

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENTS — 17 JULY A.D. 2016

✠ CALENDAR ✠

17 July to 24 July A.D. 2016

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

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

FRIDAY

Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 to 6:45 P.M.

SUNDAY, 24 July

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

PARENTS OF YOUTH! The Youth Cedar Point Trip is coming up July 26-27, and we've had an overwhelming response from the Youth. However, we need more adult chaperones! If we are unable to get more adults to accompany the Youth, we will have to cancel the event. This is a great opportunity for you to spend a day with your kids and their friends. Plus, it's only \$20 to go! If you have questions or are able to commit to chaperoning, please email Sarah Foradori at: sarah.foradori@gmail.com.

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**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE — July 10, 2016

9:30 Divine Service Total Worship Attendance: 207

Summer Sunday School: 29

Week of 18 July to 24 July

ANNIVERSARIES

Wayne and Nancy Greene 07/22/1967

BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Marinelli	7/18	William Kostecke	7/22
Elizabeth Jaskierny	7/19	Emily Williams	7/22
Kayden Lee	7/19	Robert Graham	7/23
Janel Gryc	7/20	Stephen Bell	7/24
Kallie Martus	7/20	Nicole Herrington	7/24

✠ 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, Liz Dean, Carole Doll, Jim Faught, Kevin Haas, Mary Hill, Marsha Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Bill Kirkpatrick, Kayla Marcum, Charles McCloskey, Pam Miller, Helen Oliver, Racheal Pies, 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.

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

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:

John and Melissa Decheim; Kaitlyn & Tyler
Tom Decheim

George and Gloria DesJardins

Scott and Cristie Dibert; Jacob, Luke, Samantha, & Nathan

Ingrid Dickinson

Ed and Margaret Dietrich

Stephen Dietrich

Karl and Erin Dietrich; Juliette

Ed Dinstsch; Dominic

James and Debra Dixon; Elizabeth & Michael

Rev. Thomas and Brenda Dunseth; James & Jordan

Mark and Beverly Elling; Hope & Benjamin

Brant and Bonnie Engel; Kayla, Sara, & Josh

Gordon and Lisa Engel; Addison & Bennett

Brandon Engel; Luke

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

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. ajohnson@oursaviorhartland.org. 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.

CAN YOU HELP?

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE A MEAL FOR GEORGINE SHELTON while she recovers from

Russell, Jake Simkins, Abbie Thierri, and Alex Young.

MISSIONARIES: Rev. Charles Ferry and family, and Rev. Steven Mahlburg and Family

FRIDAY, 22 JULY - FROM 2:00 – 6:45 P.M. – RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Please sign up to donate blood by going to redcrossblood.org and click on the navy blue “Make A Blood Donation Appointment” box in the upper right-hand side. Enter sponsor code *oursaviorhartland* to select a time. For more information please contact Tom Hay at 810-599-9673. Thank you.

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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Mr. Jonathan Swett, Kantor

Mrs. Andrea Johnson, School Principal

CAN YOU HELP?

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.

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.

MORE NEWS FROM THE LCMS CONVENTION

MILWAUKEE (July 12, 2016) – Action on issues raised within the church by changes in the culture continued on Tuesday at the 66th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

After discussion on Monday, the convention adopted Resolution 14-06A, “To Encourage Outreach to Muslim Neighbors,” Tuesday. In addition to condemning “illicit acts of violence” motivated by fear or religious conviction, the resolution calls for resources to assist the church in carrying out the task.

After pointing out that marriage was instituted by God, not the state, Resolution 14-02A confesses the sanctity of marriage of one man and one woman as an estate which cannot be altered. The resolution also charges pastors, commissioned workers and congregations to provide responsible care with mercy, gentleness and respect to those wounded by sin.

A third, related resolution, 14-03A, states that although the Supreme Court has ruled the legality of same-sex marriage, the LCMS confesses it to be contrary to Scripture and to “God’s design for His creation.” At the same time, it resolved compassion for persons experiencing same-sex attraction and their families.

Discussion revolved around friendly amendments to the resolutions, most of which were amenable to the committee. Delegates expressed a desire to love their neighbors while upholding Scripture. Both motions on marriage and same-sex marriage carried nearly unanimously.

Article by Sara Bielby. Sara is a deaconess at University Lutheran Chapel, Ann Arbor, Mich., and at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Monroe, Mich.