



Upcoming events and reminders:

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.

2018 Adopt A Plot. We have 3.5 acres of landscaped property that requires our attention, quite overwhelming at times. Your Property Lawn Mowing Task Force (currently two members) started this month. We are asking for your help with maintenance of the rest of the property. We divided sections into "doable" plots that should not take a whole day to maintain.

Please review the poster in the Welcome Area (Narthex) of the church and sign up to care for the plot for five months - May thru September. If you plan to add flowers or other landscaping, we ask that you think about sustainability and future maintenance by other members. That's it!

Please sign up today.... Keep it simple, some tools are available.

See Lee Marsh or Sharon Brenn with any questions or suggestions.

Milford Sletten New Address. He is currently at Bronson Room N2636 and will be moved to Vineyard Assisted Living, 8170 Vineyard Parkway, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

New address for Don Banner. Don Banner, 380 Parkview Dr. Plymouth MI, 48170.

Take Me Out To The Ball Game Growlers Game. Join LCS for a fun night out at a Growlers game! We have a number of reserved spaces for the Friday August 9th Growlers vs Jackrabbits game at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$17-\$22 and include all you can eat hot dogs, bratz, chicken, coleslaw, chips, and more. There will be lawn games available, and all kids get a free hat! To signup or for more information please see the signup bulletin in the narthex. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors!

Faith And Flapjacks. A breakfast group that gets together on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 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. For more information please contact Pastor Nikki!

Faith On Tap. A pub group that gets together the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at a rotating pub to enjoy food, fellowship, and discuss our faith. For information please contact Pastor Nikki!

Donations Needed. Sunnyside Free Store is in need of new or gently used clothing. Please place in the box in the fellowship hall. Loaves and Fishes is in need of personal hygiene and sugar free canned goods. Please place in barrel located in the hallway.

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

Tuesday Confirmation Class. Confirmation will meet each month on the first and last Tuesday of the month from 5:00 - 6:00 pm in the library room at LCS. Schedule may vary based on needs. Snacks will be provided and occasionally we will do something fun like order pizza. Change due to schedules through June!

Day Camp June 24 - June 28. LCS will be hosting Living Water Ministries as they provide our Church community a Day Camp/VBS. **Registration packets are available in the Narthex and Church office.**

Camp Overnight And Fundraising.

We have (12) kids signed up to attend overnight camp at Living Water Ministry in New Era, Mi! Pray for our Kids.

Members of LCS - worship leader. Becoming a worship leader is one of the easiest ways to participation in the life of LCS. But as with all things time changes the ability of members to participate in this way, so I am seeking volunteers for all worship leader positions at LCS. If you are interested in becoming an assistant minister, crucifer, acolyte, usher, reader or greeter, please let me know. You may contact me in-person or by phone, text (269-569-0006) or email (kkthurn@gmail.com). If you have questions about the responsibilities associated with these positions, do not hesitate to talk to me. If you are currently volunteering for a worship leader position, I will continue to schedule you for that position. If you wish to change your role in the worship service or wish to have your name be removed from the worship leader list, please contact me in the same way. Thank you.

Yours in Christ, Kerry

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.

Past events summary/update:

Community Events:

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

God's Work Our Hands. Each year around the first Sunday in September the ELCA has a day of service dedicated to putting our faith in action in our communities. This year LCS will be celebrating by sponsoring and serving a meal at Ministry with Community in downtown Kalamazoo. Ministry with Community provides many vital services to our homeless neighbors and other groups. These services include free laundry service, free secure lockers, free social services, free telephone use, breakfast and lunch daily, free showers, etc. LCS will be sponsoring lunch on Saturday September 7th. We will gather at Ministry with Community at 12:45 p.m. and be there until around 2:45 p.m.

The cost of the meal is \$300, and we are asking for donations in any amount to help us reach this goal. We also need at least 8 volunteers to help serve the meal, converse and share love with the guests receiving lunch, and help clean up after the meal. All you need is the desire to share the love of Christ. If you would like to donate to the \$300 please make checks out to LCS with God's Work Our Hands in the memo line, or if you would like to make a cash donation please put it in a pew envelope with the amount you are donating and God's Work Our Hands on it. If you would like to volunteer, please see the sign-up sheet in the gathering area labeled God's Work Our Hands. If you have questions, please see Pr. Nikki.

MINISTRY WITH COMMUNITY

ANNUAL REPORT
Fiscal Year 2017
October 2016 – September 2017

KALAMAZOO'S RESOURCE CENTER AND DAYTIME SHELTER
Our mission is to empower people to make positive life changes.

114,136

PERSONAL HYGIENE
ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

160,156

MEALS SERVED

1,616

INDIVIDUALS USED
STORAGE LOCKERS

20,493

LOADS OF LAUNDRY

1,358

INDIVIDUALS SAW
SOCIAL WORKERS

13,749

SHOWERS TAKEN

18,207

VOLUNTEER HOURS
CONTRIBUTED

362

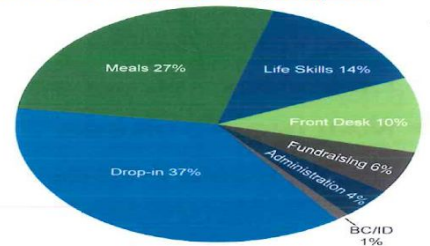
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& STATE IDS



TOTAL INCOME: \$1,471,644



TOTAL EXPENSE: \$1,656,329



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- + DAYTIME SHELTER
- + LAUNDRY
- + SHOWERS
- + PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS
- + LOCKERS
- + MAILING ADDRESS
- + TELEPHONE ACCESS



INTENSIVE SERVICES

- + CRISIS INTERVENTION
- + DROP-IN SOCIAL WORK
- + BIRTH CERTIFICATES/IDS
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- + SUPPORT GROUPS
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African Christian Fellowship:

Worship service is on Sunday's from 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, August 4 , at 11:45am.

Minutes from June 2, 2019 meeting.

Opened with Prayer by Pastor Nikki, unfortunately Pastor Joshua was unable to join us today.

Present: Kay Landfair, Linda Schmitigal, Karine Carls and Sharon Brenn

QUESTION: We are in our third year now, what are the expectations for our churches?

Covenant discussion HOLD till August meeting

Davier Vihamba's family arrived July 27, 2016; Joshua Kibenzi's family arrived in Kalamazoo April 1, 2017.

- **Loaves and Fishes** – Seems like more grains are delivered but not utilized. Boxes need to be broken down. Please no boxes in front of the two doors and on the floor. Signs are posted. Venison has been donated to the ACF members. It is in the refrigerator freezer.

- **Activities we can do together:**

- Monday, May 13 from 5-8pm fund raiser for Day Camp – Culver's on Gull Road. \$293.00
- Overnight camp at Living Water – Discussions focused on the organization of the fund raiser African dinner, there are a lot of activities scheduled on the same day in Kazoo. Thrivent card #4866 given to Linda for food purchases, receipts need to be kept for the report. Sharon responsible for Thrivent report.
- Day Camp June 24 thru 28 at church – volunteers, transportation is needed
- Will need transportation from Living Waters camp on Friday, July 19th at 1:30PM to transport the ACF children back to LCS.
- REGINA is acolyte Sunday, June 30;
- **Safety and Security** -
- Please park the van by the parking lot lights on the west side of the church.
Please no money is to be kept on the church premises. It is an incentive for break ins.
- **Expenses and Grant** –
- Consumer Energy charges – we will be turning on the air conditioner soon, all doors and windows must be kept closed to reduce the cost of operations.
- **Property-**
- The large classroom must be cleared by June 10th, sewing machines donated?? Tables and chairs must be removed in preparation for Day Camp.
- Arrange Fellowship Hall rooms....
- § Computer ESL details- what are the plans for the summer?
- Need help with lawn maintenance and yard clean up

Announcement:

UPDATE ON potential for a Samaritas Day Care and/or training for care providers: Kay reported that Samaritas is in the exploratory stages of this. Kay continues to be the contact for this request.

The administrator time is limited for the summer, she will not be able to respond nor coordinate any extra activities after Day Camp June 24-28. July and August, Jill will be focusing on announcements, the weekly bulletins and the required general office work.

NO MEETING IN JULY!

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 June 17, 2019 meeting will be printed once approved.

Next Council Meeting is August 19, 2019 at 5:00pm.

Minutes from the April 15, 2019 meeting are below.

Church Council Minutes for April 15, 2019

- I. Call to order at 5:00 p.m. with Pastor Nikki opening the meeting with scripture, prayer and the sharing of communion.
- II. Roll Call: Dianne Mann, Sharon Brenn, Kay Landfair, Chet Hills, Jane Norton, Jim Slaughter and Lee Marsh, Jill LeBeau Present. Wilma Cool was absent. Diane Hansen, guest.

III. Approved March Minutes with corrections.

IV. Budget review:

A. Stewardship task force reported by financial secretary, Diane Hansen. The task force is planning a narrative budget ready in June or July.

B. As reported in March Advia wants us to reword our request to transfer names on Advia account. The new wording is attached and must be presented along with April council minutes and signatures of council members present at April meeting.

C. Jill reported on fund raisers for camp

V. Pastors report see attached

VI. Action Items

A. Sign up for counters for summer months

B. Report of church together: see attached

C. ISAAC banquet on May 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Nikki, Bruce and Sharon Brenn will be attending. Anyone is welcome to attend see Sharon Brenn if interested.

D. Branches and Trunk gave written reports see attached

E. Roots also had written report with additions from Sharon as follows; mutual ministry will start June 5 and continuing dialogue with ATT-U-VERSE.

F. There are two June 8 events to prepare for: Kalamazoo Pride and The African Dinner at 6:00p.m. Tickets will be sold for the dinner.

VII. Adjourned at 6:15 with The Lord's Prayer.

VIII. Next meeting Monday, May 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. - Cancelled

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR June 23rd

Minister: Pastor Nikki

Organist/Pianist: Deborah Rafferty

Assisting Minister: Lisa Owsiany

Crucifer: Sue Oliver

Acolyte: Clara Cooper

Reader: Kathy Ferenc

Greeter: Wilma Cool

Ushers: Jackie Knapp, Tom Oliver, Jim and Kay Landfair

Children's Sermon: Pastor Nikki

Sunday School Teacher: No Sunday School

Altar Preparations: Dianne Mann

Offering Tellers: Diane Mann and Kay Landfair

Information:

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

Church Calendar:

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