

Upcoming events and reminders:

Dates to Save

God's Work Our Hands: September 7th

Kick off Sunday School Fire and Smores: September 7th

Sunday School Starts: September 8th

Stewardship Kick off: September 8th

Kairos Dinner: September 19th *date change*

Flu Clinic: October 6th

Pr. Nikki speaks/dinner at St. Ambrose: Oct.16th

Pledge Sunday: October 20th

Confirmands Confirmed: October 27th

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

Children's Program: December 15th

Pastor Nikki On Vacation. Pr. Rachel from Prince of Peace will be on call for emergencies from Saturday August 24th - Saturday August 31st. She can be reached at cell (989) 600-8065 or office 269-343-3453 or pastorrachel@popportage.org

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.

Fire, Smores, Music, Games. Please join us on Saturday September 7th, from 7pm to 9pm to enjoy a fire, smores, music and games here at church! Bring your own drink and lawn chair(s) or blanket. This will kick off Sunday school, be a time for church fellowship, and everyone is encouraged to bring a friend!



Kairos Dinner Ticket Sales. Tickets for the Kairos Spaghetti Supper on September 19 will be on sale before and after church starting August 18. Suggested donations start at \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Kairos volunteers assist the dying patient and their families in meeting the needs related to the care of the dying person and nurturing of the family during this time. The goal is to provide cost free comfort care in a peaceful and loving environment.

The Lutheran Reformation. This October will mark the 502 anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. In commemoration of the Reformation Fr. O'Leary of St. Ambrose has invited Pr. Nikki to lead a dinner discussion on Lutheran Spirituality at St. Ambrose on Wednesday October 16th at 6:00 p.m. They will be providing a soup and sandwich dinner for all attending guests. We have invited Fr. O'Leary 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.

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. This month will be August 14th at Saugatuck Brewing Company/Gonzo's BiggDogg Brewing (140 S Westnedge Ave. Kalamazoo, Mi 49007).

Donations on Hold for July: Sunnyside Free Store is on hold for clothing donations for the month of July. They are refreshing their facility.

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

Don Banner. Don has moved back home and his biopsy was negative (no cancer) and he is feeling good! Thanks to all for the get well wishes, cards and prayers.

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!

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.

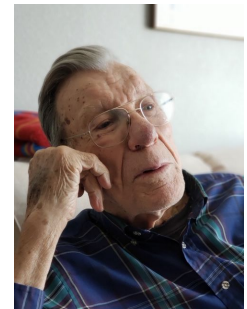
Give+ Text Program. This program allows you to use the texting feature of your smartphone to donate to the Church. Text # 269-331-2111 and enter the amount you wish to donate, then press send and follow directions. Quick Guide direction flyers available on Narthex table.

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:

Milford Sletten. Milford Sletten, long time member of LCS, is now living at Vineyard Assisted Living Community, Room 31. The address is 8170 Vineyard Parkway, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. His daughter, Judy, has provided a cell phone with the talk to text application that is great to have when visiting with him. He is adjusted to the device and occasionally we use a writing pad to communicate. He would enjoy receiving mail and appreciates the well wishes he has gotten. The last couple of months has been a hard change for him with his health changes and moving into a new apartment from his home. He tires easily but is always excited to see a visitor.



Thank you to Nate and Sam Johnson. Thank you again to Nate Johnson for again patching the pothole at the end of our driveway. Thank you to Sam for restoring the crosses located at the sign out front.



Growlers Game. Thank you to everyone from St. John Lutheran in Three Rivers and LCS who came out for a great day at the ball game! Go Growlers!





Pastor Nikki's Report of what happened at Churchwide Assembly and Bishop Satterlees letter addressing the ELCA being a sanctuary denomination.

What Happened at Churchwide Assembly?

Assembly was held from August 5-10 in Milwaukee, WI

- Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was re-elected to the position of Presiding Bishop on the first ballot by 81.19%
- The Interfaith Statement passed.

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Inter-Religious_Policy_Statement.pdf

- The Social Statement on Faith, Sexism, and Justice passed.

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/FSJ_LCAction_RecommendedProposedStmntIRs_forAugCWA.pdf?_ga=2.154418232.1479991845.1565699409-1479436600.1528741383

- The ELCA voted to become a sanctuary denomination.
 - o There are currently no details or information what this means, but please see Bishop Satterlee's statement in the newsletter regarding this.

For more information visit <https://www.elca.org/churchwideassembly>

The next Churchwide Assembly will be 2022 in Columbus Ohio.

Bishop Satterlee's Statement on Sanctuary Church

August 12, 2019 Written by North/West Lower Michigan Synod

Last week, the Churchwide Assembly voted to designate the ELCA a "sanctuary denomination". All across our church, we are working together to answer Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* question, "What does this mean?"

Our church is trying to be faithful. Becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. This designation is a declaration that the ELCA is taking action in response to Jesus' commandment to welcome and love our neighbor and keep with scripture that states, "The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself" (Leviticus 19:34).

The ELCA's designation as a "sanctuary denomination" means that our church will continue to support refugees as they are resettled in the U.S. through our partnership with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, provide legal assistance to immigrants pursuing their legally-protected right to seek asylum, and ensuring that undocumented immigrants are aware of their rights under U.S. law. Moreover, the ELCA will continue to advocate for just and humane treatment of detained immigrants, including calling for adequate housing at detention centers and accompanying minors through immigration court as part of the ELCA's AMMPARO program.

Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts. It may mean providing space for people to live; providing financial and legal support to those who are working through the immigration system; or supporting other congregations and service providers. We cannot mandate or direct our congregations and ministries to respond in specific ways. Each must work out what this means for them in their context.

These are long-standing ELCA practices. Except for our members whose ancestors were here before European settlement or others who were forced to come to the U.S. against their will, the ELCA is an immigrant church. After World War II, one in six Lutherans was either displaced or a refugee. Our denomination has long been committed to the biblical mandate to welcome the stranger. We do so in the belief that what we do unto the least of these, our sisters and brothers, we do unto Christ himself. Our decades-long work with immigrants and refugees is one of the ways we practice our faith in the world. Lutherans started Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, one of the nine refugee resettlement agencies in the U.S. and the Churchwide Assembly's actions re-commit us to this long tradition.

If you are interested in working with or on behalf of refugees and immigrants, please contact the Synod Office and we will help to connect you to ministry opportunities. To learn more about the ELCA's AMMPARO program, visit <https://www.elca.org/ammparo>.

Peace be with you!

The Rev. Craig Alan Satterlee, Ph.D., Bishop

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. In September the ELCA has a day of service dedicated to putting our faith in action in our communities. 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 have met this goal, thanks to the generosity of our members.** We also need at least 8 volunteers to help. If you would like to volunteer, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have questions, please see Pr. Nikki.

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, September 1, 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

Council update:

Minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting are printed below.

Minutes from the August 12, 2019 meeting will be printed once approved.

Next Council Meeting is September 16, 2019 at 5:00pm.

Church Council Minutes for June 17, 2019

- I. Call to order at 5:00 p.m. with Pastor Nikki opening the meeting with scripture, prayer and the sharing communion.
- II. Roll Call: Diane Mann, Sharon Brenn, Jill LeBeau, Lee Marsh, Kay Landfair, Pastor Nikki, Jim Slaughter, Wilma Cool, Chet Hills. Guest, Lorraine Hills.
- III. Approved minutes as written.
- IV. Budget Review:
 - A. Sharon reported that as of today we are about \$4000 behind with budgeted items. Discussed that summer attendance is historically lower therefore giving is also lower.
 - B. Jill reported on a program with Amazon called smile.amazon.com for our church members who use Amazon for purchases. Amazon will be donating a

percentage of purchases to LCS. This program will be presented to the congregation by Pastor on June 23.

C. Jill reported that all 12 campers attending Living Waters overnight camp tuition has been paid.

D. A garage sale hosted by Sharon Brenn will be held on July 12 and 13 with proceeds going to the general fund, all purchases will be a free will offer.

V. Pastors report attached. Pastor reported in more detail that God's Work, Our Hands will be Sept. 7th. LCS will be assisting with lunch at Ministry with Community more information will be provided closer to the event.

VI. Action items:

A. Counters were assigned for the remainder of 2019 excluding December.

B. Chet Hills made a motion that we appoint Karine Carls to the position of treasurer with the responsibility of monthly payments and check writing. Wilma seconded. Discussion followed. The motion was unanimously passed.

C. A Motion was made to approve the purchase of a church computer. The cost is not to exceed \$1000. This will be paid with funds from Memorial funds. Dianne second, the council unanimously approved.

D. Day camp is ready to begin this week. 20+ children are signed up.

E. Back to school celebration day is Sept. 7

F. The Growlers game is August 9.

G. Pastor Nikki will be attending Living Waters Camp July 14-19. Pastor James on call.

H. A motion was made to delete line item 63 from YALI student interns to youth activities 2020. Seconded and passed.

I. Branches, Trunk, Roots reviewed and attached.

J. A grateful council would like to thank Sam Johnson for cleaning, sanding and painting the Cross as a Boy Scout project.

6:30 p.m.-adjourn with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting Monday August 19, 2019-5:00 p.m.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST 18TH

Minister: Pastor Nikki

Organist/Pianist: Deborah Rafferty

Assisting Minister: Bob Koenes

Crucifer: Kathy Ferenc

Acolyte: Emily LeBeau

Reader: Kerry Thurn

Greeter: Jackie Knapp

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

Children's Sermon: Pastor Nikki

Sunday School Teacher: No Sunday School

Altar Preparations: Lorraine Hills

Offering Tellers: Bob Koenes and Sharon Brenn

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.