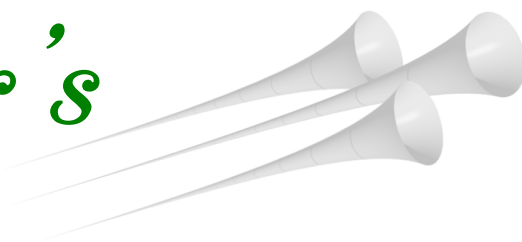


## *The Savior's Call*



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy fall beautiful Children of God! Welcome to our fall edition of the Savior's Call. The plan for the upcoming year is to have a quarterly newsletter. As you read this issue of the Savior's call you will see that COS is in full swing. We are engaged in worship, music, and outreach. We are living our basic mission to love God and to love each other. We have lots of ways at COS to engage in both.

A reminder that we have been worshiping every Sunday at 10am. We have not missed a Sunday since the pandemic began. Church has never closed. On a Sunday morning we offer three ways to worship at 10am. You can come inside and worship, we do ask that you wear a mask. You can worship via Zoom. Or you can worship on the live stream via Facebook. Please make sure you read Bill's article on the music taking place during service.

I know for many of us there is a deep desire to return to normal. Let us trust though in Christ Jesus while we may never return to normal we can still find the familiar. The familiar in the bread and the wine, the fellowship found in Christ, and the love for all people. Christ will be present in those moments.

The familiar is going to be found this fall in our fellowship activities like the Clam boil at the end of the month and our nearly month long Pumpkin Patch. There will also be a Trunk or Treat on October 23 in the parking lot as well as a clothing drive. It is a mix of fun and outreach trusting that wherever two or three are gathered the Holy Spirit will show up. Sunday School is also beginning on October 3. We will be having Sunday school on the first Sunday of every month during the year. (See the page in the newsletter)

One final note, if you are feeling at all disconnected, would like a pastoral visit or a specific prayer request please let me know. If you are going into the hospital for any type of procedure and would like prayer beforehand please let me know. I am never too busy for that.

May God bless you this Fall, I look forward to seeing you all.

Pastor Paul



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CONGREGATION PRESIDENT

### DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

I am always amazed that the Back-to-School season feels like Christmas; we know it comes the same time every year and yet surprised when it is upon us. Here at Church of the Savior, this time of year includes planning retreats, a new fiscal budget, property and building maintenance and of course a call to return to Church; students, teachers, staff, and congregation as we gear up for a season full of teaching, learning, worship, fellowship and doing.

Taking a look at September, we have welcomed over 100 students and staff back to school, outside groups that use our facility are meeting again, cleaning and maintenance crews are in full swing and so is our calendar of events thanks to our faithful council, members and Nursery School. A Congregational goal for the season is to kick off events each month that support our community at COS through fellowship and opportunities to serve our neighbors; God's Work, Our Hands. Will you get involved and connect with our family of Christ, neighbors and school? Please take a look at our calendar and see what conjures up a spirit of "I need to do this!"

I encourage you all to be proactive about your involvement, find your voice and call to worship and serve, reach out to neighbors and friends and let them know what COS is doing and invite them to support our mission as Christians to serve and love our neighbors with Joy, Love and in Peace.

Susan Conrad

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Do you follow COS on social media? Keep informed with church news, event notices, pictures and video across many platforms. Look for us at [Facebook.com/COSParamusnj](https://www.facebook.com/COSParamusnj); [@COSParamusnj](https://twitter.com/COSparamusnj) on Twitter; [@COSparamusnj](https://www.instagram.com/COSparamusnj) on Instagram and [YouTube.com/COSparamusnj](https://www.youtube.com/COSparamusnj). Join this online community of Lutherans!.



## NURSERY SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

Welcome to Theresa Gorman, the new Director for our Nursery School!

Theresa began her teaching career at Church of the Savior nearly 20 years ago. Over the years, she has been instrumental in developing much of the school's current curriculum, including Study Buddies, Summer Camp and Fun Fridays. In addition to her ability to connect with children, Theresa demonstrated an aptitude for leadership. She took on Head teacher responsibilities in 2016 and was selected as Director upon Gail Hayman's retirement.

Assuming the directorship in June, Theresa has already made an imprint on the school. She is expanding the musician program, adding Claudette Kline to the staff as Music Director. Claudette, who has been sharing her musical gifts with Church of the Savior for years, will now instruct our students in the joys of music. Theresa also managed our most successful summer camp yet, with enrollment at full capacity.

I'd also like to announce Tiffany Gomez's promotion to Head Teacher, the position vacated by Theresa. Tiffany's role includes curriculum development, classroom and student evaluation, and teacher mentorship. Tiffany has worked side-by-side with Theresa for several years and now has the opportunity to share her experience and knowledge with the staff in a more formal capacity. I'm excited to be partnering with Theresa and the staff to institute new programs and expand the educational opportunities offered by the Nursery School. We ask for God's blessing on our staff and students as we begin another school year.

Laurie Feingold  
Board of Education Deacon

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nursery school





## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Our nursery school families returned on September 13th to begin our 2021/2022 school year. We are very excited to be back and are looking forward to a successful, safe, and healthy year.

Our plans for the Fall include an in-house petting zoo field day, a Harvest musical program conducted by our new music director, Claudette Kline, and a Halloween parade. We will also be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat towards the end of October in conjunction with our Pumpkin Patch.

Moving into November we will hold our annual Open House to introduce potential families to our school. We will also be preparing for Thanksgiving by exploring God's many gifts to us and ways we can give thanks for them.

The teaching staff, led by our head teacher Tiffany Gomez is using the platform of Google Classroom to communicate with parents and supply supplemental teaching materials for the students. It has proven to be an excellent method of keeping individual classes informed on a weekly basis. The staff is always looking into ways to better improve communication and the learning experience for our students. Our ultimate goal is to use technology in a productive way while maintaining the personal touch we are so well known for. We thank you for your support as we continue our mission of "Making Love Grow."

Theresa Gorman,  
Director



## NURSERY NEWS



## THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING

We will be having our second pumpkin patch fundraiser this year. We partner with a group called “Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers.” The pumpkins will be arriving on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The sale will be from October 9 to October 3, from 10am to 6pm. We cannot sell on Sunday’s per town ordinance.

The pumpkins are 100% grown in the United States in New Mexico blessed with high elevation, dry air and limited insect population. This creates for an excellent pumpkin.

Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers also exercises sustainable agricultural practices. They implement crop rotation, varying crops from year to year to limit pest problems thereby reducing the need for insecticides. As PPF writes “We use cover crops to prevent soil erosion & suppress weeds. This limits the need for the use of herbicides. We use soil-mapping technology, which enables us to use the optimal amount of seed and fertilizer. This allows us to maximize yields efficiently. All Pumpkin Patch products are non-GMO. These responsible agricultural practices mean that we provide a great product, which has less of an impact on the environment.” So you are getting a great pumpkin and one that is better for God’s creation.

While the proceeds from the sale will be used to support our largest ministry in the Nursery School, it is also important to remember that the money returns to an operation which employs 700 Native Americans during the harvest region in an area with 42% unemployment. Each pumpkin sale is a sign of loving all God’s people.

Please mark the dates. We are looking for volunteers on the unloading day October 9 and throughout the sale. Please email Janet in the church office at [church@cosparamus.org](mailto:church@cosparamus.org) to volunteer.

***\*Dates & times are subject to change based on delivery***



## MUSIC MINISTRY AT CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR

Despite recent challenges our congregation has had to deal with, our unity, effort and love is the highest I can recall since being a child here in the 1950s. For this we thank God!

We are blessed to have many musicians in our congregation as well as guest performers and have had many solos during our church services. Some of us have also created music videos to share on Zoom, a new (and also fun) work experience.

As we now begin to transition to more in person worship, we are starting (after a year and a half) to have more of a choir. Please consider joining us in choir, even if you never have before.

We are also starting to have more of a Worship Band functioning again in our midst. And we're planning to resume our Music at Savior concert series next year. In the meantime, please pray for us and our work, that God be truly glorified in all that we do.

*~Bill Vollinger*





## SERVING IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH

October 9 - 31 is the Church of the Savior's Pumpkin Patch and an opportunity to become involved in an active outreach mission for COS. We can volunteer to help sell the pumpkins, but we also can commit to using this opportunity of meeting many new people and practicing Open Listening.

Last year, during several sessions during which I tended the pumpkins, I became involved in conversations with several people about God, Church of the Savior, our beliefs and our openness to people who may not completely conform to some idea of Christianity. These wide-ranging conversations were initiated by the shoppers and surprised me. But they also made me realize that our Pumpkin Patch wasn't really just a fund raiser, it was a chance to speak quietly, but passionately about what we believe in.

How do we do that?

We don't do it by pushing our beliefs and preaching to people. We do it by practicing what is known as Open Listening. Open Listening is shifting from what we want to say to being open to listening to what they want to tell us. What are their passions, their fears, their needs? Ask questions that will open them up to telling you what is on their minds. Waiting with an open heart and ears for the moment when they ask a question is most important.

Examples:

If they want to know about our church, ask them what they are seeking in a church. If they want to know about God or your beliefs, ask them what they believe about God and what are their beliefs. If they ask you why you are there or a member of the church, you can say because you are passionate about God and practicing your beliefs in this church with other believers. But then, ask them what they are passionate about? What are they are seeking? The goal is to get to know them, their needs, their passions, their questions, not to answer or force your thoughts on them.

Giving Open Listening a try will give us a wealth of knowledge about the people in our area, their dreams, their passions, their needs, what they are seeking. We can use this knowledge to determine some next steps for Church of the Savior.

Volunteer when you are able to Serve in the Pumpkin Patch. And good Open Listening!

By Maggie Harrer,  
Stewardship





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Join Us for Our  
**Louisiana Clam Boil**



**Saturday  
October 30  
2pm - 5pm**



Enjoy a beautiful bounty of clams, shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes boiled in Old Bay Seasoning, garlic & onions, Louisiana style. A chicken version will be available as well.

Proceeds will go to Lutheran Disaster Response to help victims of Hurricane Ida. Sign-up ASAP to help make this event a success.

You can stay and enjoy your meal outside on the beautiful grounds of Church of the Savior, or take it home to enjoy.

A pick-up and delivery service will be available for those of you who can't make it out or wish to stay home.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Please RSVP by Sept 30 to Janet @ 201-261-9452 or [church@cosparamus.org](mailto:church@cosparamus.org)

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## CHILDREN'S *Sunday School*

Sunday School will be the first Sunday of every month, starting on Sunday, October 3. It will take place during worship.

Worship will include a children's message then dismissal for Sunday School instruction.

Children will return for communion/blessing.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

Oct 3	Sunday School During Church
Oct 6	Back-to-School Night
Oct 9	Pumpkins Arrive - Help Needed Setting Up the Patch Crop Walk - Van Nest Square, Ridgewood, NJ
Oct 9	First Day of Pumpkin Sale - After Set-Up
Oct 11	Church & School Closed - Columbus Day Council Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 20-21	School Picture Days
Oct 23	Clothing Drive from 9am - 1pm Trunk or Treat from 12pm - 3pm
Oct 30	Louisiana Clam Boil from 2pm - 5pm

### NOVEMBER

Nov 7	All Saints Sunday Sunday School During Church
Nov 5	School Closed - Professional Day - Open House
Nov 21	Congregational Meeting
Nov 25	Thanksgiving Day Worship & Zoom 9am
Nov 25-26	Church & School Closed - Thanksgiving
Nov 28	Advent Wreath Making & Lunch After Church

### DECEMBER

Dec 1	Advent Service 7pm
Dec 5	Sunday School During church
Dec 8	Advent Service 7pm Council Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 15	Advent Service 7pm
Dec 22	Advent Service 7pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve 7pm & 10pm Worship Christmas Carol Sing 9:30pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day 10am Worship
Dec 27-31	School Closed - Christmas Vacation
Dec 31	Church Office Closed - New Year's Eve

Calendar subject to change. Stay connected to dates through Worship and Week In View.



The church office  
will be closed  
October 11  
In observance of  
Columbus Day.

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