



Our Savior

LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Pentecost

Pentecost is the birthday of the Holy Christian Church. It's a great opportunity to remember why Our Savior Lutheran Church is here.

Immediately after reporting the baptism of 3,000 souls on the first Christian Pentecost, Luke records in Acts 2:42 what that first Christian Church did: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and the fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers."

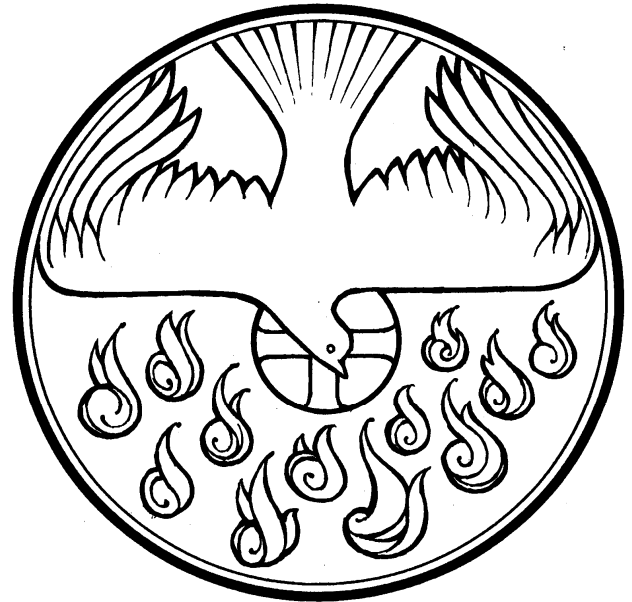
Four great gifts from our Lord characterize those earliest Christians: 1) doctrinal agreement, 2) fellowship, 3) the Lord's Supper, and 4) liturgy.

First, "they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine". "Doctrine" isn't a popular word these days. But really it is a beautiful word. It means "teaching", specifically in this case, Biblical teaching. Those earliest Christians faced many challenges—persecution from Jews and Romans, false accusations of cannibalism, and mockery. To most of their neighbors it wasn't normal or nice that they were followers of Jesus Christ. But while they had all those problems, they were in agreement about what the Bible said and what they believed.

Here at Our Savior Church we have all kinds of differences, but thanks be to God we are united in what the apostles taught. Our congregation gathers around services filled with Bible readings and Bible teaching. The Apostles' doctrine about Jesus, true God and man, and His saving work still is the living, comforting heart of everything.

The fellowship. This is the same word as "communion". It means sharing something together. The fellowship they shared and we share is our new birth into our Lord's family through Holy Baptism. As one body together in fellowship we share the Lord's forgiveness together and His gifts together. The Divine Service begins with the name that unites—our shared baptismal name—"In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

The Breaking of the Bread. This isn't just breaking *any* bread. It is *the* breaking of *the* Bread—the Lord's Supper. Holy Communion was not an *occasional* portion of the first Christians' gatherings—it was as common a feature as Bible teaching! Christians then and now need Jesus coming in Body and Blood for forgiveness and comfort, life and encouragement from Christ.



The Prayers. The early Christians and those today, as well, trust Christ's promise that our prayers are heard. We are not orphaned by our heavenly Father. In Christ we've been redeemed and are reunited with Him. He hears our prayers. The early Christians prayed portions of the Old Testament that they knew from Jewish worship. They came to add a few newer elements. We have done the same. The Offertory is from Psalm 51. *O Christ Thou Lamb of God* is from John the Baptist's confession of Jesus in the New Testament. Using a liturgy filled with Scripture unites us with Christians all over the world and with "all the company of heaven" who, according to Revelation, still sing the song of Christ's saving work.

God unites us with His truth. He calls us into one family through our shared baptism into Christ and shared forgiveness and life in Him. He feeds at His table. He gives us prayers from the Bible that unite Christians of all ages. These are God's gifts to us and to all the world. It's our blessed calling to follow the example of our first Christian brothers and sisters and to steadfastly continue to offer such Christ-centered gifts to our neighbors.

Peace and Joy in Christ,

Pastor Fleming

Worship for Shut-Ins

Watch locally on WTLJ-TV 54 in Grand Rapids, Sundays at 11:30 AM . Also on DirecTV channel 377. For more information, visit www.worshipforshutins.org

Table and Chair Availability

If you are planning to borrow tables and chairs from the church for any occasion, please contact the office (949-0710) in advance. We will do our best to accommodate all requests on a "first come, first served" basis.



OSLC Meeting Schedule - June

School Board, Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 PM
Elders, Wednesday, June 3, 7:00 PM
Church Council, Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 PM

West Michigan Lutheran High

Check out the West Michigan Lutheran High School website at www.wmlhs.org and follow the links for more information on all things WMLHS!

Serving in the Armed Forces

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Join the Knit-Wits

A group of knitters, crocheters & crafters meets every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the Church Fellowship Hall. Whether you are interested in learning or are an expert, you're invited!



June Wedding Anniversaries

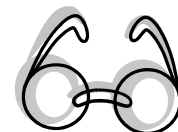
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June Birthdays

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Donate Your Old Glasses!

While you're cleaning out the drawers and closets for the WIF garage sale, when you find old glasses, put them in the basket in the Fellowship Hall.



Coffee and Snack Time

CHECK THE SIGN UP SHEET IN THE OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER!

We need volunteers every week who are willing to either set up the gym on Saturday night, or provide and set up the snacks and turn on the coffee pot on Sunday morning. **A sign up sheet is on the**



counter in the office at school. Many Thanks! to all those who take down chairs and tables each week!

Requests to use the Church or School Building

Our facilities are utilized by many individuals and groups for meetings, functions and activities especially in the spring and summer months. Please let the church and school office know of all requests to use the building in order to coordinate use with all parties and ensure that space is available.

Sunday School News

SUMMER TEACHERS NEEDED!!

Summer SS will start on June 7 and complete the end of August. We need new teachers for the summer months. Please consider teaching a class. Sign up sheets are on the easel in the narthex for volunteers to teach Sunday School classes over the summer. You may sign up for just one Sunday or a dozen, preschool class or high school class - it's up to you!

Thanks and blessings to our fall and spring SS teachers for their work:

Our Savior School News

MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS, SPARTAN UPCS, CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION, AND BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

These are all collected year 'round! Collection boxes for all items are on the table in the narthex. Please call the office if you have questions about any of these programs. We APPRECIATE your support!

⌚ DATES TO REMEMBER

June 4: 5:00 PM - 8th Graders dinner with faculty.
7:00 PM - Graduation at church

June 5: NO GRPS BUSSING
Awards Assembly 8:35 am
Chapel 11 am
Noon dismissal
PTL/School picnic—6:30 PM

Sept. 1: First day of school

See the Every Friday Note for details on all School happenings!

Classroom News

Hello, this is Mr. Technology writing to you about Our Savior Lutheran School.

We have worked to place technology into the classroom curriculum with the right programming. (Get it?) First off, let me say that you should not really see technology. It is another instrument by which we deliver the curriculum to the students. Just as pencil and paper are buried into the day, so the computer technology is buried into the daily classes. Now of course, just as pencil and paper need the skills of penmanship so the computer needs keyboarding and application knowledge.

This is where we see the skills working. The skills of using the computer are taught even in preschool. They learn to use the mouse and other pointing devices to work through their games. Kindergarten through second grade can learn to use a few key strokes and the mouse more effectively. By third grade, we begin the skill of typing. A program called Type 2 Learn is used to learn and practice the skill of keyboarding. This skill is practiced and difficulty is increased through 4th grade and may be continued into 5th grade.

With the typing comes the application of the skill in using WordPad and Microsoft Word. Students in 4th grade begin to type short reports and articles using WordPad. Pictures are embedded by using cut and paste techniques. In fifth grade the students are instructed in the use of word processing with photo and graphic embedding. They also type memory verses in Microsoft Word for the practice needed to increase skills in word processing. This knowledge is used in creating reports and papers for classroom assignments.

Now the student is ready to do full reports for the middle school years. The seventh and eighth grades use word processing in speeches and reports for class. They begin to use those same word processing skills to use Publisher and PowerPoint to produce student pieces for class presentation. Excel rounds out our computer curriculum with the use of spreadsheets for calculations and statistics.

The classroom teachers also have all this available plus projectors, digital cameras, and document cameras. Each teacher uses them differently and with varying skill, but with time, these tools will become more useful. Besides hardware and tools, teachers are learning to use the internet and purchased websites to augment their teaching. We have The World Book On-line and video streaming for just a few examples. The teachers use the Lutheran Portal to search for teacher created lessons and activities. We use PowerSchool to communicate grades to the parents. (PowerSchool by the way is not just for the teachers. It is a great help in the office too. Much the data stored in PowerSchool is available for the office to sort and use.) The school website is filled with student helps and you can find the students' assignments on-line.

WOW! You didn't know we did all that. Well you're not supposed to see it. Technology is supposed to flow along with the curriculum not become its own course or program. Technology is to assist the office, teacher, and student, not become another add-on class. Now for the skill part, yes, there is time for class, but for the curriculum we have "class one" technology, and it is only getting better.

Thanks for reading,
Mr. Technology

Women in Fellowship

June 3 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Quilting Bee – Church Fellowship Hall
Bring a sandwich, if you're staying through lunch. For more information, call Judy.

June 9 7:00 to 9:00 PM NOTE: *Special Time!*

Women in Fellowship – regular meeting

"Summer Service Night" is open to all OSLC women. An evening of fellowship, fun, service and, of course, some tasty treats, tea and coffee.

July 14 7:00 to 9:00 PM NOTE: *Special Time!*

Women in Fellowship – regular meeting

"Fun, Floats and Fellowship"

NO meeting in August!

Vacation Bible School

VBS is scheduled for the mornings of June 22-26, 2009. It will focus on The Apostle's Creed. Forms to sign up are in the office at school or on the table in the narthex, so sign up NOW!

Our Savior Garage Sale

Women in Fellowship thank all who donated items to this project. The Fellowship Hall was full!

Only large items are priced. Everything else is purchased by whatever the buyer can afford. WIF uses the profit (2317!) to help fund various church related projects.

Thanks also to all who helped to set-up, monitor and clean up.

Next sale – May 2011

Issues, Etc

Equipping the Priesthood of All Believers
Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Topics include: The Battle for the Bible in the LCMS, Discussing Your Christian Convictions, Christians & Contraception, The Cross of Christ and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

Changes of Address

Please let the office know if you have a change of address, phone number or email address. Please place information in Michelle Rader's mailbox or send it to the office email. Thank you!

Thrivent Whitecaps Game

Treat Dad to a Whitecaps baseball game on Sunday, June 14. Enjoy a great game between the Whitecaps and the Fort Wayne Wizards. This should be a good game. Get your checkbook out, write a check payable to Thrivent Financial and send it in to Dick. Tickets are \$12 per adult and \$5 per child, ages 3 to 12. The doors open at 12:45pm and the game starts at 2:00pm. As of today, we have 147 tickets available. Ticket deadline is Sunday, 7 June 09. The South Kent Thrivent group will be located in the Miller Lite House Deck area. This is the beautiful deck that is located in center field, above the new Stadium Club. What a view of the entire ballpark! There are two large blue canopies to shield us from the sun. This deck also has two food serving stations to handle our group. In addition, there is an elevator close to the outfield entrance for easy access to the House Deck. Parking for cars is available at the ballpark for a cost of \$4.00. When entering the ballpark, take the road to the right for parking lots. Tell the attendants that you are with the Thrivent group in the Miller Lite House Deck area and that you would like to park close to the Outfield Gate. Tickets will be handed out at the ballpark. Thrivent will have a table set up at the entrance to the out field gate. There will also be a "Thrivent" banner at the gate entrance so that you can identify us. See YOU at the ballgame!

New Photo Directory

Last Chance to Submit your Family Picture !!

Please send your picture to churchsecretary@oursavior-gr.org TODAY! Digital photo files may be delivered to the church office on a CD or USB thumb drive - or may be submitted via email attachment. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Our Savior Senior Saints

A "chick" named Rosemary is coming to Seniors! Actually, she is Rosemary Stevenson and she was a member of the Grand Rapids Chicks, a professional women's baseball team that played in Grand Rapids from 1943 - 1954. She and her sidekick, "Cookie" will take us back to the good ol' days when they were in a "League of Their Own."
We will have a courtyard picnic - beginning at 11:30 on June 10, with the traditional baseball park menu including hot dogs and ice cream. Cost is \$3.00 per person. Rosemary will talk about her time as a "chick" including experiences that she wrote in a book entitled Don't Die on Third.

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity

LUTHERAN YOUTH RALLY DAY AT HABITAT SATURDAY, JUNE 13

WHO: Lutheran Youth ages 14+.
WHAT: Paint trim or install vinyl siding.
WHEN: Saturday June 13, 2009. Morning, afternoon, or all day shifts available; 8am-4pm.
WHERE: Age 14+ Trim Painting @ Habitat Warehouse, 539 New Avenue, SW. Age 16+ Vinyl Siding @ Dawes Court.
WHY: Live out your faith & serve your community while having fun and making new friends.

Lunch provided, **adults & friends welcome!** Please contact Karen.

OUR SAVIOR THRIVENT BUILDS WORK DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 27, for an Our Savior work day on the four houses at Dawes Court. The tasks will be hanging vinyl siding as well as priming and painting. The full work day is 8 am – 4 pm, but you can sign up for a half day or even a couple of hours. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex at church or contact Karen.

If you haven't helped with a Habitat or Thrivent Builds home, this is the year to give it a try. It's hard work, but at the end of the day you have a great sense of accomplishment knowing that a little time from a lot of people adds up to be a home for someone who only thought home ownership was a dream. Plus, it's fun to work with your fellow church members, or maybe you'll get to know another member a little better. Give it a try! Plus, Michelle has offered to provide the lunch, and we all know that she is a fantastic a cook! Thank you, Michelle.

WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE THRIVENT BUILDS SITE!

Construction on the Thrivent Builds four-plex has begun, and it's exciting to see this small community beginning to grow. The Ground Blessing was held on Saturday, May 2, and 45 people were there to meet the home buyers and participate in the ceremony. Homeowners from the two other Habitat built four-plexes were there to work and welcome their soon- to- be neighbors. A homeowner from down the street worked all day, and it is exciting to see established neighbors lending a hand. He was so enthusiastic; we made him an unofficial Thrivent member and gave him a t-shirt. The neighbors are coming to recognize that the Habitat homebuyers are good neighbors. Habitat has volunteers, but **we need Lutheran volunteers** to meet Thrivent's grant criteria. **If you have any extra time, please consider helping with the**

build. The construction schedules and signup forms and are on the church bulletin board. You may send in your form or contact Colleen. If groups of 8 or more want to build on a day or time not listed on the schedule – call Colleen. She will be happy to try to accommodate your schedule and will even add an evening shift if you can guarantee 8 volunteers.

Lunches are usually provided on Saturdays, and since we are mainly working Saturdays, there are plenty of opportunities to serve other than swinging a hammer. Lunches can be sandwiches, soup, chili, Sloppy Joes, barbeque, pizza....whatever you enjoy making. Please also contact Colleen (information above) to schedule lunches.

Need more Info? Have a Concern? Please contact Karen.

Bake Sales for the Sem

\$400 has been sent to our Fort Wayne Seminary to help fund gift cards for the Seminary students.

\$290 from bake sales and \$110 from Garage Sale profit, for a total of \$400.

Women in Fellowship has decided not to have bake sales during Advent soup suppers.

Thanks again to all our faithful "bakers and buyers"!

West Michigan Lutheran High News

IN DECLINING ECONOMY, LUTHERAN HIGH TO OFFER \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW STUDENTS

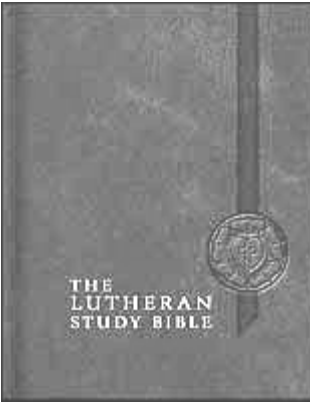
In the face of an economy that continues to decline, and with educational achievement more important than ever, the Board of West Michigan Lutheran High School will offer up to ten \$2,000 one-year scholarships for new students.

"Ours is a unique and close-knit educational opportunity for students and families who desire a faith-based education in a supportive environment," said Principal Dwight Anderson. "Never has an education been more important than today and, in this economic environment, never has it been more difficult to afford for some families."

"To address that need, our board has generously offered up to 10 one-year grants of \$2,000 to offset the cost of tuition at West Michigan Lutheran High School," he said. "It is our fervent hope these scholarships will make it possible for families to overcome economic hardships and send their children to their first choice – West Michigan Lutheran High."

To apply, or for more information, families should contact Principal Dwight Anderson at the High School.

The Lutheran Study Bible



This new Bible is the first in English to be developed from the ground-up with notes that are distinctively Lutheran, prepared by Lutheran theologians and pastors from over twenty Lutheran church bodies. Current Lutheran scholarship, insights from the Church Fathers, and rich devotional commentary provides meaningful

perspective for both young and mature Christians.

The Lutheran Study Bible features:

- 26,500-plus uniquely Lutheran study notes.
- Over 2,000 application notes and prayers for every part of the Bible.
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For more information and to see samples visit cph.org/lutheranbible The Lutheran Study Bible is scheduled for release on 10/31/2009.

If you wish to pre-order a copy, at the discounted price of \$34.99, (reg. price \$54.99) please contact Michelle. Large Print copies are also available at a discounted price of \$44.99 (reg. price \$64.99).

Ablaze Torch Relay and Party

You're invited to Ablaze rally on June 20

On Saturday, June 20, St. Mark LCMS, Kentwood will host a community party as part of a statewide torch relay that will travel to 10 Lutheran churches throughout the month. It's all part of the Ablaze movement, an LCMS initiative to share the Gospel. It provides an opportunity to introduce the community to West Michigan Lutheran High School, which currently operates out of St. Mark's facility. Rev. Bill Yonker, a popular Lutheran speaker from Illinois, will be on hand. A bounce house, pitching machine, corn toss contests, poster painting and line dancing are also planned – free food, too.

The outdoor event will be held from 4-8 p.m. at St. Mark (1934 52nd St. SE, just east of Kalamazoo). The torch is due to arrive at 6; speakers are scheduled for 7. Come on out for a blazing good time!

Class of 2009

We are very proud of our graduating seniors and ask the Lord's richest blessings for them as they pursue their post-high school goals.



We're sorry, the graduate information is not available online.

June 2009



Our Savior Lutheran Church and School



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM WMLHS Friends Meeting 7:30 PM Adult Choir	2 7:00 PM School Board	3 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Quilt Group 7:00 PM Elders	4 5:00 PM 8 th Graders' Dinner w/ Staff 7:00 PM Our Savior School Graduation @ Church 7:30 PM Knit Wits	5 Last Day of School 8:35 AM Awards Assembly 11:00 AM Chapel 6:30 PM Picnic NO GRPS Bussing ½ Day of School	6 Sunday's Readings: <i>Isaiah 6:1-7;</i> <i>Romans 11:33-36;</i> <i>John 3:1-17</i>
7 The Holy Trinity 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:40 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM Divine Service	8	9 7:00 PM Council	10 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 11:30 AM Senior Saints	11 St. Barnabas the Apostle 5:30 PM Vespers 7:30 PM Knit Wits	12 The 54th Anniversary of Our Savior School 2:00 PM Rijas/Daenzer Wedding Report Cards mailed/placed in church mailboxes	13 Sunday's Readings: <i>Genesis 15:1-6;</i> <i>1 John 4:16-21;</i> <i>Luke 16:19-31</i> BVNA Picnic @ School Neighborhood clean-up / Dumpster Day
Fellowship Hall Reserved						
14 The First Sunday after Trinity 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:40 AM Blood Pressure Screenings 9:40 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM Divine Service 2:00 PM "Father's Day" Whitecaps Game	15	16 9:30 AM Women in Fellowship	17 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study	18 7:30 PM Knit Wits	19	20 Sunday's Readings: <i>Proverbs 9:1-10;</i> <i>Ephesians 2:13-22</i> or <i>1 John 3:13-18;</i> <i>Luke 14:15-24</i> BVNA Rain Date
Boys' Basketball Camp @ School 2:30 PM to 5:30PM						
Boys' Basketball Camp @ School 9:00 AM to 2:00PM						
21 The Second Sunday after Trinity 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:40 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM Divine Service	22 8:30 AM VBS Registration	23 Deadline for Calendar and Newsletter Items	24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study	25 The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession	26	27 Sunday's Readings: <i>Micah 7:18-20;</i> <i>1 Timothy 1:12-17 or</i> <i>1 Peter 5:6-11;</i> <i>Luke 15:1-10 or</i> <i>Luke 15:11-32</i> Our Savior Day at Thrivent/Habitat for Humanity House
Vacation Bible School @ School				9:00 AM until Noon		
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