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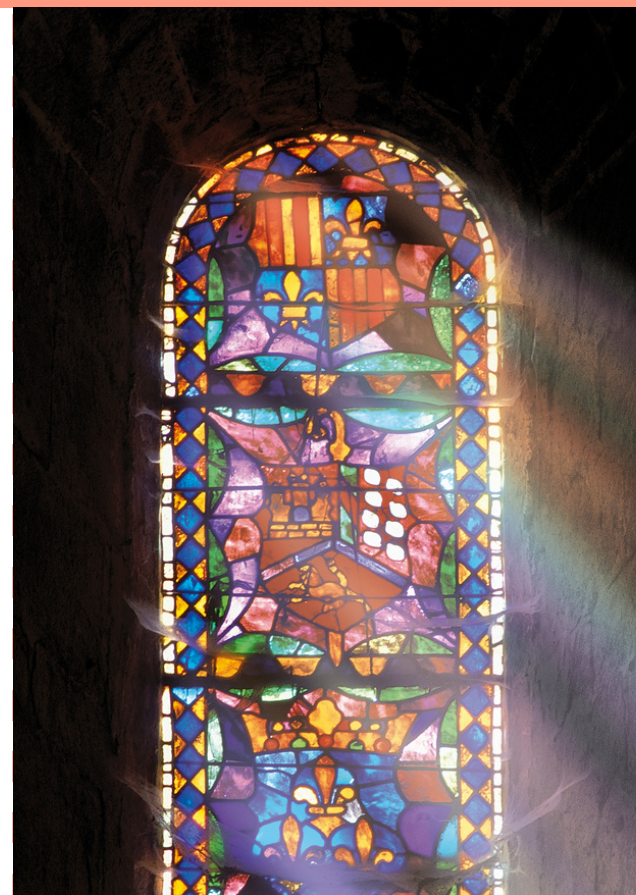
ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 22

AFTER CHURCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

During this period of transition as we prepare to welcome a new pastor into our community, we are invested in making sure all voices are heard. All church members are encouraged to come and participate.

We will be voting in new council members (maybe you!).

Several Council member positions will be vacant. It is good to have fresh faces at the table from time to time! No special knowledge is needed, just a love of God and our congregation, and an interest in the way we show that love to the world. Please prayerfully consider if this is a way you can serve at COSLC.





COSLC BIBLE STUDY UPDATE



Join us on the **1st Thursday of each month at 6:30pm on zoom!**

Start the new year out right by joining in a four-session study of the Ten Commandments, written by ELCA pastor and Bible study author Christa von Zychlin. Pastor Christa will help us see how these commandments are so much more than they may appear at first glance. Get ready to explore old and new interpretations of God's laws, using resources including Luther's Small and Large catechisms and more.

You do not need to have a Gather magazine subscription to join the Bible study. COSLC has purchased extra subscriptions that enable any number of us to access the materials online. **Please call Carol Bras at 907-378-8981 if you want to know more about this.** The material will also be displayed on Zoom during the study.

To join us for the second session on **Thursday, February 2, at 6:30pm**, click on the link below (or copy and paste it to your device).

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/821060061?pwd=L3lxT3lldmRGQjVUUHMzQS90RWJIUT09>

Or enter this meeting ID and passcode:
 Meeting ID: 821 060 061
 Passcode: Gather2day

PSALM 105:23

23 Is-ra-el also came into E-gypt; and Ja-cob sojourned in the land of Ham.
 24 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.
 25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.

Moses Was Used to Free Israel

26 He sent Mo-ses his servant; and Aa-ron whom he had chosen.
 27 They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.
 28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.
 29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.
 30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.
 31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.
 32 He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land.
 33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their ground.
 34 He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number.
 35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.
 36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength.
 37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold; and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.
 38 E-gypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.
 39 He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.
 40 The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
 41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river.

God's Faithfulness to Israel

42 For he remembered his holy promise, and A-bra-ham his servant.
 43 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness.
 44 And gave them the lands of the heathen; and they inherited the labour of the people:
 45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 106

God's Mercy Endures Forever

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
 2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? who can shew forth all his praise?
 3 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.
 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation.
 5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.
 6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
 7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in E-gypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.
 8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's

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sake, that he might make his mighty power be known.
 9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, through the wilderness.
 10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
 11 And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.
 12 Then believed they his words; they saw his praise.

Israel Sinned Repeatedly

13 They soon forgot his works; they were not for his counsel:
 14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.
 15 And he gave them their request; but he leanness into their soul.
 16 They envied Mo-ses also in the camp, Aa-ron the saint of the LORD.
 17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and covered the company of A-bi-ran: the flame burned up the company of the wicked.
 18 They made a calf in Ho-zeb, and worshipped the molten image.
 19 Thus they changed their glory into the multitude of an ox that eateth grass.
 20 They forgat God their saviour, which done great things in E-gypt:
 21 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, terrible things by the Red sea.
 22 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Mo-ses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, he should destroy them.

Israel Refused to Enter the Land

24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word:
 25 But murmured in their tents, and they ened not unto the voice of the LORD.
 26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness, and to scatter them in the lands.

Israel Worshipped Idols

28 They joined themselves also unto Ba-pe-or, and ate the sacrifices of the Dead.
 29 Thus they provoked him to anger: their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.
 30 Then stood up Phin'-e-has, and executed judgment; and so the plague was stayed.
 31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.
 32 They angered him also at the water strife, so that it went ill with Mo-ses for sakes:
 33 Because they provoked his spirit, so he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
 34 They did not destroy the nations, commanding whom the LORD commanded them: but were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.
 35 And they served their idols: which were snare unto them.
 36 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and daughters unto devils.
 37 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters,

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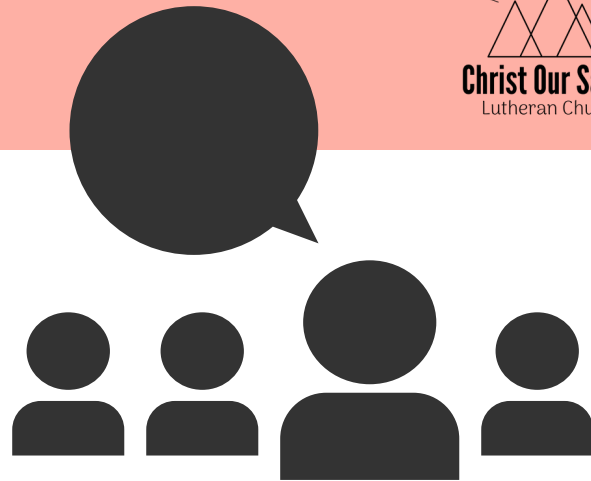
JANUARY COSLC BIRTHDAYS

- January 6: Otilie Bergh
- January 19: Dan Gullickson
- January 23: Janelle Sweeney
- January 25: Amy Hellmich

Happy Birthday!

If you would like your birthday or anniversary to be listed in the newsletter, please either
1) let a Council member know or
2) update your information in Breeze.





COUNCIL CORNER

Welcome to 2023!

The Annual Meeting is January 22. We will share some tasty treats, vote on the proposed 2023 Fiscal Year Spending Plan, and hold council member elections.

Here are your 2022 council members:

- President – Jessica Morrison
- Vice President – Ky Holland
- Treasurer – Carol Bras
- Secretary – Linda Matthews
- Members-at-Large – Terrie Brown, Gary Matthews, & James Spillane



Thank you for your year of service!

We will be discussing our 2023 goals and intentions for the new year. With a clear plan, support, and lots of prayers, we can achieve these goals together and rejuvenate our spirits to continue this ministry and enjoy a thriving church.

Please join us on **January 22nd** in the **fellowship hall after church** for the Annual Meeting!





ELCA Alaska Synod Updates

2023 Alaska Synod Assembly April 28-30, 2023

Christ Lutheran Church
128 N. Soldotna Avenue
Soldotna, AK 99669

The keynote presentations and some workshops will be available online, but voting members should attend in-person. The schedule and event book will be available in April.

Register on the Alaska Synod Website:
elcaalaska.net



Western Alaska Disaster Recovery Assistance

To address the immediate needs of the communities in Western Alaska affected by the typhoon

Donations can be made through:

- with a credit card on the synod website: elcaalaska.net/
- the synod office (to support congregational ministry to and with those impacted) via check or credit card over the phone
- the Alaska Community Foundation's Western Alaska Disaster Recovery Fund, 3201 C Street, Suite 110, Anchorage 99503 (<https://alaskacf.org/>)



Prayers of the Church



Holy and Gracious God,

You forget no one and you accompany the lonely.

Be present with those on our prayer list who are sick, suffering, healing, or in need of support:

Kay Awe; Inge Hallum; Barb Fleming; Art Morton; Cindy Adams; Carol Roadifer. We pray for peace and comfort for those who are grieving losses. Offer guidance and encouragement to those navigating difficult times.

Bless the ministries of our church and guide us as we map our plans for the new year.

Bless our building and synod partners: Rabbit Creek Preschool, Boy Scouts Troop #209, Redeemer URC, the Alaska Synod staff, Lutheran Social Services of Alaska (LSSA). Support us in our missions of spreading your love in the world.

Amen.





CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Where we are Inspired by God's Love to Praise, Nurture, and Serve

We **Praise** God in Worship, Song and Prayer

We Delight in the Diversity of All of God's Children

We Support & **Nurture** One Another through the Love of Christ

We Gather to Grow through God's Grace

We Reach Out, **Serve**, and Incite Miracles



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May you feel God's peace this month and always.