

APRIL 2023

COSLC NEWSLETTER



Our (Lenten) Journey Together

BY PASTOR ANNA SILCO

My official start date at COSLC was on Ash Wednesday, which also happened to be the start of the season of Lent! It was a nice coincidence to be called and begin as your new pastor at the beginning of a church season. Especially a season in which we journey together with intention towards the central story of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus. It seems to set the tone well for ministry, as we journey together, with Christ at the center of what we do. As we lead up to celebrate Holy Week, my prayer is that we experience Christ's presence and good news of life altering love, that inspires us to continue to praise, nurture and serve together on this journey ahead. I am excited to be apart of COSLC and the ministry that God is calling us to! I'll leave you with one of my favorite Psalms on the following page. It is a Psalm that was used as a liturgy or prayer for a journey, Psalm 121, and seems fitting to center us for our journey, reminding us of God's presence and guidance through it all.

Blessings, Pastor Anna



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PSALM 121

1 I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE HILLS—
FROM WHERE WILL MY HELP COME?
2 MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD,
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.
3 HE WILL NOT LET YOUR FOOT BE MOVED;
HE WHO KEEPS YOU WILL NOT SLUMBER.
4 HE WHO KEEPS ISRAEL
WILL NEITHER SLUMBER NOR SLEEP.
5 THE LORD IS YOUR KEEPER;
THE LORD IS YOUR SHADE AT YOUR RIGHT HAND.
6 THE SUN SHALL NOT STRIKE YOU BY DAY
NOR THE MOON BY NIGHT.
7 THE LORD WILL KEEP YOU FROM ALL EVIL;
HE WILL KEEP YOUR LIFE.
8 THE LORD WILL KEEP
YOUR GOING OUT AND YOUR COMING IN
FROM THIS TIME ON AND FOREVERMORE.



Join Pastor Anna for a Spring Psalms Bible Study We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings at the church from 10-11am for a 4 series Bible Study.

Session 1- April 20th- Prayers for Help
Session 2- May 4th -Hymns of Praise
Session 3- May 18th- Songs of Thanksgiving
Session 4- June 1st- All the rest!

Come to one or all! More Bible Study opportunities will be offered in the future, so if you cannot make it to this series, stay tuned.



Meet Pastor Anna Silco

Installed as COSLC's Pastor on March 6, 2023

Hello, I am Pastor Anna! I am the new pastor at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, and I am so excited to be partnering in ministry with this wonderful community.

I am originally from Indiana, and I received a degree in Religious Studies and Studio Art from Indiana University. I then spent a year in Eswatini, a small country in Southern Africa, teaching English at a preschool and partnering with the Lutheran Church in the area. I met my husband at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago where I attended seminary, and after we were married, we spent a year in Thailand teaching English. I, along with my husband, have enjoyed learning from and alongside many different people and cultures, which led to us to be Co-Pastors in Shishmaref, Alaska, a small Inupiat village 120 miles north of Nome. Our ministry in Alaska continues, as my husband is now the Pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Anchorage, and I at COSLC. We have certainly followed God's call to all sorts of places across the globe, and have learned so much, and we are also excited to settle down in Anchorage.

We welcomed our son, Aidan, into world the Summer of 2022, and love taking him on all of our outdoor adventures. We are avid hikers, bikers, kayakers, (and beginner skiers), and love all things outdoors.



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I enjoy creating art, and incorporating art and creativity into ministry, as well as playing guitar. I love hearing people's stories, and listening together for where God is at work in our lives, and what God is calling us to. May we continue to grow in relationship with one another and God as we praise, nurture, and serve together.

I look forward to getting to know you and hearing your story!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Anna



Holy Week Schedule

SUNDAY APRIL 2ND- PALM SUNDAY @ 10 AM
POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

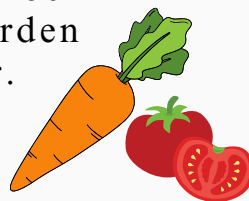
THURSDAY APRIL 6TH- SEDER MEAL @ 6:30 PM

FRIDAY APRIL 7TH- GOOD FRIDAY @ 7 PM

SUNDAY APRIL 9TH- EASTER @ 10 AM

Community Garden

The Paul & Ruth Lemp community garden will be opening mid-may. Garden bed registration has begun. The forms can be found at coslc.ws under community garden or picked up outside the office door. cost is \$15 per bed.



Join the Community Garden Seminar with Steve Brown of the Alaska Cooperative Extension Service on April 20th at 7pm in the church Fellowship Hall

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Thank You

JAMIE BERGE FOR VOLUNTEERING TO BE COSLC'S BOOKKEEPER. WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

ELCA ALASKA YOUTH & FRIENDS -- LET'S PLAY!

Alaska Club Takeover



FRIDAY, APRIL 14 | 9 PM TO MIDNIGHT

ALASKA CLUB EAST

5201 E. TUDOR, ANCHORAGE, AK

\$20 EACH, BRING PLAY CLOTHES & SWIM SUIT



SUMMER DATES

Vacation Bible School

in partnership at

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

K-6th Grade

7th-12th as Helpers

June 12-16 5:30-8:15pm

Alaska Youth Trip

location announcement soon

6th-12th Grade

June 26th-30th

Glacier Bible Camp

Juneau, Alaska

5th-9th Grade

10th-12th as Helpers

July 17th-23rd

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE FOR APRIL 2023 LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF ALASKA



AS WE APPROACH EASTER, I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR MINISTRY. DURING THIS SEASON OF RENEWAL AND HOPE, WE ARE REMINDED OF THE POWER OF LOVE AND COMPASSION TO TRANSFORM LIVES. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO BE PART OF A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS WHO SHARE THE VISION AND WHO ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPLIED EASTER BASKETS THAT WE ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE CHILDREN OF CLIENTS IN THE FOOD PANTRY. THESE BASKETS ARE SO WELL RECEIVED FROM THE PARENTS AND IT HELPS US BRING THE EASTER MESSAGE TO OVER 600 CHILDREN.

AS A MEMBER OF THE ALASKA VOAD (VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION ACTIVE IN DISASTERS) WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK ON THE RECOVERY EFFORTS IN WESTERN ALASKA FROM THE REMNANTS OF TYPHOON MERBOK. THE LONG TERM RECOVERY FOR THE REGION WILL COME THIS SPRING AS THE AKVOAD WILL BE HOSTING VOLUNTEER GROUPS FROM THE LOWER 48 WHO WILL BE COMING TO HELP REBUILD AND/OR REPAIR THE HOMES DAMAGED BY THE STORM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF A TEAM HELPING TO REBUILD PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR AND SOON WE WILL BE HEADING OUT TO OUR FAVORITE SUMMER ACTIVITIES. IF FISHING IS ONE YOUR FAVORITE THINGS TO DO YOU MIGHT NEED TO MAKE SPACE IN YOUR FREEZERS FOR THIS YEAR'S CATCH. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ANY EXCESS FISH FROM LAST SEASON'S CATCH THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO DONATE TO OUR FOOD PANTRY THAT OUR CLIENTS COULD ENJOY. OTHER ITEMS THAT WE ARE SHORT ON ARE BREAKFAST ITEMS LIKE: CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT, PANCAKE MIX AND SYRUP.

THANKS YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO LSSA THROUGH PICK, CLICK GIVE. WE DO NOT HAVE OUR TOTAL YET BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE OVERALL GIVING TO THIS PROGRAM WILL BE UP THIS YEAR.

SAVE THE DATE:

BEER AND HYMNS – APRIL 23 – 6PM TO 8PM- O'BRADY'S - CARRS MALL ON HUFFMAN.
HARVEST OF HOPE AUCTION – SEPTEMBER 15 – 6PM – SHERATON ANCHORAGE.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS, AND MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED AND JOYFUL EASTER.

TOGETHER CARING FOR OTHERS,

ALAN BUDAHL



COSLC will be collecting breakfast food items to donate to LSSA. If you choose to donate cereal, smaller boxes work better, not the Costco size. Thank you!