

Upcoming events and reminders:

Dates to Save

Youth Group: January 26th - Bowling

Annual Meeting: February 9th

BasketBall Fundraiser: February 23rd

Growlers Game: July 31st

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Reconciling in Christ this Sunday: This Sunday we commemorate LCS becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Since January of 2016 LCS has officially been part of the Reconciling in Christ network which means we are committed to welcoming all people into the body of Christ especially members of the LBGTQ+ community. We are also committed to advocating for LBGTQ+ rights, and we seek to deepen our relationships with organizations such as Out Front Kalamazoo which works with the LBGTQ+ community of Kalamazoo.

Annual Meeting Rescheduled. The annual meeting is rescheduled for Sunday, February 9, 2020 after worship. Lunch will be provided.

Basketball Fundraiser Details



Hoops "4" Hoops

Why: Fundraiser to purchase an inground basketball hoop for the church

Who: All ages welcome!

When: Sunday, February 23rd, 12:30pm

Where: Michigan Career and Technical Institute (1161 West pine Lake Road, Plainwell, 49080)

Cost: \$5.00/per person includes lunch and activities (Free throw contest, relays, monkey ball, 3 on 3.)

For Tickets: Call or email the church at 269-342-0069 email: licoskalamazoo@gmail.com.

Kids will also be selling tickets after worship starting Feb. 9th.

Pledging Opportunities: If unable to attend but would like to donate see the pledge board with envelopes beginning Feb 9th in Narthex.

Volunteers: If you would like to help with this event please see Jill LeBeau or Karine Carls. We need help!!!!

Church Closing Information for Inclement Weather or Emergency. We have signed up with News channel 3 to report LCS closing for weather or other emergency situations. To sign up for a text or email if we are closing you can go to: <http://wwmt.com/weather/closings>, there is a link to sign up for email/text alerts. Our church ID is 5183 and we are located under

Kalamazoo County Closings and Lutheran Church of the Savior. If you need help, please contact Jill LeBeau in the Church Office. 269-342-0069.

Teach The Pastor. Pr. Nikki would love to learn from you! If you have a hobby or activity you are passionate about Pr. Nikki would love to get to know you better and learn a new hobby. Whether its stamps, ice skating, hiking, curling, etc. Set up a date/time with Pr. Nikki by email, phone, or in person.

Day Camp Tentative Date. Day camp is tentatively scheduled for June 22nd to June 26th. Please mark your calendars!

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.

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.

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.

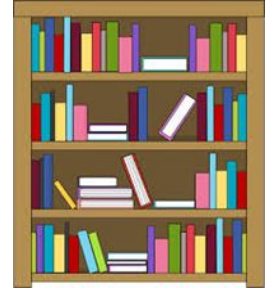
Cans For Youth (& Bottles) Volunteers Needed. If you are interested in helping return the cans (even if just once) please contact Jill LeBeau. The kids have been collecting as well!

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.

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! Next meeting will be January 26th at East Bowl from 5pm to 7pm.**

NEWSLETTER UPDATE ON TINY HOMES-Kalamazoo January 2020

Hello and HAPPY New Decade!

I am so excited that the Lutheran Church of the Savior remains committed and interested in the Tiny Houses of HOPE Pilot (THoHP) Project! and extremely grateful for the outpouring of financial support at and stemming from Commissioner Praedel's Mingle! To date the highest donations coming from a Mingle 4 Shingles came from Lutheran Church of the Savior!

We have been in conversations with the Home Builders Association but have not finalized any actual collaboration, but we are HOPEful that we will, if not with the Northside Tinnies then the next ones slated to go up in the Vine Neighborhood. Just for the sake of clarity, the Home Builders Association's recent project that just made the news is nothing like the THoHP Project at all. We are building 400 sq. ft, affordable housing, for a very specific demographic of marginalized people. The Home Builders Association are building small homes that are NOT necessarily considered affordable housing. They may be for low-income people, but the two are not the same. I have been following their work pretty closely and am optimistic that are work will intersect in the near future.

Since are presentation in November, there have not been any significant developments. The newest developments were shared with the folks who attended the Mingle. I am happy to keep LCS in the loop as we proceed closer to groundbreaking and beyond.

Again, thank you and take care until next time.

Gwendolyn

Gwendolyn Hooker-Chief Executive Officer

Helping Other People Exceed (HOPE) thru Navigation

Pastor David Sprang

Thank you to Pastor Sprang for preaching and for his presentation this past Sunday. Also thank you to everyone who provided or helped with the lunch!



Community Events:

Parchment Community Library has many events and a new Library Ambassador, Karen Woodworth. Check out their website. Parchmentlibrary.org. Pastor Nikki will be giving a Creation Care Talk at 10:30am on March 21st!

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.

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

Council update:

Minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting will be printed once approved. Next Council Meeting is Sunday, February 16th after worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JANUARY 26TH

Minister: Pastor Nikki

Organist/Pianist:Deborah Rafferty

Assisting Minister: Diane Hansen

Crucifer: Dianne Mann

Acolyte: Randi Rodriguez

Reader: Diane Hansen

Greeter: Starr Meintz

Ushers: Bob Koenes, Kevin Radke, Trudy Mearing

Children's Sermon: Karine Carls

Sunday School Teacher: Karine Carls

Altar Preparations: Diane Hansen

Offering Tellers: Dianne Mann and Kay Landfair

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.