

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENTS — 31 JULY A.D. 2016

✠ CALENDAR ✠

31 July to 7 August A.D. 2016

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

School Board	6:30 P.M.
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TUESDAY

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

Social Ministry Meeting	9:00 A.M.
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SUNDAY, 7 August

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

SUMMER SUNDAY Family Bible Study and Fellowship JULY 10 to AUGUST 28

The Board of Christian Education has 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 guest Speaker, a Parable and two Hymns

August – a guest Speaker, a Parable, two Hymns, Summer Sunday School wrap up, and Balloon Launch

ALL GENERATIONS

Study and grow in the Word of Christ together.

SCHOOL NEWS—JULY 2016

Thanks be to God! Each year the school chapel offerings are designated to special mission projects, both near and far. This past year, three projects were selected at the beginning of the school year. During the months of September through November, \$1221.97 was collected and sent to POBLO International to support their work in Michigan sharing the Gospel with immigrants and refugees. From December through February, the total chapel offerings of \$1327.81 were used to support the Online Mission Trip to Guatemala sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries, which funds mission work and Lutheran education in Guatemala. From March to the end of the school year, our offerings of \$1043.74 were sent to Wellspring Lutheran Services to assist their foster care and adoption programs. In addition to weekly chapel offerings, the students deposited \$249.20 in loose change, and sometimes larger amounts of money, into the classroom mission cans. These funds were sent to LCMS World Missions to support our friends and missionaries in Indonesia, the Ferry family. This is an amazing total of \$3842.72, which is about \$1000 more than the previous year.

In addition to these monetary offerings, our students participated in mission related service projects to collect items to help others in need. During Lutheran Schools Week in January, students and their families collected toiletries, baby supplies, school supplies, household items, and other family necessities for Wellspring Lutheran Services to be distributed to families receiving professional intervention services due to crisis situations. To support the Board of Social Ministry, benevolence collections were used to help fill baskets for needy families in our congregation and the community during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. The fall collections had a special focus on personal hygiene and household items that cannot be purchased with other forms of assistance.

God has certainly worked in the hearts of our students and their families to share their blessings with others. We pray that the lessons learned from this past year will be used as a foundation and pattern of stewardship throughout life as they walk with the Lord and grow in His grace.

Did you know that Pastor Heckert is leading a tour to Germany entitled "In the Steps of Martin Luther" in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation? We have brochures available here at the church if you are interested in reading more about it and possibly participating. You may find the brochures on the shelf in the entranceway. The dates for the trip are November 1-11, 2016.

NEWS FROM THE LCMS CONVENTION

MILWAUKEE (July 12, 2016) — Delegates to the 66th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod turned their attention to family, youth and young adults on Tuesday afternoon and passed all six resolutions from Floor Committee 16 on the topic.

The second-priority resolution, which was adopted by an 892-47 vote, “[commends] the work of the Office of National Mission’s Lutheran Family initiative” and adds a new mission priority to the Synod’s current list of six.

“Strengthen and support the Lutheran family in living out God’s design” will be added to:

Plant, sustain and revitalize distinctly Lutheran churches;

Support and expand theological education;

Perform human care in close proximity to Word and Sacrament ministry;

Collaborate with the Synod’s members and partners to enhance mission effectiveness;

Nurture pastors, missionaries and professional church workers to promote spiritual, emotional and physical well-being; and

Enhance early childhood, elementary and secondary education and youth ministry.

The other five resolutions adopted include: To celebrate the ministry of long-time Youth Ministry leader Rev. Dr. Terry K. Dittmer, who “has faithfully and capably served the Lord” and LCMS Youth Ministry for 37 years and “strengthened the faith of many and brought into the fellowship of our Lord an unknown number through his Christ-centered commitment to the young people of the LCMS.” Dittmer, director of Youth

Ministry from 2001 to 2014, currently serves as senior director/youth ministry specialist and plans to retire after the LCMS Youth Gathering, set for July 16-20.

To “deliberately encourage, exhort and catechize men of all ages to fulfill their God-given role as the spiritual head of their households” and “create specific ministries” to provide Christian care and support to fathers.

To provide resources to young adults, campus ministries and congregations “to meet the spiritual needs of young adults” and increase the number of service opportunities available to them, particularly through the Lutheran Young Adult Corps, young-adult servant events and volunteer opportunities with LCMS Youth Gatherings.

To increase efforts to “retain college-age youth” through campus ministries and LCMS U, and encourage LCMS U “in the next triennium to develop a strategic and comprehensive plan to help congregations and families better prepare high school graduates for the transition to college life,” including “boldly witnessing to their faith on campus and in the public square.”

To encourage the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations and the Synod’s Scouting Task Force to “move quickly” in providing “guidance to congregations and families regarding involvement” with scouting organizations. The resolution specifies that this guidance “be made available within 12-18 months” from the conclusion of the convention.

The 2016 LCMS convention is meeting July 9-14 at the Wisconsin Center under the theme “Upon This Rock.” Among the 1,500 convention participants are some 1,125 clergy and lay voting delegates.

By Megan K. Mertz. Megan is a staff writer and managing editor of Lutherans Engage the World with LCMS Communications.

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

Weekly Financial Report 24 July A.D. 2016

General Fund Income week of 07/24 \$ 27,089.67

General Fund Register Balance 07/24 \$ 10,978.91

CURRENT NEEDS OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Bills on Hold \$ 0

Week of 07/31 \$ 22,654.04

Week of 08/07 \$ 389.50

Total \$ 23,043.54

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES BASED ON THE 2017 BUDGET:

Week of 08/14 \$ 21,000.00

Week of 08/21 \$ 31,000.00

Total \$ 52,000.00

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE — July 24, 2016

9:30 Divine Service Total Worship Attendance: 199

Summer Sunday School: 18

Week of 31 July to 07 August

ANNIVERSARIES

Gordon and Lisa Engel 08/02/2008

Jason and Heather Piepho 08/02/2003

Bob and Karen Whiting 08/04/1979

BIRTHDAYS

Jordan Browder 8/1 Brant Engel 8/4

Andrew Ferguson 8/2 Jeremy Raymond 8/5

Mark Halliday 8/2 Steve Schorling 8/5

Nick Cappellano 8/4 Jacob Dibert 8/6

Heather Cummings 8/4 Dee Liske 8/6

Peter Daniels 8/4 Mitchel Masser 8/7

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 *Margaret Mae Cottrell* being baptized this morning in the Divine Service;
5. For the following member families of this congregation:

David and Becky Foerster, Spencer & Andrew

Sarah Foradori

Gerald Ford

Daniel and Erika Forster, Jacob & Alexandra

David Forster

Malachi and Amy Gallegos, Brody & Ava

Shaun and Kenna Giddings, Caden

David and Connie Gilbert, Gavin

Jerry and Lisa Glasco, Elizabeth, Alexander, & Benjamin

Jonathan and Carol Glick

Daniel Glick, Claudia

Joan Goovert

6. 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, Christopher Bolton, Susan Brandt, Mary Ann Brueggeman, Bruce Bunevich, Sylvia Cole, Liz Dean, Carole Doll, Jim Fought, Kevin Haas, Conrad Huntly, Marsha Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Bill Kirkpatrick, Kayla Marcum, Charles McCloskey, Pam Miller, Helen Oliver, Racheal Pies, Kathy Pump, Cindy Pushman, Cindy Quinkert, Sandy (relative of the Radtke family), Georgine Shelton, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Edwin Thoma, Joan Thompson, Monica Tkac, Jace Waldorff, Rev. John Wurst, and Frances Wyckoff.

CAN YOU HELP?

NEW ITEM

CARPET: The daycare area was recently cleaned. The church and school carpet areas now need to be addressed. Church - lobby, narthex, offices, library and ECC area: \$499.36. School - prioritizing the rooms that the students eat in; pre-school, kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade rooms: \$504.32

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE A MEAL FOR GEORGINE SHELTON while she recovers from surgery. Please call the church office for more information.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED for one of our members 2-3 times per month to get her mother back and forth to Ann Arbor. Please contact Diane Peck or the church office for more information.

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 might be interested.

FROM THE KANTOR

CALL COMMITTEE: To complete the music library organization that our previous Kantor began, we are in need of some more filing boxes for choir music. I plan to combine several sets of music into large boxes rather than each title having its own small box which will save a considerable amount of money. For this project to be completed, we are in need of 36 large (4-5" wide) boxes. These custom boxes are heavy duty and acid free. Will you help to purchase some of these? The cost (including the lid, label, and shipping) is \$11.00 per box. Please let myself or Pastor Thoma know if you can help in this way - your generosity will be much appreciated and will help to protect and preserve the choir music so that it can be used for many years to come!

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Mrs. Andrea Johnson, School Principal

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.

JOB POSTING

CALL COMMITTEE: Per the direction of our president, a call committee has been established to call a part time teacher for grade 2 or 3. This person must be an LCMS member in good standing with a Bachelor's Degree and a valid Michigan Teaching Certificate. The candidate should have a nurturing spirit, basic computer skills, and be a good communicator with parents and children alike. This is a morning position. Please contact Principal Andrea Johnson if interested. We pray that the work of the committee will serve to help move our congregation and her day school forward in faithfulness to our Savior. ajohnson@oursaviorhartland.org

BOOK CLUB

Next month's meeting will take place on Thursday, August 11 @ 9:30 a.m. at the church. The book, *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern, a fantasy title, will be discussed. A brief discussion on *Mr. Penumbra* will also take place. Contact the church office or Alexis Shirk (shirk@commercelibrary.info) for more information, including upcoming book titles.

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!