

# OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS — 28 AUGUST A.D. 2016

### ✠ CALENDAR ✠

**28 August to 4 September A.D. 2016**

#### TODAY

Divine Service	9:30 A.M.
Summer Sunday School (Cafeteria)	10:45 A.M.
40+ Koinonia Bible Study	5:30 P.M.

#### THIS WEEK

##### **MONDAY**

First Day of School	8:00 - 11:45 A.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, 4 September**

Divine Service	9:30 A.M.
Bible Study (No Sunday School)	10:45 A.M.

#### **WE NEED YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

We had a very productive Sunday School meeting on Monday, and from it the decision was made to reach out and ask for someone to serve as the *"Craft Coordinator"* for the Sunday School Program. 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. Time is short and WE NEED YOU! 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!

We are also looking for anyone who may want to step up and be our Sunday School Superintendent. And the great part about this is that we already have your Assistant Superintendent! The role involves helping to facilitate and administer our Sunday School program. Give me a call and I can get you the details. If you think that the Lord has endowed you with the gifts needed, then again, WE NEED YOU!

#### **SCHOOL NEWS—AUGUST 28, 2016**

Both orientation days were filled with anticipation of a new school year. All of the registered families attended one of the two sessions to fill out required paperwork, meet briefly with teachers, learn about volunteer opportunities, and become reacquainted with families they have not seen during the summer break. The new school year will begin with 89 students 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.

Another new face you will see in the school is Mrs. Ruth Hempel, our new part time teacher, 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. Please make her feel welcome when you see her.

Now that God has given us everyone that we need, the new school year will begin on Monday, August 29, at 8:00 a.m. with an opening chapel service and a half day of school. Parents and congregation members are invited and encouraged to attend this opening service. Kindergarten and first grade students are asked to sit with their parents. All other students, grades two through eight will meet their teachers and classes in the ECC before the service. Following the service PTL is planning a fellowship and information session to share the many things that they have planned this year to support and enhance what is happening in the classrooms. Parents are encouraged to attend. Dismissal is at 11:45 that day.

**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 .

**Box Tops for Education**

### **Sunday School Program**

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.

### **Box Tops for Education**

General Mills is celebrating 20 years of supporting schools through their Box Tops program. Thanks to General Mills and Walmart, every Walmart-exclusive Box Tops Certificate that we collect and submit by November 2 will earn Our Savior a chance to be one of 20 winners of 50,000 Bonus Box Tops—that's \$5,000 for our school! When shopping at Walmart, please look for the certificates on specially marked products. A list of the products is available in the church and school offices and will be distributed to all school families at orientation.

**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.

### **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!!!

**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.

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

**Weekly Financial Report 21 August A.D. 2016**

**General Fund Income week of 08/21 \$ 21,332.58**

**General Fund Register Balance 08/21 \$ 37,499.52**

**CURRENT NEEDS OVER THE NEXT THREE WEEKS:**

Bills on Hold \$ 0.00

Week of 08/28 \$ 41,868.58

Week of 09/04 \$ 4,108.82

Total \$ 45,977.40

**ANTICIPATED EXPENSES BASED ON THE 2017 BUDGET:**

Week of 09/11 \$ 21,000.00

Week of 09/18 \$ 6,000.00

Total \$ 27,000.00

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE — August 21, 2016**

9:30 Divine Service Total Worship Attendance: 170

Summer Sunday School: 35

**Week of 29 August to 04 September**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

David and Rachel Kook 08/29/2015

Steven and Patrisha Roeske 09/01/2012

**BIRTHDAYS**

Shannon Boehrer 8/29 Maria Boehre 9/1

Adam Pushman 8/30 Lisa Engel 9/2

Nicole Roeske 8/30 Starr Lowman 9/2

Karl Dietrich 8/31 Mikayla Angus 9/4

Carmen Pushman 8/31

**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 our Christian Day School as we begin a new academic year this week;
5. For the following member families of this congregation:

Mark and Debbie Kloeckner

Shawn and Jennifer Kolonich; Jack, Emersyn, & Makenna

David and Rachel Kook

William Kostecke

David and Susan Krieger

Stephen Krieger

Melanie LaCasper; Tanner

Larry and Pam LaClair

Larry and Peggy Lakso; Wendy, Carrie, & Christopher

Christa Langhor

Chris and Gabrielle Leece

Jerry and Kim Leece; Adam

6. And we pray humbly for God's care for those who suffer and mourn, especially the Lockitski and Janus families as they sorrow over the death of our brother in Christ, Bud Janus and for Jane Faught and family as they sorrow over the death of Jane's husband, our brother in Christ, Jim Faught.

**✠ PRAYERS ✠**

**THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY:** Adrian Atkinson, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Alex Bak, Christopher Bolton

Adam Pushman	8/30	Lisa Engel	9/2
Nicole Roeske	8/30	Starr Lowman	9/2
Karl Dietrich	8/31	Mikayla Angus	9/4
Carmen Pushman	8/31		

### 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 a group of Muslim missionaries would like to join us on Sunday, November 20 for worship and study. Please be sure to join us then, too!

### CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE—OUR NEW 3rd GRADE TEACHER!

After a long summer of looking for the correct person to fill the part time teaching position, the call committee feels that God has answered their prayers and brought a candidate who will be a good fit and compliment the staff we already have in place. Her name is Ruth Hempel. Ruth is a rostered teacher who has faithfully followed God's direction in her life. She has taught grades K-8, all subjects, but prefers the lower grades. For the past three years, she has done some part time teaching at St. Peter, Eastpointe, and St. Michael, Wayne. She left both positions due to downsizing. She is open to the part time position and is not concerned about the distance. The call committee is in agreement that Ruth is the person that we have been seeking and has recommended her for the third grade part time position. The council motioned to hire Ruth as a contract teacher until the congregation can vote to issue a call at the September congregation meeting.

### CAN YOU HELP?

**CARPET:** The daycare area and the school's classrooms were recently cleaned. The church carpet areas now need to be addressed - lobby, narthex, offices, library and ECC area: **\$499.36**

**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.

A large thank you to Pastor Thoma and Pastor Heckert for their visits during my recovery. Many, many thanks to those who put me in their prayers before and after surgery, which was a success. Thank you to all who provided meals for me, sent cards to me, and telephoned; all was greatly appreciated.

Mary Ann Brueggeman

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**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.

**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](mailto:pastorthoma@oursaviorhartland.org).

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