

# Kickoff Sunday, Jan. 9

On Sunday, January 9, 2011, Our Savior Lutheran Church will begin our “**Connect to Christ, experience MORE**” spiritual growth and renewal campaign.

What is spiritual growth? And why do we need it? We, *as a congregation*, will become more intuned to what God wants in our lives. Together, as a group, we will take steps forward to make that connection.




Rev. Craig Schultz

Pastor Craig Schultz, the brother of our own Pastor Randy Schultz, will be the guest pastor at our 10:45 service.. He comes from Conover, North Carolina and has been a pastor for many years. He works with the PathWays Ministry and travels extensively, bringing spiritual hope to many congregations throughout the country.

The theme of his sermon is “what a difference a hand makes” (based on John 21:19-23). *We hope you will join us!*



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### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, our Savior

*If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Philippians 2:1-2*

These words recorded by St. Paul summarize and empower the theme of our spiritual growth and faith renewal effort now known as **Connect to Christ: experience MORE**.



At our Leadership Retreat, each director prayerfully shared his/her goal(s) for this campaign. Two themes were repeated and amplified around the table: “**more**” of the good things (i.e. God things) going on at Our Savior Lutheran; and “**unity**” of people and purpose.

Truly, we are blessed by knowing Christ and being united (**connected**) to Him. St. Paul names some of these blessings in the Scripture above: encouragement, comfort, fellowship, tenderness, compassion. Connected to Christ, we experience these blessings and MORE. Visit our website [www.oslflint.org](http://www.oslflint.org) and check out what MORE Christ has to give.

Spiritual renewal is the work of the Holy Spirit who connects us to Christ and thereby restores the joy of salvation (Psalm 51:12).

Because we are “united with Christ,” we also have a connection to each other in Christ. St. Paul records that as we are “like-minded” in Christ and as we show the “same love” as Christ, and as we function as “one in spirit and purpose,” then our **joy is made complete**.

May the Holy Spirit restore and complete our joy as we worship, serve, and grow together at Our Savior Lutheran. Let's **Connect to Christ: experience MORE!**

Yours in Christ, our Savior,  
Pastor Randy Schultz

**P.S. Please join us for Kickoff Sunday, January 9, 10:30 am!**

## Upcoming Events

### KICKOFF SUNDAY

January 9, 2011 @10:30 a.m.

### Bible Study #1

February 13, 2011 – 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Rev. Karl Koch

### Home Visits

February 15 - March 12

### Bible Study #2

March 13, 2011 – 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Rev. Craig Schultz

### 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

Fri.-Sat., March 18-19 – Starting at 3:00 p.m.

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## Meet Your Campaign Leaders

- Co-Chairs:** .....Ken Deming and Helen Thorn
- Advisors:** .....Wayne Bailey, Tom Roberts, Jr., Hermant Gant
- Alumni Coordinators:** .....Gloria Bailey and Beverly McIntosh
- All Church Fellowship Directors:** .....Sidney Bradford, Donna Fair, Dinah Schultz
- Promotion Director:** .....Jean Shipley
- Bible Study Directors:** .....Jan Roberts and Debbi Madsen
- Home Visits Directors:** .....Minnie Rembert and Cliff Tapo, Jr.
- Prayer Vigil Directors:** .....Sadonna Myers and Denise Willis
- Table Host Directors:** .....Carrie Kovach and Kimberly Rodgers
- Commitment Visits Directors:** .....Jon Kovach and James Stewart
- Continuation Director:** .....Kelly James
- Planned Giving Director:** .....Ben Roof

## Come for Bible Study



The first of two Bible studies will be held February 13, 2011 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. The theme will be "God's Gifts to Us." We hope you will plan to be here. Special guest Pastor Karl Koch will lead us for this session. What a great opportunity to join

together as a faith community around God's Word!

Bring yourself, bring your Bibles and bring along any one else you want! We will meet in the sanctuary. Child care will be provided. Refreshments will be served after.



*Cross Ministry  
Coming Soon!*



## A Look at PathWay Lutheran Ministry's Logo

The illustrative symbol which represents PathWay Lutheran Ministries was designated by Bill Haack of Columbus, Nebraska in the Fall of 1992. Bill had witnessed the PathWay process at his home church, Peace Lutheran in Columbus, and wanted to use his God-given talents to provide a logo for the ministry.

With his expertise, Bill developed a logo which accurately describes the unique ministerial approach of PathWay Lutheran Ministries. Parts of the logo may be viewed differently by people. Some may focus on the cross of Jesus Christ made up of different paths – path of life leading inward toward Jesus. In that context, the body above the cross may be seen as the Resurrected Christ.



Others may see the body in a different light; the outstretched hand of the Father working in our lives, the head with flowing hair seen as the flame of the Holy Spirit working in and through us, and the dark line inside the robe, reminding us of a hook and gaff and of our Christian calling to be fishers of men.

The way the "y" of PathWay lies outside the boundaries of the box may catch others' attention. It shows how PathWay Ministries challenges congregations to go outside their comfort zones. People are encouraged to share faith stories, attend worship and Bible classes regularly, hand out crosses, step out in their faith and practice generous free-will giving.

It is this emphasis on the Triune God and on spiritual renewal which gives the PathWay plan its unique and proven results. Hearts are turned to God, faith is nurtured and stewardship is renewed.

## Partners in Ministry

Since its founding in 1992, PathWay Lutheran Ministries has joined with more than 1,350 churches and schools in focusing on spiritual growth and stewardship renewal. Their unique ministry encourages growth – not just the growth of church buildings provided by capital resources; but, more importantly, spiritual growth. PathWay strives to expand God's ministry by helping congregations expand their own ministries.

Congregations may seek PathWay's help for a number of reasons including: getting off a spiritual plateau, debt reduction, church and school growth, and enhancing their stewardship giving level. Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas selected PathWay because they "wanted a campaign which would be Christ-centered and would prepare the hearts of their people spiritually for the necessary commitments which would enable them to begin." They described their campaign as "some of the most exciting spiritual times at Redeemer."

Although the reasons for selecting PathWay Lutheran Ministries are varied, the churches who have followed their program report a common theme of significant growth in addition to meeting capital needs.

Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn, Nebraska writes, "With PathWay's emphasis on prayer, Bible study and sharing of faith stories, people's lives have been changed, faith renewed and hearts turned to the Lord."

Ron Schirmer, the President and Founder of PathWay Lutheran Ministries, and his 60+ all-Lutheran member team are headquartered in South Carolina. They have helped many churches and schools throughout the country raise over \$3.5 billion to be used for building Christ's Kingdom.

Their proven program, which allows faith to be nurtured and hearts to be lifted, has helped plant many seeds which will be harvested for years to come.



## Home Visits

Home Visits Directors focus on spiritual growth with an all-church, every-member Home Visit. The purpose of these visits is to "encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). To that end, we will gather prayer requests and encourage individual prayer and to collect beneficial information for the future growth and ministry of the congregation.