

God is Greater Than Our Ups and Downs



John 16:33



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN
2020-21 School Theme

Carnival Games...8th Grade STEAM Project

Mrs. Conway's STEAM class made games for a class project. Each student researched and designed their own game. From PLINKO to Ping Pong Ball Toss to Wheel of Fortune...the ingenuity



by our students was impressive. And...the 8th grade held a carnival for the lower elementary students to tryout each game. Fun and learning was definitely had by all!

Our Savior Lutheran School News June 4, 2021

June

- 7 Pre-Kindergarten Last Day
PTL Family Picnic 5-7pm
- 8 K-8 Field Day
Preschool Last Day
- 9 K-8 Last Day
8:30am- Grades 4-8 Awards
9:10am- Grades 4-8 Chapel
9:55am- K-Grade 3 Chapel
10:20am-K-Grade 3 Awards
11am-All Students Dismissed

Faith, Food, and Fun...The 8th Grade Class Trip to Detroit & Frankenmuth

Last week the 8th graders took made their annual end-of-year field trip to a new location. 12 students, Mrs. Hughes, Pastor Wanglin, and Principal Couser took day trips to Frankenmuth and Detroit. St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth provide Christian history on ministry with early German settlers. It has a beautiful sanctuary and an active ministry with one of the largest Lutheran schools in the state. We ate lunch at the Bavarian Inn and had a highlight experience at Ariel High Ropes course. The whole group love the ropes course as we zip-lined through the tall trees. Day two was in Detroit visiting a former chapel offering designee, Family of God Ministry in urban Detroit. God is doing some amazing things. Our youth would love to go back and serve at Family of God. Next stops were Historical Trinity Lutheran Church (a beautiful cathedral), lunch in Greektown, down time at Belle Isle, and competitive lazer tag on the way home. The 8th grade now prepares for graduation on June 13th (10:30am Worship). May the Lord bless and them and use them to impact the Kingdom in all their endeavors.



Come Holy Spirit, Come! Baptisms During this School Year

Thirteen Our Savior Lutheran School Students have been baptized this year...PRAISE THE LORD! What a joy to see teachers, parents, and sponsors encourage and lead children to the waters of baptism. What We Believe About Baptism What is Baptism is that Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word. (cf. Matthew 28:19)

What benefits does Baptism give? It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare. (cf. Mark 16:16 & Acts 2:38). Learn more about baptism at our Our Savior Resource Page <https://www.oursaviorlansing.org/faith-resources/>.

Thank you to Mrs. Seling's kindergarten class for leading Wednesday's chapel. Watch chapel at the Our Savior YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/2DFfkRnxWjw>



THANK YOU!

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR SAVIOR AND THE MESSAGE OF HOPE SCHOLARSHIP FUND DURING THE 2021 ONLINE AUCTION WEEK.

OVER \$48,000 RAISED

Save the Date

as we gather in person next year for the Annual Our Savior Auction on **Saturday, March 5, 2022.**

Get ready to dance the night away at the 80's prom!

Last Day of School K-8 Schedule-Dismissal at 11am

8:30am- Grades 4-8 Awards

9:10am- Grades 4-8 Chapel

9:55am- Kindergarten-Grade 3 Chapel

10:20am-Kindergarten-Grade 3 Awards

11:00am-All Students Dismissed-Carline as usual

End of Year Medication Pick Up

Before the end of the school year, parents please stop in the school office and pick up all of your child's medication. Any medications not picked up at the end of the school year, will be disposed of. If your child is attending summer camp, you will need to pick up the medication from the school office and provide it and a separate permission slip to the summer camp staff.

PTL Family Picnic

All school families are invited to celebrate the end of the school year with the PTL Family Picnic to be

held on Monday, June 7th from 5-7pm on the south side of the building. Families are asked to bring their own picnic dinner for their family, including table setting, chairs and blankets. PTL will provide yard games and Kona Ice for everyone.

Mrs. Denise Spohn Retirement

The retirement of Mrs. Denise Spohn (25 years) will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6. There will be a reception in between services at 9:30. Please join us in honoring the many years of ministry for Denise.

Mrs. Terri Shaver

With great excitement, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Shaver has agreed to stay at Our Savior and continue serving lunches to our students for one more year! Please join us in celebrating!

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An Amazing School Year...Amazing God

By Matthew Couser, Principal

Our 2020-2021 school year theme verse was taken from John 16 verse 33:

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble.

But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Our staff has been humbled and amazed at the wonderful joys and challenges of this past school year. With much preparation and many unknowns, Our Savior staff, students, and families were F.R.O.G.s (Fully Relying on God). Ribbit. Ribbit. We anticipated this year to be a rollercoaster of emotions, hurdles, celebrations, and full of god-sightings. Indeed the mountain top joys were high and frequent this school year. The valleys were low and disappointing...yet as the Lord reveals in His word, from Psalm 23 verse 4

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Our teachers strongly desired to teach in-person no matter the circumstances of this pandemic. Our parents and families were extremely supportive and reassuring that education was best experienced in the classroom and around the school building. Our students were eager from day one to interact with friends and teachers and share in the blessing of learning and applying themselves to grow and develop. And if anything, Our Savior seeks to provide Christian education through chapel worship gathering, daily prayers, reading in God's word, and integrating the faith in learning as frequently as possible. It has been the most challenging and rewarding school experience in ages. And through the ups and downs, we have seen how God is greater. We have taken heart...as Jesus has overcome the world.

Paul wrote to the church in Galatia to remind them to remain and abide in the Lord as the Galatians faltered and were confused. From Galatians chapter 5 verse 25:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Our faculty and staff saw opportunity when there was uncertainty. Our school families desired community and interactions. Our students, smiling with their eyes, established trust that those in their care would love them, serve them, and encourage them while practicing the 3 Ws (wash your hands, wear your mask, watch your distance).

Together, as a school family, we saw Jesus in new and old light. Worshiping and praising the Lord, STEAM projects, sports, music, band, reading, and math...we experienced. We gained appreciation for volunteers who assisted with daily morning wellness checks, athletic antigen testing, and necessary cleaning requirements (Mr. Smelker and Mr. Dan...the MVPs of cleaning the school). Teachers taught online and in-person at the same time. Parents were cooperative and understanding as the circumstances changed and evolved. Teachers planned for inside and outside lessons and determined what was most essential for the development of their students.

And then...God provided in a pandemic! Thirty-five new K-8 students and their families. Families who never knew of or considered Christian education came to our doorstep and learned of partnership between school and home. Families often commented, "The Our Savior community was family we didn't even know we were looking for all these years. Now we don't know what life would be like without OSL." As the school filled, faith was inspired and grew.

Thanks to the welcoming and invitation of our existing school family, new families found refuge and became restored with Christian purpose. New faith has led to countless baptisms and Christian faith in the homes. We did life together this year as we learned, lived, and shared Christ. Building the kingdom in a pandemic. What an amazing school year. What an amazing God! To Him be the glory! Amen.

