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I Love My Church!

We are not alone, and this is cause for great joy and comfort. Every Sunday, when we gather together for worship, we are reminded that we are members of the body of Christ. We gather together with all of our brothers and sisters. We smile at each other, we shake hands, and we greet one another. We show our concern for one another by saying things like, "How are you doing? How was your surgery? How is your mom or dad? Did you have a nice visit with your children? And so on..." We build up the body of Christ. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and we mourn with those who are sorrowful. Then we get into church and we speak the words of the Divine Service with one voice. "I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess... Lord, have mercy... Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men..." We confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. We talk about this very unity that we have as the church when we say, "I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church." Throughout the service, we use first person, plural pronouns. "Lift up your hearts. **WE lift them up unto the Lord.** Let **US** give thanks unto the Lord, **OUR** God..." We hear that we are not only there together with our family, friends, and neighbors in the local congregation, but we also learn that the whole company of heaven, saints, angels, and archangels are there to laud and magnify the glorious name of God with us. And finally, as we rest in the fellow-

ship that we have with our fellow Christians on earth, as we marvel at our unity with the church throughout the world and throughout the ages, as we imagine the angels in heaven looking down at our pews and our altar, as all of those thoughts are filling our hearts and minds, God Himself comes down to us. God is seated on His throne. He is with us, in our local church building, on our altar, being placed on our lips, forgiving our sins, and giving us everlasting life. "Take, eat, this is the body of Christ given for you. Take, drink, this is the very blood of Christ shed for you." This is why I love my church!



We are not alone, and dear Christian, that is cause for so much joy and comfort. Over the next few months, the theme for these newsletter articles will be "I love my church." I will be asking some of you to answer some questions about yourselves, about your faith, and about why you love your church. I love my church because this is where Christ comes to us,

this is where my sins are forgiven, and this is where God's Word is preached and taught, and this is where my children were baptized. I love my church because I am nourished and fed at this altar with the body and blood of my Savior. I love my church because I love the people of God, because I am encouraged and supported by them, because when I go to church, I get to see the family of God. I get to see my adopted aunts and uncles, grandparents, cousins, and all my brothers and sisters in Christ. I get to see all of you!

I will be interviewing many of you in the coming months. Every member has their own story, their own struggles, their own joys and comforts. We will hear their stories, how it is God brought them to Our Savior Lutheran in Marlette, how their

faith has grown, and why they love their church. Whether you have been here for your whole life or only a few months, I pray that this series encourages you. I pray that it shows you how God is at work in your local congregation and in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Christ. Thanks be to God for OSL!

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this Our Savior Lutheran Church and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.



AUGUST'S HYMN OF THE MONTH, #901

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

♪ "... Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!" ♪

Prayer Concerns

Church Members

John Hollenbeck, Jeff Eager, Brenda Fifield, Bob Gaiser, Lela Gilroy,
 Brian Westover, Ashton Jones, Carmen Kinney, Jerry Priebe, Neil Schaudt,
 Ellen Romosier, Gus Schumacher, Kathy Tallieu, Mike & Karen Wettstein,
 Virginia Woudstra, Mary Lou Champion, and Fran Clemens



Extended Family and Friends

Lori Spencer—Randy Haas' mother
 David Johnson—Wendy (Priebe) Johnson's father-in-law
 Lennie Chronowski—young daughter of Earl & Gwen Hulett's friends
 Nancy Higgins—Bob Stoick's sister
 Karen Kobyluk—a friend of Adam Ondrajka
 Jack Stoick—Bob's cousin
 Deborah Durham—Chris' step-mother
 Scott & Carol McCready—friends of the McGarvie family
 Mary Kay Bell—relative of Judy Fischer
 Dennis Ondrajka—Adam's father
 Donna Ferguson—Adam Ondrajka's grandmother
 Mary Mitchell—sister of Lela Gilroy
 Linda Fraley—Lela Gilroy's daughter
 Meredith Stewart—cousin of Chris McGarvie
 Glen Phillips—former employer of Adam Ondrajka
 Danica Willis—a friend of Mary Brief
 Joan Kuhne—Mary Brief's mother
 Randy Kasdorf—Shauna Lester's Baptismal Sponsor
 Ken and Pam Wood—parents of Kelly Ondrajka
 Harvey Kaltz—Debie's husband
 Family & Friends of Virginia Woudstra: Dennis Davis,
 Robbie Kuechenmeister, Richard, Daniel, & David Glover, Dalton Randall,
 Ruth Ann Lober, and Russel & Terri Strauchman

Please help us keep this list up to date. If you have a family member or friend listed here who is no longer in need of prayer, please call the church office and let us know. Give thanks too, to the Lord who answers prayer!

Serving the Lord in Gladness



August Elders

8/3 Craig Storm
 8/10 Chris Durham
 8/17 Craig Storm
 8/24 Chris Durham
 8/31 *Unassigned*

Altar Guild

Pat Hurttgam

Service Music

August 3, 10, 24, and 31—Caleb Storm/Sam Schank
 August 17—Renea Lambert



Sunday Morning Greeters

8/3 Mike Janiszewski
 8/10 Randy & Brianna Haas
 8/17 Adam & Kelly Ondrajka
 8/24 Judy Fischer & Kathy Rachow
 8/31 *Volunteers appreciated*

A reminder that we now have a sign-up sheet on the table in the church hall where willing volunteers can sign up for a Sunday. Please consider adding your name to the list of Greeters. Thank you!

Acolytes

Carter and Jayson Schank



Church Council Report

From the meeting of July 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Adam Ondrajka at 7:33 p.m. Present were: Adam Ondrajka, Pastor Kern, Chris Durham, Tim Forsys, Karen Forsys, Katie Laur, Karrie Forsys, Marty Brandt, Randy Haas, and Renea Lambert.

Pastor opened with a devotion from “Treasury of Daily Prayer”, based on Acts 14 and 15.

The **Treasurer’s Report** was distributed and reviewed. The report showed a total income for the month of June of \$12,875.16 with expenses of \$14,767.71 for that same time period. A motion to accept the report was made by Tim Forsys and seconded by Katie Laur. Motion carried.

Pastor’s Report:

Since the last meeting –

- There have been no baptisms, weddings, or confirmations. No transfers in or out.
- One funeral for Pam Mutschler on 7-9-25.
- Six worship services held.
- Bible Study continues weekly, studying Lutheran Doctrine and Distinctives.
- Seven shut-in visits and eight hospital visits.
- Pre-marital counseling and Adult Instruction classes are ongoing.

Pastor attended:

- Michigan District LCMS Convention in Ann Arbor along with lay delegate Chris Durham
- Retirement dinner for Rev. Ken Lueke (OSL Bad Axe)
- Installation of Rev. Andrew Simpson (OSL Bad Axe)

Future planning:

- Picnic & Pie fundraiser on July 14th
- Higher Things Youth Conference, July 29 – August 1
- Vacation plans postponed as a sub pastor could not be found for July 20th

Elder’s Report – given by Marty Brandt

- Elders continue working on contacting Inactive members.

Board of Christian Education Report – given by Randy Haas

- The Board has not met yet this month.

Council Report, continued

Facilities Trustees Report – given by Karrie Forys

- The Trustees did not hold a meeting. Chris Durham has replaced the faulty outlets in the school hallway and repaired the faucet and replaced the hose in the utility room of the church.

A motion to accept all Reports was made by Karen Forys and seconded by Randy Haas. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Proposed Budget: Karrie Forys made a motion to accept the Proposed Budget and present this to the Voters at the July 27th Voters' Assembly; this was seconded by Tim Forys and the motion carried.
- The Constitution Committee has not yet met. Chris Durham will ask for a meeting. Additional Council members now added to the Committee are: Karen Forys, Karrie Forys, Tim Forys, and Kathy Tallieu.

New Business

- There was no new business.

The Secretary's Report from this meeting was read to Council. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Karrie Forys and seconded by Katie Laur. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Katie Laur and seconded by Karrie Forys. Motion carried. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer at 8:05 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

Recorded and submitted by Renea Lambert, Council Secretary



In case you missed it –

Pastor Kern is taking on the responsibility of Vacancy Pastor for Peace Lutheran Church in Sandusky. Not much changes for us at Our Savior—other than Adult Bible Study moves to 8:00 a.m. This allows Pastor time after our Service to travel to Sandusky for their 11:00 Service. ✚ Please pray for the Call Process at Peace as well as for Pastor Kern as he cares for both congregations.

Homeschool Co-Op Field Trip



On July 16th, the Homeschool students and parents traveled to Port Sanilac to visit the Sanilac County Historic Village and Museum. These are pictures from their busy and educational day. It looks like they all had fun!



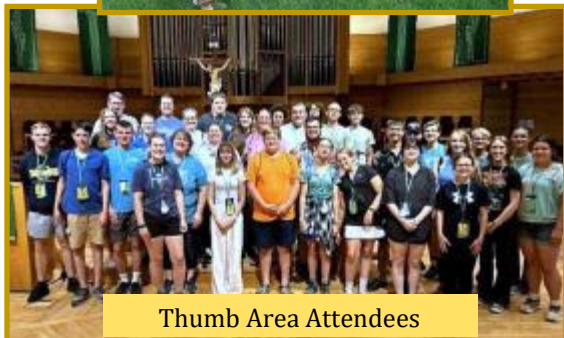
Higher Things Youth Conference

ALL THINGS NEW

Our Youth, Pastor, and Leaders all traveled to Grand Rapids the last week of July to attend the “Higher Things” Youth gathering. This is a wonderful thing for our Lutheran Youth! They sing the Liturgies and hymns with gusto and the learning and lessons they receive are steeped in Lutheran doctrine and teaching.

This year’s theme was “All Things New” based on Revelation 21:5.

It was fantastic!



Picnic & Pie

Sponsored by The Barnabas Club



The Barnabas Club held the annual Picnic & Pie fundraiser event on July 14th. It was so much fun and helped to raise over \$2000 for the missions and ministries at Our Savior. Thanks to your support of the Club's events, the participation of our Youth at Higher Things was fully funded. Praise God!



A special "thank you" goes to John Tomlinson for once again serving as our Volunteer Auctioneer. He and his wife make this event a blessing! ❤️



In support of the mission and ministries at
Our Savior Lutheran Church in Marlette
The Barnabas Club

sponsors the Fourth Annual



FIRST PRIZE
\$1000 CARD

SECOND PRIZE
\$750 CARD

THIRD PRIZE
\$500 CARD

FOURTH PRIZE
\$250 CARD

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A GIFT CARD TO

BEN'S GREAT OUTDOORS
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+Cards can be used for ANY purchase+

SPORTING EQUIPMENT ★ FIREARMS ★ BUILDING SUPPLIES
OUTDOOR GEAR ★ TOOLS ★ HOME IMPROVEMENT NEEDS

No matter what you're looking for, Ben's probably has it.

\$20 PER TICKET **DRAWING DATE: 9-20-25**
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

All proceeds from this activity help support the mission and ministries of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Marlette.

**To get tickets, please see any
Barnabas Club member.**

Serving the Lord and our Congregation

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Caleb Storm
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Nursery-Grade I—Hanna Kern
Grades 2-6—Debie Kaltz
Youth Leader—Hannah Schank

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Jerry Priebe
Bob Stoick
Craig Storm
Chris Durham
Don Schank
Gus Schumacher
Chris McGarvie



* Chris Durham is a non-voting Trustee

Note: The School Board is no longer meeting regularly