

Upcoming events and reminders:

Dates to Save

Pledge Sunday: October 20th

Pumpkin Decoration: October 20th

Confirmands Confirmed: October 27th

Fr. O'Leary speaks/dinner at LCS: October 30th

Confirmation kids Craigs Cruisers: November 8th

Children's Program: December 15th

Youth Group 7th grade and up: December 29th

Pasor Nikki new local number. Office (269)342-0069

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Pastor, Nikki Smith **NEW# (269)816-5469.**

Pastor Nikki On Vacation. Pr. Rachel from Prince of Peace will be on call for emergencies from Saturday October 19th - Saturday October 26th. She can be reached at cell (989) 600-8065 or office 269-343-3453 or pastorrachel@popportage.org

Potluck October 20th Following worship on Sunday October 20th will be a potluck to celebrate pledge Sunday. Please bring a side if you are able!



Christ in our home. The October, November, December issue is now available in the Narthex.

All Saints Day. Sunday November 3rd is All Saints. If you would like a candle lit in memory of a deceased loved one, please print their name on the signup sheet in the Narthex.

Barb Hogg address. New address: 610 Mall Drive, Spring Arbor Apt. #269, Portage MI 49024.

Pumpkin Decorating. All kids welcome during worship on Sunday, October 20th at 10:00 am to decorate pumpkins! Please sign up in the Narthex as we will be providing the pumpkins and want to make sure we have the correct amount. Pumpkins will be displayed to the congregation during fellowship.

Funeral For Stephanie. We are sad to announce that Bernadette Radke's sister passed away. The memorial service with luncheon following will be at LCS on Saturday November 2nd at 1pm. Bernadette is inviting all who would like to attend.

Help Build Our Pastor's Help Fund. We are building up our Pastor's Help fund. If you are able to donate please put donation in a pew envelope with the amount you are donating and Pastor's Help Fund.

AARP Seeks Income Tax Volunteers for 2019 Fall Training. Are you looking for a way to serve others who will appreciate and benefit from your help? Got a head for numbers? Like working on computers? Please consider volunteering for the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program. We are focused on assisting seniors and lower income people file their income tax returns. Volunteers provide free, in-person assistance at several locations within Kalamazoo County after receiving detailed training and IRS certification. We provide all the necessary materials, computers, training and support for you to be successful. Training begins November 1st. There are two types of positions; Client Facilitators, who obtain basic client information and confirm tax documents, and Counselors, who work with the taxpayer to prepare Federal and State returns for electronic filing. For more information, go to: www.aarpfoundation.org/volunteer or contact Chuck at Chuck@theyagers.com.

The Lutheran Reformation. This October will mark the 502 anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. In commemoration of the Reformation, we have invited Fr. O'Leary of St. Ambrose to speak about Catholic spirituality on Wednesday October 30th at 6:00 p.m. at LCS. Pr. Nikki will provide homemade pulled pork sandwiches, and invite anyone else who will be attending to bring something to share for dinner.

Amazon Smile Donations. Lutheran Church of the Savior is now set up on Amazon Smile. When purchasing from Amazon simply go to smile.amazon.com and type in Lutheran Church of the Savior Kalamazoo as your charity. Your login information, shopping cart, wish list and other account settings will be exactly the same. The only difference will be that a portion of your purchase will be donated directly to LCS on a quarterly basis. You can also use link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1902175> to go directly to LCS donation page. If you have questions see Jill LeBeau or Pastor Nikki.

Faith And Flapjacks. A breakfast group that gets together on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. to enjoy food, fellowship and discuss our faith. We meet at Scooter D's restaurant located at: 724 Shoppers Ln, Kalamazoo, MI 49004.

Discipleship Box. Outside Pr Nikki's office is a box where you can anonymously submit any faith questions you have.

Electronic Tithing. If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, please stop in the Church office for more information, or visit lcoskzoo.com and click the Donate button on the homepage. Thanks you for your generosity

Prayers Needed. Please remember to let the office know if you want someone to be added or taken off the prayers during Worship. Also remember you can always say their name during and those we now name....

Visits From Pastor Nikki. If you are sick, having surgery, in the hospital, or just need a visit from the Pastor, please call the church office and let us know!

New Address - Have You Moved? Please let Jill LeBeau in the church office know if you have a new address.

Cans For Camp (& Bottles) Volunteers Needed. If you are interested in helping return the cans (even if just once) please contact Jill LeBeau. The kids have been collecting as well!

Profile Sheets - Please Complete. Please complete one for all members of your family, including children and return to the Church office. If you have any questions please contact Jill LeBeau.

Give+ Text Program. This program allows you to use the texting feature of your smartphone to donate to the Church. Text # 269-331-2111 and enter the amount you wish to donate, then press send and follow directions. Quick Guide direction flyers available on Narthex table.

Fellowship Hour Volunteers. The Fellowship Service Team invites you to participate in coffee hour each Sunday following worship. The congregation provides the "sweets" to go with our coffee. Please consider signing up!

Welcome Cart. We now have a welcome cart stocked with mugs, frisbees, welcome packets, and goodies for kids! Its home will be in the Church office but it can be rolled anywhere to welcome new members.

Visit the Library

The LCS library has been cleaned and has new materials available to enjoy! Please visit the library, located to the right of the main office, and check out the selection of movies and books available.

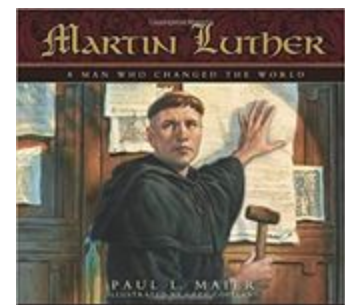
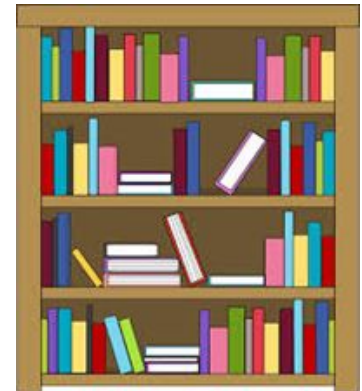
Please make sure to sign out anything you want to take home, there is a 2-week limit per item. Also make sure to take good care of the items so that others can enjoy them.

Pastor's Book & Movie of the Month

October is Reformation month when Lutherans prepare to commemorate the Reformation on the Sunday closest to October 31st. This is a great time to revisit and study our Lutheran faith so that by knowing who we are we can reach out to others in faith!

Book of the Month: **Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World** by Paul Maier

A great book to read to get a quick overview of the life of Martin Luther. The Book includes beautiful pictures, and even a map of the important places in Luther's life. Also check out the yellow hand out called Lutheran Confessions to learn more about what beliefs make Lutherans unique, and how Luther helped to write some of them.



Movie of the Month: **Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World**

This 2017 PBS special is the best documentary out there if you want to learn about Martin Luther, his life, his faith, and the beliefs of Lutheranism. It is a longer documentary (around 2 hours) but it will cover subjects Lutherans do not often talk about including Luther's dark writings like *On the Jews and Their Lies* which were used by the



Nazi's, as well as how some of Luther's writings inspired the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who is named after Martin Luther.

Past events summary/update:

Sunday School News. Children 1st grade to 6th grade may now attend Sunday School with teachers. Infant to kindergarten are welcome in the nursery (Bible lesson included). Youth 7th grade and above please attend worship. Worship bags are available for children and teens remaining in worship. **Once a month the 7th grade and above will meet on Sunday night with Karine Carls for youth group! First meeting will be December 29th at the Church from 5pm to 7pm.**

Community Events:

Parchment Community Library has many events and a new Library Ambassador, Karen Woodworth. Check out their website. Parchmentlibrary.org.

African Christian Fellowship:

Worship service is on Sunday's 3pm to 5pm at LCS. Welcome to join!

Church Together Team. Just a reminder that the church together team meets at 11:45 am on the first Sunday of every month. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Sharon Brenn or Pastor Nikki. Next Meeting Sunday, November 3rd at 11:45am.

Social Concerns:

Thrivent Products. WANTED: Anyone who has Thrivent products. You are eligible for 2 - \$250 grants per year to help sponsor our various projects. Please let Kay Landfair know as we have a growing list of Thrivent people which would allow us to help even more people in our community and others around the world. Thanks

SWELL (Sharing With Everyone Lutheran Love) is a partnership with Samaritas and Lutheran Churches in West Michigan. SWELL partnerships currently are in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids. Some of the ways SWELL serves is to: purchase birthday gifts for all foster children. They also support special requests such as swimming lessons, special camps etc. which are beyond the financial means of the foster parents. SWELL also provides a respite day for foster parents before Christmas and a Christmas Party for all foster families.

Council update:

Minutes from the September 15, 2019 meeting will be printed once approved.
Next Council Meeting is October 21, 2019 at 5:00pm.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER 20th

Minister: Pastor Debra Dinda

Organist/Pianist: Deborah Rafferty

Assisting Minister: Chet Hills

Crucifer: Kathy Ferenc

Acolyte: Aidan LeBeau

Reader: Kathy Ferenc

Greeter: Wilma Cool

Ushers: Dianne Mann, Alvera Lewis, Jerry and Teresa Rietkerk

Children's Sermon: Jackie Knapp

Sunday School Teacher: Karine Carls

Altar Preparations: Alvera Lewis

Offering Tellers: Chet and Lorraine Hills

Information:

If you have information or pictures you would like me to include please email me at lcokalamazoo@gmail.com.

Church Calendar:

Available at www.lcoskzoo.com under the calendar tab.