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I Love My Church!

✠ The Lord loves our church and so do we ✠



The Haas Family

Randy, Brianna, Maximus, Emelia, and Matthias

Tell us about yourself –

Randy is a blacksmith and for the last year or so he's also started a small business making handmade, old fashioned candy. Brianna is a stay at home mom to our three children, Maximus, Emelia and Matthias. We both grew up in Marlette and met each other in high school. We started dating at 16 and 15, high school sweethearts. We married in 2012 and welcomed Max in 2017, Emmie in 2020 and Matty in 2023.

How and when did you become a member of Our Savior?

After beginning to read God's word as a family, and looking for resources online, Randy was led to The Book Of Concord. After reading that, we knew we needed to find a good Lutheran church. We were so happy to learn there was a Lutheran church so close to home. We became members in 2020 after visiting the yearly pie auction!

What are some ways that your faith has grown or how has it been strengthened since coming to OSL?

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ every week, watching our children be baptized into Christ and sharing in the promises of God with us.

What do you love most about our church family?

We've always appreciated the great conversations before and after service. We've gained many friends and our children think of everyone as friends, grandmas and family.

What does it mean to you to be part of the one, holy, Christian, and apostolic Church?

It means that we are adopted into God's family. We are being fellow shaped (fellowship) into Christ by our common union (communion) of His Word and Sacraments.

How has the Divine Service impacted your life?

The liturgy has taught us to pray and sing daily. By using the same setting of the Divine Service our children know most of the service by heart and regularly sing and recite it at home.



Is there a particular memory or moment at OSL that stands out as especially encouraging to you?

Baptisms in the church will always be amazing memories. Our children being baptized, being chosen as Godparents to Angelina, these are all amazing things to look back on. We're also huge fans of the Easter Vigil and Easter sunrise services, they're amazing to be a part of.

Why do you love your church?

We love our church for many reasons. The Word of God is rightly preached, and the Sacraments are rightly administered. Our fellow parishioners are there for the same reason, which is why we love to be part of this church family.



OCTOBER'S HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

#663, from the “Church Militant” section of the hymnal

(1) Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;

From your sleep awaken!

Be not by the evil day Unawares o’er taken;

For the foe, Well we know, Is a harvest reaping

While the saints are sleeping.

...

(5) But while watching, also pray

To the Lord unceasing.

God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing,

So that still Mind and will Shall unite to serve Him

And forever love Him.

Prayer Concerns

Church Members

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



Extended Family and Friends

Conrad Brooks—Judy Fischer's son-in-law
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
Lennie Chronowski—young daughter of Earl & Gwen Hulett's friends
Nancy Higgins—Bob Stoick's sister
Karen Kobylik—a friend of Adam Ondrajka
Jack Stoick—Bob's cousin
Deborah Durham—Chris' step-mother
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
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
Alan Dorman—member of our Christian community who is battling cancer
Family & Friends of Virginia Woudstra: Dennis Davis,
Robbie Kuechenmeister, Richard, Russel & Terri Strauchman,
Dalton Randall, and the family of Marj Woodward

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



October Elders

10/5 Marty Brandt
10/12 Craig Storm
10/19 Don Schank
10/26 Chris Durham

Altar Guild

Kathy Rachow

Service Music

October 5, 12, and 26—Caleb Storm/Sam Schank
October 19—Renea Lambert



Sunday Morning Greeters

10/5 Randy & Brianna Haas
10/12 Anthony & Mary Theel
10/19 Adam & Kelly Ondrajka
10/26 *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

10/5 Max Haas
10/12 Andrew Theel
10/19 Jacob Laur
10/26 Carter Schank



Church Council Report

From the meeting of September 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Vice President Tim Forys. Present were: Pastor Kern, Caleb Storm, Randy Haas, Chris Durham, Karrie Forys, Karen Forys, Tim Forys, Katie Laur, Kathy Tallieu, Marty Brandt, and Renea Lambert.

Pastor opened with a devotion based on Ephesians 4, followed by prayer.

The **Treasurer's Report** was reviewed. This report from August 2025 showed total income of \$13,738.75 and total expenses of \$14,513.28 for a negative income figure of -\$774.53. A motion to accept the report was made by Karrie Forys and seconded by Randy Haas. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastoral duties:

- No Baptisms, Weddings, Confirmations, or Funerals in the past month.
- There have been 15 worship services held.
- Adult Bible Study at OSL continues on "Lutheran Doctrine and Distinctives" and at Peace Lutheran in Sandusky, they have an elder-led study on "10 Ways to Kill a Pastor".
- Pastor made 11 Home/Institutional Visits.
- Other duties:
- One Adult Instruction is almost complete.
- Two couples have completed pre-marital counseling (OSL & PLC)
- One house blessing
- One newborn and mother blessing (baptism coming soon)
- Future planning:
- Confirmation classes are ongoing (Sundays at Peace/Wednesdays at OSL)
- Youth Night will be on September 26th. Peace and OSL will alternate locations and combine groups.
- Clean up at the Argyle Cemetery will be on Saturday, October 4th beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Pastor has received donations to fully fund his trip to the Best Practices Conference in February, 2026 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Elder's Report – given by Marty Brandt

- The Elders are working on composing a letter that will go to all members regarding Stewardship and an upcoming Commitment Sunday.

Board of Christian Education Report – given by Randy Haas

- The BOCE met on Sunday, September 14th. There are no updates to report to Council.

Council Report, continued

Facilities Trustees Report – given by Karrie Forys

- Kathy Tallieu is on a waiting list for “Safe Serve Management” training which is needed for the OSL kitchen to remain licensed.
- Building repairs made as needed.

A motion to accept all reports was made by Chris Durham and seconded by Katie Laur. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Several Constitution Revision Committee members met following last month’s Council meeting. It was decided that the Constitution Revision plan will be tabled.
- There has been no update from Positive Alternatives regarding a possible Baby Pantry which might be housed at OSL. Should plans go forward for this, it would likely only require OSL to provide space and a few volunteers.

New Business

- Ideas/suggestions have been forwarded to President Adam Ondrajka to: (1) have the Men’s Group build picnic tables for congregational use and (2) hold a rummage sale in the church parking lot. No decision was made.
- Marty Brandt told Council that the Elders discussed the current financial strain OSL is facing. The Elders plan to send letters to all congregation members to inform them of plans to request Stewardship Commitment Cards and hold a Commitment Sunday sometime in the near future.
- Further discussion brought a motion forward to (1) pause District Support and (2) transfer the Memorial and Homeschool Co-Op funds into the General Fund. This motion was made by Marty Brandt and seconded by Chris Durham. Motion carried.
- Monthly Financial Reports will be placed in member mailboxes at church in an effort to keep the congregation informed of the situation.
- Randy Haas asked Council to consider allowing him use of the church kitchen (on off hours) for his Sugarsmith Candy business, and to use a portion of one of the school rooms for storage. His plan is to give \$500 monthly to the church for this purpose.
 - A motion was made by Karrie Forys and seconded by Katie Laur to allow Randy to use the kitchen and an area of one of the classrooms for his business. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with The Lord’s Prayer.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Renea Lambert, Secretary

Calendar Events – Near & Far

Life Chain

Sponsored by Right to Life of Sanilac County

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

FROM

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Join us for one hour of prayer to end abortion in our Country

LEXINGTON

**AVE MARIA PARISH - ST.
DENIS HALL**

5366 Main St., Lexington

Pick up a sign and
stand along M-25 in silent prayer.

Questions call Michael at 810-543-1533

OR

MARLETTE

**MARLETTE
BAPTIST CHURCH**

6469 Chard St., Marlette

Pick up a sign in the church and
stand along M-53 in silent prayer.

Questions call Amy at 810-404-0860

Hymn Festival at Grace Lutheran in Auburn

"I Am Baptized Into Christ: The Devil's Might Unraveled"

Sunday, October 12th at 3:00 at Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn. Commentators for the Festival will be Rev. Stephen Starke and Rev. Aaron Schian. Kantors will be Nathan Beethe (Kantor from Grace-Auburn), Jon Eifert, and Brian Heinlein. A Mass Choir composed of members from area congregations will sing and instrumentalists are invited too! Those wishing to participate should contact Kantor Nathan Beethe at 989-878-2103. Two rehearsals have been scheduled: Saturday, October 4th at 2:00 and again on Sunday, October 12th at 1:30.

Whether you're a singer or simply a listener, if you love music and our Lutheran hymns, you'll want to attend this special event!

Thursday, November 6th—**MICHIGAN MARCH FOR LIFE IN LANSING.** The March will take place outside the State Capital Building. Pre-Rally Concert at 10am, Rally at 11am, and the March at 12:00.

Saturday, November 8th—**A HOLY CONVERSATION** with Dr. Peter Scaer at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairgrove. The day begins at 9:30 with Matins and concludes around 2:00 p.m. (*More on this next month.*) It will be excellent!

TRUNK OR TREAT *at OSL* Sunday, October 19th, 4-6pm

What fun! This year's **Trunk or Treat** will be held on Sunday, October 19th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the parking lot at Our Savior. Things are in the planning stages right now, and you can help make it a great outreach into the community. Along with candy and games, we also give out the Gospel!

- ☺ You can help by praying for the event.
- ☺ You can help by donating candy and treats.
- ☺ You can help by decorating your own "trunk" and attending.
- ☺ You can help by giving a cash donation. Supplies and Lutheran printed materials will be purchased to share that day. (A basket will be in the church hall for this purpose)

Many thanks to everyone for contributing!

The Barnabas Club Fall Raffle Winners



First Place Winner
MARC TALLIEU

Not Pictured
(but still a
winner)
is our own
GWEN HULETT
who won 2nd
Prize!



Bob Stoick presents cards to
3rd & 4th place winners
RICK RAYMOND & STACI LINDER

Sunday School & Youth

A Sunday morning glimpse inside our classrooms

+ Students meet weekly following after-service refreshments +

Pre-School—Grade 1

Teacher: Mrs. Gaiser

Here we see
the boys and
girls listening
to a Bible Story.



Grades 2—6

Teacher: Mrs. Kaltz

Mrs. Kaltz and
two of her
students are
getting ready
to begin the
day's lesson.



Youth Group

Teacher: Mrs. Schank

Along with
Scripture and
lessons, this
group will be
planning some
fun events, too.



Serving the Lord and our Congregation

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

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 Jerry Priebe
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 Chris McGarvie



* Chris Durham is a non-voting Trustee

Note: The School Board is no longer meeting regularly