

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS — 29 MAY A.D. 2016

✠ **CALENDAR** ✠

29 May to 5 June A.D. 2016

TODAY

Divine Services **8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**
(No Sunday School and Bible Study)

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Responsive Prayer **8:10 A.M.**
Women's LifeLight Bible Study **1:30 P.M.**

SUNDAY, 5 June

Divine Services **9:30 A.M.**
Staff Anniversary Celebration **10:45 A.M.**

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDIES will meet **NEXT** on **JUNE 12:**

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.

THE BIBLE STUDY "HANDLING THE WORD OF TRUTH" HAS NOW CONCLUDED. Thank you, Ted Nichols, for leading this delightful book on Law and Gospel.

The new worship schedule will begin next 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 by way of a reception during the Bible study hour. Sunday School for the children will continue as normal.



QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING
JUNE 12TH AT 3:00 P.M.

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!

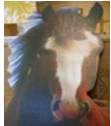
Being the Church

(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 is 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 for the sake of their salvation and His glory.
– Pastor Thoma+

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join us **NEXT 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:

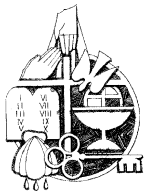
Preschool —Room 212—Sue Kelly
Grades K & 1—Room 215—Joyce Hicks & Rachel Bronsberg
Grades 2 & 3—Room 219—Mia Chapman
Grades 4 & 5—Room 203—Bill & Ruth Libby & Janel Gryc
Grades 6 & 7—Room 205—Emily Helmreich
Grade 8 —Room 206—Donna Hay



VBS DONATION REQUESTS

The Barnyard Roundup VBS program will be coming to Our Savior on June 20th and the barnyard animals have arrived to help you locate the donation requests tables. Many items are needed to have an exciting program for our children. Look for the Lamb in the Church Lobby, the Cow in the ECC area, the Horse is in the School Entranceway. All the donation tables will have request tags and a signup sheet. Thank you for supporting our VBS program

ORDINATION OF JOSEPH BANGERT. We have a date for Seminarian Joe Bangert's ordination service! Consider this your 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.

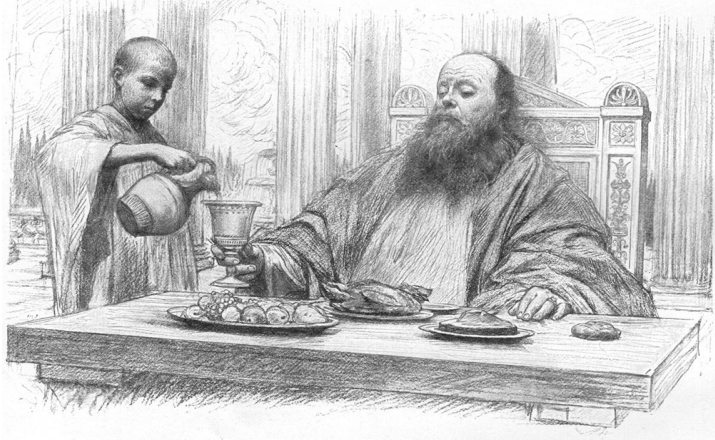


A GIFT FOR OUR SEMINARIAN! We'd like to get Joe Bangert a gift in honor of his ordination into the Office of the Holy Ministry. A door offering will be collected on Sunday, June 5 to do just that. Our plan is to use the funds to purchase his first chasuble as well as do what we can to cover the expense 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.

PASTOR THOMA AND KANTOR SWETT sat down to discuss changes that will help to keep the service to 1 hour and 15 minutes without sacrificing confessional substance. This is what was discussed:

- The option stands for more Choir pieces to occur during the prelude.
- Notice on page 167 in the LSB (Divine Service II) that the first rubric is "A Hymn of Invocation may be sung." This is called a "may" rubric, which means we have some flexibility here. With that, the idea is to begin the service as we do with a Baptism, that is, the clergy and assistants will process in to the tolling of the bells and we'll simply begin the service right away with the Confession and Absolution.
- Don't worry. We'll sing a hymn of Invocation...sometimes, but it will happen where it is noted on page 168 right after Confession: "Introit, Psalm, or Entrance Hymn." Sometimes we'll sing a hymn. Other times we'll sing an introit or psalm.
- We will continue to exclude the Gradual from between the Old Testament and Epistle.
- Pastor will be very mindful of the length of the Prayer of the Church, beginning by removing the bids and simply praying the petitions. An idea for the bids is that we can put them into the announcements so that folks are aware.
- The Kantor will work on picking up the pace of the music. Pastor will work on shortening the length of the sermons.

We'll see how it goes and tweak it as necessary.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE — May 22, 2016
8:30 DS: 137 11:00 DS: 86
Total Worship Attendance: 223 Sunday School: 53

Week of 30 May to 5 June
BIRTHDAYS

Beau Felix	5/30	Robert Shipe	6/2
Robert Neuroth	6/1	Mark Murrell	6/4
Nancy Greene	6/2	Liam Jaskierny	6/4
		Emersyn Kolonich	6/5

ANNIVERSARIES

Joachim and Heather Cummings	05/31/2008
Kevin and Kimberly Spoutz	06/01/2012
David and Tracy Mrozek	06/02/1984
James and Laurie Nordin	06/02/1984
Robert and Pamela Rose	06/03/1978
Raymond and Dawn Schleif	06/03/2000
Daniel and Kelly Seaman	06/04/1994

STUDENTS ATTENDING LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOLS, COLLEGES OR SEMINAR-IES FOR THE 2016 – 2017 SCHOOL YEAR may fill-out the appropriate scholar-ship 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).

CAN YOU HELP? One of our members is in need of transportation 2-3 times per month to get her mother back and forth to Ann Arbor. If you may be able to help please contact Diane Peck or Georgine in the church office for more information.

LOVING BABYSITTER NEEDED (licensed) in my home, for a healthy & sweet 8 month old boy. Needs to be familiar with getting paid through the State of MI. Location is near downtown Milford. Job is full-time/days. If interested, please contact Breanna @ 248 820-4097. Thank you.

✝ PRAYERS ✝

THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY: Adrian Atkinson, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Alex Bak, Christopher Bolton, Susan Brandt, Bruce Bunevich, Sylvia Cole, Abigail Daniels, Jim Faught, Kevin Haas, Mary Hill, Sharon Johnson, Bill Kirkpatrick, Kayla Marcum, Charles McCloskey, Pam Miller, Miriam Nichols, Carl Norton, Racheal Pies, Cindy Pushman, Cindy Quinkert, Noah Reid, Rev. William Sabol, Zoe Schumm, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Edwin Thoma, Joan Thompson, Chris Waldorf, David Welch family, Rev. John Wurst, and Frances Wyckoff.

MILITARY: Fletcher Armstrong, Jennifer Baca, Ramone Baca, Drew Barber, Brandy Bates, Robert Bell, Corry Brennan, Tom Buller, Brian Chapman, Mark Ciero, Norma Jean Cottrell, Jonathan Cross, Kenneth Eyer, Sgt. Paul Harrison, Drew Helmreich, Chad Libby, Neil Lipon, Richard McManamon, Meighan Mills, 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

HARTLAND MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

God has presented us with a wonderful opportunity to reach out to families in our community in Epley Park on Monday, May 30. PTL has reserved space for a booth in the park to promote our church and school before, during, and after the parade. This week we received the information that we have been blessed with a great location on the sidewalk near Hibner Road which is along the parade route. Vol-unteers are needed from both the congregation and school to assist in handing out flyers and talking to people in attendance at the pa-rade and in the park. If you would like to volunteer or have ques-tions, please contact Dawn Schleif.

DISCOVER, DEFEND, DELIVER

What do these words have to do with reading? They are the title of a summer reading program that’s all about Jesus. Join thousands of families on a fun, faith-filled journey. Gather around the greatest book! Each book you read will empower you to discover the riches of Scripture, defend your God-given faith, and deliver the words of Jesus to the world. Go to <https://www.cph.org/SummerReading-Home.aspx> to learn more about this summer reading program. Once you are at the website, you can explore book lists for both children and adults. You will also find other activities and special savings from Concordia Publishing House. Registration begins on May 30.

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 opportuni-ty to spend time with a friend. Sign-up to adopt-a-bed around the church or school. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the coatrack. Do it today!

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree. ~Martin Luther

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT is looking very good right now. We are consist-ently receiving inquiries and pre-enrollment applications, and with these, we are giving regular tours and holding family interviews. We are expecting to grow slightly next year, being at around 90+ students, which is great! If you recall, when we started to restructure in a way that would provide for growth, the plan was to regulate growth in order that we could carefully maintain as it meets our financial needs. We’re doing what we said we were going to do and God is blessing the effort.

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