

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENTS — 02 OCTOBER A.D. 2016

✠ CALENDAR ✠

2 October to 9 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

M.O.P.S.	9:15 A.M.
Adult Volleyball (Gymnasium)	7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week Divine Service	7:00 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.

SUNDAY, 2 October

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

"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 has begun a study on *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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bring your children to Sunday School and join 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!

School News — 02 October A.D. 2016

6th Annual PTL Fun Run

The excitement for this year's Fun Run is surrounded by its Superhero theme. Superhero Training Academy (STA) visited Our Savior on September 19, to kick off the Fun Run activities. The students learned four strategies for being superheroes: Compassion, Fortitude, Wisdom, and Joy. Several Supervillains invaded the assembly to thwart the students' efforts to persevere against the problems they face.

Between now and the Fun Run dates of October 10-11, the students are asking family and friends to support them by making pledges for challenges that they will run either in the gym or outdoors. The PTL goes

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God's Grace in the New Testament Bible Study, led by Pastor Heckert, has resumed Wednesday evenings at 7:45-8:30 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 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.

THINKING AHEAD TO HIGH SCHOOL IN THE NEAR FUTURE? Interested families are invited to attend the Lutheran High Northwest Open House on Thursday, October 6, at 7:00 P.M. Learn what sets LHNW apart from other schools and how your child can grow academically, socially and, most importantly, spiritually as part of a Christ-centered community at Northwest. Attend a presentation on LHNW, tour the school, talk to teachers and students, and watch the LHNW volleyball team take on Southfield Christian (free admission for parents of prospective students as well as for children through grade 8). No reservations required. Lutheran High School Northwest is at 1000 Bagley Avenue in Rochester. Can't attend? Visit our website at www.lhnw.lhsa.com for more information or call us at 248-852-6677.

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. Please contact Kellie Roesner (810-397-3981/kkroesner@gmail.com) or Heather Belloli (734-765-4293/hhgemini23@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Between now and the Fun Run dates of October 10-11, the students are asking family and friends to support them by making pledges for the laps that they will run either in the gym or outdoors. The PTL goal for this year is \$8100 to support the many programs and activities they sponsor throughout the school year. Congregation members are encouraged to support the students directly if asked to make a pledge, or visit the "shoe sale" table in the lobby before or after the service on October 2 or 9, if you do not know a student and would like to pledge your support for the Fun Run and PTL.

STA will return to Our Savior on October 11, the day of the afternoon Fun Run, with obstacles to impede the students' attempts to achieve their goals. Will our students rise to the challenge to use their super-powers as they run to fight bad behavior, promote good character, and promote overall health and wellness, as well as raise the necessary funds for PTL? Congregation members are welcome to join us at 10:00 on Monday, October 10, when the Prekindergarten (P4) and Kindergarten students run their laps. On Tuesday, October 11, the Preschool (P3) students will run at 10:00 and grade one through eight students will run at 2:30. Join us for the fun and encourage the students to run as many laps as possible.

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!

CAN YOU HELP?

DO YOU HAVE BOYS CLOTHING, size 18-24 months, that you are no longer using? Please contact Becky at 248-773-1834 or the church office if you are able to help.

OUR STEWARDSHIP IN CHRIST: Attendance, Tithes, and Offerings

Weekly Financial Report 25 September A.D. 2016

General Fund Income week of 09/25 \$ 13,997.15

General Fund Register Balance 09/27 \$ 850.21

CURRENT NEEDS OVER THE NEXT THREE WEEKS:

Bills on Hold \$ 5,093.25

Week of 10/02 \$ 676.40

Week of 10/09 \$ 23,585.59

Total \$ 29,355.24

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES BASED ON THE 2017 BUDGET:

Week of 10/16 \$ 6,000.00

Week of 10/23 \$ 33,000.00

Total \$ 39,000.00

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE — September 25, 2016

9:30 Divine Service Worship Attendance: 166

6:30 Wednesday Divine Service Worship Attendance: 13

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study: 68

Week of 2 October to 9 October

ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel and Patricia Bolda 10/11/1997

Kurt and Sue Pochert 10/11/1997

BIRTHDAYS

Austin Combs 10/3 Pam Dahlberg 10/7

Avery Daniels 10/4 Sarah McCollough 10/7

Vanessa Caswell 10/5 Raymond Schleif 10/8

Kingsley Ives 10/5 Alyssa Caswell 10/9

Robert Rose 10/5

Kenneth Gryc 10/6

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. In thanksgiving of the birth of Isabella born to Ray and Dawn Schleif;
5. For the following member families of this congregation:

Debra Preston; Katelyn

Kelsey Preston

Adam and Michelle Pushman; Carmen, William, & Layton

Cindy Pushman

Ryan and LeAnna Quillan

Gerald and Janelle Radtke

Jonathan and Amy Raymond; Landon, Parker, Amelia, & Connor

Roy and Pamela Raymond

Jeremy Raymond

Audrey Redmann; Alyssa

Christopher and Sara Rembor; Max

Cherrie Renard; Morgen & Josephina

Scott and Georgie Rhodes; Teri

Catherine Rigoulot

Eric and Patty Roeske; Nicole & Jessica

Steven and Patrisha Roeske

Jason and Kellie Roesner; Rosalind, Natalie, & Lena

Carolle Rogers

John and Donna Rose; Stephanie

Brian and Stacey Rose; Sabrina

Robert and Pamela Rose

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

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

✠ 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, Jeff Charder, Marc Charder, Lori Cokely, 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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