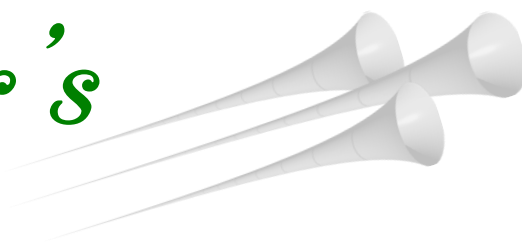


The Savior's Call



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"[Jesus] unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' " – Luke 4: 17b – 19

Beautiful Children of God, I continue to see you proclaim the good news of God's kingdom in this world. We had a most wonderful Advent and Christmas Season. We began it with the multi-purpose room full of families making advent wreaths as we prepared for the coming of Christmas. We celebrated weekly Advent services as well with a theme that Darkness is Holy. We had a wonderful Christmas weekend where we worshipped our new born king with five different services. This year we added a 4pm Family service where the kids told the Christmas story through the pageant. You will see pictures of these events in our newsletter.

As we move through the time after Epiphany there are a lot of opportunities for us to serve Jesus with love. We will be attending an informational session on what congregations can do to accompany Afghan refugees on February 8th. We also have a monthly outreach and evangelism that has begun. We will be participating in a book club with the NJ synod as well as learning about the African American history of quilt making. All are part of the Jehu Jones Bishop's challenge and us as a congregation to have conversations about race and become aware of our history. This is part of our baptismal promises which call us as Christians "to strive for justice and peace in all the earth." Throughout the newsletter there will be further information on these events.

We continue to worship every Sunday. We have never stopped worshipping as I will continue to remind us. You can worship in person on zoom or via Facebook. Christ is fully present wherever you worship. I am hopeful we will celebrate communion again starting on the First Sunday in Lent, March 6, 2022.

Finally, we continue to trust God. We trust God is guiding us as we go. We will continue to be the hands and feet for God's redeeming work in his world.

~ Pastor Paul

PHOTOS FROM OUR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Sanctuary was decorated with our Nursery school as angels, shepherds and kings.



The Baptism of Peter Gavagni



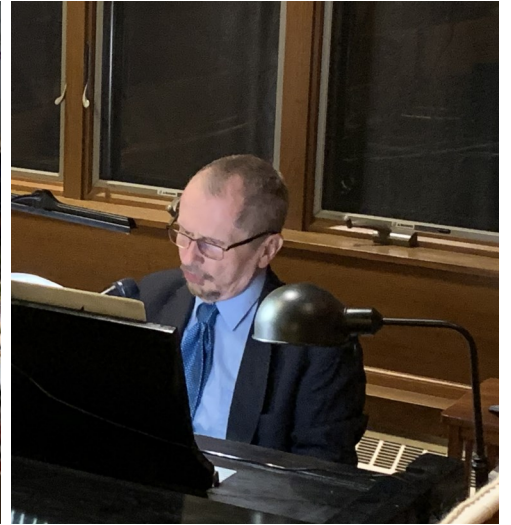
Christmas Pageant



Advent Wreath Making



Bill Playing During Worship



Pageant



Advent Wreath Making



**A MESSAGE
FROM YOUR
CONGREGATION
PRESIDENT**

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

Happy New Year! Let's welcome 2022 with open arms and pray that we will see the pandemic reduced as we continue to anticipate and plan for our future. God is with us and how lucky we are that we have that knowledge, the technology and the will to meet, stay connected and worship our Lord.

This Fall was a season of renewal as we entered into our fiscal year. We continued teaching, learning, worshiping, fellowshiping, and sharing Christ through our actions, as Pastor preached this past Sunday; Christ is love.

What will you do in 2022? Our leadership team spoke last year about service, passion and vocation. What keeps us engaged at Church of the Savior? What interests do we each have and how do we see ourselves being called to service, deepening our faith and strengthening our communities?

I asked the Council & Congregation to set a goal to hold an event each month that supports our community at COS through learning, fellowship, and opportunities to serve our neighbors; God's Work Our Hands, continued Monthly food offerings, Walk-In dinners, Fund Raisers for a cause; to name a few. Will you get involved to volunteer & connect with our family of Christ, neighbors and school? Please keep in mind how you can engage in the events coming up and pick one, two or more! Mark it on your calendar and be present, steadfast in your faith and committed to COS and our community.

The Holy Spirit is working among us. Be alert and hear this nurturing voice 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 Faith.

Peace
Susan Conrad



QUILTING IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN TRADITION



February 16th, 2022 in Room 5 and Soom

On February 16th at 7:00pm, join Professor Steven Hobbs for a Zoom presentation about the traditions of quilting in the African American tradition. Dr. Hobbs, a retired law professor, is a renowned storyteller and quilter who has given presentations throughout the country. His educational and inspirational stories will connect our Bishop's Challenge quilt project to the history of quilting.

To Register:

https://reg.learningstream.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0034-0015-2c409fa10b1c4fbda40d0939ac8153ad.

BOOK STUDY

February 22 at 7:30pm in Room 5 and Zoom

Join Bishop Bartholomew for a discussion of Isabel Wilkerson's book, *The Warmth of Other Suns*. This book uses the stories of three families to tell how and why millions of Black Americans left the South between 1915 and 1970 in what is known today as The Great Migration. We will look at how the Great Migration continues to influence life today for all of us.

Both evenings will be similar in content; please join us for one of them online.

Numerous reading guides can be found online – one from the publisher can be found at: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/190696/the-warmth-of-other-suns-by-isabel-wilkerson/9780679763888/readers-guide/>

To register: https://reg.learningstream.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0034-0015-c257be25b4a4468b98f8accdbd57e122

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NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year from the Nursery School Staff! Covid has presented us with some challenges this school year however, we are remaining positive. Sadly, our Christmas program was cancelled but Santa made a special appearance while families were given the opportunity to drive by and wave. Our anonymous donor purchased a nighttime story Bible and Christmas coloring storybook for each student in the school. The staff was treated to a lovely Christmas dinner party from another anonymous benefactor. We are ever so appreciative and it was just the pick-me-up we needed!

We have just completed our theme week, "The Museum of Natural History." The staff decorated the halls to represent some of the most famous exhibits while the children created beautiful artwork to enhance the experience.

The children are learning how "Jesus Grew and We Grow Too". They are also focusing on the weather and Groundhog Day. We all hope that the predictions show an early Spring!

Looking ahead, the 3 year old classes will be starting color weeks, while the 4 year old classes will be learning about the Presidents. Both groups will be making crafts for Valentine's Day.

Registrations are steadily coming in for September 2022. We have also begun planning for our summer camp which will run for 7 weeks. We have many fun themes in the works!

Thank you all for your continued support.

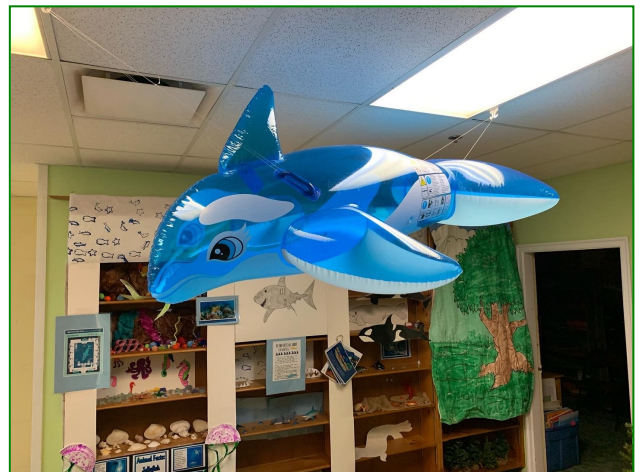
Theresa Gorman,
Director



NURSERY NEWS

Nursery School Annual Theme Week

This year the nursery school for their annual theme week transformed COS Into the American Museum of Natural History





MORE FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANKS

Church of the Savior supports both the Paramus Community Food Pantry and The Center for Food Action in Englewood. Many of our members make monthly donations in our unique cloth bags. Here are some ways to help stretch the value of your donations.

Picking a specific day or week to bring in your offering is a good reminder to help the food banks. By scheduling your donation, it serves as a reminder to assemble food and personal care items.

Look for the weekly sales. We tend to donate brands that we personally use to the food banks. If we use peanut butter brand A, but peanut butter brand B is being offered at an attractive price, buy some of the brand B peanut butter specifically for the food bank.

Look for coupons in the newspaper. Remember that you can purchase brands or items that you usually do not use yourself. Sometimes, you get really lucky and use your coupons on sale items.

Shoprite, Stop and Shop, The Fresh Grocer and other stores offer digital coupons. By going to their websites, you can find additional discounts that are either not marked on the store sale price or act as an extra price reduction. You need a member's club card to take advantage of the digital coupons.

Sometimes, you can get an item FREE with a digital coupon. You may not ever use Brand X oatmeal, but the food bank has a person who can use that oatmeal.

Drug stores like Rite Aid sell food, beverages and personal care items. Their prices are usually higher than the supermarkets, but they have sales. Also, using your store membership card may result in a lower price than the supermarket's.

Using these suggestions can help stretch the volume of your donations to the food banks supported by Church of the Savior as we do God's work with our hands.

~Ed Moderacki



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MUSIC MINISTRY AT CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR

MUSIC AT SAVIOR

March 5, 2022 at 7pm

After a two year hiatus Music At Savior will return. Baritone singer Nicholas Calabresi will be performing on March 5th at 7pm. In-person and on zoom. Masks will be required for those attending in person.

NOT ON OUR MAILING LIST?

SUBSCRIBE TO IT VIA THIS QR CODE.

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1. Open the Camera app from the Home Screen, Control Center, or Lock Screen.
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3. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.



BOLDY SERVING OUR AFGHAN NEIGHBORS

Need is growing following evacuation of thousands of Afghan refugees to the United States, and we hear the call to bear witness to God's love with Afghan newcomers who have lost their homes and must make new beginnings. **Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA Ammparo** and **ELCA Advocacy** will help congregations and individuals answer the call to engage in co-sponsorship, financial support and advocacy meaningfully and effectively as we rise to show welcome in the days and years ahead.

REGISTRATION: <https://bit.ly/ELCAwebinarServingAfghanNeighbors>

We will be meeting in room 5 on this night. You are welcome to register yourself as well. I will also send out the link as we get closer to the event.

Go and...!

GO AND...!

The "Go and...!" outreach ministry began last Thursday. We had several participants from COS involved. Next event is February 24



Maristela Freiberg

January 27 at 9:10 PM · 🧑🏻



Today we started the "Go and...!". Thanks to everyone that participated. We heard some powerful and inspiring testimonies. God is up to something among us! I'm so grateful for these folks and their ministry.

Next "Go and...!", a monthly virtual gathering of the NJ Synod about evangelism and outreach, will be on February 24, 2022. If you are not register yet, here is the link:

www.njsynod.org/discipleshipandwitness See less



Go And...!





UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

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| Feb 8 | BOE Mtg - 6:30pm |
| Feb 8 | Afghan Refugee Resettlement Info—Room 5 & Zoom |
| Feb 13 | Council Meeting: Following Worship |
| Feb 16 | Quilting African American Tradition
7pm—Room 5 & Zoom |
| Feb 21 | President's Day: Church Office Closed |
| Feb 21-25 | School Closed - Winter Break
Bring a Friend to Church Sunday |
| Feb 24 | Go and...! 7pm Room 5 or Zoom |

MARCH

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| Mar 1 | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Celebration |
| Mar 2 | Ash Wednesday: 12pm & 7pm Imposition of Ashes
Westwood (1:30pm) |
| Mar 6 | Sunday School |
| Mar 8 | BOE Meeting - 6:30pm |
| Mar 9 | Lenten Service - Sign-Up Dinner: 6pm - Service: 7pm |
| Mar 16 | Lenten Service - Sign-Up Dinner: 6pm - Service: 7pm |
| Mar 20 | Congregational Meeting |
| Mar 23 | Lenten Service - Sign-Up Dinner: 6pm - Service: 7pm |
| Mar 24 | Go and...! 7pm - Room 5 or Zoom |
| Mar 30 | Lenten Service - Sign-Up Dinner: 6pm - Service: 7pm |



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



The church office
will be closed
February 21
In observance of
President's Day.

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