

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, SERVE THE WORLD IN WAYNE & BEYOND

APRIL 2023

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

CELEBRATING EASTER

As Easter approaches, I invite you to join us for our special Easter services. This is a time for reflection, renewal, and rejoicing as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On Friday, we will reflect on Christ's sacrifice on our behalf with a special Good Friday Communion service. And then we will join our hearts together in celebration of His resurrection at our Resurrection Sunrise, Traditional, and Modern services. Each will have a powerful message of hope, beautiful music, and a warm community of believers to welcome you.

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Whether you're a regular member of our congregation or a first-time visitor, we would be honored to share the joy of Easter with you. It's also a great time to invite family and friends to join you! They couldn't pick a better Sunday than the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Without the resurrection, there is no Christianity! Praise God that we serve a risen Savior who is in the world today!

Kevin

Pastor

DETAILED SCHEDULE

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 7, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Resurrection Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 9, at 6:30 am outside in Parking Lot B (next to the Meditation Garden)

Student Ministry Fundraiser Breakfast: Sunday, April 9, from 7:30-11:00 am in the Gym (F100). Enjoy breakfast and support the Student Ministry mission's team as they raise funds for their trip to the Dominican Republic this summer.

Resurrection Traditional Service: Sunday, April 9, at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

Resurrection Modern Service: Sunday, April 9, at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

You can find more details on our website, coswayne.org/easter.

Our **Student Ministry mission's team** of 18 students are traveling to Moca, Dominican Republic from July 8-15 to share the love of Jesus through VBS, sports outreach, prayer, and evangelism. Please consider supporting the team by attending their fundraiser breakfast and by praying for them. Cash, check, and [online donations](#) are accepted.

MINISTRY UPDATES

APRIL SCHEDULE

In addition to our weekly services and ministry events, there is a lot happening this month. For event details and registrations, visit [Upcoming Events](#) or call the church office.

- Sunday - Thursday, April 2-6: Student Ministry Five Days of Fun (various)
- Monday, April 3: DivorceCare begins (A110 at 7:15 pm)
- Wednesday, April 5: Together Won for young adults with special needs (C200 at 7:00 pm)
- Friday - Sunday, April 7-9: Easter Services & Student Ministry Fundraiser Breakfast (various)
- Tuesday, April 11: Adult Fellowship Luncheon (Gym at noon)
- Thursday, April 13: Worth It Graduation (A109 at 1:45 pm)
- Saturday, April 15: New Members Class (Reception Room at 9:00 am)
- Saturday, April 15: Family Movie Night (Gym at 5:00 pm)
- Sunday, April 16: Discover COS (Reception Room after both the 9:00 am and 10:30 am services)
- Sunday, April 16: College Lunch Social (Gym at 11:45 am)
- Thursday, April 20: Faith in Context (Gym at 7:00 pm)
- Friday - Sunday, April 21-23: Men's Retreat (Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center)
- Saturday, April 22: Heritage School New 2 You Sale & Art Show (Gym at 9:00 am)

For details about upcoming memorial and funeral services, please visit our [Family News](#) page.

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of Church of the Saviour!

Chuck & Christy Czworkowski, Opeyemi Babajide, Connie Mollel,
Nicolas & Katarina Skipper, and Craig & Susan Tanis

To become a member, each person expressed their faith in Jesus Christ, attended our New Members Class, acknowledged our Covenant of Fellowship, and met with an Elder.

If you are interested in becoming a member of COS, join our next **New Members Class** on **Saturday, April 15, from 9:00 am to noon in the Reception Room** (building A).



MINISTRY UPDATES

LOOKING FOR LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS



FAITH IN CONTEXT

We're excited to have Dr. Liz Hall join us for our next Faith in Context event, **How to Suffer Well: 5 Lessons I Wish My Church Had Taught Me**. Liz is a clinical psychologist at Biola University, who specializes in meaning-making in suffering. She will share her powerful story of how misconceptions and wrong theology almost robbed her of a sense of purpose during her fight with cancer, and why the Christian discipline of lament is crucial to our spiritual and mental health. In addition to Liz's talk, we will reflect on these lessons through a practical workshop and a time of personal, guided reflection on lament.

Join us in the Gym on Thursday, April 20, at 7:00 pm.

VISION DAY

As we quickly approach the end of the COS fiscal year (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023), we are looking forward to our annual Vision Day coming up in June. Like previous years, we are compiling the many ministry impact and transformation stories from the year and prayerfully considering where God is leading us as a church. The staff and Board of Elders have been developing goals and reviewing budgets for the new year, and we are excited to share these with you.

This year's schedule for Vision Day will look a little different. Instead of combining both the annual business meeting (where we elect and ratify elders and review the 2023-2024 budget) and vision casting (where we share our goals and the areas of focus God has been impressing on our pastor and leadership team), we are going to split these into two separate but consecutive Sundays.

- **The Annual Business Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, June 4**, after the Modern Service, to review the budget, elect and ratify elders, and discuss any other business. The meeting will be livestreamed and recorded for those unable to attend in person.
- **Vision Day** will be on **Sunday, June 11**. We will incorporate a vision focus into our normal worship services, which will be followed by a church picnic!

Our goal is to keep worship as the primary focus for our Sunday services, minimizing disruption to our schedule (especially for visitors), while engaging all of our members and attenders in the vision we feel God leading us toward. This also allows us to reach many who would like to participate but can't attend in person.

More details will be coming soon. Please mark your calendars for these important days:

- **Annual Business Meeting** on Sunday, June 4, at 11:45 am
- **Vision Day services and church picnic** on Sunday, June 11

NOTE: You must be a member in good standing to vote in the business meeting. If you have been considering joining COS and would like to participate in this year's meeting, we encourage you to attend our upcoming New Members Class on April 15.

GIVING UPDATE

YTD FINANCIAL UPDATE

Not only is March the official beginning of Spring (have you seen all the beautiful flowering trees around the campus?!), but it is also the end of the third quarter in the COS fiscal year (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023). And what a quarter it has been!

We continue to praise God for His provision through the generosity of His people! While we're still \$160k behind our expected giving (what is needed to reach our annual budget for the fiscal year), **we exceeded our quarterly expected giving by \$133k!** For 10 out of the 13 weeks in the quarter, actual giving was higher than what we had planned, based on our annual budget and giving from previous years.

While we still have a long way to go to reach our budget for the year, God is working in hearts and lives through His Spirit, and He is using Church of the Saviour to tangibly show His love to others as we serve the world around us.

Our ministries have continued to thrive:

- Our Kids Ministry is serving over 120 children each Sunday, many coming from new families
- Our students are practicing their faith in the community through Faith in Action nights
- 11 students attended our College Meet & Greet to kick-start this new ministry outreach
- 14 women are participating in the Worth It program this term
- Over 40 people are engaging in the "Habits of the Household" Equipping Class for parents
- We hired Caleb, our Student Ministry Associate, and Haig, our new Global Outreach Director, who starts May 8

And God is meeting many needs around our campus:

- We replaced 5 heat exchangers in 3 of our main buildings
- We repaired the backhoe's hydraulic system, which is critical to maintaining our extensive grounds
- We removed a very large, very dead tree that was hanging over the preschool entrance

Please consider partnering with us as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Wayne and beyond. Visit coswayne.org/give or call the church office (610-688-6338) to learn more.



GIVING UPDATE

CULTIVATING GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN

Be on the lookout for more information about our upcoming **Cultivating Generosity Campaign**, designed to encourage our spiritual growth as we consider how to steward the gifts God has given us. The campaign will include:

- A Community Group study on Stewardship
- A Sunday Equipping Class on Giving
- And a Pledge Commitment toward the 2023-2024 budget

"What do you have that you did not receive?" 1 Corinthians 4:7b "Everything good in our lives comes from God: our abilities, our upbringing, our educational background. We would not be where we are without countless interventions by God on our behalf. The Gospel is a gift. Our union with Christ is all by God's grace. There is nothing we did to deserve it or earn it. Understanding the riches we have already received in Christ not only liberates us from excessive concern over our wealth, talents and time, but also motivates us to invest them in the eternal kingdom of God."

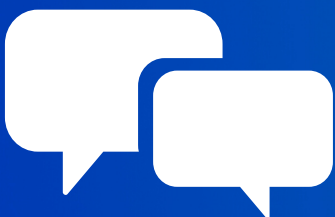
~The Stewardship Study, Redeemer Presbyterian Church

YTD GIVING TOWARD THE 2022-2023 BUDGET

	<u>Ministry/Ops</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Love-in-Action</u>
GIVING TO DATE	\$2,072,651	\$444,951	\$111,375
BUDGET	\$2,232,450	\$498,362	\$90,230*
OVER/(UNDER)	(\$159,799)	(\$53,411)	\$21,145

LOVE-IN-ACTION is a fund managed by the deacons to provide financial aid for people in our church and community who are suffering.

*Aid provided from 7/1/22 - 3/28/23.



Text Messaging

Text **"JOIN COS"** to **833-744-9334** to receive alerts or important messages from COS.

Questions & Feedback

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