

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

MARCH 2023

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

STAFF UPDATES

Dear church family,

We have great news! God continues to build our team at COS. Let me tell you about three exciting developments:

1. **Caleb DeJesus** – In August, Caleb started as our Student Ministry Intern, and he has been doing a fantastic job working with our teenagers. Earlier this month, we extended, and Caleb accepted an offer to become our full-time Student Ministry Associate, starting in May. Caleb will complete his BS in Youth and Family Ministry at Cairn University in May and will be marrying Mackenzie Jones in June. We're excited to see how God will use Caleb as he engages with our students and families! If you would like to welcome Caleb to COS please contact him at CalebD@coswayne.org. Welcome, Caleb!

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2. **Haig Shishmanian** – After surviving a rigorous interview process, Haig accepted God's call and our offer to become COS' next Global Outreach Director. As you know, Missions (Serving the World) is a core value of COS, and we believe the Lord has given us a wonderful gift in bringing Haig and his family to us to continue to grow and develop our strategic initiative of reaching the unreached for Christ. For some background, Haig grew up in New Jersey and received his BS in Mathematics from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken. He also has an MA in International Relations and is close to completing an MA in Theology from the Talbot School of Theology. Haig served with The Navigators for 10 years, coaching and mentoring young adults in multi-lingual & cross-cultural community leadership. After his time abroad, Haig served as an Associate Pastor of youth, missions, and discipleship for 4 years in Glendale, CA. Most recently, Haig has been serving with TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) as a Missions Coach – recruiting, assessing, and placing cross-cultural missionaries. Most importantly Haig and his family love the Lord and His global world. Haig, his wife Natalie, and their 10-month-old son Isaac, currently live in Fresno, CA and are in the process of packing and moving to PA to begin their ministry at COS. Please keep them in your prayers as they work through this transition. Haig will be starting at COS on May 8.

If you would like to welcome Haig, his email address is HaigS@coswayne.org.

We're looking forward to Haig, Natalie, and Isaac joining our COS family!

MINISTRY UPDATES

3. **Andy Lenko** – You may know Andy as a phenomenal musician and our Worship Associate, but did you know that he is also passionate about engaging college students with the gospel during their critical school years?! We are excited to share that we have offered, and Andy has accepted the responsibility to serve in a new, dual role as our College Ministry Director and Worship Associate. We are thrilled for to see how God will use Andy's energy and focus to reach the many students around us. If you know a college student or are interested in exploring working in this ministry, please contact Andy at AndyL@coswayne.org. Many of you already know and love Andy, Melissa, and Josiah. Would you please take a moment to pray for them and for this new calling to be our College Ministry Director. Welcome to this additional ministry opportunity, brother!

We are ecstatic to see how God is providing for our church and staff, Thank you for your sustaining prayer and encouragement. We continue to search for a [Women's Ministry and Community Group Director](#) for these critical ministries, but we search with confidence in God's faithfulness!

Until all have heard,

Kevin
Pastor



COLLEGE MINISTRY KICK-OFF

The college years challenge students to develop academically, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually. Students are making decisions that will shape their future career, family, and relationship with God. And we have an opportunity to make COS a "home away from home" so that they can experience real, life-changing spiritual growth while they pursue academic and personal success.

I'm excited to begin leading the College Ministry at COS. To kick things off, we are hosting **a lunch for college students** on Sunday, March 12, from 11:45-12:45 pm in the Gym. It will be a time of fellowship, vision casting, and idea sharing. There will also be **an informational leaders' lunch** the following Sunday, March 19, from 11:45-12:45 pm in the Reception Room, for anyone interested in serving with the ministry. If you plan to attend, please register in advance so we can get an idea of how much food to order! Check out coswayne.org/college for details.

I'm looking forward to a new season of ministry at COS and praying that God would amaze us with how He moves and works among us.

In Christ,
Andy Lenko

MINISTRY UPDATES

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

HABITS OF THE HOUSEHOLD | SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM STARTING MARCH 5

In this 9-week equipping class (March 5 - April 30, in the Fellowship Hall), we'll discuss simple patterns and easy-to-implement daily rhythms that will help you find meaning beyond the chaos of family life as you create a home where kids and parents alike practice how to love God and each other. We will use Justin Whitmel Earley's "Habits of the Household" to explore the ways waking, mealtimes, moments of discipline, playtime, bedtime, and more can all be moments of opening ourselves up to the work God is doing in us and our kids. Visit coswayne.org/classes to register.

WORTH-IT | MARCH 13 - APRIL 13

We are excited to partner with Worthwhile Wear to host another Worth It series, beginning on March 13. Worth It is a series of classroom experiences, with a Christ-centered focus, to help women connect with service providers, maintain sobriety, and ultimately break the cycle of exploitation. As we launch this program, we invite you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to join us in this work for His beloved daughters. It's a joy to serve the women God brings to us. To learn more about the program and ways to serve, visit coswayne.org/women.

CHOIR OPPORTUNITY | MARCH 19

If you enjoy singing, have the ability to match pitch, and have the desire to use your musical gift as an act of worship and service, please consider joining the Praise Choir for the Modern service on Sunday, March 19. Singers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Rehearsal will be on Wednesday, March 15 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Please get in touch with Andy at andy@coswayne.org if you are interested.

EASTER SCHEDULE | APRIL 7-9

Start thinking of friends and family to invite to our Easter services. People are especially receptive to invitations to join us at a worship service on Easter Sunday!

Good Friday: Friday, April 7 at 7:00 pm.

Easter Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 am in Parking Lot B (next to the Meditation Garden). We will move to the Welcome Center if it rains.

Student Ministry Fundraiser Breakfast: 7:30-11:00 am in the Gym (F100).

Traditional Service: Sunday, April 9 at 9:00 am.

Modern Service: Sunday, April 9 at 10:30 am.

More information can be found at coswayne.org/easter.

FAITH IN CONTEXT | APRIL 20

Our next Faith in Context event, **How to Suffer Well: 5 Lessons I Wish My Church Had Taught Me**, will be on Thursday, April 20. Our speaker is Dr. Liz Hall, a clinical psychologist at Biola University, who specializes in meaning-making in suffering. Liz 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.

Our Faith in Context series was started in 2021 to explore big questions and to create authentic spaces for students, their friends, and families, to explore faith commitments given emerging findings in the sciences. Check out coswayne.org/faithincontext for an overview of past events. More details about the April event will be coming soon.

GIVING UPDATE

YTD FINANCIAL UPDATE - WHY A \$181K DEFICIT?

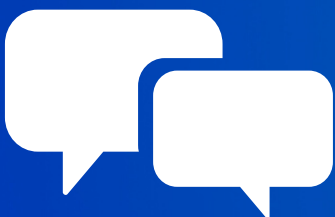
We continue to praise God for His provision through the generosity of His people! While we're still \$181k behind our expected budget for the fiscal year (from less than expected giving in July-November), giving over the last 4 weeks was \$22k over budget!

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. 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.

	<u>Ministry/Ops</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Love-in-Action</u>
GIVING TO DATE	\$1,828,959	\$399,406	\$104,233
BUDGET	\$2,010,273	\$446,819	\$84,667*
OVER/(UNDER)	(\$181,314)	(\$47,413)	\$19,566

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 7/1/22-1/31/23.



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