

April Meeting Schedule

School Board, Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM
Elders, Wednesday, April 10
Council, Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM
Council Budget Mtg (if needed), Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00 PM

The School is on Facebook!

Everyone today has a Facebook account. In fact, it's strange if you don't! OSLS has decided to join the club! Check out our new facebook page at

www.facebook.com/oursaviorgrandrapids. See what our school is doing, check out events, and find school info updates.

Lutheran High News

It is almost spring! That means it is time for our Spring Drama production! This year we will be performing Sarah Plain and Tall, a Newbery Award winning children's book. The play will show on Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday April 20 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. This season we have added a special matinee showing so that all families can join us. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. We hope to see you here!

Our Savior School News

Important Dates

April 1-5, Spring Break No School

April 10, Chapel

April 10, Hearing and Vision Screening

April 15, SCRIP orders due

April 17, Chapel

April 18, Hot Lunch

April 24, Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade Field Trip

April 24, Chapel

April 25, Parent Information Night

April 26, Daddy Daughter Dance

April 26, Kindergarten Testing

April 26, PTL Popcorn Friday

April 26, West MI New Horizons Music Ensemble

April 29, Wax Museum - 5th & 6th Grade presentations

Heartside Ministries Spotlight

I was flipping through the mail that comes into Our Savior and look who I found in the latest Heartside Ministries newsletter!

Volunteer Spotlight: Ann Petzold



ROLE: Hospitality Desk Volunteer

WHEN STARTED: June 1989

Sitting on the front lines of Heartside Ministry every Tuesday morning, Ann Petzold is as likely to trade neighbors a banana for a story as a fist bump for a Bible verse.

"Volunteering here is God's gift to me," Ann said. "It's helped give me perspective to get through some really difficult times in my life."

She started bringing bananas when she offered an apple to a neighbor who didn't have the teeth to chew it. A neighbor offered her the comfort of Psalm 133 recently, eliciting their special fist bump.

"God laid on my heart that I should volunteer here," said Ann, a charter member of Our Savior Lutheran Church. "The first time I came down, I parked in what is now the police station. When I started walking and looked down the street, I got scared and went home."

Several months later, she made it back when Rev. George Heartwell (who she had known

since he was in fourth grade) told her, "We have a lot of little old ladies down here!" She returned and has been a steady and grace-filled presence for 24 years now.

"You can't help but learn from the people here," Ann said. "Now I know why Jesus loved them so. The first thing I learned was how I judged people from the outside."

"Then I realized, 'He's some mother's son. She's God's beloved child.' What bothers me most is when people judge them. They haven't lived their life."

You are a God's gift to us, Ann.

CONTACT our Volunteer Coordinator
Helen Van Essendelft at 235.7211,
ext. 108 or volunteer@heartside.org
to volunteer in one of the many roles
available at Heartside Ministry.

Senior Saints

April 10 at noon.

Our noon get-together will be on April 10. Bring your own sandwich; drinks and dessert are furnished. We will see a sneak preview of the WMLHS play - Sarah, Plain and Tall which will be given the following weekend at the school.

Women's Bible Study

Beginning April 11 at 9:30 AM.

We will resume on Thursdays beginning April 11 through May 2. We will meet in the fellowship hall and view some of Paul Meier's video presentations. We meet at 9:30 and we invite all our women to join us for these presentations. There is no "homework" this time - just come and join us!

Perpetual Paper Drive

Feed the Gator - ANYTIME! The Paper Gator is in the parking lot at Our Savior School. Don't forget that we take catalogs, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office and school paper in addition to newsprint!



Please, no plastic, metal, trash, glass or cardboard!

Mighty Mites:

Lutheran Braille Workers Plate Embossing Device - \$100,000

Lutheran Braille Workers, the fifth largest producer of free Braille Bibles and Christian materials in the world, receives about 9,000 requests a year for Braille Bibles and Christian materials. A new Plate Embossing Device, to emboss the zinc plates used by work center volunteers to create each sheet of Christian materials and Braille Bibles, will help to bring the light and comfort of God's holy Word to more people afflicted with blindness.



Lutheran Radio and Television

- * **THE LUTHERAN HOUR.** 105.7 FM 6:30 AM & 1680 AM 12pm
- * **WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS** WTLJ-TV 54 Sundays at 11:30 AM.
- * **KFUO** Synod's radio station. You can listen on line at www.kfu.org.

Women in Fellowship

March Meeting Recap

Photos and stories helped us learn how Anna and Maria, two little Russian twins, become part of the Homrich family.

April 3, 9:00 AM to 1:00PM

Quilting Bee @ Church

Come for as long as you can. Questions? Contact Judy Kubala 453-4767

April 9, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Women in Fellowship – Regular Meeting

Planning and preparation for Our Savior Garage Sale

Thursday mornings, 9:30 AM.

Women's Bible Study at Church – Starts Up April 11th

April 26 - 27

OUR SAVIOR GARAGE SALE

Start now – Checking drawers, closets, basements, garages for all those things you *can* live without!

Office Secretaries' Schedule

Day Morning / Afternoon

Mon.	C Miss Benjamin/ S Mrs. VanEck
Tues.	S Mrs. Mueller/ S Mrs. VanEck
Wed.	S/C Mrs. M. & (Miss B.)/ S Mrs. VanEck
Thurs.	S Mrs. Mueller/ S Mrs. VanEck
Fri .	C Miss Benjamin (All Day)

Biennial Garage Sale - the Big One!

April 26 from 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

April 27 from 8:30 am - noon.

Our WIF sponsored biannual garage sale is coming soon. Set up for the sale begins on Thursday, April 25, at noon. Clean up will begin on Sat. at noon. We will have a schedule for working hours posted soon - please reserve time to work, set up and clean up. Sale items may be brought to church anytime from Thursday noon through 8:00 p.m. WIF has just one opportunity to raise funds and the money goes for various mission projects both local, and abroad. It has been a huge success and we are looking forward to many people volunteering to help with this event. Remember: one man's trash is another man's treasure!



Our Savior

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Not in Vain!

Some days one can get quite frustrated. Work or school can be a pain. Co-workers or classmates disappoint. Home can have its own set of problems from deep loneliness to a hunger for a minute of quiet. Probably someone doesn't appreciate what you've done or are doing.

Of course our society's headlong embrace of all sorts of rebellion against the living God frustrates many of us, too. We're getting increasingly sympathetic to Lot and his family and the burdens they bore living in Sodom and Gomorrah.

Good grief, even church can be a challenge. At times it feels like you're banging your head against a wall.

But the Lord promises your labor in the Lord is not in vain!

Saint Paul in First Corinthians chapter 15 celebrates the wonderful cascading realities won by Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Christians' bodies and souls will live forever. Sin is paid off. Death's stinger has been pulled out. "In Adam all die, but in Christ all shall be made alive!" "Death has been swallowed up in victory!" Paul even mocks (as Pastor Krieger would say—"in full voice!") death and hell: "O Death where is your sting? O Hell where is your victory?" Jesus is risen, indeed: and look at the lottery of good He's deposited in your account because of Jesus' victory!

But Paul ends that beautiful chapter of resurrection certain hope with this stunning verse:

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58



Listen to the sturdy assurance—**your labor is not in vain in the Lord! Because Jesus' lives, what you do in His kingdom will bear fruit that will last.** Even if you cannot see the result of your labor in Him, the Lord promises it's not in vain, so it must be true.

Now, we do not labor to earn our salvation. Christ has done all that for us. Jesus suffered, died, rose, and now rules everything. But He has sent us out as His holy people. Branches who are to be steadfast and immovable—that is fully rooted in Christ —always connected by word and sacrament to His saving work and boundless grace.

Just as vines bear fruit for the good of others, so we branches are to be always abounding in the work the Lord gives us: always abounding in every good—working, serving, forgiving, praying, giving, encouraging, correcting, and confessing Christ. For none of the work the Lord has given you to do will be in vain as you remain in Him.

Peace and Joy in Christ,
Pastor Fleming

Family Bible Study Meets, April 12

Family Bible Study is scheduled for **Friday, April 12** at Our Savior School. There's a **potluck** dinner at **5:30 pm, study at 6:30** to 7:30 pm. Dessert and wrap up after the study. We'll be discussing *Grace Upon Grace* by John Kleinig (copies available at the office) chapter 2: the Mystery of Meditation.

The study is open to everyone. Childcare is provided.