

# OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS — 15 MAY A.D. 2016

### ✠ CALENDAR ✠

15 May to 22 May A.D. 2016

#### TODAY

**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.

#### THIS WEEK

##### MONDAY

**Office of Matins** 8:10 A.M.

##### TUESDAY

Adult Volleyball (Gymnasium) 7:30 P.M.

##### WEDNESDAY

Celebration Ringers 7:15 P.M.

##### THURSDAY

**Responsive Prayer** 8:10 A.M.  
Women's LifeLight Bible Study 1:30 P.M.  
Cantate Choir Rehearsal 7:00 P.M.  
Brass Rehearsal 8:30 P.M.

##### SUNDAY, 22 May

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

#### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDIES will meet this 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!

#### 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](http://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!

**The new worship schedule will begin on Sunday, June 5th**, which is right around the corner. If you know of anyone who may be unaware to this change, be sure to reach out to them to remind them that worship will begin at 9:30 a.m., with Bible Study to follow at 10:45 a.m. Although, on June 5th, we'll be celebrating staff anniversaries, and so as is our practice, we'll do this by way of a reception during the Bible study hour. Sunday School for the children will continue as normal.

**A gift for our Seminarian!** We'd like to get Joe Bangert a gift in honor of his ordination into the Office of the Holy Ministry. A door offering will be collected on Sunday, June 5 to do just that. Our plan is to use the funds to purchase his first chasuble as well as do what we can to cover the expense for the meal on the day of his ordination, June 26 at 3:00 pm. Again, as the Spirit moves, please do what you can to support our brother in Christ.

**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.

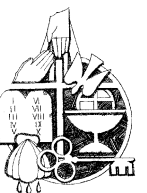
**Registration forms** are available in the Church and School office and **Online Registration** at [vbsmate.com/oursaviorhartlandmi](http://vbsmate.com/oursaviorhartlandmi)

For more information call Georgine at 248-887-4300 or email [gshelton@oursaviorhartland.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.



**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.**

#### Being the Church

(Jesus said) "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:13-16).

Considering this Word of God, it becomes difficult to deny that we are often the means by which God blesses the world around us. Why does this matter? Because not only does the text include you – that is, if you are a believer – but it encourages you to get in the game of life around you with the Gospel and to know that you are blessed as a servant of the One who fully intends to use your efforts in faithfulness, both in word and deed, to extend His kingdom to others in need for the sake of their salvation and His glory.

– Pastor Thoma+



Weekly Financial Report 8 May A.D. 2016

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

**May 5 Ascension of Our Lord: 44**

**May 8, 2016**

**Sunday School/ Bible Studies: 53**

**8:30 Divine Service : 159**

**11:00 Divine Service: 78**

**Total Attendance: 237**

**Week of 16 May to 22 May**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Steven Roeske	5/16	Nicholas Whiting	5/20
William Neuroth	5/17	Jennifer Combs	5/20
Harold Oliver	5/18	Paul Caswell Jr.	5/21
Jane Faught	5/19	Michael Hicks	5/21
Nathaniel Corcoran-Miller	5/19	William Pushman	5/21
Spencer Foerster	5/20	James Tabbert	5/21
Tom Hay	5/20	Henry Grupp	5/21
Harry Jock	5/20	Lea Biddix	5/22

**ANNIVERSARIES**

David and Susan Krieger	05/16/1981
Joel and Julie Hornick	05/16/2004
Dan and Karen Cottrell	05/19/1979
Michael and Joyce Hicks	05/20/1972
Steven and Janis Winters	05/20/1983
Cary and Cynthia Archer	05/20/1988
Shawn and Christina Witt	05/22/2010

**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).

**✠ PRAYERS ✠**

**THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY:** Adrian Atkinson, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Jack Bartenbaker, Wendell Bergren, Christopher Bolton, Susan Brandt, Matt Budisill, Bruce Bunevich, Abigail Daniels, Sylvia Cole, Bill Cokley, Carole and Ferdinand Doll, Jim Faught, 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, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Joan Thompson, Chris Waldorf, David Welch family, 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!

**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.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**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 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 the MANS Board does to keep us informed of the 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 newsletter designed to provide a simple synopsis of events and resources to schools, parents, and other stakeholders in Christian education. Go to the link below to find out what is in this first eNewsletter.

<http://m-a-n-s.org/services-resources/legislative-eneews>

**CROMAINE LIBRARY ART DISPLAY**

If you happen to be at Cromaïne Library in the village of Hartland, check out the display case on the upper level near the children's collection. Artwork created by some of our students is on display during the month of May. Mrs. Emily Stahl, our shared time art teacher, is responsible for making this happen so that people in the community may see the work that our students have produced. Students whose artwork is on display are: Henry Grupp, Jake Hargreaves, Delilah McClue, Lucas Rocheleau, Katelyn Hargreaves, Grace Nelson, Brody Gallegos, Makenna Kolonich, Carmen Pushman, Madeline Thoma, Lilley Schleif, Emersyn Kolonich, and Brendan Pfenning.

**Do you know your Elder?**

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

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

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