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CHRIST OUR SAVIOR NEWSLETTER

Looking back, looking forward

BY PASTOR ANNA SILCO

I have almost been your pastor for a year now! Time really flies. It was nice celebrating all the ministries and activities we have done this past year at the annual meeting. As we look toward this next year, I am excited to see what ministries will emerge, as we discern what God is calling us to do. I am grateful that our congregation will be a part of the program "Congregations Lead Initiative" which helps congregations discern what kind of innovative ministries to implement, specifically focusing on outreach to the community. In looking towards the future, we have been taking steps in making our downstairs space more functional and inviting for our current needs and hopes. The office that has been the Pastor's office, is now going to be a meeting room for Bible Studies and committee meetings to meet, with couches and a table for gathering.

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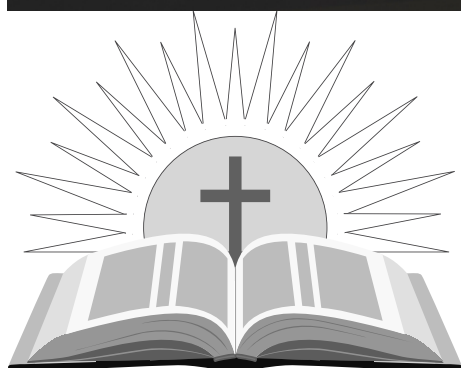
The office with the printer, and the first office you encounter when coming downstairs, will be both the Pastor's office, the admin's office, and a shared office space for church work. We hope to make one of the rooms downstairs a dedicated youth room, and also are looking into renting out some office space as well. We also have been looking into creating a memorial park by the Garden, and have started a fund to get that rolling. We will continue to imagine and look forward to seeing what lies ahead, while also taking time to celebrate our past and the ways the God has blessed us and worked through us. So much ministry has happened inside and outside the church walls, it is a gift to see, and a gift to continue to imagine what more lies ahead. May God help us and guide us.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Anna

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT STARTS FEBRUARY 14TH



GATHER BIBLE STUDY

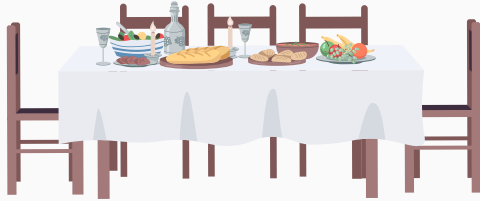
We will meet February 1st from 10:30am-12pm for Bible Study. We will be using the Gather magazine, which has published Bible Studies for small group use. The topic for is “Scripture and Nature” You can subscribe to receive your own copies, or pick up extra copies at the church. Pastor Anna will lead discussion and conversation, your voice and stories are always welcome!

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WORSHIP & MUSIC



We are going to continue with the ELW liturgy setting 4 through Lent. Also, on Sunday February 4th after the potluck, we will have a conversation about transitional from the Seder Meal to the Table of Our Lord dinner, Our Worship and Music Meetings will be every 3rd Tuesday at 10:00am. The next one is February 20th at 10:00am.



COUNCIL NEWS

Be sure to check out the minutes from the last meeting, which can be found on the website under "Council Corner". Our next Council Meeting is Sunday January 14th at 11:30am.



NEW ADMIN

Welcome Heather Tibor, our new administrative assistant. She also is the admin for two other churches in Anchorage: Lutheran Church of Hope and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.



ANNUAL MEETING

You can find the minutes to the annual meeting on the website, under "Council Corner." We elected John Morrison, Linda Matthews and LaVonne Gullikson as our new council representatives. We give thanks for Jessica Morrison, Terrie Brown, and Gary Matthews for their service on council.





PASTOR'S CORNER

I hope you are staying warm and enjoying the winter! I look forward to journeying with you this upcoming Lenten Season.

KIDS CORNER

Glacier Bible Camp is in Juneau, AK for those entering 5th-9th grade and will be July 29th-August 3rd. Let Pastor Anna know you are interested, as she will be the adult companion who flies.



The Winter Confirmation session starts January 7th and is meeting at Lutheran Church of Hope on Sundays from 4:30-6pm for 6 weeks. We are in partnership with Central Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church of Hope, and Gloria Dei.



MERCY THE FARMER

We have raised money to buy 2 water buffalo, 2 goats, 2 pack of a garden sees. We are now going to raise money for garden tools! Thanks for your generosity for the Heifer international project.

SUNDAY school

We will be starting up Sunday School again on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in February.