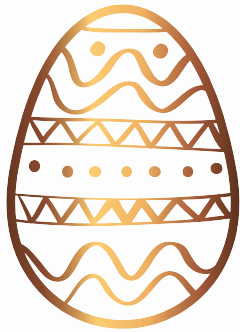


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COSLC News & Nuggets

The scoop on how we are the hands and feet of God, praising, nurturing, and serving through Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church.



A Golden Easter

Pastor Erika Bergh

Easter Sunday is the only* day of the church year that gets to have gold as its liturgical color (along with white).

The color gold symbolizes that this day is the "queen of feasts," unique in the entire church year. On Easter Sunday, something truly special has happened: Jesus has risen from the dead. God has overcome death and sin, betrayal and evil, grief and loss, and hatred and fear.

We can wear gold sequins, ribbons, dresses, suits, ties, shoes, pins, and socks – or decorate with golden Easter eggs, streamers, plates, baskets, and other decorations – to help us remember the GOOD NEWS that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This day is truly special! ...truly golden!
*some people also associate gold with
Easter Vigil and Christmas.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Every Sunday at 10am

Both in the "room" and on Zoom!

If you need to or wish to join worship via Zoom, visit www.coslc.ws/worship-info for the Zoom link.

This site also has more information about in-person worship and the bulletins for the week.

Wednesday

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

– in the Fellowship Hall –

April 6

5:30pm – Soup and Sandwiches

6:30pm – Holden Evening Prayer

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PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 10 -

This year, on Palm Sunday, **every person is invited to bring a branch of pussy willow, a green pine, or another tree branch** from your yard. (For those unable to bring a branch of their own, extras will be available.)

On the original day of Palms, the people of Jerusalem used branches from palm trees - a common tree in their region - to triumphantly welcome Christ to their town.

Here in Alaska, Palm Trees are not common (LOL). So this year, we decided to do as the people of Jerusalem did and use branches of trees common to our region and climate.



PALM
SUNDAY



On Palm Sunday, we'll explore how - like the Israelites of old - we too, can triumphantly welcome Christ with common things.

We're looking forward to entering Holy Week with you and celebrate the ways we can welcome and host Christ with common things around us.

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Passover Seder Supper

Thursday, April 14th, 6:30pm

COSLC Fellowship Hall



Through the Seder Meal we learn more of the Jewish roots of our Christian traditions and their meanings. Those of you who have attended before know this is a wonderful ceremonial feast. This is a joyous but serious religious service; it recites the deliverance of the Children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. It covers not just the pain and humiliation of bondage, but also the difficulties and excitement of the deliverance. So, the service ends not only in joy, but in clarification: a movement from darkness to light and we understand what we had not known, or had forgotten, or had neglected, or had misunderstood before.

For planning purposes, **we need to have an accurate count of those planning to attend.** Please contact Jo Stockly or Lynne Reynolds, or add your name to the list in the white Seder binder at church. There are also pages in the binder to volunteer to provide food items for the meal and another for set-up and clean-up opportunities. Each family is encouraged to bring a bottle of your favorite wine to share.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

7pm – Friday, April 15th

Both in the Sanctuary and on Zoom

If you need to or wish to join Good Friday Worship via Zoom, visit www.coslc.ws/worship-info for the Zoom link.

*Good
Friday*

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Easter SUNDAY

ONE SERVICE

- 10am -

Potluck Brunch at 11am

April 17th

Each family is asked
to bring flowers to
help adorn our
Easter cross with.



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EASTER BRUNCH

Sunday, April 17th - 11am
Potluck Style

DAYS FOR CELEBRATION IN APRIL

Birthdays, Anniversaries,
Graduations, Baptisms, etc.

Do you have a date to
celebrate?

Email us so we can
add you to our list!
office@coslc.ws



4th – Quinn Sweeney's Birthday

4th – Kylie Hellmich's Birthday

4th – Otilie Bergh's Baptism Anniversary

23rd – Paula Kay's Birthday

23rd – Sharon Holland's Birthday

23rd – Michelle Spiegel's Birthday

29th – Kate Stockly's Birthday

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CHOIR REHEARSALS

7pm on Wednesdays
in the Sanctuary



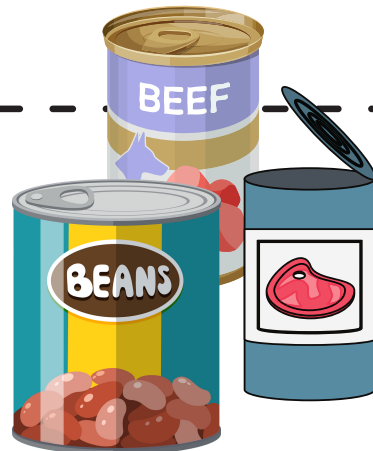
All are welcome and encouraged to join!
Masks are worn by everyone while singing.

Everyone – not just choir members! —
are invited to come to Jalapeños after
for Fellowship and food.



BOOK GROUP:

Join us on Friday, April 22nd at 6pm on Zoom for conversation about "The Good Life: What Jesus teaches about finding true happiness" by Dr Derwin L. Gray. Thank you, Kathy for this suggestion!



CANNED PROTEIN COLLECTION

Help us collect cans of proteins, soups, and other canned foods for LSSA* during April!

*Lutheran Social Services of Alaska



POTLUCK SUNDAY:

April 3rd

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YOU'RE INVITED TO A: FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

featuring:

pizza, bingo, laughter, and YOU!

in the COSLC Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY,
APRIL 29
@ 5-8PM

Women's Online Event:

Saturday, April 30, 11am - 1pm

Theme: Planting Gardens of Faith

Theme Verse: Isaiah 58:11

"The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail."



**All women from around the Alaska Synod are invited to attend.
Stay tuned for more information! Or contact Carol Bras.**

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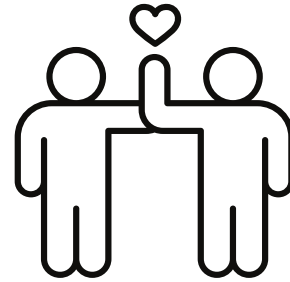
COSLC BUDDIES

We have re-kindled our Buddy System! Our goal is that no one in our community falls through the cracks of receiving care and connection. To do this, we went through the list of people in our community and have paired everyone up.

If you have never met the person you are paired with, now is a great time to make a new friend! We are asking that we take a few moments at least once, if not twice a week to check in and call our buddy. ALSO. If there is someone not on this list who should be or someone you have been worried about, REACH OUT! Don't wait for someone else to do that (even if they are on this list but paired with someone else). And if we have forgotten someone, please let us know that as well!

You won't have all the answers when talking with your buddy, and that's okay! But here are some things we recommend discussing when on the phone:

- Your high (a good thing) from the week or day
- Your low (a bad thing) from the week or day
- Where you have seen God or an absence of God
- What is something you need prayer for right now?
- What is something you need help with right now?
- How is your health? How's your water intake?
- Have you breathed fresh air recently? How have you been eating? How has your sleep been? etc.



Ask about the basics and the scary stuff. Listen to one another, pray together on the phone. Sing! Read the Bible together. Tell each other jokes. Find a new recipe and make it together on opposite ends of a phone line. Let's let each other know that we're not alone even if we're not visiting people in person. It's okay to cry. It's okay to be okay or not be okay. It's okay to be however you are.

Lastly, Buddies, we ask that everything you share with one another is confidential between you two (or between your two families) and the pastor, as needed. If something is concerning to you that you want help addressing – please do bring it to Pastor Erika. She has made a promise of confidentiality as well. The only things she will need to share, as required by law, are if you are a danger to yourself or others, or if you are in danger from another person.

Blessings to you all!

May you feel God's presence in this time.

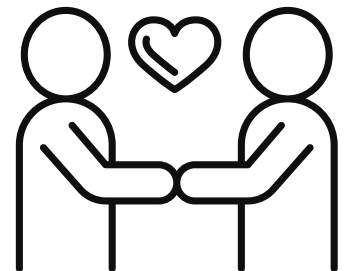


COSLC BUDDY LIST:

Buddies for Quarter #1 (February-April) of 2022:

Contact the church office or visit our online directory through Breeze for contact information.

Bras	Escontrias
Waldhaus	Berge
Tillman	Morrison
Stockly (Kate)	McDonald
Stark	Nilsson
Sweeney	Awe
Stockly (Grant & Hyunjung)	Kay (Paula)
Spillane	Brewer
Stockly (Jo)	McGillvray
Roadifer	Lervaag/Kruse
Risch	Lazenby
Reynolds	Nelson
Repke	Matthews
Hallum	Holland
Pritchard	Hovanec
Peeples	Morton
Oyler	Laab
Meiwes	Gullickson/Adams (Susy)
Kennedy	Gullickson (Dan & LaVonne)
Janka (Annette)	Fulwider
Getzendanner	Foster
Kittleson	Crowther
Enslow	Fleming
Cocking	Hellmich
Chambros	Brown
Adams (Cindy)	El imani



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COSLC NUGGETS & NEWS



Conversations about Gardening in Rural Alaska

Noon - 1 p.m.

Every other Tuesday starting January 18th

This free, virtual series is brought to you in partnership with RurAL CAP and UAF Cooperative Extension Service.

Join an online panel of local, experienced gardeners to listen, learn, and ask questions about growing your own food. Our focus will be issues faced by rural gardeners, but we welcome one and all.

Jan. 18: Building Soil on the Cheap

Feb. 1: Coordinating a Community Garden

Feb. 15: Composting in Rural Alaska

Mar. 1: How to Apply for High Tunnel Funding

Mar. 15: Hosting a Seed-Starting Workshop for your Community

Mar 29: Incorporating a Community Garden into Your Food Pantry

Apr. 12: Forming a Food Security Task Force

Apr. 26: Pro-tips for Running a Greenhouse

May 10: Responsible Foraging

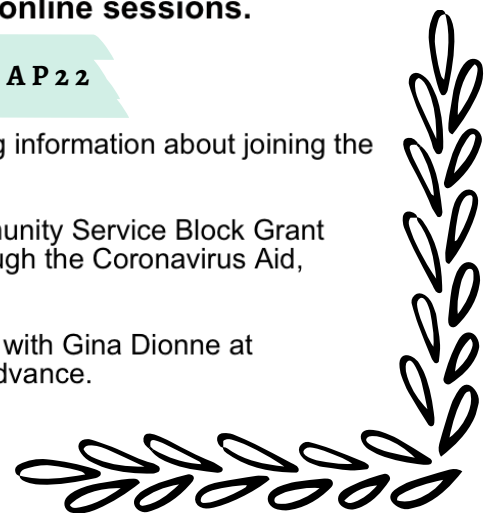
Register once and join any or all of the free online sessions.

https://bit.ly/GROW_RurALCAP22

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. **Call-in options are available.**

This project was made possible by funding provided by a Community Service Block Grant awarded to Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made with Gina Dionne at 907-786-6313 or gddionne@alaska.edu five business days in advance.



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NURTURING FAITH through Prayer



Please pray with us for those on our Prayer List:



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, or in need of support:

the family of Wayne Miller, step-brother of Dallas; those in Ukraine; Linda, Hal, and Micah; Martha Enslow; Sherry Nelson; Dallas McDonald; Inge Hallum; Bill Kennedy; Kylie Hellmich; Erik Gullickson; Cindy Adams and her family; Sister Annette Janka; Naoual El imani; Carol Roadifer; and all those we name now (*silently or aloud*):

Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Bless the ministries already providing that much needed assistance. Be with the ministries of our church and our building and synod partners:

Rabbit Creek Preschool, Boy Scouts Troop #209, Redeemer URC, the OUR NEIGHBORS Ministry, the Alaska Synod staff, Lutheran Social Services of Alaska (LSSA), & Faith Lutheran Church in Delta Junction. Support us in our missions of spreading your love in the world.

Amen.

How can we pray for you?



Your church family at Christ Our Savior, is here for you! We want to extend prayers, phone calls, and encouragement to you when you need them.

Please contact the church office as soon as possible when:

- A member of your family or a friend dies;
- Hospital or home visitation would be a blessing;
- You or someone you know is having surgery;
- You or someone you know wants to plan a baptism or wedding;
- You or someone you know is ill or grieving;
- You move or change your telephone numbers or email.



Pastor Erika and / or our Caring Ministry Team will

visit, pray, and support you – whatever feels most appropriate to you. We are family.

You are not alone.

APRIL 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	View COSLC's most up-to-date calendar at:		WWW.COSLC.WS/ CHURCH-CALENDAR			
					01	02
Potluck Sunday Supply Preacher: Ollie Berggh Lent 5	Birthdays: Kylie Hellmich & Quinn Sweeney		5:30pm – Soup Supper 6:30pm – Lenten Midweek Service 7pm – Choir	Office Closed	08	09
03	04	05	06	07	15	16
Pastor Erika Palm Sunday			7pm – Choir	6:30pm – Seder Supper	7pm – Good Friday Service	
10	11	12	13	14	22	23
Pastor Erika Easter Sunday 11am – Easter Brunch (joint with Redeemer?)	Easter Monday – Office Closed		7pm – Choir		Earth Day Synod Assembly 6pm – Book Group	Synod Assembly Funeral (Redemer URC)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Supply Preacher: Ollie Berggh Easter 2 Synod Assembly		Noon – Newsletter Article Submission Deadline 6:30pm – WAM	7pm – Choir		5-8pm – Family Fun Night! Kate Stockly's Birthday	(Newsletter goes out)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Notes:
15 days on // 15 days off
Red dates = Days Pastor Erika is not available // Green dates = Days Pastor Erika is doing the work of the church and IS available.



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Lutheran Church

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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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If you need pastoral care or help with anything, please call or text Pastor Erika.
May you know Christ's love, this month and always.