

## OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN **SCHOOL**

Weekly Newsletter: October 22, 2021

8th Grade Outdoor Class: The students are analyzing literary elements of a story and creating unique endings.











#### **October**

- Worship 8:30 & 10:30am
- Final Fall After School Clubs
- **School Picture Retakes**
- 27 Reformation Chapel 9:10
- 29 Reformation Classroom **Parties**

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FUN!













**CROSS** COUNTRY **FINISHES SEASON AT THE GREATER** LANSING XC **CHAMPIONSHIP RACE** 

Medals went to:

Emily: 18th Nolan: 33rd Luke: 27th Peter: 11th





Jesus... in (ALL) things

#### **School Picture Retakes**

Picture retakes will be on Tuesday, October 26th. If you wish to have your child's pictures retaken, please send the current packet back with your student on that day. Geskus asks for the old pictures to be returned before taking the new one.

#### **Breakfast and Lunch Menu Changes**

As stated on our breakfast and lunch menus, the items served are subject to change. We will do our best to serve the menu items, but due to food shortages and shipping difficulties, we may not receive the items that have been ordered. Mrs. Shaver will continue to serve healthy and nutritious meals with food that is available.

#### The Book Fair is Coming to OSL! Sunday, Oct. 31st - Thursday, Nov. 4th.

This year we are happy to partner with I:55 Book Fairs. The fair will be open in the NEW library (next to the church lobby) at PS/PK pick-up and after school. Check it out if you plan to attend in person conferences too! Can't come in person - Don't Worry, there's a VIRTUAL option - visit https://i55bookfairs.com/school/our-savior-lutheran/. All profits from the book fair go right back to the school and classroom libraries. Happy Reading!

Book Fair Schedule

Sunday: 9:30-10:30 & 11:30-12:30

Monday & Wednesday: 10:30-11:30 & 2:30-7:30 Tuesday & Thursday: 10:30-11:30 & 2:30-4:30

#### K-8 Parent Teacher Conferences Coming Up

Parent Teacher Signup information was sent home this week. Conferences will be held November 1-4 from 3:45-8pm. Scholastic Book Fair will be back during this week too!!

#### **Notifications for Early Pickups**

Please help us by notifying your child's teacher and the receptionist in advance for any early pickups from school. The teacher will have the child in the receptionist's office at the time you have given. Thank you.

#### **Help Wanted**

Our Savior Lutheran is looking to fill two positions:

- 1. Technology Manager Full time
- 2. After-school Program Staff Part time, Monday through Friday 3p-6p.

If you or someone you know is interested or would like more information, please contact Lisa Keefer at 517-882-8665 or Ikeefer@oursaviorlansing.org.

#### Thank you PTL

Thank you to PTL and the parent volunteers who provided lunch for the staff on Wednesday, October 13th. It was a beautiful day to sit outside and enjoy lunch together!

#### Chapel - Join us in person

You are invited to join us for Chapel each Wednesday at 9:10am. Coffee hour is available from 8:15-9:10am.

#### **Attendance**

If your child is ill and will be out of school for the day, please notify the school by emailing attendance@oursaviorlansing.org or call 517-882-8665. Please state your child's name, grade, date of absence and the specific reason for the absence.

#### **Medications at School**

If your child must take medication during the school day, please bring that medicine to the school office and complete a Medication Permission form. Children who keep inhalers in their backpacks should also have a Medication Permission form on file in the school office. All medicine must be in the original packaging and labeled with your child's name

#### Thanksgiving Baskets

OSL will be supporting 250 families in need at Thanksgiving again this year. Donations of the non-perishable items (Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Boxed Stuffing Mix, Cans of Green Beans and corn, Jell-O, Cake Mixes, Frosting) can be placed on the table in the church lobby. Monetary donations are also requested for the purchase of turkey certificates, Milk, Rolls and Margarine.

#### **Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Kids Activity**

Kids 6th grade and under and parents are welcome to join us once a month on Sunday mornings from 9:40-9:55 for a Bible lesson, skit, puppet show, craft, or other fun activity in east end of the church lobby. It will be something different each month.

Dates – November 7, December 12, January 16, February 13, March 13, May – TBD (during congregational meeting)

#### **Worship Opportunities**

Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30am - In-Person and Live Stream.



# What was the Reformation?

#### by Pastor Wangelin

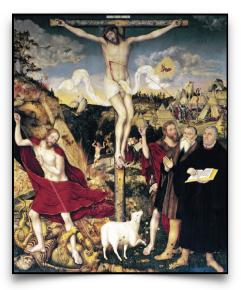
It's not about the man; it's about the message, that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone on account of Christ alone. Today, we are familiar with a Christianity that focuses on the grace and love of Jesus Christ and on the Bible as the Word of God and the basis for our faith and life. It may surprise you, but that was not always the case throughout church history.

During the Middle Ages, the Christian Church in Europe was so corrupted by a mingling of church and state that the basics of the Christian faith were obscured and neglected. The common people knew nothing of God's love or the free gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Most people had never seen a Bible, let alone read one. And major fundraising efforts in the church were conducted by selling the forgiveness of sins through certificates called "indulgences." Church leaders neglected spiritual duties and pursued worldly wealth and power. All sorts of invented ideas and superstitions were taught by priests and pastors. The church was in major need of recalculating, recalibrating, and reforming.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther took a stand and pushed back against church authorities in a call to reform the Christian Church. On that date, he posted the 95 theses, or statements for debate, over how the church claimed people could purchase the forgiveness of sins through the purchasing of certificates called "indulgences." This marked the beginning

of a debate that he would champion, that the Christian Church should ultimately be about faith in Christ, and based solely on the Word of God.

As Martin Luther read the Bible, he came to the realization that we cannot purchase the forgiveness of sins, nor can we earn it by any good works. We are saved solely by God's grace, and solely through faith. With the support of his prince, Martin Luther and his colleagues at the University of Wittenberg began applying these truths to all areas of the church's faith and life. This is what the Lutheran reformation was all about.



Paintings of Martin Luther often show him off to the side, pointing to the Bible and looking to Christ. Jesus stays at the center!

### The Reformation Changed the World

There were other efforts at reform prior to Martin Luther. In previous centuries, most of them were limited and ended with someone being burned at the stake. But because Luther's prince was a powerful figure at the time, and because the newly invented printing press helped Luther's writings go viral, the Lutheran reformation set off a chain reaction in many countries. Reformations in Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, England, and Scandinavia soon followed, and other "protestant" churches such as the Reformed, Anglican/Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, and others can trace their roots back to the ideas initiated on the Wittenberg castle church door.

The Lutheran reformation also led to major reforms in government, education, art and music. Martin Luther is both the founder of Lutheran schools and also the public school system. The individualism of the reformation led to American democracy. In this way, the reformation was of global significance, and Martin Luther was named the man of the millennium in 2000.

We know that Martin Luther was no saint, and we lament his sins and shortcomings. But the movement was not about the man, it was about the message, and that was the message of the Gospel - the good news that we are saved by grace alone, through faith in Christ alone, as declared by Scripture alone. The reformation was all about Jesus! As we celebrate the reformation, we recommit ourselves to the truths of the Gospel, and the authority of Scripture, and God's desire that all would come to saving faith in Him.

To learn more about the Reformation, go to www.lutheranreformation.org.