in-gathering of baby items for Luke Clinic and AAA Resource Center was received.

The retreat ended with the video “God Knows Your Name.” The lyrics and images filled me with love for my Lord. Jeremiah 1:5 ESV “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Just like the great prophet Jeremiah, God knows



Prizes were awarded to winners of “Who Do You Know?” Bingo. This handmade sewing kit is a treasure.



each of us by name. God asks us to daily live as children of light.

-Suann Dibble

Peggy Roberts (seated second from left) of AAA Pregnancy Resource Center offered Precious Feet pins to attendees.

Heavenly Father,
from ages past You
have always cared
for Your children.

May Your
steadfast love and
faithfulness in the
past give me the
assurance that You
will continue to
meet my every
need, whatever my
circumstances may
be. In the name of
Your Son our Lord
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Widow's Mite

Women's Ministry News and Updates

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. **They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.**" (Mark 12:41-43).

Mite Boxes for Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites"—offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

Mite Boxes for you to take home and fill are available for you on the shelves located at the entrance door in the narthex. The large wooden box on that same shelf marked MITES

is to empty the mite box into or directly make contributions.

Mite Boxes are used to collect money for missions.

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the mite offerings is sent to national LWML for funding mission grants and administration of the national LWML. The district retains seventy-five (75%) of mite offerings in its treasury for funding district mission grants and administration of the district program.

Mite money is used to further God's kingdom through the mission grants selected by delegates at district and national conventions.

Place your Mite Box wherever you can feed it: dressing table, office desk, laundry room, car, kitchen counter, etc. You might want to give a Mite Box to family members and friends. Once you have placed in your mite container, have loose change in your pocket, or just want to donate to the grants designated in Michigan or nationally by LWML place it in the wooden Mite Box located in the narthex. Counting on all of you to help support missions here and around the world



2024-2026 MISSION GRANTS

"The Love of Christ for Pity's Sake" - Orphan Grain Train - Michigan	\$ 25,000
Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarships for Michigan Men in Synodical Seminaries	\$ 25,000
CTSFW Food Co-op to Purchase Food for Seminary Students	\$ 15,000
ASL (American Sign Language) Storybook Apps	\$ 17,950
Scholarships for Female Students Studying to be a Deaconess or Professional Church	\$ 20,000
Proclaiming Christ to Those Living in Visual Darkness (Lutheran Braille Workers)	\$ 25,000
Welcoming All God's Children (Lutheran Special Education Ministries)	\$ 25,000

Be Thou My Vision (MOST Eyeglass Evangelism Outreach)	\$ 25,000
Powering the Expansion of Franklin Avenue Mission Mobile Ministries	\$ 25,000
New Shepherds for South Sudan (Lutheran Heritage Foundation)	\$ 18,000
Caribbean Children's Foundation Medical Clinic for Ile-a-Vache, Haiti	\$ 25,000
Afghan Refugee Ministry (St. Michael Lutheran Church, Portage, MI)	\$ 25,000
Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreats	\$ 20,000
Gospel Building for a Child's Future (Hands of Mercy)	\$ 14,500
Starting an Afghan Ministry in Michigan (POBLO International)	\$ 1,550
Total	\$300,000

Special Thanks



To all who helped make the women's retreat a success. It takes a village!! Thank you: Lindsay Miller, Sandy Baxter, Marie Schlosser, Maureen Osbourne, Laurie Riegel, Helena Hatten, Patsy Domingo, Mary McGrath, Lillian & Sophie

Fremder, Peggy List, Linda Marzinski, Sabine Guntzviller, Jill Olasz, Jill Ritzler, Joanna Eiwen, Nathan, Jenn & Emma Troike and Pastor Werner. Your assistance, participation and support is very much appreciated. *Editor's note: Thanks to Dianne Sherman for leading the planning team.*

Upcoming Events

May

May 12 – Quilt/Sew

May 16 – Game Night

May 26 – Quilt/Sew

May 24 - Quilt/Sew

June

June 9 – Quilt/Sew

June 20 – Game Night

June 23 – Quilt/Sew

June 14– Quilt/Sew

GAME NIGHT FOR THE GROWN UPS

WOW would like to have you join us for GAME NIGHTS slated for Friday, May 16 and Friday, June 20—from 6:30-9PM. A night of fellowship, comradery, a little competition, fun and laughter. What game(s) you ask? A little euchre, board games, Uno, dominoes, Yahtzee, five crowns, whatever you choose Bring a game or two that you enjoy playing. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk for both events. We hope to see you there!

-from Dianne Sherman

*For the Lord
has comforted
His people and
will have
compassion on
His afflicted
(Isaiah 49:13b)*

HOPE

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord

HOPE is a joyful confidence in the Lord

HOPE is in the knowledge that God hears our prayers,

Always cares, always loves

HOPE is a soul-soothing respite from the cares of the world

HOPE is an eager expectation of eternal life through

Jesus Christ our Lord

Diane Kaye

April 2025



Membership Updates

As of April 28, 2025

To keep the congregation informed about the membership of our church, the Board of Elders includes this update report in each Disciplegram. Every two months, this report is published of gains and losses and the reason for each change.

Included in this report 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@christoloursavior.org) or the church office (734-522-6830).

Deceased

- Matthew Schack on Feb 21, 2025
- Robert Housh on Feb 27, 2025
- Tom Brunsch on Mar 10, 2025
- Mark Edwards on Apr 1, 2025
- Brian Pearson in Apr 2025
- Michael Farabaugh on Apr 12, 2025
- Robin Shomo on Apr 16, 2025
- Mary Schlacht on Apr 25, 2025

Received by Baptism

- Elias Bryne on Apr 6, 2025
- Vivian Gustafson on Apr 13, 2025

Removed by Peaceful Release

- Cordelia Dessert on Mar 24, 2025
- Isaac Dessert on Mar 24, 2025
- Joseph Dessert on Mar 24, 2025
- Julia Dessert on Mar 24, 2025
- Michael Dessert on Mar 24, 2025
- Nathaniel Dessert on Mar 24, 2025
- Thomas Dessert on Mar 24, 2025

Removed by Transfer to Other LCMS

- Michael Salsbery on Mar 24, 2025

Unreachable Members:

- Thomas Nicholls (non-member parents Philip & Patricia Nicholls)
- Joseph Burke (non-member parents Thomas & Susan Burke)

Memorials and Gifts

In Memory of: Linda Zurek Dianne Tarbet Kathe Filip Kathe Filip Kathe Filip Dan Sherick Robert Housh Bob Zaske & Mike Farabaugh— Repair Team	Intended for: Food Pantry Quilting Ministry General Fund Youth Program Paving for the Future Paving for the Future Paving for the Future Paving for the Future	Given by: William & Deborah Reynolds Lois Drake, Dianne Sherman Joanne Hutson Gud French Ever Loved Community Rick & Bonny Shingledecker Karen Beard Gene & Bobbie Lucier
In Thanksgiving for: Her 93 rd Birthday	Intended for: General Fund	Given by: Margie Milz

Memorials and Gifts (cont.)

In memory of Bill Reynolds	Intended for:	Given by:
	General Fund	Nathan Bronsted, David & Beth Kosmalski, Tim & Kim Kostelnik, James & Susan Mitchell, Diane Morrison, Mark & Linda Reschke, David Ruth & Kathleen Aubuchon-Ruth, Rol & Marie Schlosser, Toby Sloan, Shirley Speirs, Dan & Christine Wiersig
	Music Ministry	David & Judith Cash, Lois Drake, Ruth Germeroth, the Hatten family, John & Janet Himmelspace, Bob & Gini Krenz, Philip & Jennifer Krauss, Cheryl Moldenhauer, Heidi & Bob Nance, Gordon & Edith Raezler, Jill Ritzler, Katherine Stasevich, Philip & Belinda Wehrheim, Elizabeth Williams
	Missions	Shirley Fabry
	Food Pantry	Michael & Shelly Bahr, Donna Chambo, Joanna Eiwien, Gudi French, Edward & Rita Grima, Mark & Mary Pugliese, Michael & Mary Scheidies
	Paving for the Future Family of God Ministry Funeral Luncheons	John & Eunice Smith, Bonny & Rick Shingledecker Linda Marzinski, Margie Milz Mike & Mary McGrath
In memory of Matt Schack	Intended for:	Given by:
	General Fund Music Ministry	Michael & Mary Scheidies Ruth Germeroth, Dianne Sherman
In memory of Bob Zaske	Intended for:	Given by:
	General Fund	Don & Pat Arnold, Nathan Bronsted, Diane Morrison, Michael & Mary Scheidies, Rol & Marie Schlosser, Dan & Christine Wiersig
	Food Pantry	William & Deborah Reynolds
	Handbell Ministry Paving for the Future	Lois Drake John & Eunice Smith
In memory of Mark Edwards	Intended for:	Given by:
	General Fund	Kyle & Linda Hollman, Kathy Kangas, Dave & Beth Kosmalski
	Music Ministry Paving for the Future	Ruth Germeroth Elizabeth Williams
In memory of Mike Farabaugh	Intended for:	Given by:
	General Fund	Rick & Tracie Conaway, Linda Marzinski
	Music Ministry Paving for the Future	Lois Drake, Gordon & Edith Raezler John & Ellen Fuhrman, Rick & Bonny Shingledecker



~~Classifieds~~

>>Two Cemetery Plots in Glen Eden in Livonia

The two plots are located in the Garden of Rest — Block 2, Section 6, Space #3 and #4. The owner is asking \$1,800 / ea. Further info on plots: NEW ones in that section of the cemetery sell for \$2,000 if purchased at the Glen Eden office.

Those interested can drive to the cemetery and check out the locations. The sale would be between the owner and the buyer. Then the seller would take the deed to the cemetery office and have the deed transferred over to the new owners. The office would mail a "new" deed to the new owners.

Contact: Judy Smith
3167 Windjammer Dr.
Spring Hill, FL 34607
352-403-8901
doodlesbyj@yahoo.com

>>One Lot Available in Glen Eden Cemetery

Asking \$1,000

Block 29-Garden of Ascension
Section 691
Grave #6

Contact: Jean Hishmeh (248-798-9233)

The Lighter Side



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