

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENTS — 8 MAY A.D. 2016

✠ CALENDAR ✠

8 May to 15 May A.D. 2016

TODAY

Divine Services 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Office of Matins 8:10 A.M.

TUESDAY

Cantate Choir Rehearsal 7:00 P.M.
Special Council Meeting 7:00 P.M.
Adult Volleyball (Gymnasium) 7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY

Responsive Prayer 8:10 A.M.
Women's LifeLight Bible Study 1:30 P.M.
Fine Arts Festival 6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, 15 May

Divine Services 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School & Bible Studies 10:00 A.M.
VBS Meeting with Board of Education 12:30 P.M.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDIES will meet next week:

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW with Pastor Thoma leading the discussion. This has proven to be a lively study full of great discussion. You are encouraged to join to see for yourself! The study group meets in the ECC entrance room, and God willing, starts right at 10:00 a.m.

HANDLING THE WORD OF TRUTH — Mr. Ted Nichols continues to lead this wonderful study of John T. Pless' delightful book on Law and Gospel. The group meets in the church conference room #105 at 10:00 a.m. Check it out!

THE FINE ARTS FESTIVAL IS COMING!

Thursday, May 12 is the Spring Fine Arts Festival at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. The evening will include a concert featuring each music group of Our Savior Lutheran School and individual instrumental and vocal performances as well as art displays from the various classes. Plan to join us and hear and see what great things the children have been up to at Our Savior! A repeat of the concert will also be offered the morning of Friday, May 13 as part of Special Persons Day festivities.

LIFELIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

LifeLight Women's Bible Study on the book of Acts. We meet at the school on Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., spending our time together in small groups, prayer, and discussion of the previous week's lesson completed at home. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact LifeLight's director, Carol Caswell (248-296-1140).

"JOHANN WALTER" is the title of Kantor's latest blog post that was released on April 24 at lutheranreformation.org/blog. Should you take the time to seek it out, you will be sure to learn something interesting about the "first cantor of the Lutheran Church" and his contributions through God's great gift of music during the Reformation period that still reverberate today!

🎵 COME ON, LET'S CRUISE! 🎵

The youth group is proudly hosting the 3rd annual Sock Hop AND Classic Car Show! Mark your calendar for May 21st, from 4-7pm. This is a FREE event for the whole family. Free admission, free entry for the car show, free beverages and snacks. Tony's Dogs of Howell will be there with his hot dog cart selling dogs, polish sausage and chips! Another new addition is a free photo booth! And as always, great music! Wear your 50's and 60's gear or come as you are! If you know someone with a hot rod (or have one yourself!) encourage them to come show it off!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join us this week for Sunday School. A reminder for families with younger students, please be sure to drop them off and pick them up in their room. The following is your child's teacher and room numbers:

Preschool — Room 212—Sue Kelly
Grades K & 1—Room 215—Joyce Hicks & Rachel Bronsberg
Grades 2 & 3—Room 219—Mia Chapman
Grades 4 & 5—Room 203—Bill & Ruth Libby & Janel Gryc
Grades 6 & 7—Room 205—Emily Helmreich
Grade 8—Room 206—Donna Hay

VBS 2016 is "FARM-TASTIC!"

JUNE 20 TO 24 – 9:00 A.M. TO 12 NOON

Register your children now for the Barnyard Roundup VBS!

Your children will learn that Jesus gathers us together!

The key Bible verse is Psalm 23.

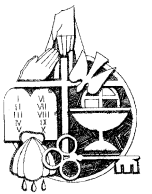
Registration forms are available in the Church and School office and **Online Registration** at vbsmate.com/oursaviorhartlandmi

For more information call Georgine at 248-887-4300 or email gshelton@oursaviorhartland.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Be part of Barnyard Roundup VBS! As VBS staff you can share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help full or part time, we have many ways for you to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. **Register on line** or Call Georgine at 248-887-4300 or email gshelton@oursaviorhartland.org, for more information. Join us to see how Jesus gathers us together!

ORDINATION OF JOSEPH BANGERT. We have a date for Seminarian Joe Bangert's ordination service! Consider this your first invitation to join us on Sunday, June 26 at 3:00 p.m. for the Solemn Rite of Ordination of Joseph Bangert into the Office of the Holy Ministry! Of course, we are very excited to serve our brother and his family and we expect the day to be wonderful. If you are interested in serving for the meal that will follow, please direct your replies to the Board of Social Ministry, namely Tom Hay or Julie Schulte. If you need their contact information, just let the office know.



THE LADIES BOOK CLUB will meet **Thursday, May 19th at 9:30 a.m.** Come join us for a lively discussion. This is a great way to get to know one another better. Neighbors, friends or relatives are welcome. Call Brenda Dunseth, [248-804-1341](tel:248-804-1341), for details regarding the book to be discussed and location.

STUDENTS ATTENDING LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOLS, COLLEGES OR SEMINARIES FOR THE 2016 – 2017 SCHOOL YEAR may fill-out the appropriate scholarship applications for review by the Board of Elders. Application packets are located in the black slots on the wall outside the church office and must be returned to the Elders mailbox no-later than; **June 1**. Any questions regarding the applications can be forwarded to Nicole Spangler (Church Administrator) or Harry Jock (Chairman of the Board of Elders).



KEEP THE CHURCH GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL! Spend time outside. Teach children or grandchildren the benefits of a job well done. Show everyone that Millennials really do know how to work hard. Use it as an opportunity to spend time with a friend. Sign-up to adopt-a-bed around the church or school. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the coatrack. Do it today!

CHURCH AND SCHOOL WISH LIST

Are you able to help? We sure could use...

- Donations and volunteers to support our VBS program
- Folks to help with the tiling effort in the chapel.

Please speak with Pastor Thoma if you can help with any of these needs. If you would like to give financially toward any of these needs, please be sure to note it on your envelope or check before putting it into the offering plate.



Weekly Financial Report 1 May A.D. 2016

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE May 1, 2016

8:30 Divine Service : 130 Sunday School/ Bible Studies: N/A
11:00 Divine Service: 127
Total Attendance: 257

Week of 9 May to 15 May

BIRTHDAYS

Caden Pierson	5/10	Amelia Ayers	5/14
Jillian Butsavich	5/12	Braydon Tougas	5/14
Robert Zells	5/13	David Krieger	5/15
Andrew Schneider	5/14	Kerrie Leonard	5/15

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas and Bonnie Nelson	05/09/1964
Roy and Pamela Raymond	05/09/1970
Jeffrey and Jean Williams	05/09/1987
Matthew and Michelle Smith	05/10/2003

Do You Know What I Like about Stewardship Here?

Do you know what I really appreciate about the way we do “stewardship” here at Our Savior? First, I love that we keep it Biblical. We’re always starting and ending there. When this is the mode, we are more likely to see, understand, and be strengthened to give and serve according to God’s perspective. That, of course, is very, VERY important. Second, we don’t use gimmicks – that is, we don’t rely on sinful man’s self-interests to successfully meet a need for support, whether it’s financial or through time and talents. What I mean is that we don’t take a challenge that may be relatively obscure to most and then twist and turn it to make it relevant in a way that is of interest to everybody so that more people will give. We give the Gospel, and from this we do our best to educate, and then we trust that God will move His people to work together as a body of believers with their eyes upon faithfulness to Christ and the support of that same Gospel here in this place and around the world.

This is great stuff. I encourage you to rejoice in it as I do, to do what you can to serve and support the work, and to let others know just how wonderful faithful stewardship can be! – Pastor Thoma+

✠ PRAYERS ✠

THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY: Adrian Atkinson, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Jack Bartenbaker, David Bell, Wendell Bergren, Christopher Bolton, Susan Brandt, Matt Budisill, Abigail Daniels, Sylvia Cole, Bill Cokley, Carole and Ferdinand Doll, Jim Faught, Carol Ford, Kevin Haas, Mary Hill, Bill Kirkpatrick, Debbie Kloeckner, Kayla Marcum, Charles McCloskey, Leah Nelson, Miriam Nichols, Cindy Pushman, Cindy Quinkert, Robert Rabin, Noah Reid, The Shirk family, Robert Schneider, Art Swett, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Joan Thompson, Cheryl Tobel, Susan Vogt, Chris Waldorf, David Welch family, Eric Wermuth, Ed Willer, Rev. John Wurst, Frances Wyckoff, and Randy Zeilinger.

MILITARY: Ramone Baca, Alexander Baloh, Drew Barber, Brandy Bates, Robert Bell, Corry Brennan, Tom Buller, Brian Chapman, Mark Ciero, Jonathan Cross, Kenneth Eyer, Darrel Fenbert Jr., Drew Helmreich, Chad Libby, Neil Lipon, Richard McManamon, Nick Morley, Jonathan Mrozek, Matthew Niendorf, Chris Robosky, Steve Roeske, Samantha Russell, Jake Simkins, Albie Therrien, and Alex Young.

MISSIONARIES: Rev. Charles Ferry and family.

ATTENDANCE in HOLY WORSHIP: Christ declares that Christians are made by baptizing and teaching, that is, Word and Sacrament (Matthew 28:19). The Apostle John declares that this same Lord makes His presence among His believers and strengthens them in the faith through the means of Baptism, the Lord’s Supper, and the Word of the Gospel, pronounced, read, preached, and taught (1 John 5:6-12).

Jesus, the Light of the World (John 8:12) declares that by His Gospel given through Word and Sacrament, Christians become lights in the world around them (Matthew 5:16). History proves that attendance numbers do not change by programs or gimmicks. Such things do not truly introduce people to Jesus. By way of the Gospel, His Christians do! The Lord sends His Gospel invitation into all nations through you, His church. Invite your friends and family to hear the Gospel so that they may believe in Christ as you do and be joined with the Savior for eternal life!

SCHOOL NEWS

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

For many years, Our Savior has participated in the *Campbell’s Labels for Education* program providing school supplies and equipment through the combined efforts of our church and school families and other friends connected to our school. Thank you to everyone who has helped by clipping UPC codes, caps, and other label designations to support our school. Unfortunately, Campbell’s has informed us that they will be making significant changes to the program for the coming school year. As of this date, they have not shared with us their new program. Because of these changes, we will make our final label submission before the end of June. Please make an effort to submit to us all labels that may be in your cupboards, drawers, or even on food containers that you may not have consumed so that this final submission will earn us as many points as possible. We will be using all remaining points to purchase school supplies and equipment before the program is discontinued. Thank you for your help in this effort.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are more than 550 non-public schools serving more than 100,000 students in the state of Michigan? These students save the state more than \$750 million dollars each year. Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools (MANS) serves 239 Roman Catholic, 81 LCMS, and 65 CSI schools, representing 70% of Michigan’s non-public schools. Our Savior is a member of this organization, and we appreciate the work that MANS does to keep us informed of ongoing legislation that affects nonpublic schools. MANS also lobbies for us in Lansing to see that faith-based schools are represented fairly. With so many policies and legislative decisions happening nationally and in Lansing, it is difficult to keep up to date on these many issues. MANS has initiated a monthly eNewsletter designed to provide a simple synopsis of events and resources to share with schools, parents, and other stakeholders in Christian education. Go to the link below to find out what is in this first eNewsletter. One current issue of importance is a public comment period on the State Board of Education Proposed Voluntary LGBTQ Guidelines. It is important that they hear the Christian perspective on this controversial topic. I encourage you to make our voice heard. The public comment period ends May 11, 2016.

Do you know your Elder?

If not, check the Elder list and the families assigned to them by family name initial.

Dan Cottrell	L, MP – MZ, N
Steve Bell	C, R, ST – SZ
Malachi Gallegos	D, O, P -PH
Mike Hicks	W – Z

Joel Hornick	A, T, U
Harry Jock (chair)	H, I, J –JL
James Tougas	M – MO
Bill Mrozek	G, JO – JZ, Q, V,
Kent Nelsen	E, S – SR
Roy Raymond	F, K,
John Rose	BP – BZ, PI - PZ
Jim Tabbert	B - BO

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