

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS – 16 OCTOBER A.D. 2016

✠ **CALENDAR** ✠

16 October to 23 October A.D. 2016

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Office of Matins	8:10 A.M.
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TUESDAY

MOPS	9:15A.M.
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 Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.
Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	8:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, 23 October

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bring your children to Sunday School and join the adults for Pastor Thoma's Bible Study in the ECC area. **NEW:** Please drop off your children in the cafeteria, where they will enjoy a simple snack. You can pick them up in their assigned classrooms at the conclusion of Sunday School.

The following is the room and teacher information based on grade:

Pre-school & K	Room 212—Sue Kelly
Grades 1 & 2	Room 215—Rachel Bronsberg
Grades 3 & 4	Room 219—Michelle Nichols
Grades 5, 6, & 7	Room 205—Emily Helmreich
Grade 8	Room 206—Donna Hay
High School	Room 204—Bill Mrozek

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT HELPING WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL?

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!

GOD'S GRACE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY, led by Pastor Heckert, is on Wednesday evenings at 7:30-8:30 p.m., 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 is studying *The Gospel of Mark*. We meet on Thursdays at the church while school is in session 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 are available upon request. The cost of the book is \$10.00. Childcare 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.

FROM THE KANTOR

Although the Celebration Ringers could still benefit from ONE more member if there's one out there, we have had a few people step up and we are covered (if I play a couple bells while directing) at least for our service commitment in November! I know that we will have a need for two or three on Christmas Eve, so please let me know if you may be available even if it's just for that date and the rehearsals leading up to it.

THE YOUTH GROUP invites the Junior and Senior High Youth of Our Savior Church to a fun-filled adventure at Best Maze Corn Maze located at 3803 Noble Road, Williamston, MI 48895, on Saturday, October 22! Bring a friend or two!!!

We will meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. Parents who are interested in chaperoning, please contact Bill Mrozek. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Please sign up on the Youth Group bulletin board and turn in a permission slip with money as soon as possible by giving it directly to Mr. Mrozek or putting it in the Youth Box in the Church Office. We must have both turned in by October 16.

Contact Bill Mrozek for any questions or inquiries at bill_mrozek@yahoo.com.

THE ALTAR GUILD is looking for volunteers. Please contact Donna Rose at 248-231-6376 if you are interested.

BOOK CLUB

Next month's meeting will take place on Friday, November 4th @ 9:30 a.m. at Biggby Coffee in Hartland. The book will be *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John, a science fiction. Contact the church office or Alexis Shirk (ashirk@commercelibrary.info) for more information, including upcoming book titles. Hope to see you in November.

MOPS IS HOSTING A MOM-TO-MOM SALE on Saturday, October 22nd from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. here at Our Savior. If you are interested in selling, 8 foot tables are \$20. Please email mops-momssale@yahoo.com for more information. Early bird admission is \$2 from 8:30-9:00 a.m. and general admission is \$1 after 9:00 a.m. Thank you for all your support!

SCHOOL NEWS

Fun Run Success

Thank you to all parents and friends of Our Savior who volunteered to help with the Fun Run and were there to encourage and support our students in their efforts to raise money to fund the many special programs that PTL provides for our students and families. Prekindergarten and Kindergarten kicked off the Fun Run activities Monday morning with their run in the gym and outside encouraged by many family and student supporters. Their pledges totaled \$1087. Preschool ran Tuesday morning, and grades 1-8 had their opportunity to run as many laps as they could in 30 minutes Tuesday afternoon. As of Friday morning, **\$9364 was pledged by the students** with \$2776 collected. An additional **\$2,126 in monetary donations was contributed through corporate sponsorships**. Other sponsors have contributed at least 58 prizes (we are still receiving prize donations) valued at over \$1440 that will be awarded at the Fun Run celebration in a couple weeks. The congregation has shown their support with \$108 in "shoe sales" the past two Sundays. Not only did the students reach the goal of \$8100, but they crushed it by 15%. What a way to defeat the Super Villains! A complete list of our sponsors will be included in future bulletin announcements once they are all compiled. Please help advertise Our Savior and our generous sponsors by wearing your Fun Run T-shirts to community events and personally thanking the sponsors when you see them, as well as when you use their services, or purchase their products. This has been our most successful Fun Run ever! Praise be to God!

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

Weekly Financial Report 9 October A.D. 2016

General Fund Income week of 10/09 \$ 16,775.5

General Fund Register Balance 10/09 \$ 6,941.01

CURRENT NEEDS OVER THE NEXT THREE WEEKS:

Bills on Hold	\$	0.00
Week of 10/16	\$	1,334.63
Week of 10/23	\$	32,967.82
Week of 10/30	\$	<u>17,235.62</u>
Total	\$	51,538.07

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES BASED ON THE 2017 BUDGET:

Week of 11/06	\$	21,000.00
Week of 11/13	\$	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total	\$	27,000.00

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE — October 9, 2016

9:30 Divine Service Worship Attendance: 230

6:30 Wednesday Divine Service Worship Attendance: 15

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study: 98

Week of 17 October to 24 October

BIRTHDAYS

Austin Barber	10/17	Hope Elling	10/21
Charles Barber	10/17	Jennifer Tabbert	10/21
Jack Bartenbaker	10/18	Gavin Gilbert	10/21
Polly Combs	10/19	Shaun Giddings	10/21
John Hangstefer	10/19	Shannon Laitila	10/22
Robert Schneider	10/19	Angie Greania	10/23
Pastor Thoma	10/19	Joanna Ives	10/23
Steven Winters	10/19	Brian Zaremba	10/23
Henry Combs	10/19	Susan Krieger	10/24
Malachi Gallegos	10/20	Peyton Taylor	10/24
Judith Marinelli	10/20		

ANNIVERSARIES

Jesse and Kaitlyn Williams	10/18/2014
Michael and Katherin Daniels	10/19/1974
Vincent and Heather Belloli	10/19/2002
Brian and Amanda Terao	10/19/1996
Daniel and Christa Cottrell	10/23/2010

Paul wrote something rather interesting in Romans 15. Here's what he said...

"I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another." (v.14)

What did he mean by this?

Well, first he meant what it sounds like he meant—that by the power of the Spirit at work through the Gospel in each of them, they were full of goodness—and this means that even while they wrestled with the sinful nature each and every day, through faith in Jesus they had an ability to produce the fruits of faith made ready by the Gospel. We know what those fruits are, since Paul already told us that the fruits of the Spirit are peace, patience, kindness, goodness, etc. These particular fruits produce thoughts, words, and deeds in the world around us that emanate in a variety of ways.

The second thing he meant—at least partially—is that we are gathered together as a fellowship which knows these things and are fully competent for encouraging one another and building one another up according to faith in Jesus.

This is no small thing in our midst, especially since we are more and more taking the lead in our local and broader communities for standing immovably upon the Gospel of Christ in an ever-changing and often threatening world.

We need one another. We need each member to work together—to take the gifts of knowledge and skill that has God has seen fit to give and to share it where appropriate throughout the church. If you are a carpenter, ask how you might put those skills to use in the church. If you are a skilled seamstress, let us know. We have vestments that could use your help. Are you wise with finances? Teach us how to reach out within the fellowship in order to gauge our directions and make sturdier long term plans.

As a believer, by God's grace, you are full of goodness. This is an uplifting truth, and for that I am grateful.

—Pastor Thoma

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:

Rev. Stephen Stahlhut

Shirley Sturkin

Jonathan and Jessie Swett; Jonah

David and Brenda Tabbert, Michael, David

James and Jennifer Tabbert; Luke

Donna Talsma

Brian and Amanda Terao; Logan, Kayleen, & Mason

Ryan and Amie Thibodeau; Liam & Alora

Rev. Christopher and Jennifer Thoma;

Joshua, Madeline, Harrison, & Evelyn

Rob and Joan Thompson

Jae and Heather Thompson

Trevor and Erica Timmons; Spencer & Thomas

Joe and Cheryl Tobel

Jennifer Tobel

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

OUR ANNUAL MILITARY RECOGNITION IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th.

Please update the **YELLOW INFORMATION SHEETS** on the **BULLETIN BOARD** in the hallway just outside the church office or call the church office at 248-887-4300. All additions or changes must be made by **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9th**. Thank you.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY: Adrian Atkinson, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Alex Bak, Beverly Berry, Barb Bodziak, Christopher Bolton, Kelly Bowman, Susan Brandt, Bruce Bunevich, Jeff Charder, Marc Charder, Sylvia Cole, Carole Doll, Kevin Haas, Lucas Hemeyer, Conrad Huntly, Marsha Johnson, Teresa Kaminsky, Bill Kirkpatrick, Kayla Marcum, Charles McCloskey, Coleen Miller, Helen Oliver, Racheal Pies, Kathy Pump, Cindy Pushman, Cindy Quinkert, Howard Schrock, Doris Shirk, Carey Smith, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Joan Thompson, Monica Tkac, 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 Mahlburg and family.

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