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March 2026



I Love My Church!

✝ The Lord loves our church and so do we ✝



From 2021—The Brandt Family
Trevor & Paige
Marty and Becky

This month, we hear from **The Brandt Family**

Becky writes, “Marty was born in Lapeer and was raised in Hillman, Michigan. After college, he returned to Lapeer to be near his family. Marty is a golf course superintendent and has worked in the industry since 1989. Becky grew up in Clio, Michigan. We were married in 1994 and moved to

North Branch in 1998. Together we raised two children, Paige and Trevor. Paige is married to Vinny Kozlowski and they attend St. Martin in Birch Run. Trevor is living in Shelby, Michigan. While he is still a member at OSL, he is currently attending St. Stephens Lutheran Church near his home.

As the children grew older, Becky continued her education earning a degree in special education and currently works at North Branch High School. Before beginning her career in special education, she taught here at Our Savior as a fifth and sixth grade teacher.

We have been members here at Our Savior for nearly twenty- four years. We were introduced to Our Savior Lutheran through friends

that previously attended OSL. As a married couple we have faced many challenges, from losing loved ones to facing job loss and health scares. Through each one, our faith has grown stronger. We've learned that when we place our trust in God, He carries us through anything we face.

Marty and I love our church and our church family. Throughout the last twenty- four years, we have been blessed to have known many faithful members that have cared and prayed for one another. We love the small community feel and sharing our faith with a church family that also has common beliefs.

Being a part of the holy Christian Church means that we have the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hearing God's word and receiving his sacraments restores and gives us renewed strength as we face the challenges of this world. We enjoy singing familiar and older hymns. The sound of all of our voices singing is such a beautiful part of each Sunday.

Special memories at Our Savior include congregational fishing trips at the Knox's Farm, and canoe trips when the kids were younger. Solemn and joyful Good Friday and Easter Services fill our hearts with thought and emotion as we remember our dear Savior and the sacrifices he has made for us. We feel blessed to be part of a congregation that is led by a faithful and caring Pastor."



The Brandts are a blessing to our congregation!

Prayer Concerns

Church Members

Bob Stoick, Bob Gaiser, Lela Gilroy, Everlynn Hurley,
Carter Schank, Brian Westover, Ashton Jones, Carmen Kinney, Jerry Priebe,
Neil & Geraldine Schaudt, Ellen Romosier, Gus & Barb Schumacher,
Kathy Tallieu, Earl & Gwen Hulett, Mike & Karen Wettstein,
Virginia Woudstra, John Hollenbeck, and Fran Clemens



Extended Family and Friends

Rhonda Holland—sister of Marty Brandt
Jill Borek—Judy Fischer's daughter
Steve Shaw—a friend of Lee & Glenda Deering
Brad Cummings—friend of Mike & Karen Wettstein
Unborn baby fighting an illness—friends of Mike Janiszewski
Friend looking to relocate—friend of Mike Janiszewski
Lori Spencer—Randy Haas' mother
David Johnson—Wendy (Priebe) Johnson's father-in-law
Nancy Higgins—Bob Stoick's sister
Jack Stoick—Bob's cousin
Deborah Durham—Chris' step-mother
Dennis Ondrajka—Adam's father
Donna Ferguson—Adam Ondrajka's grandmother
Mary Mitchell—sister of Lela Gilroy
Linda Fraley—Lela Gilroy's daughter
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 and Terri Strauchman,
Samantha Jones, Tim Harris, and Dalton Randall

Please keep all of these brothers and sisters in your prayers.. If you have a family member or friend listed here who is no longer in need of special prayer, please call the church office at 989-635-7994 so the list can be updated.

Serving the Lord in Gladness



March Elders

3/1	Marty Brandt
3/8	Don Schank
3/15	Don Schank
3/22	Chris Durham
3/29	Marty Brandt

Altar Guild

Kathy Rachow

Service Music

March 1, 8, 22, and 29—Caleb Storm/Sam Schank

March 15th—Renea Lambert

Lenten Services—Renea Lambert (or other volunteers)



Sunday Morning Greeters

3/1	Anthony & Mary Theel
3/8	Bob & Jeannie Stoick
3/15	Adam & Kelly Ondrajka
3/22	Randy & Brianna Haas
3/29	<i>Open for volunteers</i>

Acolytes

3/1	Jacob Laur
3/8	Carter Schank
3/15	Jayson Schank
3/22	Max Haas
3/29	Andrew Theel



Church Council Report—February 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. by President Bob Gaiser. Present were: Bob Gaiser, Pastor Kern, Randy Haas, Chris Durham, Caleb Storm, Karen Forsys, Ian Conley, Tim Forsys, Kathy Tallieu, Marty Brandt, Don Schank, and Renea Lambert.

The meeting opened with a devotion read by Pastor Kern, taken from a book written by Bo Giertz and based upon Mark 10. Prayer followed.

The **Treasurer's Report** was reviewed. For the month of January, the report showed an income of \$10,996.58 with expenses totaling \$15,590.67 for a net loss of -\$4,594.09. A motion to accept was made by Tim Forsys and seconded by Chris Durham. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

- 20 Worship Services held; 9 Home/Institutional visits made; Bible Study on Creationism continues.
- Homeschool Co-Op Chapel held every Wednesday at OSL; Peace Pre-School Chapel every week on Tuesday/Wednesday.
- 1 Adult Instruction class completed, 1 Adult Instruction class ongoing.
- Confirmation Classes ongoing at OSL and Peace.
- 1 Pre-Marital Counseling Class continues at Peace.
- Pastor was the Worship Coordinator and Liturgist at the LLL Summit Celebration. Pastor has resigned his position as LLL Pastor Advisor.

Coming up –

- Update: Rev. Keith Knea is leading worship services at Hope Lutheran (Juhl). Pastor Kern will see shut-ins, make hospital visits, handle funerals, etc. Pastor Knea will serve the congregation of Hope on Sundays (and Wednesdays through Lent) as long as the Vacancy at Peace continues. When the Vacancy ends, Pastor Kern will begin serving at Hope. Pastor Knea will begin catechesis with the members of Hope as they work with the MI District to write a new Constitution. Some of the OSL church leadership will meet with their counterparts at Hope on Sunday, March 1st to begin the process of forming a dual parish between Hope and Our Savior.
- A wedding at Peace will be held on March 21st.
- Baptism at Peace on February 22nd.
- Mom-to-Mom Sale at OSL on March 21st.
- Holy Week runs from March 29th – April 5th.
- Regional Pastors' Conference, May 19-20 in Frankenmuth.
- VBS at OSL: June 15-18.
- Higher Things Youth Conference in St. Louis MO, June 23-26.
- Bugenhagen Conference in Racine WI, July 27-29. Pastor would like to attend.

Elders' Report – given by Marty Brandt

- The Elders reassigned families/individuals from Chris McGarvie's group.
- The Elders continue working through the list of Inactive members.

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Board of Christian Education Report – given by Randy Haas

- VBS to be held June 15th – 18th, the theme for VBS will be announced soon.
- Plans for the Mom-to-Mom Sale are going well. 17 of the 20 tables available have been rented. Youth will offer concessions.
- The Youth will be raising funds for their trip to Higher Things. A “Youth Worker Raffle” is underway. For \$10 per ticket (or 3 for \$25), people can purchase a chance to win a Raffle Youth for 3 hours of labor – yard work, cleaning, child care, etc. Each member of the Youth Group has a Raffle Jar in the Fellowship Hall with their name printed on it for ticket deposit. Winning tickets will be drawn on Easter Sunday.

Facilities Trustees Report – given by Kathy Tallieu

- Ian Conley was elected as the new Chairman of the Trustees. Kathy Tallieu continues in her role as Secretary.
- Repairs are being made as needed.
- Chris Durham is updating the list of maintenance needs.

A motion to accept all Board reports was made by Tim Forsys and seconded by Marty Brandt. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Constitution Revision Committee – Chris Durham suggested that the Committee be disbanded and Church Council members work together to make needed revisions. Chris will email all versions of the Constitution to Council for each to look over.
- A copy of the letter that was sent to church employees about budgetary concerns which could impact payroll was given to new members Bob Gaiser and Don Schank.

New Business

- Regarding the recommendation to disband the Constitution Revision Committee, Bob suggested that members of the current Committee be contacted and informed of this recommendation to seek their approval. Chris Durham will contact those members.
- Don Schank expressed concern over the budget shortfall and the impact on employee payroll. It was decided that income and expenses be monitored for a few more months before any decisions are made.
- It was noted that full mortgage payments are scheduled to resume in April.

The Secretary's Report from this meeting was read and a motion to accept the Report was made by Don Schank and seconded by Chris Durham. Motion approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Forsys and seconded by Ian Conley. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 8:05 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

Minutes recorded by Renea Lambert, Secretary

Help Support Our Youth (And get some work done, too!)



On the table in the Fellowship Hall, there are jars labeled with the name of a Youth member who will work for the lucky person whose ticket is drawn on Easter Sunday. Pick your worker(s) and drop in some tickets! All of the funds raised will help send our youth to the Higher Things Conference in June.

LENT 2026

"Search Me, O God—A Spiritual Diagnosis"

Search me, O God, and know my heart!
 Try me and know my thoughts!
 And see if there be any grievous way in me,
 and lead me in the way everlasting!

Psalm 139:23 & 24

WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH

† 5:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Divine Service

† (7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Services at Peace Lutheran in Sandusky)



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

† 9:00 a.m., Divine Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

† 5:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday Divine Service

† (7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Peace Lutheran)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

† 1:00 p.m., Chief Service with Holy Communion

† (7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service at Peace Lutheran)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

† 7:00 p.m., Easter Vigil Service (*Members of Peace invited to attend*)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

† 8:00 a.m., Easter Morning Service at Our Savior

† Easter Breakfast follows the Service

† Easter Egg Hunt!

† (*Peace Lutheran will serve breakfast prior to their 10:00 a.m. Easter Morning Service*)

Come see and shop!

Mom-to-Mom Spring Sale

Come shop our huge multi-family sale, with a variety of gently used items like:

- Baby & Kid's Clothes
- Kid's Toys & Books
- Women's & Maternity Clothes
- Household Goods
- Baby Gear & Large Items
- And much more!

Saturday, March 21st

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Our Savior Lutheran Church

6770 Marlette Rd
Marlette, MI 48453

Bake Sale & Concessions

Come for the deals, stay for the cookies!

Our homeschool co-op & youth group kids will be selling homemade baked goods and refreshments, with proceeds benefitting Our Savior Lutheran Church youth & co-op programs.

Want to Sell?

Looking to do some spring cleaning? Sell your gently used items at our sale!

Tables are **\$20** to rent (limited spaces available)

Text (810) 338-1338

Mark Your Calendar

A special afternoon for very special ladies

Sunday, May 3, 2026

3:00 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Mother-Daughter Tea

Entertainment

- + A Little Girl Fashion Show featuring our darling daughters
- + A Skit presented by members of the Youth Group

Seating is limited — a Reservation is required

To make a Reservation, please see
Kathy Tallieu or Renea Lambert

A donation of \$5 per person is appreciated
to help cover costs

Tea • Finger Sandwiches • Pastries • Charcuterie

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John Hollenbeck
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Craig Storm ▪ Chris Durham
Don Schank ▪ Gus Schumacher

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Ian Conley, Chairman
Kathy Tallieu, Secretary
Tim Forys ▪ Caleb Storm
Don Schank

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Randy Haas, Chairman
Chris Durham, Secretary
Caleb Storm ▪ Kathy Tallieu
Ian Conley

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP

Hanna Kern, Superintendent
Nursery-Grade 1— Erica Gaiser ▪ Grades 2-6—Debie Kaltz
Youth Leader—Hannah Schank

Church Council Members Installed on February 15, 2026



Back row: Karen Forys, Pastor Kern, Renea Lambert, Kathy Tallieu
Front: Chris Durham, Bob Gaiser, Don Schank, Randy Haas, Ian Conley