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Our Savior Lutheran Church and School Quarterly Newsletter

Pursuing Godly Wisdom

by Pastor Bill Wangelin

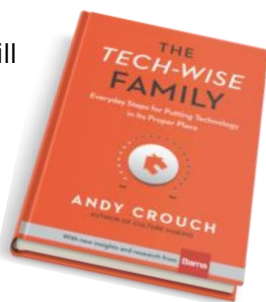


We live in the information age. At the touch of a finger we have billions of bits of information. But information is different than wisdom. How do we sort through all the talk, memes, sound bites, images, DIY's, and op-eds to find what is real, true, and good?

God has not left us without a compass to chart through life. We have the Word of God as our guide, the Spirit of God as our light, and the People of God as our community to help us learn godly wisdom. Ultimately, this compass points us to Christ our Savior, who rescues us in our folly and has become for us the Wisdom of God.

(1 Corinthians 1:30)

This fall, our congregation will be studying the book **"The Tech-Wise Family"** by Andy Crouch. This book tackles the topic of how we integrate technology into our lives and homes, and how our faith helps us to do that in a godly way. I hope that you are blessed by the conversations, the book, the small group sessions, and the sermon series that begins on September 9.



Our church and school ministries continue to reach out with the grace and truth of Jesus Christ, as we raise up the next generation of disciples. Pursuing godly wisdom is part of that discipleship training, and we are thankful for teachers, staff, and mature Christian members of our congregation who impart wisdom – even as they learn and grow with us.

In these pages of Learn, Live, Share, you will see examples of how disciples are being raised up and living out their faith in everyday life. We are celebrating 40 Years of Hmong Ministry on October 21, and 10 Years in Delta Township on November 4. We have received so many blessings! And we are privileged to share them – and the Good News – with everyone God places in our path.

God's blessings to you and yours as we Learn, Live and Share Christ this fall.

Pastor Bill Wangelin <><

Linger Longer: Resting in the Word

By: Dave Wright

The OSL Women's Fall Retreat (October 5-7, at Haworth Inn, Holland, MI) is called Linger Longer: Resting in the Word. Our ladies will be led by Pat Maier, and she will introduce and encourage the concept of Bible journaling and visual faith. Pat was one of four artists to contribute work for the Enduring Word Bible.



In Pat's own words from The Word Endures CPH blog, she writes, "The Enduring Word Bible, or any journaling Bible, provides extra margin space for putting pen to page while reading God's Word. The process is simple: you read,

you pause to reflect on the passage or verse, and then you respond by writing a portion of Scripture, an expression of faith, or a prayer in the margin. Taking extra time to add an illustration or color to your lettering adds to the meditation time and provides a picture in your mind to take with you through the day. I have found that by slowing down, I am more likely to have the Word ready to share with others as God presents opportunities in my daily life to reach out. It also creates a kind of faith story of my life and becomes a legacy to leave behind for my family.

Bible journaling isn't rocket science, but it is supported by educational research. Since about 70% of people are visual, kinesthetic, or tactile learners, educators wisely provide pictures, flash cards, and hands-on activities to help children learn in school. Bible journaling is simply applying these techniques to help us learn and remember God's Word.



Even if you don't think you're artistic or creative, give it a try. Bible journaling may not be for everyone, but everyone can benefit from a different perspective and meditating on the Word of God. The new Enduring Word Bible provides space for this in the two-inch margins of each page. Lines in the margins make it easy to journal notes and prayers or create lettering art and images. And if you like to color but hesitate to add your own pictures, there are over 350 hand-drawn Scripture illustrations included in the Bible."

If you would like to start Bible journaling, The Enduring Word Bible can be purchased via cph.org or amazon.com

Backyard Mission Blessings

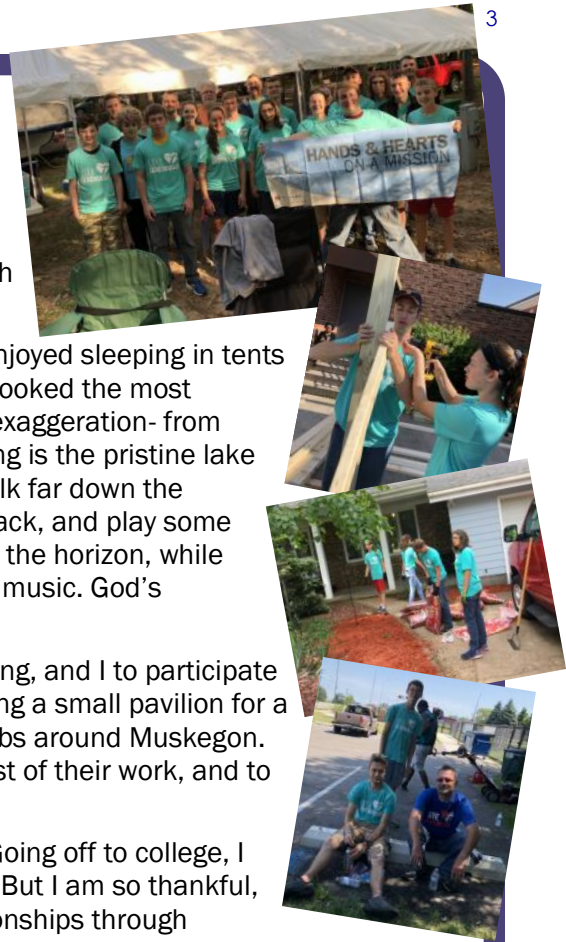
By: Michael Moldenhauer, Our Savior Alumni

Backyard Mission is perhaps the most anticipated youth event of the year, and for good reason. I have attended Backyard Mission for 4 years now, and have thoroughly enjoyed each one. It is a wonderful event which effortlessly combines camping, working, the Lord's service, and fun.

This was the second year we camped at the Muskegon State Park. We enjoyed sleeping in tents and sitting out by the campfire in the cool of the night. Mr. Ben Mosher cooked the most outstanding meals for us, both breakfast and dinner. And that is not an exaggeration- from steak to shrimp boil, he can do it all. But perhaps the best part of camping is the pristine lake shore and dunes. After a good day's work, we (the senior boys) would walk far down the shoreline to hike up some massive dunes, and proceed to hammock, snack, and play some 'Olympic style' games. The day would end with the sun sinking low under the horizon, while listening to the gentle crashing of the waves, and the occasional country music. God's creation at its finest.

As outgoing seniors, this was the last year for Caleb Wright, Robbie DeLong, and I to participate in Backyard Mission. For the first 2 days, we worked with others in building a small pavilion for a women's shelter. Then, on the last day, we worked together doing odd jobs around Muskegon. We also led devotions one morning, encouraging others to make the most of their work, and to do it with the joy of the Lord.

Backyard Mission was another great experience with my church family. Going off to college, I know I will truly miss coming to OSL, both in worshipping and fellowship. But I am so thankful, through events such as Backyard Mission, that I have made these relationships through worship and work. As Jesus said, "For where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am with them".



Summer Camp Fun and Early Childhood News

By: Windy Carroll, Early Childhood Director



Panther Camp 2018 has come to a close, and both staff and campers had a wonderful time the past 10 weeks! In total, there were 251 campers enrolled this season, with 37 staff members employed as counselors. We enjoyed six field trips, including visits to City Limits Bowling, Hawk Island Park, Celebration Cinema, and even the Detroit Zoo! And, there were many special events here on Our Savior's campus,

including a Summer Birthdays Party and Cookout, an End of Summer Celebration, and our youngest campers even got a visit from children's literature character Pete the Cat! We thank God for a safe and happy summer spent playing, celebrating, and worshipping and look forward to next summer.

As the new school year begins, the Early Childhood teachers and staff are excited to welcome our new and returning students with home visits and the Meet and Greet events. New this year, Early Childhood families will be invited to attend an Orientation Night and Curriculum Night specific to our programs in September, in addition to our Family Fun Night scheduled for October. We still have a few spots available in our Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten classes, so if you or someone you know has a child in the 3- or 4-year-old age range who may be interested in enrolling in a high-quality, Christ-centered Early Childhood Program, please contact Windy Carroll, Early Childhood Director, at wcarroll@oursaviorlansing.org. We look forward to all that God has in store and pray for His blessing on the coming school year!





Welcome Ms. Tammy Mazur - 2nd Grade Teacher

Where did you grow up?

I was born and raised in Monroe, MI.

What are your favorite hobbies?

My favorite hobbies are traveling, watching movies, and crocheting. I love to crochet gifts.

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27. It's my confirmation verse.

What is your favorite food?

Pizza is my favorite food! I could eat it every day! I love it because it can always be different – different toppings, sauces, crust, etc.

What led you to seek a career in church/school ministry?

I always wanted to be a teacher, but the summer after my Freshman year of college, I visited a friend on the campus of Concordia Chicago and just felt like God was leading me to go to this school. Every step in the process after that made it obvious that God was leading me into the teaching ministry.

One fun fact about you

I. LOVE. DISNEY WORLD! I have probably been to WDW over 40 times! It was our (my Mom & I) favorite place to vacation. I've gone almost every year – sometimes more than once in a year. It makes me happy every time I go because I can remember the wonderful times I had there with my Mom & I get to see some of my closest friends who live in Florida. It's just always a fun time.

Welcome Vicar Brandon Wittig

Where did you grow up?

I was born and raised in Saginaw, MI. I attended Bethlehem Lutheran there for church and school, and went to High School at Valley Lutheran. I went to college at Concordia University Ann Arbor where I earned a B.A. in Math with a minor in Biology.

What are your favorite hobbies?

My favorite hobbies are playing games. Most often I play video games but I am also a huge fan and aspiring collector of board games. In addition I like to spend my free time reading.

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

My favorite Bible "Verse" is Hosea 2:21-23: *"And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth, and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel, and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on Lo-Ruhamah (No Mercy), and I will say to Lo-Amni (Not My People), 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"* Hosea is my favorite book of the Bible and this text is central to the book. It speaks Gospel deeply powerfully in the context of the book, and I would say it has spoken the most to me out of any Bible verse.

What is your favorite food?

Really hard question. The food I most often eat when I am given a choice is burgers. I'm a big fan of a good Cheeseburger. That being said I am definitely an equal opportunity food lover. When food is made well, I can always appreciate it.

What led you to seek a career in church/school ministry?

I started college seeking a career in Education, the "family job," but during my Junior year at CUAA I started pulling away from that path. A buddy recommended a book for me to read (Hammer of God by Bo Giertz) and reading that, alongside discussion with some pastors that were influential to me, led me to consider changing paths and finally to enter seminary. Long story short, I am really excited and passionate about pointing people to God's love that are missing it.

One fun fact about you:

I know all the Presidents in order, and can even sometimes say them backwards.





Food Bank - Did You Know

Did you know that in Ingham County there are almost 45,000 Individuals, 11,680 being children, who are food-insecure? So far this year, the food bank has served 6,137 individuals within 1,674 family units.

The food bank operates under the direction of Sharon Miller with many volunteers who unload trucks, organize pantry shelves, assist clients, and so much more. They are also there to lend a listening ear to anyone who needs it and glorify God through serving others.

Not only does the food bank provide much needed groceries, but they are also one of just a few food banks that provides personal care items, gently used clothing and household goods.

God-sightings abound at the food bank. Sharon Miller recalls, "We had a client come in who received her food and then mentioned that her son wanted to play baseball but she couldn't afford cleats. I led her over to the free room and together we looked through the shoes. Sitting there were a pair of cleats, donated the week before, that just happened to be her son's shoe size."

Donations are always welcomed at the food bank. Any non-perishable food items, personal care items, gently used clothing or kitchen/household goods are welcome. Items may be dropped off in the food bank corner of the church lobby on Sunday mornings or Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. To volunteer, please contact the church office.

Technology in Our School

By: Josh Wyatt, Technology Manager

Chromebooks are affordable, fast, sleek laptops. Designed by Google and heavily optimized for use in schools. Our school just recently acquired 20 of these devices for 6th through 8th grade and they are awesome. Each student has their own login through Our Savior's Google Education Suite, also known as G-Suite.

Through G-Suite the students access to Google apps such as Docs, Sheets, Slides Classroom and more.

Students also have unlimited storage online for all of their files that save automatically when using one of the apps, no more need for usb drives.

For now, we have 20 shared devices with more possibly on the way soon so each 6th, 7th and 8th grader to have their own assigned device. Our dream is to have even more than just 6th, 7th and 8th grade but to have 1 to 1 computing for most of the school.



Mission Middelburg 2018



Our Savior Lutheran School - Nationally Accredited!

By Matthew Couser

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am pleased to share that the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) and the National Accreditation Commission (NAC) in it's meeting on July 26th, 2018, awarded Our Savior Lutheran School **Accreditation in Good Standing**. The Commission's letter read in part:



"Congratulations! This is the culmination of a great deal of work involving the entire school community through an internal and external review process identifying strategies for building the best possible educational program for learners. Our Savior Lutheran School is to be commended for the attainment of this high honor. Our Savior also receives accreditation through the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools. The term of accreditation is five years and

will remain active and in good standing through July 2023. During the next four years, Our Savior Lutheran School will demonstrate a strong commitment to ongoing improvement. We pray that through the work NLSA Our Savior Lutheran School will continue to improve. With accreditation, Our Savior Lutheran School is connected to 688 accredited Lutheran Schools who are working to serve students better in sharing the Gospel message and mission throughout their communities."

The NLSA validation team shared these outstanding strengths about Our Savior Lutheran School:

- Our Savior has a unified church and school mission statement that reflects on their emphasis of "one ministry." The ministry is a true partnership between the church and school.
- The culture of a Christ-centered environment that echoes in the relationships among the people of Our Savior and is caught on by visitors.
- The caring and dedicated teachers demonstrate daily that they are the shepherds of the children in their classrooms. This was evident in the safe and productive atmosphere in the classrooms, their interaction with students, and student work displayed.
- The financial commitment of Our Savior Lutheran Church to its School is commendable.
- The facilities are well-maintained and aesthetically pleasing.
- The abundance of documented evidence available solidifies the impressive quality of work being accomplished by the Board of Directors, church ministry staff, administrative team, Christian Education Team, teachers, and support staff.



We give thanks to God for his work woven through the faith and learning experiences at Our Savior Lutheran! Praise be to God from whom all blessings flow!

Reflect the Image of Christ

*We are transformed into His own image
from one degree of glory to another.*

2 Corinthians 3:18



New Verses to "Jesus Loves Me"

by John Horak, Minister of Music

Last May, I was asked to teach Grade 5 Christian Studies on the topic of Worship and Music. We packed in about 2,000 years of material into two weeks. The last lesson we worked on was talking about songs, hymns and spiritual songs. Jesus Loves Me was the hymn that we studied looking at the meaning of the text and the meter (number of syllables per line). Their last assignment was to write their own verse. On the last day of the unit, we listened to each verse and talked about its meaning. I hope that you enjoy their hymnody.

Jesus loves me when I'm wrong.
He is very wise and strong.
I am sorry for my sin.
Please now make me clean within.

Jesus loves me I do know.
For He's with me there's no foe.
He has beaten all of sin.
And He'll never die again.

Jesus loved me on the cross.
Even though He suffered loss.
Heavy stone was rolled away.
He's alive and here to stay.

Jesus loves me when I lie.
He is very nice and wise.
Now I know that we all die.
I will be with You alive.

Jesus loves me all my days.
Yes He guides in all my ways.
I love Him and He loves me.
Yes he shows me what to be.

Jesus loves me all the time.
Although I commit some crimes.
Sometimes I seem really mean.
All the time He'll wash me clean.

Jesus loves me He loves you.
He loves His creation too.
He's with me all the way through.
He saved me and He saved you.

When I die He'll take me home.
Where the saints and angels roam.
He will take me to the hall.
Where in heav'n I'll have a ball.

The beginning I did fall.
When I wander He will call.
He created everything.
All the church bells now do ring.

Jesus loves me in the night.
He will lead me by His light.
All the times I try to flee.
He will say come back to Me.

Jesus loved me when He died.
He is always by my side.
Even when I'm doing bad.
He forgives me I am glad.

Jesus loves me when I'm sick.
He will heal me very quick.
Even when I don't have wealth.
He will always give me health.



Jesus loves me all the time.
Satan's always doing crime.
He defeated sin and hell.
I am waiting for the bell.

Jesus loves me when I'm mad.
Loves me even when I'm bad.
I am sad but He forgives.
I am saved and I will live.

Jesus loves me He knows why.
He will never say goodbye.
He has washed away my stain.
They are gone and down the drain.

Jesus loves so much He died.
It is finished this He cried.
Jesus loves me this I love.
He arose and went above.

Jesus helps me when I'm sad.
Saves me from the fates that bad.
Even though the road is long.
He will help me to be strong.

Thanksgiving Day Basket Collection Begins October 8th

Through the generosity of our members, OSL has been providing full Thanksgiving Day meal supplies for many local families. Over the last 6 years, we have provided over 1,200 baskets to people throughout our community. This is possible through the donations of meal supplies, money, and time. Please prayerfully consider giving to this awesome program. If you have time to assist in the planning or distribution to families as they pick up their baskets, you will see the Lord's work being accomplished through the blessings of our congregation. Donations for the 200 baskets we will be passing out this year, will be accepted from October 7th through November 14th. Assembly of the baskets will take place during Family Service Sunday at 9:30am on November 18th. Please contact Marianne List (listmd@gmail.com) or Becky Grocki (bgrocki@oursaviorlansing.org) for more details and stay tuned for more announcements.

Donations to be collected

- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed Stuffing
- Can of Corn
- Can of Green Beans
- Box of Jello
- Cake Mix
- Frosting
- Monetary Donations to purchase Turkeys, Gallons of Milk, Bread and Margarine



Fall Events at Our Savior

September

- 8 International Welcome Party
- 9 Tech-Wise Family Workshop 9:30am
- 16 Christ Connections & Adult Bible
Study Begins 9:30am
- 23 Learn to Pray Milestone
Ministry 9:30am
- 28-30 Confirmation Retreat
- 30 Congregation Meeting 9:30am

October

- 5-7 Women's Retreat
- 7 Thanksgiving Basket Collection Begins
- 14 Hmong Eggroll Sale
- 28 Reformation Sunday

November

- 4 Daylight Savings Ends
- 18 Family Service Day 9:30am
- 22 Special Persons Day 8:15am
Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7pm

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Worship Times

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:45am

Hmong Worship

Sunday: 10:45am

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