

DISCIPLEGRAM



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



Distractions and Disciplines



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Distractions require disciplines to get back on focus. What are your distractions these days, and what are your disciplines that return your focus?

I'd like you to consider a well-trained member of the military for a minute (though you could also think of any well-trained and experienced first responder or similar profession). The goal of the training of that soldier is to establish disciplines (habits) that prevent unnecessary distractions on the field of battle from keeping him from his objective. When he trains with his weapon, sometimes he does it at a shooting range with no extra noises or distractions around him so that he can become perfectly comfortable with his weapon and know exactly how it works, how to reload it, and how to fix it when it jams. Sometimes, though, his weapons training is on his belly, crawling in the mud with loud blasts and yelling all around him. Sometimes it's crazy cold out and at others it's horribly hot. Sometimes it's in a place that he knows well. Sometimes it's in a place that's completely new. The way I understand it, a well-trained soldier will be able to complete his mission regardless of all the distractions around him as long as he returns to his basic disciplines. The habits that he develops in training will save his life in the heat of battle. The distractions will pass him by, and his focus will remain on his goal ahead.

What is distracting you from Jesus these days? What is taking your focus off of the forgiveness that he won for you on the cross and the eternal life he has in store for you when he returns? Did the pandemic take your focus off of Jesus? Does it still? Have the events in Ukraine moved your attention away from the Scriptures? What about work, school, or family stresses? In a completely different way, what about

the pleasures of life? Does your nice, quiet car bring you more peace than time with Jesus? Do you run to the refuge of your comfortable bed rather than the one who is our true mighty fortress? Our sinful nature is such that we can turn even the good things God has given us into unholy distractions. There is seemingly no end to the distractions that can draw us away from Jesus.

As a soldier, then, we must return to our basic training. We must return most fundamentally to Jesus himself in faith-filled repentance, but the faith disciplines of our childhood, as well as the ones we have established over all of our years, serve to lead us to that repentance and dependence on our savior. The "Sunday School" lessons we know so well serve as constant reminders of God's love and faithfulness. The Scriptures we have memorized drown out the distractions and bring our focus back on Jesus' victory over sin, death, and the devil. The disciplines of personal prayer, corporate worship, family devotions, and the study of the Scripture serve as basic training for us as we encounter

a world that is often hostile to Jesus and his followers. In God's faithfulness, he constantly calls us back to our basic identity as his baptized and beloved children so that the distractions around us are not so distracting.

But perhaps you haven't established these basic disciplines. Perhaps you feel that you missed basic training somewhere along the way. Perhaps you weren't equipped with the arsenal of "Sunday School" lessons as a child. Take heart: through faith alone, you are forgiven and will be saved on the last day! Be of good courage: God will never leave you or forsake you! Trust your father in heaven and listen to him: he wants to develop these disciplines in you for your own sake. He wants your focus to remain on him and his son at all times, too.

Consider reading Hebrews 11 and 12. In chapter 11, you will find what is sometimes called the "hall of faith", an overview of many people whose focus remained fixed on Yahweh despite the incredible distractions around them. In chapter 12, you will be reminded that we, too, are to look to Jesus, "the founder and perfecter of our faith", and that God wants to establish this discipline in us.

May God grant each of us the discipline to look past all of the distractions around us and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus!



EASTER LILY ORDERS

Last chance: **DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 10th**. Find order-form envelopes at the Welcome Center, \$7/single-stem lily. Make checks payable to *Christ Our Savior* and place orders in Cheryl Moldenhauer's mailbox. You can either pick your plant up after the 11 a.m. service on April 17th, or beautify the church by leaving the plant on the altar.

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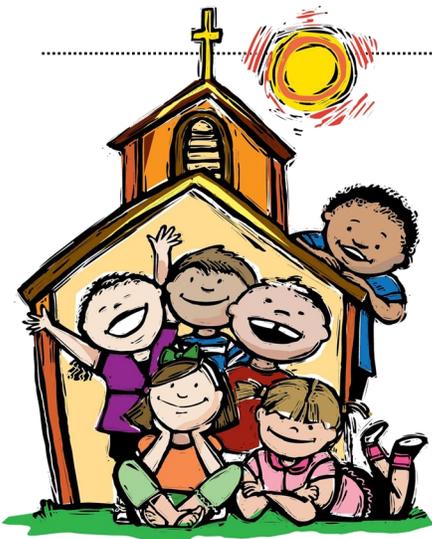
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Sunday School

Featured Ministry

How many years has it been since you were a student in Sunday School? Whatever part of the country or whatever church we grew up in, most of us can relate to the experience of heading to a Sunday School class on Sunday morning as a child. Our Sunday School program is an integral part of our Sunday morning worship activities. The worship service is where we receive God's gifts as a family, and the Sunday School classroom is where we dive deeply into God's Word. We learn about the life of Christ and the heroes of the Old Testament and understand what the fruits of the Spirit are. Chances are, you first learned about Noah and the ark or the tale of David and Goliath from Sunday School teachers. These lessons set a foundation of Scripture that we carry with us into the rest of our lives.

At Christ Our Savior, our Sunday School classes have continued through the lockdowns and quarantines, moving online for a time until today, when everything is back in person.

The Sunday School hour starts with all of the students together for a time of music followed by an introduction of the day's lesson. The kids sing songs they learned in VBS, as well as old favorites. Then, Karla Schettenhelm, our Director of Children's Ministry, gives an age-appropriate overview of the lesson of the day to everyone. Afterwards, the kids split into three age groups, Preschool 3 through Kindergarten, first through third grade, and fourth through sixth grade. In these groups they spend the rest of the hour having the lesson reinforced through discussion and activities as they build relationships with each other and their Sunday School teachers.

Dawn Cipa teaches the Preschool group, ages 3 through 5. She shares her perspective on this ministry:

Each week the preschoolers in the Sunday

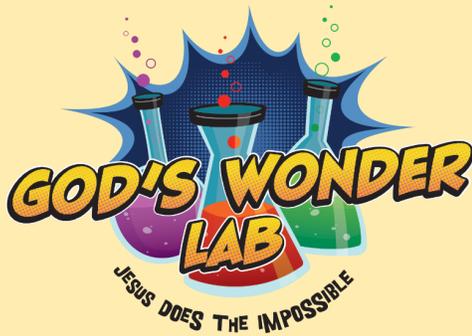
School program have the opportunity to hear, learn and grow in their faith. It is wonderful this year to see so many eager learners in our class and the fostering of friendships during our time together. The highlight of our time spent together is singing together as a group with the older Sunday school students and hearing an overview of our lesson for the week with Ms. Karla. It is amazing how much information the kids are able to retain and the excitement they have with the lessons they are learning. My favorite time of the Sunday school is during our group prayers. The kids are eager to lift up their concerns and praises to God. Teaching Sunday School is one of the top highlights of my week.

In our classes, we use the *Enduring Faith* curriculum published by Concordia Publishing House (CPH). The curriculum provides fun activities, appropriate for various age levels, to reinforce the Bible lesson each week. You may have noticed that our Sunday School, Youth group and even one of the Adult classes all follow this same curriculum. The idea is to present the same lessons, albeit on different levels with different discussions, to everyone, so families can carry on the discussions at home with each other. The family, then, grows in God's Word together. And the lessons in Sunday School never stop being applicable, despite our age or stage of life we can all learn and grow together by studying God's Word.

Talk to Karla (734-522-6830) if you're interested in learning more about our Sunday School program.



Scenes from online classes



Vacation Bible School

VBS is scheduled for **June 20-24**, 9:00 am—12:00 pm at Christ Our Savior. We welcome children from age 3 (and potty trained) to those finishing 5th grade.

We will need youth (those finishing 6th grade and up) and all ages of adults to join the fun in leading the children. We are hoping to have many children which means we need many volunteers. Please pray about this opportunity to serve.

Watch the weekly COS Updates for information about registering and volunteering.

If you can't wait to begin the fun and are interested in helping, contact Karla, karlas@christoursavior.org or 734-522-6830, to get started!

Blessed to be a Blessing

Distribution of Our Budget Surplus

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wanted to share some information with the congregation concerning the blessings that COS received in 2021 and the blessings that COS is providing to others with the budget surplus from the 2021 Ministry Action Plan.

COS was blessed to have a budget surplus of \$179,720 from the 2021 Ministry Action Plan (MAP). Several things played into these blessings being realized in 2021; less money was spent than projected for some projects budgeted for in 2021, savings were realized with the Thursday Repair Team doing a lot of the work in house instead of contracting out, and the congregation was very generous with their giving in 2021.

Pastor Davenport and staff presented to Council some of the ministries that they wanted to see COS bless. At the February Council meeting, Council had a robust discussion on what should be done with the 2021 MAP surplus.

Some ideas presented were to set aside a significant amount to supplement the 2022 MAP but Council recalled the following passages from Matthew 6:

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Council thought that it would be best to trust in the Lord that he will supply what is needed for COS to meet our 2022 MAP goals. We also considered that the congregation had provided COS with the funds to meet the 2021 MAP and that the surplus should be used to bless other ministries in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the Earth and in Jerusalem (Acts 1:8).

The following is how Council decided to bless other ministries with a “ThanksOffering:”

Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the Earth

- Christian Outreach For Africa (COFA), serving in Middelburg, South Africa and Kampala, Uganda
- Concordia Lutheran School (Redford, MI)
- St. Matthew Lutheran School (Westland, MI)
- Lutheran High School Westland (Westland, MI)
- Caring for Oxford (Oxford, MI)
- Livonia First Responder Foundation
- Family of God (Detroit, MI)
- The Luke Clinic, serving in Detroit and Flint, MI
- AAA Pregnancy Resource Center (Livonia, MI)

Jerusalem

- COS National Youth Gathering
- COS MOST Mission trip
- COS Staff Appreciation gift
- COS New Ministry Programs
- COS Early Childhood Center

Let's praise the Lord that COS has the opportunity to bless other ministries during these especially trying times. Let us also trust in the Lord that He will provide all that COS needs in 2022. If you would like any additional information on this, please speak with any member of Council or with Pastor Davenport.

Arlo Wiltenburg, Council Chair

Erik Kuszynski, Council Vice Chair, Mary McGrath, Council Secretary, Shelby Shonce, Council Treasurer, Shari Colwell, Ruth Dobberfuhr, Andrew Lewis, Randy List, and Steven Reschke

Sola Scriptura— Staying True to God's Word

Pastor Cronkright on Joyce Meyer



A couple of Sundays ago, I specifically named Joyce Meyer as an enemy of the cross. Many people were troubled by this bold accusation. I admit that could have chosen an easier target, but the reactions following my sermon have shown me that perhaps Joyce Meyer was a target worth taking aim toward. To be certain, she has done some wonderful things for others. For example she has helped many women recover from sexual abuse. Praise God for that! But this was specifically about her theology. I could write a long article defending what I said, but I want to do something else.

Martin Luther, when asked to recant his works and accusations against the Papacy said the following: “Unless I am convinced by the testimony of Scripture or by clear reason, I am bound by the Scriptures.” I am convinced that much of what Joyce Meyer teaches contradicts God’s Word and so I am going to let her speak for herself and let you make the decision of whether or not you should listen to her.

Joyce Meyer on Christ’s sacrifice: *“He became our sacrifice and died on the cross. He did not stay dead. He was in the grave three days. During that time he entered hell, where you and I deserve to go (legally) because of our sin. He paid the price there...Jesus paid it on the cross and went to hell in my place. Then as God had promised, on the third day Jesus rose from the dead. The scene in the spirit realm went something like this: God rose up from his throne and said to demon powers tormenting the sinless son of God, ‘let him go.’ Then the resurrection power of Almighty God went through hell and filled Jesus. (The Most Important Decision You’ll Ever Make, page 36)*

The apostle John records in his account of the crucifixion the words of Jesus: “After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:28-30).” Notice how he says that it is finished. The cross was enough. The apostle Paul seems to think so as well, noting that “I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2),” for it is there where He

“reconciled to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross (Colossians 1:20).”

Martin Luther is also quoted in our Confessions of the Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord (Article IX) that, “we simply believe that the entire person, God and man, after the burial descended into hell, conquered the devil, destroyed the power of hell, and took from the devil all his might.”

Joyce Meyer on her sin: *“I am not poor. I am not miserable and I am not a sinner. That is a lie from the pit of hell. That is what I were and if I still was then Jesus died in vain. I’m going to tell you something folks. I didn’t stop sinning until I finally got it through my thick head I wasn’t a sinner anymore. And the religious world thinks that’s heresy and they want to hang you for it. But the Bible says that I am righteous and I can’t be righteous and be a sinner at the same time.”* (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhDBwJVQv_o)

John writes in his first epistle that, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us (1 John 1:8).” Paul echoes this in his notorious battle within ourselves as both saints and sinners in Romans chapter 7: “For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish. But if I am doing the very thing I do not wish, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me...wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from this body of this death? (Verses 19-20, 24).

The Lutheran Confession in the Augsburg Confession, Article XII of Repentance says that we “condemn the Anabaptists, who deny that those once justified can lose the Holy Ghost. Also those who contend that some may attain to such perfection in this life that they cannot sin.”

Let the reader understand.

Peace in Christ,

Tyler R. Cronkright

Tyler welcomes comments and questions at
tyler@fogdetroit.com

Meet Our New Members



In the life of our church our membership is constantly changing, and we rejoice when we have the opportunity to see it grow. This past February we welcomed new members and we want to give everyone the chance to get to know them better. Here are short biographies from each new member to help you get acquainted. If you see any of these faces in the hallway or around church, make sure to say hello and introduce yourself!



Mark Edwards: I'm a returning member. I left COS to attend Tabernacle of Praise in Canton.

I then transferred to St. Philip's in Detroit when Rev. Dr. Lewis received a call there.

I'm following my brother Jim Edwards and sister Diane Christianson as members of COS.

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I, **Carl Galka**, am a cradle (Roman) Catholic (baptized, catechized, first communion, confirmation) that, early in adulthood, wandered away from the discipline and practice of that Christian church. I credit my wife, Kirsten, before she became my wife, that lead me into the Lutheran church (ELCA) where we were married more than four decades ago. The ELCA over this time has progressively drifted away from scriptural truths it once taught, preached about and practiced appeasing the demands of current cultural influencers. My wife and I find COS provides the best opportunity for us to nurture our long held Christian beliefs and faith.

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Michelle Long: I grew up in Livonia where I still reside with my two dogs, Maddie & Geordi. For many years I have bred and shown Bull Terriers, finishing their AKC Championships, with one trip to the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York and to different places that I might not have ever visited otherwise. I am currently the Office Administrator at Mt. Hope Church in Livonia. I have been in the Lutheran Church (ELCA) for the last 30 years. I am very thankful and happy to have found Christ Our Savior (the one good thing to come out of covid). I look forward to meeting and getting to know more COS members in the near future.

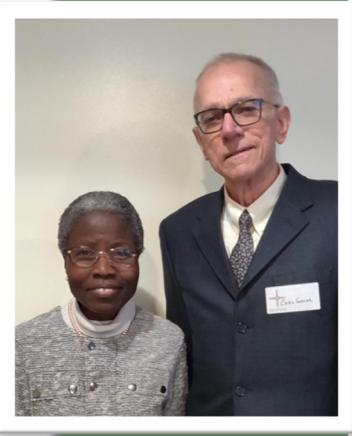
My name is **Amy Milz** and I live in Farmington Hills. I was born in Detroit, the youngest of four children and attended Lutheran schools from 5th grade through college. I am a trainer at United Wholesale

Mortgage in Pontiac. Before that I was a trainer at the Volkswagen call center in Auburn Hills, and before that I was a Lutheran school teacher for 16 years. When I'm not working, I enjoy reading, watching movies (at home and in theaters), working jigsaw puzzles, and spending time with my family. My mother, brother, sister-in-law, and nephew are members of COS; it's been a while since I could worship with my family so I'm very thankful I can do that now that I live closer to them. I look forward to getting to know my new church family and seeing where and how the Lord will have me serve Him here.

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Janet Provan: I was raised in a Christian family (LCMS) in Illinois. My husband and I moved our family to Michigan in 1966 and I have lived in this area ever since. I have three children and three (grown) grandchildren.

I was looking for a



church closer to my home and after attending Christ Our Savior I was drawn back because of the traditional service and inspiring messages that I remember growing up. The friendly atmosphere was also a plus!

I look forward to being a member here and hopefully being able to contribute to the work of the church.



I would like to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me from my prior years at COS. My name is **Bill Farmer** and, although I am involved in many things, my family is my life. I have two daughters, Pam and Susan. Pam and her

husband, Joe, have four children; three have graduated college and have begun careers of their own and the youngest is in her junior year at MI State. Susan and her husband, Kevin, are raising two daughters who are now in the 4th and 5th grade. They are current members of COS.

I am the owner of a manufacturing company and enjoy many hobbies which include boating (both power and sailing), old cars, and trips to Florida.

I look forward to once again becoming a member of COS and worshiping with my family and my many long-standing friends.

Ted Rize has decided to join COS after experiencing the welcoming atmosphere of its members and hearing his wife Patricia speak highly of its members. He feels the COS Foundations Class has given him the insight necessary to make his conversion. Ted is retired from General Motors Corporation and has three sons, Eric, Tim and Cody, and three grandchildren. He is a retired high school football coach and enjoys turkey hunting and ice fishing.



My name is **Nancy Stasevich**. I was married at Christ Our Savior in 1993 to Nick Stasevich. We have two adult sons, Alexander and Michael, both of whom were baptized at Christ Our Savior. Nick's mother, Katharine Stasevich, has been a long-time member at Christ Our Savior. We returned to Christ Our Savior in March of 2021 and have been attending ever since. I am looking forward to participating in ministry at Christ Our Savior and growing in my faith and my relationship to my Heavenly Father, His Son, my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and the All-Holy and Life-Giving Holy Spirit: "To God be the glory forever and ever. Amen." (2 Tim 4:18)



Barbara Weidendorf comes to Christ Our Savior after a lifetime at the now-shuttered Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Detroit. She was drawn here by the nice people and beautiful music. Barbara's parents, Celia and Charles Weidendorf, are also members here at Christ Our Savior. Barbara lives in Farmington Hills. Her passion for teaching resulted in Barbara's career as a public school teacher, primarily of German. Barbara's other interests include reading mysteries, pinochle, and embroidery.



The BAKE SALE Is Coming!

April 10th is the day! WOW/LWML will hold a bake sale following both services. We know there are numerous baking talents at COS and look forward to your participation! Donations of homemade baked goods such as pies, cookies, cakes, breads, and muffins are appreciated. All items should be labeled especially noting if items have nuts or are sugar- or gluten-free.

Please package your baked goods in disposable containers and drop them off in the church

kitchen or the lounge on **Saturday, April 9th** between 11-2 p.m.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday to help set up and on Sunday to help during the bake sale and clean up.

Donation/volunteer forms are available at the Welcome Center, put the completed forms in the striped box. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Smar (734-522-5341).

All proceeds will go towards the youth program at COS.





Updates from Strategic Operations Committees

It's been a year since we held our Strategic Operations Workshop to reassess where Christ Our Savior is headed and where it needs to go. The outcome of that workshop was several committees to address the areas that needed immediate improvement. You can read our posts on the blog to refresh your memory, if needed. Several of the committees have served their purpose and been dissolved. There are a few still running, or nearing the end of their purpose, and we want to keep you, the congregation, informed of everything that is happening.

Future Staffing Needs (Addressed by the Personnel Committee)

Many people have been wondering about future staffing at COS, a question going back to Pastor Bayer's retirement in January of 2019. As you may recall, the Strategic Operations Task Force asked the Personnel Committee to do a staff analysis which was completed and presented to Pastor Davenport, the COS Council, and the congregation last fall. Since then the Personnel Committee has been working with Pastor Davenport to address the suggestions offered by the analysis.

The most significant suggestion of the staff analysis was to add "a full-time, called (commissioned) staff member – [a] Director of Family Life." The Personnel Committee will be offering a job description for this position to the council in April and the congregation in May. The goal will be to begin the processes of

bringing this person on staff sometime this summer.

In consultation with Pastors Davenport and Eden, the position probably will not require LCMS commissioning, but the committee will be recommending the new position be filled by someone with a call. Because the position may require a call, we will be seeking a committee be formed at the May Voter's Assembly with the authority to either assist the pastors in hiring a non-called person, or function as a call committee depending on the need. The voters will have to vote to allow this contingency role for this search committee.

This new position will have many of the responsibilities of a director of family life, but with other areas of responsibility as well. For example, we picture this new staff member to be able to develop inter-congregational relationships focusing on families and small groups, as well as assisting in outreach, Christian education, and equipping members for service within both the church and the community.

Phil Krauss, Chair of the Personnel Committee
Committee Members: Bill Reynolds and Elizabeth Williams

Community Needs Committee

Christ Our Savior's Community Needs Committee has been active in finding new ways to connect our congregation to the

community—with the hope that we will be able to use these connections to share the good news of the Gospel.

You may recall hearing about some of their projects from the January/February Disciplegram, congregational reports, or announcements in the COS update. Some projects that were recommended include the development of a comfort dog ministry in response to community disasters, participation in activities at Wellspring’s Livonia Woods Nursing Facility, support for the First Responders Foundation, volunteerism at St. Mary’s hospital, and partnering with FEMA’s Long Term Recovery Group (disaster relief provided with other western Wayne County congregations), led by Officer Brian Kahn of the Livonia Police Department.

Additionally, they have encouraged advertising in Livonia Today, a quarterly magazine which goes out to all households in Livonia. They also advised on the development of a new, attractive trifold brochure to gracefully acquaint and inform others about Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. These brochures are being placed at receptive locations such as senior living apartments, restaurants, social services, and in Chamber of Commerce packets. They welcome suggestions of other places to use these brochures!

A wide array of Lutheran Hour Ministry brochures has been made available in the narthex, to apply the healing Gospel to hurting individuals in a variety of circumstances. Feel free to browse through them; maybe some would help a friend, relative, or neighbor of yours. You will be strengthened in your faith and equipped with Scriptural wisdom to share with others!

Belle Isle

Looking beyond Livonia’s borders, committee members Gini and Linda focused on non-traditional organizations which are committed to the well-being and enrichment of the community. The beauty of nature and its ability to inspire and uplift our spirit brought to mind “Pure Michigan”, Michigan’s Department of Natural Resources, and, in particular, Belle Isle as an appropriate community need. They discovered that there are volunteer projects on the island—a great opportunity for young (or not so young!) adult groups. There are organized Saturday morning work groups which

remove invasive species and shrubs led by island-employed naturalists, and (for you social butterflies) greeters are needed at Scripps Conservatory and the Belle Isle aquarium for 3½ hour shifts. Training is provided—so bring your buddy and have some fun with a unique experience!

Faith and Blue

This is a collaboration of the Livonia Police Department and the U.S. Justice Department to connect with Livonia’s faith communities to help build stronger communities through respect, trust, and understanding.

One of Livonia’s first Faith & Blue events was held at Greenmead’s Harvest Festival this past fall. Police officers handed out free T-shirts, cider & donuts, bottles of water, participated in pumpkin face painting and brought along their K9 “officers” for demonstrations. It was a fun couple of hours interacting with the police and getting to know them in this fun setting.



For next year’s event, Christ Our Savior would gather together an interested committee and contact the LPD community liaison officer to donate supplies, offer assistance in the events, and make recommendations for possible activities. We are experts at fun & games! We might even have some give-aways of our own, like cross bracelets!

As always, more specific information will be forthcoming as these projects develop.

Committee Members: Gini Krenz and Linda Waara

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Spiritual Gifts/Congregation Survey Committee

- Edited and mailed out the membership profile to all our COS members to update our church data base
- Worked with the Board of Elders to contact inactive members concerning their desire to

continue as COS members

- Reviewed and updated the listing of COS ministry opportunities and the new member orientation manual
- Overviewed the Bible listing of spiritual gifts and proposed leading a Bible class on the gifts to the pastors

Linda Hollman, Committee Leader

Committee Members: Mark Anders, Mary Courvisier, Tom Oberman, Joanna Rebb, and Rick Wolfram

Communications Committee

You have (hopefully) noticed the updates that the Communications Committee has brought about in our congregation. We have increased communication to the congregation at large by producing the Disciplegram every two months, and mailing it to our membership, which you hold in your hands or are reading online at this very moment. We are also providing different ways to access information, by providing it in different formats. For example, the Disciplegram and the weekly COS Update are printed, emailed, and also posted on the website and

available through the app. Facebook is being utilized as a means to advertise upcoming events and share pictures and post news. Our group understood the importance of educating our congregation in the use of technology, and towards that end Tech Tips are posted weekly on facebook and included in the slides at church to help our members understand the capabilities of our app and access information on the website. Bulletin boards are updated with information about events on the calendar, our missionaries, pictures of new members, Council meeting minutes, Elder assignments, and other information that would be helpful to our membership.

Our team continues to assess the communication at Christ Our Savior and see where we can improve. We always welcome your feedback, either by sending us an email, making a phone call, or dropping by the office to chat with me (Alyssa) personally.

Committee Leader: Alyssa Anders (734-522-6870)

Committee members: Sandy Baxter, Larry Dibble, Amy Ingersoll, and Erik Kuszynski

Friends. Grow. Camp.

Camp Concordia

If you are looking for a Christian camp experience for your kids or grandkids, consider Camp Concordia!

Dr. Craig Oldenburg, the executive director of Camp Concordia, describes the camp this way:

“Camp Concordia is your partner in influencing life-long faith, engaging kids in a Christ-identity with earthly meaning—with the ability to see and build worth in others and make a difference.

Young people are around positive role models. My dedicated summer ministry staff are trained to mentor young

people in positive life values; provide safe, fun activities for kids that lead them into encounters with Jesus and deep faith conversation; teach kids to listen when others speak; and understand when to step back or step in. All staff undergo interviews, referrals, national background checks and get almost two weeks of professional training...

...Over the last decade, Camp Concordia has gone from a trickle of campers to full cabins with dozens of kids. Hundreds of parents have trusted Camp Concordia with their kids. Ideally, they'll bring home a growing Christian faith, new-found friends, increased self-confidence and skills, and a suitcase full of life-long memories.”

Visit campconcordia.org for more information or to register your children for a camp.



Memorials and Gifts

In memory of:	Intended for:	Given by:
Betty & Sharon Priebe	Bells	Lois Drake
Betty & Sharon Priebe	Music Ministry	Jill Ritzler
Betty & Sharon Priebe	Youth Summer Trip	Kitty Witt
Dave Milz	Good Samaritan Fund	Jill Ritzler
Elda Juengel	Miscellaneous Memorials	Reynold Juengel
Pat Kalitta	Forever Young Ministry	Barbara Karowich
Patricia Kalitta	General fund	Dennis & Ann Marie Ross
Robert S. Marzinski	Music Ministry	Ron Meyer
Todd Zaske	Music Ministry	Lois Drake
In Honor of:	Intended for:	Given by:
Margie Milz	Music Ministry	Sharon Fischer
90th birthday of Margie Milz	General Fund	Margie Milz
Gifts in memory of Dave Speirs		
Intended for:	Given by:	
General Fund	Thomas, Pamela, & Michelle Caravallah, Jill Ritzler, Ron & Sue Meyer, Harry & Elaine Flagg, Douglas & Christine Speirs, Dan & Christine Wiersig, Michael & Ruth Farabaugh, Katharine Stasevich, Eugene & Joann Rogers	
Music Ministry	Mike & Mary McGrath, Lois Drake, Robert Zaske	
Altar Guild	Bruce & Sandy Baxter	
Forever Young Ministry	Barbara Karowich	
Funeral Luncheons	John & Ellen Fuhrman	
Missions	Shirley Fabry	
Sr. Youth Group	Karen & Natalie Hansen	
Gifts in memory of Douglas Reschke		
Intended for:	Given by:	
General Fund	Mary, Jessica & Jason Reschke	
Miscellaneous Memorials	Tim & Kim Kostelnik, Karen Schlichting	
Music Ministry	Ronald & Susan Meyer, Robert Zaske, Michael & Ruth Farabaugh	
Gifts in memory of Ray Gadowski		
Intended for:	Given by:	
Forever Young Ministry	Barbara Karowich	
General Fund	Kathleen S. Aubuchon/Ruth & David G. Ruth, Judy & Steve Ernst, Ruth Germeroth, Jill Ritzler	
Music Ministry	Sharon Fischer	

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The Lighter Side



For those of you who drive, if you must speed on the highway, please sing these...

45 mph: God Will Take Care Of You

55 mph: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

65 mph: Nearer My God To Thee

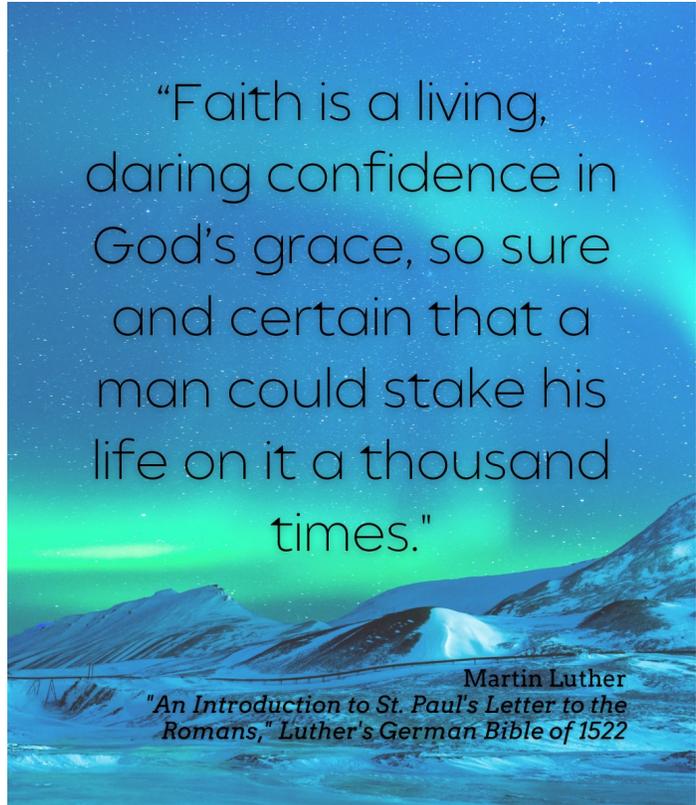
75 mph: Nearer Still Nearer

85 mph: This World Is Not My Home

95 mph: Lord, I'm Coming Home

Over 100 mph: Precious Memories

Food For Thought



"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."

Martin Luther
"An Introduction to St. Paul's Letter to the Romans," Luther's German Bible of 1522

Easter Events



Easter Fair

Families are invited to join us for our Easter Fair on **Saturday, April 16** from 10 a.m. to noon. We will provide crafts and Easter fun including an Easter Egg hunt. There is no cost and no need to pre-register. Encourage your kids to invite a friend, and we hope to see you there!

Holy Week Services

April 14 **Maundy Thursday** 7:00 p.m.

April 15 **Good Friday** Worship 12:30 p.m.
Tenebrae 7:00 p.m.

April 17 **Easter Sunday** Sunrise 6:30 a.m.
Communion 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

April 17
7:30-10:30 a.m.

Support our Youth!

