

Pastur's Corner

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES

May 1st, the church remembers two apostles: St. Philip and St. James. St. Philip was from Bethsaida which is the same town which the fishermen Peter, Andrew, James, and John were from. He is well known for his evangelistic desire to bring people to Jesus. You might remember from last month that it was St. Philip who called St. Nathaniel (Bartholemew) to come and see Jesus who then told Nathaniel that "before Philip called you under the fig tree, I knew you." Before the feast of the Passover, just before the passion and death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, some Greek gentiles approached Philip in John 12 and said, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." When Philip and Andrew brought these men to see Jesus, our Lord told them, "I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself."

After seeing the risen Lord Jesus and after the Holy Spirit descended upon him and the other apostles at Pentecost, St. Philip brought the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the gentiles in Scythia (modern Romania and Ukraine) and Phrygia (modern central Turkey). After the wife of the proconsul of Hierapolis (a Greek city in Phrygia) converted to Christianity on account of Philip's preaching, the proconsul was so enraged that he ordered Philip's crucifixion.

The St. James who is commemorated on May 1st is not the same James as the brother of St. John. In order to differentiate between the two apostles named James, we usually call the brother of John "James the Elder." The James commemorated in May is called "James the Less." This diminutive could either refer to age or it could even refer to a smaller stature of this particular James. This James is the son of a man named Alphaeus. His mother, Mary, was among the women mentioned at the cross and at the tomb. James brought the Gospel of Jesus Christ south to Egypt. He was martyred in a city called Ostrakine. Some traditions claim that he died by crucifixion while others say that he was beaten with clubs. Both of these men, St. Philip and St. James were used mightily by the Holy Spirit to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth and point all peoples to Jesus. Both men were used to fulfill the words of Jesus to the Greeks, "I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself."

Prayer

Almighty God, Your Son revealed Himself to Philip and James and gave them the knowledge of everlasting life. Grant us perfectly to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life, and steadfastly to walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer Concerns

Church Members

Jim Fischer, Jeff Eager, Kathy Tallieu, Keith Donley, Neil Schaudt, Dale Kage, Ashton Jones, Pam and Bob Mutschler, Lela Gilroy, Mike Wettstein, Gus Schumacher, Ellen Romosier, Carmen Kinney, Brenda Fifield, Fran Clemens, and Mary Lou Champion



Extended Family and Friends

Michael Bardon – Cousin of Dan Fischer Danica Willis — a friend of Mary Brief Judy Zeeman – friend of the McGarvie family Rhonda Holland – sister of Marty Brandt Carol Gillis – John Hollenbeck's sister Zachary Lutes – a friend of Hanna Kern Joan Kuhn – Mary Brief's mother Taylor Long – a friend of OSL Kingston students Don Johnson – Adam Ondrajka's friend and coworker Cathy Khoury – Bob Mutschler's sister Carl & Cathy Mutschler – Bob's brother and sister-in-law Walter Musiel – Lori's brother-in-law DorisAnn Brief - Mary's mother-in-law Randy Kasdorf – Shauna Lester's Baptismal Sponsor Ken and Pam Wood – parents of Kelly Ondrajka Larry Lowe – Husband of Christine Lowe Harvey Kaltz – Debie's husband; father of Hannah Schank and Bridget Storm

David Woudruff, Robbie Kuechenmeister, Raymond Randall, John Hubsky, Heather Sunday and Baby, and Valerie Martin — all friends and family members of Virginia Woudstra

Special MAY Dates

- † Spring Clean Up Day will be on Saturday, May 6th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come and lend a hand—there's lots to do!
- † OSLS students travel to Birch Run on Friday, May 12th to visit the Wilderness Trails Zoo. Fun!
- † Mothers' Day is on Sunday, May 14th.
- † The Ascension of Our Lord is on Thursday, May 18th.
- † We have two young men graduating from High School this year. Commencement will be held for them on Sunday, May 21st—*Joshua Parsons* from Marlette High School and *Jacob Eager* from Brown City High School. Next month, we will have a special section in The Logos to share word of their accomplishments and future plans.
- † On Monday, May 22nd, everyone is invited to attend the End of the School Year Closing Service at 6:30 p.m.
- † The last day of this school year will be on May 24th. The boys and girls will enjoy a "Field Day" that day as well.
- † Pentecost Sunday is on May 28th. Watch for the colors of the church to turn to scarlet.

Wonderful News



Pastor and Hanna are pleased to announce that their family is growing. The new baby is due to be born in early November.

Please pray for a safe pregnancy and delivery for Hanna and for all pregnant mothers.

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Serving the Lord in Gladness



May Elders /7 Aaron Fischer

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Altar Guild

Erica Gaiser

As always, we are seeking people to become part of the Altar Guild. It's a wonderful way to serve! Please contact any Altar Guild member to learn more.



iPad Operators for Service Music

May 7, 14, and 28 – Caleb Storm/Sam Schank May 21 – Renea Lambert



Sunday Morning Greeters

5/7 Adam and Kelly Ondrajka 5/14 The McGarvies 5/21 Don and Hannah Schank 5/28 Randy and Brianna Haas

Acolytes

5/7 and 5/21 Sam Schank 5/14 and 5/28 William Gaiser



Meet Our New Members

Sunday, April 30th was quite a special day at Our Savior. We welcomed two new families into membership and we give thanks to God that He has brought them into our midst.



The Wansedels

Randy, Angela, and son Ryder are now officially members at OSL. This family has been a part of our school for several years and now they're part of the church family too.

Angela and Ryder were both Baptized on April 30th. Randy & Angela were received as adult Confirmands that day as well.

Praise be to God!

We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

The Theel Family

Anthony, Mary, and Andrew Theel became members at Our Savior on April 30th through a Profession of Faith.

The Theels have been worshiping with us for a while now and we are thrilled to have them become part of the OSL family.



We give all praise and glory to God for these families!



FUN for Our Young (and Young at Heart) Members

Search for Disciples



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Can you find the names of the twelve disciples from the word box below?

ANDREW JOHN PHILIP
BARTHOLOMEW JUDAS SIMON
JAMES MATTHEW THADDAEUS
JAMES PETER THOMAS

Look at this!

On April 19th, our school children had some AMAZING visitors! Some of God's reptilian creatures came to OSLS and it was an incredible day. Representatives from "The Reptarium" in Utica traveled all the way to Marlette to show the boys and girls these fascinating animals. Our students were fearless and more than willing to handle all of them!









Leek Some More!





It was quite an adventure for everyone!





Last, but not Least ...

During the last week of April, the staff and students at Our Savior took some time to celebrate National Lutheran Schools. Each day of the week had a fun theme—and in this picture, we see Pastor and Mrs. Musiel getting into the spirit of things on "Sports Jersey Dress Up Day". Lookin' good!!





PICNIC & PIE

is coming up on June 5th and we need your help to make it a blessing for our school. We pray that our bakers will once again create some scrumptious, yummy pies. We also pray that everyone will come! It's a favorite event for many of us.

Pies can be brought to church on Sunday, June 4th or before the event on Monday.

Thank you!