



April, 2020

the MESSENGER

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36 Broad St Suite 100
Oshkosh, WI 54901

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
9:00 am-Noon

SUNDAYS

9:30 am Worship



ONLINE FOR NOW

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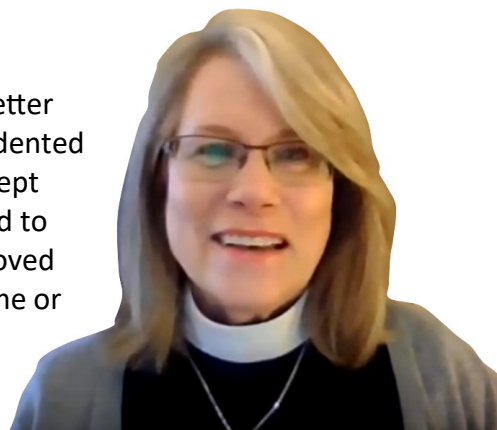
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PRESIDENT

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Hello My Friends!

We're sending you this very abbreviated newsletter to connect with you in the midst of an unprecedented time. This new strain of the Coronavirus has swept over our world and put life as we're accustomed to it on hold. First of all, I pray that you and your loved ones are well. If you do not hear directly from me or someone from our congregation, please do not hesitate to reach out and let us know how you are doing. We are trying our best to connect.



Daily (and sometimes hour-by-hour) I receive news that changes plans for me, my family and our church. And yes, we are still church. It's just that we are being challenged to operate as a community in a different way. Social distancing is our kind and wise response to a virus that is becoming more active in our community. This is not a time for panic, however, but rather a time to be intentional. My prayers go out to those who feel isolated, who have had plans fall apart or find themselves confused or scared. As I have witnessed first-hand, we are a people who have already proven ourselves to be open and flexible in times of uncertainty. We have been blessed to be reminded that we have a strong and steadfast God in the midst of change. And because of that, we have found new vitality and mission—God's mission that won't be put on hold for anyone or anything.

At times like these, I find the Psalms particularly comforting. In Psalm 46, we are reminded that God's got this! That we are not the only people who have felt overwhelmed and vulnerable. So, we can experience 'peace in the pause' as we trust in God's power and love for us. As we continue our journey through Lent, we can relate to the disciple's apprehension as they accompany Jesus to Jerusalem. Yes, we're in unfamiliar territory. But we have the best travel companion in Jesus - who confidently moves forward with us in mind. It's a new day and time where we have found ourselves adjusting once again. So, how do we remain a community? We physically distance ourselves from others... but not emotionally. We just need to be more creative as we find new ways to gather using the technology afforded to us - either by phone or computer. And let's not forget that we can write a note to lift someone's day. Today, I thank God for you and also for such options!

Your Partner on the Journey,

Pastor Connie

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah* - Psalm 46:1-3

COUNCIL UPDATE

The council and Pastor Connie met at Mark and Mary Backus' house on Saturday, March 14th, to discuss the COVID-19 virus and its effects on our congregation. Following the meeting, we suspended worship on location and will continue as church online through Palm Sunday for now. We will keep you informed as we know more. We will be checking our mail and phone messages regularly. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call...

Pastor Connie - 920.904.5919 or

Keven Harvot - 920.379.0829

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kevin Harvot	<i>President</i>
Susette Hall	<i>Vice President</i>
Barbara Shew	<i>Secretary</i>
Ron Lippold	<i>Treasurer</i>
Gloria Heidl	

FINANCIAL UPDATE

February, 2020 Report

Total Offerings:	\$ 3,927.00
Other Revenue:	\$ 1,943.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 9,576.38
Net Profit/(Loss):	(\$ 3,706.38)

2020 Year-to-Date Report

Total Offerings:	\$ 8,773.35
Other Revenue:	\$ 3,336.78
Total Expenses:	\$ 20,150.88
Net Profit/(Loss):	(\$ 8,040.75)

Lets stay connected

We are offering different ways to connect with you....



FACEBOOK LIVE WORSHIP

9:30 am

FB LIVE DAILY DEVOTIONS

Mornings with Pastor Connie



GROUP VIDEO BIBLE STUDY

To be Announced



VIDEO LIBRARY OF SERMONS

Christ Lutheran Oshkosh Channel



PHONE CALLS AND EMAILS

Let's talk!

LIKE our FB Page to catch up on the latest posts.

We are also uploading our videos to YouTube. To find our YouTube Channel, go to YouTube.com and search for **Christ Lutheran - Oshkosh**



Please Don't Forget Your Offerings!

All-too-often, we forget to give our offerings when we are not present at worship. But it is so important to continue giving so we can continue to operate as church together. Both Pastor Connie and our office secretary Barb Schneider will continue to work regularly to keep the ministry running. Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope. Simply include your offering and mail it back to us. Thank you!

You also may be able, through your bank's online payment system, to send future offerings to us.



This month, we celebrate

Riley Myers	4
Kyle Spanbauer	5
Chris Carpenter	6
Danna Carpenter	6
Kastin Roberts	8
Sofia Parrish	10
Marcia Hoppe	11
Samantha Kalmerton	15
Steven Stark	18
Janice Smith	18
Eric Palmquist	19
Taran Fischer	19
Liping Eberhardy	20
E Arthur Rehbein	21
Karisa Gorski	21
Jennifer Andre	25
Nancy Reichenberger	29

Did we miss your birthday or get it wrong?

Please contact the office to let us know!

Email us at clcoshkosh@gmail.com
or call 920-231-6570.

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Articles and information due
in the church office
Monday, April 20th



Easter Flowers on Hold

Waiting on Sunday We Can Gather

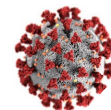
There's a strong chance that we will not be able to gather in person for Easter. Holy Week services most likely will be on Facebook Live. When we are able to gather once again, we will be having a Sunday Resurrection service. When that date becomes more clear, we will be taking orders for flowers to celebrate the occasion.

CANCELED & POSTPONED

Due to COVID-19's presence, the following events have either been cancelled or postponed. We will be advertising new dates for those events that will be rescheduled. The important thing that is happening is the conscious effort to honor the need for social distancing.

- EPIC
- WELCA Spring Conference
- Midweek Lenten Services
- Fill the Gap March Workshops
- Synod Holy Land Trip
- Worship Services through April
- Synod Assembly
- South African Companion Synod Visit

COVID-19



RESOURCES

We've included the COVID-19 Fact Sheet from the Wisconsin Department of Health. Their website is also listed on this sheet. Other sites:

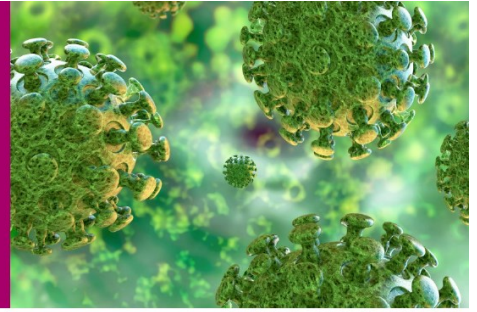
Centers for Disease Control:
www.cdc.gov

East Central Synod COVID-19 Resources:
<https://ecsw.org/covid-19-resources/>

ELCA COVID-19 Site:
www.elca.org/publichealth

COVID-19

(Coronavirus Disease 2019)



COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person-to-person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new form of coronavirus that was first found in people in December, 2019. It has the potential to cause severe illness in some people.



How is it spread?

- ▶ People with COVID-19 can spread it to others when they cough or sneeze. The virus is found in droplets from the throat and nose. When someone coughs or sneezes, other people near them can breathe in those droplets.
- ▶ The virus can also spread when someone touches an object with the virus on it. If that person then uses their hands to touch their face, mouth, or eyes, the virus can make them sick.



What are the signs and symptoms?

- ▶ Fever
- ▶ Cough
- ▶ Shortness of breath



How can it be prevented?

- ▶ Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if you do not have soap and water.
- ▶ Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze, and then throw the tissue away. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve.
- ▶ Do not have close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are feeling sick.
- ▶ Clean and disinfect surfaces thoroughly.



What should I do if I have symptoms?

Call your doctor if:

- ▶ You have been to an [affected country](#)* in the past two weeks or have had close contact with someone who has a confirmed COVID-19 infection. **Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) to learn which countries are affected*
- AND
- ▶ You have symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

