

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENTS — 3 JULY A.D. 2016

✠ CALENDAR ✠

3 July to 10 July A.D. 2016

TODAY

Divine Services **9:30 A.M.**
No Summer Sunday School

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

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

SUNDAY, 10 July

Divine Services **9:30 A.M.**
 Summer Sunday School (Cafeteria) 10:45 A.M.

SUMMER SUNDAY Family Bible Study and Fellowship JUNE 19 to AUGUST 28

The Board of Christian Education has again put together something special – a multi-generational effort that involves multiple pastors and church leaders in leading God’s people to better understand our lives together through faith in Jesus Christ as we learn about Hymns and Parables

A SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH FAMILY BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP FOR EVERYONE!!

July – a Parable and two Hymns
August – two Parables and two Hymns, Summer Sunday School wrap up, and Balloon Launch
ALL GENERATIONS
Study and grow in the Word of Christ together.

IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE CONGREGATION EMAIL LIST, YOU ARE MISSING OUT ON A LOT OF HELPFUL INFORMATION!!! There are about 215 people on the list. Are you on there? To get on the list, just send an email to: pastorthoma@oursaviorhartland.org.

PHOTOS FROM OUR VBS!



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+

THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATION TOOK PLACE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12. HERE ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING...

- 1) The budget for the 2016-17 year was passed. If you would like more information about the details of the budget, send me a note and I can forward the information to you. In a nutshell, we are doing what we’ve done in the recent past – which is being set to a Biblical perspective with regard to what is needed to accomplish the mission while being mindful of the gifts God provides through his people for meeting those needs, as opposed to simply working from a perspective of income and expense. The “faith” factor is available to us in our planning according to the first way, while it isn’t in the second.
- 2) It was recommended and accepted that our future quarterly congregation meetings will now happen right after worship during the Bible study hour. During that time, we will enjoy a potluck meal while conducting the church’s business.
- 3) Joel Hornick brought to our attention that DTE is offering a rebate to organizations that swap out their current light fixtures for energy efficient LED fixtures. The rebate ends July 5, so Joel suggested that we do this for the spotlight on the south side of the nave as well as the spot light for the bell tower. Each of these fixtures draws a lot of power and are by no means cheap to use, and while we get about 4,000 hours from a single bulb, we’ll get about 100,000 hours from an LED bulb. Big difference and a reasonable savings. The cost to replace these fixtures is about \$1,500 and it was recommended that we put it on our wish list. If you are able to support this, please do. It is a practical effort that will help us as we continue forth with precise and faithful stewardship of what the Lord has given us.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! We averaged about 80 children per day, many of whom were visitors or guests of member families. Praise God for the opportunity to share the Good News with so many! Here are a couple of additional highlights...

- 1) The VBS children sang the hymn “Have No Fear Little Flock” on Sunday, June 26th in the Divine Service in praise to our God who is the Good Shepherd.
 - 2) The mission effort for VBS this year is the “Roofs for Africa” project encouraged by the LCMS. The money we raise will go to help build roofs for the less fortunate overseas. In addition to your regular tithes and offerings, if you would like to give a little extra toward the VBS effort, just designate it on your envelope and place it into the offering plate when it passes you in the pew during worship.
 - 3) **We’ve got lots of great photos. Take a look in the Church Lobby!**
- By God’s grace, this VBS has to be one the best we’ve ever accomplished! **A special thank you to all of the teachers, volunteers, helpers, and the like for all of the hard work in pulling this great effort together.**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP IN CHRIST:
Attendance, Tithes, and Offerings**

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE — June 26, 2016
9:30 Divine Service Total Worship Attendance: 251
3:00 P.M. Rite of Ordination Attendance: 103
Summer Sunday School : 35

The Prayer of the Church

Today, the people of God pray for:

1. For all believers in Christ and for all of mankind according to its needs;
2. For this nation, for those given the privilege of governing her, for those who stand ready to serve and protect in our police, fire, and military forces;
3. For the Christian churches across the world, for this Christian church here in Hartland, for faithfulness to God in the stewardship of all that He has given and will continue to give us, for all pastors of the churches, all those in auxiliary service, for all missionaries sent into foreign nations;
4. For Pastor-elect, Joseph Bangert, who will be ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry this afternoon,
5. For the following member families of this congregation:
 - Larry Arnold
 - Adrian and Jennifer Atkinson
 - Jack and Barbara Bain
 - Alex and Jane Bak
 - Mary Kay Balluff
 - James and Irene Besancon
 - Michael and Heidi Bierer
 - Carol Boratynski
 - Sandra Brandt
 - Wesley and Sara Browder; Jordan, Belle & Chloe
 - Patty Brown; George & Peter
 - Jayne and Christine Brown; Abigail
 - Richard and Sheryl Brownlee
 - Mary Ann Brueggeman
 - Dorothea Bruzek
6. And we pray humbly for God's care for those who suffer and mourn.

Week of 4 July to 10 July

BIRTHDAYS

Dan Cottrell	7/4	Sophia Ferguson	7/9
Joe Tobel	7/4	Rachel Leece	7/9
Daniel Michaels	7/5	Donna Rose	7/9
Mason Terao	7/5	Courtney Serra	7/9
Joshua Bodziak	7/7	Kristi Pfenning	7/10
Kendal Armstrong	7/9	Jesse Williams	7/10

ANNIVERSARIES

Eric and Shelly Hipple	07/07/1990
Mark and Deborah Kloeckner	07/07/1973

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT is looking very good right now. We are consistently 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.

✠ 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, Carole Doll, Jim Faught, Kevin Haas, Mary Hill, Bill Kirkpatrick, Kayla Marcum, Charles McCloskey, Helen Oliver, Keith Petrella family, Racheal Pies, Cindy Pushman, Cindy Quinkert, Sandy, Zoe Schumm, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Edwin Thoma, Joan Thompson, Chris Waldorf, Jace Waldorff, 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.

CAN YOU HELP?

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED for one of our members 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](tel:2488204097). Thank you.

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