



## News from your church - March 4, 2020

### **Upcoming events and reminders:**

#### **Dates to Save**

**Pastor Nikki creation care talk:** Parchment Library 10:00am on March 21st

**Fr. O Leary talk:** March 26 at 5:30pm

**Culvers Night (Support Udhhar):** April 21st

**Growlers game:** July 31st

**Lent Worship, Study, And Supper.** Lent worship: Wednesday, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and April 1st. Entire family welcome and nursery will be provided. The theme will be Stations of the Cross. Supper and bible study at 5:30 pm with worship beginning at 6:30pm. Please Join!

#### **Holy Week Worship Schedule**

April 5th - Palm Sunday at 10:00 am

April 9th - Maundy Thursday at 6:00 pm

April 10th - Good Friday at 6:00 pm

April 11th - Saturday Vigil at 8:00 pm

April 12th - Easter Breakfast & egg hunt 8:30 am

April 12th - Easter Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

**Easter Breakfast And Egg Hunt.** Breakfast will be from 8:30 - 9:45 am on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2019. Please sign up for items to bring (egg dishes, fruit, bagels, muffins, etc.) on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall. Egg hunt will start at 9:30 am.

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

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**Pastor Nikki Vacation.** Pastor Nikki will be on vacation from March 10th through March 18th. Pastor Robert Hannemann will be preaching on March 15th. If an emergency while Pastor Nikki is out, please call Pastor Rachel from Prince of Peace at cell: 989-600-8065 office: 269-343-3453. email: [pastorrachel@popportage.org](mailto:pastorrachel@popportage.org).

**Lilies For Love.** This year instead of lilies, donations may be given in any amount in memory or honor of someone. Each donation will put a heart on a Lent/Easter artwork which will be displayed in the narthex beginning in Lent. All funds will be donated to a local charity to be determined by the worship service team. Names of those for whom a donation is made will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

**123.... Count.** Council is looking for volunteers to help count. If you are willing, we will partner you with a council member to learn the process. Please let the church office know if you are interested.

**Pictures For Our Directory.** On May 17th and 24th Pastor Nikki and/or Jill will be taking photos for our Breeze directory. If you have a picture you would like to use instead please email to [lcokalamazoo@gmail.com](mailto:lcokalamazoo@gmail.com).

**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://www.mt.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 Official Date.** Day camp is officially 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](https://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 [lcokzoo.com](http://lcokzoo.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.

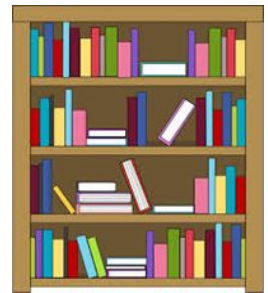
**Cans For Youth (& Bottles) Volunteers Needed.** If you are interested in helping return the cans (even if just once) please contact Jill LeBeau. The kids have been collecting as well!

**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!**

**Church Safety.** Recently concerns were brought to council about our building safety and safety policies. Staying safe as we gather for worship is an important matter that has become more apparent due to some break ins in our neighborhood and the concern for an active shooting scenario.

We do already have some safety practices in place such as replacing burned out parking lot lights to keep our worship space brightly lit at night, we have door ring systems with cameras so we see who enters and leaves the building, and the Kalamazoo police routinely patrol and stop in our parking lot.

In a continuing effort to assess safety concerns council has at their February meeting adopted the following changes for our door locks. Council has approved having the office side door lock changed and a limited number of non-copiable keys purchased. These keys will be primarily given to staff and those serving on service teams or council. Council has also approved the property service team assessing the main door locks and lower level locks and replacing, changing, or sealing them as they determine.

The building will normally be open during weekly office hours Monday – Thursday 9:30-3:00 p.m. or you can arrange to meet someone with a key at the church to let you in. The doors will be open at least half an hour before worship on Sundays so access to the building for worship will not be affected.

These are some big changes for our congregation, but the hope is that they will help to make our building a safer place for us and guests/visitors to worship. Council will also continue to explore other safety concerns and options, and as always if you have any questions or ideas you are welcome to speak to any of your council members.

God's peace, Pr. Nikki.

**Birthday Bags.** Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!

To everyone who donated supplies, cash or their time to the LCS Birthday Bag Project.

To Lisa Owsiany for writing her 1<sup>st</sup> Thrivent Grant.

To Mike's Town & Country Market on Portage Rd. for ordering Cake mixes and frostings at his wholesale prices. Mike is a good friend of Loaves & Fishes both with donations and helping with fund Raisers.

To Jackie Knapp (The world's best ribbon cutter & curler) and her son for delivering to Comstock Community Center and St. Ambrose/Parchment Methodist pantries.

In previous years the largest total of Birthday bags was 198, but on March 1, 2020, LCS provided 258 bags. I feel so blessed to belong to a congregation that cares so much for others and tries to make our community a better place. THANK YOU AGAIN!







### **Community Events:**

**Parchment Community Library** has many events and a new Library Ambassador, Karen Woodworth. Check out their website. [Parchmentlibrary.org](http://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.

**Thank you.** Pastor Joshua and the members of the African Christian Fellowship wish to express their deepest love and thanks to LCS for continuing our partnership in ministry, and for sharing our worship and property space with them.

## Social Concerns:



**TINY HOUSES OF HOPE  
GROUNDBREAKING!**

**03.30.20**

447 W.North Street  
Corner of N.Westnedge  
& W.North Street

**3:30PM**

THE CITY OF  
**Kalamazoo**

LISC  
Building Sustainable  
Communities

HMG  
FRANKLIN PUBLIC AFFAIRS LLC

JAG  
SERVICES  
Buy, Sell, Rent

TOBI HANNA-DAVIES

Northside Association  
for  
Community Development  
"People Helping People" Since 1981

**LOWE'S**

**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:

Next Council Meeting is Sunday, March 15th after worship.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Preacher:** Pastor Rosanne Anderson

**Presider:** Pastor Nikki

**Organist/Pianist:** Deborah Rafferty

**Assisting Minister:** Eric David

**Crucifer:** Kerry Thurn

**Acolyte:** Clara Cooper

**Reader:** Kerry Thurn

**Greeter:** Jackie Knapp

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

**Children's Sermon:** Lisa Owsiany

**Sunday School Teacher:** Sharon Brenn

**Altar Preparations:** Kay Landfair & Starr Meintz

**Offering Tellers:** Kay Landfair and Dee Stamats

### **Information:**

If you have information or pictures you would like me to include please email me at [lcokalamazoo@gmail.com](mailto:lcokalamazoo@gmail.com).

### **Church Calendar:**

Available at [www.lcoskzoo.com](http://www.lcoskzoo.com) under the calendar tab.