



Our Savior's  
Lutheran Church



*In service to all, we follow Christ into  
our neighborhood and community.*

Greetings!

### ***Time to Garden***

It's time to plant the Community Garden. Already many have been active in preparing the soil. We will have planting days Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, June 7, at 10:00 AM. Here are ways you can become a part of our garden ministry:

- o Call Ann Gorter, (231) 759-7467, if you would like to garden with us.
- o Donate to the garden costs.
- o Pray for our gardeners and for the people who receive our garden produce.
- o Tell our neighbors about opportunities to join our garden ministry



### ***Women's Tea Party, this Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM***

All women and girls are invited to the Women's Tea Party.

- Jill Gould will sing and our special guest speaker is Dotty Johnson who will bring Katie Luther to life. Katie was the wife of Martin Luther, and she was one of the leaders of the Reformation

### ***Nims Neighborhood Picnic, Saturday, June 9, 12:00-3:00 PM, Hume Home***

Food and games provided.



## ***Disability Pride Day, Saturday, June 16, Noon to 3:00 PM***

The disability community - people with disabilities and their allies - will gather at the Humunity Center Muskegon on Saturday, June 16 to celebrate Disability Pride Day. This is an opportunity to educate ourselves and others about relevant and pressing issues and to demonstrate that our voices are critical to current policy debates. Over 26,475 residents in Muskegon County are people with disabilities under the age of 65. This is an opportunity to come together, learn more about each other, and build community.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Music, light refreshments, and speeches from local disability rights advocates, our allies, and elected officials will be provided. The program will also feature an "open mic" session to increase dialogue about disability issues in our community.

This event is supported by Disability Justice League West Michigan, Disability Network West Michigan, the Humunity Center, and Peer Action Alliance.

The Humunity Center is located at Our Savior Lutheran Church: 1132 W. Southern Avenue. The event is scheduled from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. and is free of charge and open to the public.

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## ***The Travels of Stewy***

Stewy went to the Synod Assembly with Keith and Ann Gorter, Michele Hock, Diane Madej, and Pastor Jane. He was a real hit with those who met him. For this event, he gobbled up donations for the ELCA Disabilities Ministries Campaign.



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## ***Synod Assembly—What's that?.***

A Synod Assembly is the yearly meeting of our nearest partners in ministry, which gives us a chance to worship together and get to know each other and the ministries we do together. This year's Synod Assembly was an especially joyful time of visioning the future of the church as we hosted Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton. Our Synod Bishop described Bishop Eaton as "the first among equals" when talking about the bishops of the ELCA.

The ELCA is not hierarchical as are many mainline denominations. We have three expressions of the church and all partner equally together in ministry. The three expressions are the 1,000 congregations, the 65 synods, and the churchwide ELCA. There are approximately 3.5 million members of the ELCA. When you join a local congregation, such as Our Savior's, you become a member of your Synod and the ELCA. We are all partners in ministry with each other. To read this year's

report of our representatives to the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, click here. To learn more about the ELCA, [click here](#).

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## ***What's New in Redevelopment?***



- The Redevelopment Team held a cookout for about ten bicycle riders and the On our Way Wednesday worshippers. Stewy was present and is still eating donations for ELCA World Hunger. If you haven't met Stewy yet, he will be in the Gathering Room after church during the next few weeks.
  - Our new Hospitality Team is welcoming guests and planning a training for Ushers/Greeters this fall. We are greeting visitors and making additional contacts with them.
  - The Redevelopment Team is made up of Ted Olsen, Diane Madej, Karen Schrader, Walter Christophersen and Pastor Jane Mountain. We will soon be preparing a grant request for next year. Our partners in Redevelopment are the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the North/West Lower Michigan Synod.
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## ***Hospitality Group***

The Hospitality Group would like to invite you to sign up to host coffee hour after church. Please sign up on the clipboard on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Coffee is already provided. Snacks can be as simple as cookies, or cake, or fresh fruit.



## ***One by One—a Little at a Time!***

***Our ministries are moving forward, as God is leading us! Our work together is just beginning.*** —Pastor Jane



## ***Annual Beach Service Save the Date***

July 15, 10:00 AM

This is always the highlight of the year. We have a worship service followed by the greatest Lutheran picnic in Muskegon. Our regular Sunday worship will take place at the beach with our Metro Ministry Partners.

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## ***July is a 5th Sunday Month!!***

All matching gifts, whether large or



small are welcome. If you would like to donate \$500 or more toward the Fifth Sunday match, please speak to Walter Christophersen 231.638.1970.

**WePay** allows us to give electronically. [Click here here to use WePay.](#) Or, when you check our FaceBook page, there is a donate button on the upper right. You can set up automatic giving through WePay or make one time gifts and designate your gifts to the general fund (most needed) or to other funds of the church. If you are used to Simply Giving, there is now an App called

Giving+ that you can download for your giving. Get it where you usually get your Apps.

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### ***For Those over 70 ½***

If you are required to take a distribution from your IRA (Required Minimum Distribution or RMD), you may like to know that an IRA Charitable Rollover is an option for you that may save in taxes. Some members of Our Savior's are going to rollover all or part of their required RMD for the ongoing work of the church. If you are interested, contact your financial planner or the institution that carries your IRA.

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### ***June 2018 Calendar***

***Birthdays, Anniversaries,  
and Prayer List.***

***Sunday Worship, 9:30  
AM.***

***Sunday School 11:00 AM***

***On Our Way  
Wednesdays, 6:15 PM  
Potluck with Bible study  
and Holy Communion.***

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