



Every Friday Note

March 23, 2018

Our Savior Lutheran School
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Holy Week and Easter Services at Our Savior Lutheran Church

Please join us at our services over Holy Week as we hear of Jesus Christ's life-giving work through His death and resurrection.

March 25 Palm Sunday Divine Services 8am and 11am

March 29 Maundy Thursday Divine Service 7pm

March 30 Good Friday Tre Ore Service 12-3pm

Good Friday Chief Service 7pm

March 31 Easter Vigil 8pm

April 1 Easter Sunrise Matins 6:00am

Easter Divine Services 8am and 11am

No Kindergarten

There will not be kindergarten on Wednesday, March 28 due to prospective kindergarten testing.

No Bussing

There is no bussing on Friday, March 30.

Tre Ore

On March 30, Good Friday, Our Savior Lutheran Church will host a Tre Ore, a three hour service from noon to 3pm (the hours of darkness as Jesus died on Calvary).

The service is divided into seven portions of about twenty-five minutes and focuses on the seven last "words" of Jesus.

Students will attend portions of the Tre Ore. Parents will be needed to walk with the teachers and students over to church and then to sit with the children during the service. As a group we will leave school at 1:20pm. The 1-4 grade students will return at 2:40pm and the 5-8 grade students will return by 3:10pm. The students will be singing or playing instruments during the service. Parents, if you are able to walk with the students or to sit with them during all or a portion of the time they will be there, please contact the office.

Spring Break

Spring Break is April 2-6.

Lenten Daily Matins

During the season of Lent, Matins is held every day at 8:35am in the school gym. Parents are invited to attend.

Offerings

Third trimester matins offerings will go to support the work of West Michigan Lutheran High School.

Learn by Heart for the week of March 26

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)

Ephesians 4:24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

7-8 Grade Dessert Theater Tonight!

Black Hat Optional

"Things aren't as black and white as you'd think in this hysterical spoof of melodrama caricatures. With two villains working together and one of them putting on airs as a do-good sheriff, everything's turned inside out and kind of crazy! Double the bad guys means double the trouble, and our fashion designer heroine, Terry Robe, may lose her shop unless someone comes to her rescue. Plus, with all the dastardly deeds happening, the town council may lose their chance at impressing the railroad tycoon who wants to bring the tracks through Black Flatts. But who exactly is the real hero in town? Who will set it all right? With all these black hats, white hats, and plenty of colors in between, have fun figuring out just who is the bad guy, who's a good guy, and who is a great, great man. After all, if clothes make the man, then there is some serious trouble in Black Flatts."

-----Pioneer Drama Service

Join us tonight at 6:00pm for desserts with the play following at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and may be purchased at the door.

Registration

Registration packets have been sent home. To help our church and school with planning for next year, please return the completed packet as soon as possible.

National Lutheran School Accreditation

Taken from the LC-MS website...

“National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) encourages and recognizes Lutheran schools that provide quality Christian education and engage in continuous improvement.

It is completely voluntary and is available for every school operated by a single congregation, by an association of congregations, or by a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or the Lutheran Church—Canada.

NLSA serves a variety of levels of schools — early childhood, elementary and high schools and all combinations of the aforementioned. It helps Lutheran schools evaluate their academic quality and the spiritual dimension of the school. The standards and report forms are similar to other accrediting processes, both secular and religious.”

For the past year Our Savior Lutheran church members, school board, and faculty members have been working on completing the reports necessary for our accreditation. On April 16-17 a visiting team made of principals, teachers, and pastors from across the state, will come to see our school in action. If you see visitors on those days, please warmly welcome them.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the meals for our teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Preschool

Mrs. Tuinman is steadily recovering at home. She is working with Mrs. Lyon to prep materials for next month. She hopes to be back in the classroom with the children in April.

Fine Arts Festival and Recital

Friday, April 27 some of our singers and instrumentalists will be going to Christ Lutheran School in Stevensville, MI for a Fine Arts Festival. Students will perform a selection for judges who will evaluate them.

You are invited to come to a Pre-Festival Music Recital given by the student musicians. It's an opportunity for the soloists to perform their selections in front of an audience before being judged at the Fine Arts Festival. The concert is on Wednesday, April 25 at 7pm in the OSLS gym.

Learning Fair

Our 5-8 grade students have been hard at work completing their Learning Fair projects. Please come see the fruits of their labor. The Learning Fair will be held in the school gym on Friday, April 13 from 6-7:30 pm. Projects will be judged earlier in the day. We would love to have you come and see all the various topics our students have researched.

Open House

We need your help! Mr. Michael Koory, Mr. Jason Wigboldy, Mrs. Sandy Hop, Mrs. Kara Harbaugh, and Pastor Swem have been working as a team to develop new marketing materials for Our Savior Lutheran School. As a group we've identified some exceptional strengths of our school--one of the greatest of which is you! We have also focused on the heart of our school which is Christ Jesus and His love for all people. We want to share with our community all of the blessings that can be found here. Last Thursday your child came home home with postcards to share with your family and friends that have school-age children, inviting them to our Open House which will be held in conjunction with the Learning Fair on April 13, 2018. Thank you for your help in sharing this great treasure with our community!

Calvin 5K Spring Classic

What event combines the balmy West Michigan spring air on your face and a chance to grow in fellowship with your OSLS family? The Calvin 5K Spring Classic race! Our Savior Lutheran School would like to put a team of runners together for this race! This is open to family and friends, even they don't attend OSLS. This race is on Saturday, April 28th at 8:30am.

Registration Fees

5K RUN/WALK

- \$15 student: ages 10–24
- \$25 adult: ages 24 & up, by April 1;
- \$35 per adult April 2–21

FAMILY FUN RUN

\$8 per child: children ages 3–9; distances range from 100 yards to ½-mile, divided by age group

Please go to www.calvin.edu/events/spring-classic to register for this. After you have filled in your personal information, you will be asked if you are participating in the D&W School challenge. Click 'Yes' and select Our Savior as the school you are representing. Pick that from the drop down menu and you will be included in our team! This is a great opportunity to use the bodies God has given us to exercise, laugh, and grow in fellowship together! Come decked out in all your Our Savior Lutheran School spirit wear! Can't wait to see how fast LutheRANs can run! Please email Miss Alayna Brandt at abrandt@oursavior-gr.org with any questions.

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Scrip

During spring break, do you plan to go out to eat? See a movie? Do some shopping? There's scrip for that. Our scrip coordinator will place an extra order this month on Monday, March 26. Gift cards will arrive before Spring Break.

Are you ordering scrip for the first time? Please go to www.shopwithscrip.com to sign up. Make checks payable to OSLS PTL. Do you have any questions? Please contact Mrs. Stephanie Norcross. The next scrip order date is Monday, March 26.

Popcorn Friday

The next Popcorn Friday will actually be on Wednesday, March 28.

Direct your Dollars

Help Our Savior Lutheran School earn \$1,000 through the Direct Your Dollars program! We're collecting receipts from local SpartanNash stores (D&W, Family Fare, and Forest Hills Foods). OSLS will receive \$1,000 when we collect \$150,000 in receipts. To qualify, it must be the whole, original receipt. We already have \$75,423 in receipts. You can drop off your receipts at school. Thanks for supporting our school.

West Michigan Lutheran

Celebrate

Let's fiesta! Come "Celebrate" West Michigan Lutheran on Friday, April 20! "Celebrate" is a night that recognizes WML contributors. Whether through financial gifts, goods, or services, we appreciate what you do for us and for our school.

The evening will start with a silent auction at 5:00pm. Perhaps you will bid on a donation that will allow you to try a food from around Grand Rapids, including Rockwell Republic, the Beltline Bar, Grand Coney Diner, or Pete's Grill & Tavern. Look for a basket donated by staff and students!

Starting at 6:15pm we'll enjoy a themed meal. The evening will include National Honor Society inductions and performances by our band and choir.

"Celebrate" will take place at the school's address (601 36th St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49505). Please RSVP to Mrs. Bell in the office (616.455-2200 or secretary@wmlhs.org)

Thank you for helping us "Celebrate" our Lutheran High School!