

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS — 04 SEPTEMBER A.D. 2016

✠ **CALENDAR** ✠

4 September to 11 September A.D. 2016

TODAY

Divine Service **9:30 A.M.**
Adult Bible Study (but no Sunday School) 10:45 A.M.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week Divine Service **7:00 P.M.**
Celebration Ringers Rehearsal 7:30 P.M.
6th to 8th Grade Midweek/Confirmation Class 7:30 P.M.
Adult Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

PTL Ice Cream Social (Gymnasium) 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, 11 September

Divine Service **9:30 A.M.**
Bible Study and Sunday School 10:45 A.M.
New Membership Class 12:15 P.M.

"NEW MEMBER ADULT CLASS" – The newest class will begin next Sunday, September 11 at 12:15 p.m. for anyone considering membership here at Our Savior. Also, it's worth noting that even if you are already a member, you may join the class. It would be an opportunity for a refresher in the Christian basics. The first class will meet in the ECC right after the regular adult Bible Study hour.

FROM THE KANTOR

We have the pledges needed for the music file boxes and they have been ordered—thanks be to God and thank you to our donors! Now, we need members to fill our music ensembles for which we are storing the music, particularly the handbell ensemble!!!

Please prayerfully consider joining us for any of the following:

Celebration Ringers (Adult handbell ensemble) –

Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Cantate (Adult vocal choir) –

Thursday, Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Brass Ensemble (Trumpet, Trombone, Horn, Tuba) –

Thursday, Sept. 8 at 8:30 p.m.

I will be happy to work individually with you ahead of the first rehearsal if this will be your first time ringing handbells.

God's Grace in the New Testament Bible Study, led by Pastor Heckert, will resume Wednesday evenings at 7:45-8:30 p.m., beginning September 7, following the Divine Service. A brief overview brochure is available on the shelf in the narthex. Please make plans to join us for worship and Bible Study this fall!

"From the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!' At once the disciples looked around, but they saw only Jesus." Mark 9:7

LIFELIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin a study on *The Gospel of Mark*, starting on Thursday, September 8. We meet at the church from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Our time together is spent in small groups, prayer, and discussion of the previous week's lesson which should be completed at home.

Materials will be available in the lobby of the church two weeks prior to our first meeting. The cost of the book is \$10.00. Child-care will be provided as needed. Please let us know if you will be bringing a little one as soon as possible.

All women are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions feel free to contact LifeLight's director, Carol Caswell at 248-296-1149.

School News — 9.4.2016

The new school year began on Monday, August 29, with an opening service and a half day of school. There are 89 students enrolled in grades preschool through eight. This includes 94% of last year's students returning for another year, along with fourteen new students and seven new families. Please welcome them when you see them.

Mrs. Ruth Hempel, our new part time teacher, is teaching grade three in the morning so those students have more contact time with a teacher for the very important subjects of religion, math, reading, and language arts. She lives in Livonia and is a member at St. Paul, Northville, where she taught from 2006 to 2013. She has also taught at four other congregations in the metro Detroit area during her 28 year career in Lutheran schools. While she is just beginning her position here at Our Savior, we feel that God has sent us a wonderful servant to do His work among our students and families. Plans are being made for her installation on September 11. Please make her feel welcome when you see her.

Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, for parents of students in grades K-8. This evening is a chance for parents to visit their child's classroom to learn about of the expectations for the coming school year. Two sessions will be held. Session one will begin at 6:30, and session two at 7:15. If a family has only one child attending the school they only need to attend one session.

PTL Ice Cream Social / Movie Night

It's Ice Cream Social time! This ever popular event is here with even more fun in store this year. Join us in the cafeteria at 6 p.m. for custom made sundaes with toppings galore then move into the gymnasium at 7 p.m. for the movie *Madagascar* on a big screen for everyone to enjoy. Chairs will be set up but feel free to bring a bean bag or blanket from home for a more comfortable experience. We cannot wait to enjoy this great night of fellowship with all families. Congregation members and friends are welcome to join us for this fun evening of fellowship with each other while enjoying ice cream and a movie with popcorn in the gymnasium. Congregation members and friends are welcome to join us for this memorable evening.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH!

Please join us with your family on Sunday, September 18 at 1:00 P.M. The board of youth is hosting a BBQ at the Bronsberg's house- 10126 Abrams Fork, Brighton, MI 48114. We will be presenting our calendar of events for the school year. Please join us for food, fellowship, and filling up your calendar with fun! If you have any questions, please contact Rachel at 517-410-3121.

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT HELPING WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL?

First, we welcome Laurie Bliese on board as our new Sunday School Superintendent! Thank you Laurie for your willingness to serve and support the Gospel efforts of this congregation in such a way!

Second, we still need a *"Craft Coordinator."* If you are a creative, imaginative, resourceful, inventive...(I'm using as many synonyms as come to mind for "creative")...then the Sunday School needs your help! Let me (Pastor Thoma) know if you are interested. This year is looking to be a wonderful new year of study in the Lord with a great group of faithful, loving, and dedicated servants of the congregation!

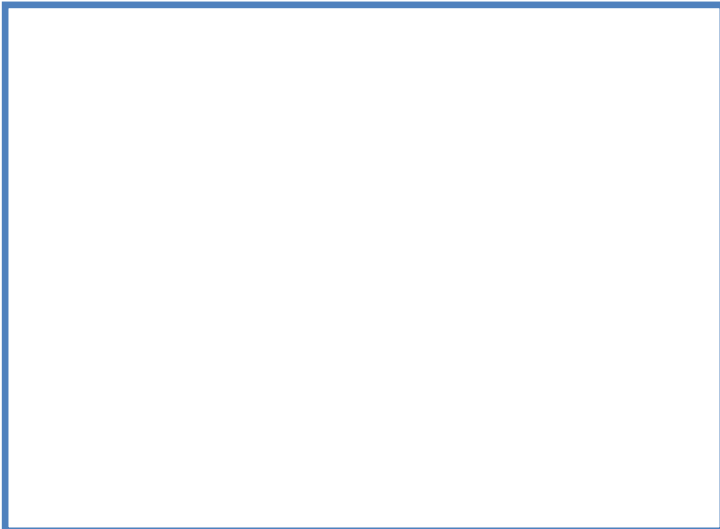
You should be a part of it!

Sunday School Program Focus Group

In a recent Barna study it was noted that most mainline Christian churches in America are struggling with their Sunday School programs. Our Savior is familiar with this challenge. The Board of Christian Education's focus this year will be developing a Sunday School Program that will fill the classrooms with children and teachers sharing the Gospel.

How do we do this? Only by God's grace at work through you. We are asking for your help to establish a Focus Group to review all aspects of the Sunday School Program. The Focus group would be working with teachers, church families, the children, other LCMS churches, and beyond. If you have a passion for the Sunday School Program, please consider joining the focus group by contacting Georgine Shelton at 734-552-2034, Donna Hay at 810-227-5849, or Pastor Thoma at 248-887-4300.

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



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE — August 28, 2016

9:30 Divine Service Total Worship Attendance: 231
Summer Sunday School: 22

Week of 05 September to 11 September

ANNIVERSARIES

Darwin and Dee Liske	09/06/1958
Ralph and Joanna Ives Jr.	09/08/2007
Terry and Joyce Griner	09/09/1960
Barry and Kim Leonard	09/11/1982

BIRTHDAYS

Rebecca Molnar	9/5	Emmalee Tougas	9/6
Luke Tabbert	9/5	Hannah Tougas	9/6
Henry Combs	9/6	Thomas Timmons	9/7
Sarah Maldonado	9/6	Barbara Ferber	9/8
William Paige	9/6	David Kook	9/10

QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING

Our quarterly congregation meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday, September 18 at 3:00 p.m.** Mark your calendar so that you can participate in the discussions and decision-making. There's plenty to discuss! Praise God for His continued care of this congregation and our efforts to be the salt of the earth and lights in the world! *By the way*, there was talk some time ago about scheduling the congregation meetings during the Bible study hour immediately following our single service. The hope was that more folks would attend and become more attuned to the business of the church. Any thoughts on this? Obviously we're not doing it this time around, but we may begin scheduling as such with the meeting in December. Keep the idea in mind, and if you have any questions or concerns, be sure to let Pastor Thoma know.

CAN YOU HELP?

Microwave For Daycare Kitchen: If anyone has a used, but in good condition, microwave or would like to purchase a new one to donate to the daycare, please contact our Daycare Director, Amy Thompson at daycare@oursaviorhartland.org. Thank you!

DO YOU HAVE BOYS CLOTHING, size 12-18 months, that you are no longer using? Please contact Becky at 248-773-1834 or the church office if you are able to help.

Conference Curtain: The backdrop curtain that we use for the conference must be rented for \$270. Can you help with this expense? Or perhaps you willing to spearhead a group willing to build our own so that we don't have to continue to rent it. Talk to Pastor Thoma if you can help.

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 the following member families of this congregation:

- Robert and Mary Ann Lenhardt
- Barry and Kim Leonard; Steven & Jason
- Jamie and Natasha Leonard; Alyssa, Cameron, & Audrey
- William and Ruth Libby
- Darwin and Dee Liske
- Dale Liske
- Brian and Elaine Lockitski; Aaron & Isabella
- Ronald and Rebecca Loughry; Connor
- Starr Lowman; Khloe
- Angela MacCaughan
- Robert and Tara Maksynowski; Evelyn
- Carrie Maldonado; Quentin & Sarah
- Shaun and Christine Mann

5. And we pray humbly for God's care for those who suffer and mourn.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY: Adrian Atkinson, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Alex Bak, Beverly Berry, Christopher Bolton, Kelly Bowman, Susan Brandt, Bruce Bunevich, Marc Charder, Jeff Charder, Lori Cokely, Sylvia Cole, Carole Doll, Kevin Haas, Conrad Huntly, Avery Hyatt, Marsha Johnson, Bill Kirkpatrick, Kayla Marcum, Charles McCloskey, Helen Oliver, Racheal Pies, Kathy Pump, Cindy Pushman, Cindy Quinkert, Carey Smith, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Edwin Thoma, Joan Thompson, Monica Tkac, Jace Waldorf, 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, and Rev. Steven Mahlborg and family.

MISSIONARY NEWS!

Pastor Ferry and his family will be with us on Sunday, October 9. Pastor Ferry will preach and then he and his family will share with us during the Bible study hour their Gospel efforts in Southeast Asia. Join us!

Also, Rev. Rohwer with P.O.B.L.O. and several of POBLO's Muslim missionaries would like to join us on Sunday, November 20 for worship and study. Please be sure to be with us then, too!

MOPS IS IN NEED OF CAREGIVERS for the upcoming year. MOPS meets from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning September 13th. Please contact Kelly Roesner (810-397-3981/kkroesner@gmail.com) or Heather Belloli (734-765-4293/hhgemini23@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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.

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