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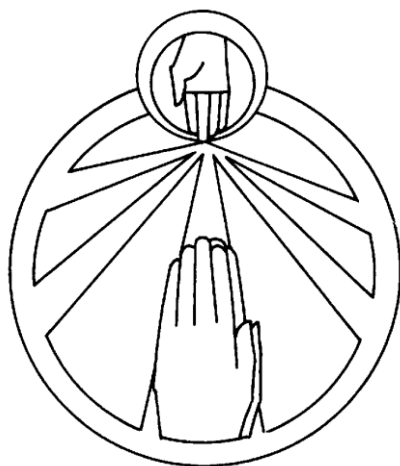
- 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.** Check-In
- 9:30 a.m.** Rev. Christopher I. Thoma, Our Savior, Hartland, MI
Responsive Prayer 1, Opening Remarks
- 9:45 a.m.** Rev. Dr. Frank J. Pies, Bishop Emeritus, Our Savior
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartland, MI
Topic: *Church and State – A Lutheran
Perspective; Q & A*
- 10:45 a.m.** David Barton, Founder and President of Wallbuilders
Topic: *The Forgotten History of American
Christianity; Q & A*
- 11:45 a.m.** Lunch (Michigan Senator Joe Hune, speaking to the
topic of “The Current Religious Climate in State
Government”)
- 12:30 p.m.** Hiram Sasser, Managing Director of Strategic
Litigation for Liberty Institute
Topic: *The Rights of the Church and Her
Pastors; Q & A*
- 1:15 p.m.** Mark Gonzales, Executive Director for the National
Black Robe Regiment
Topic: *Guiding Christian Voters:
Considerations for Pastoral Involvement;
Q & A*
- 1:35 p.m.** Robert D. McEwen, Former U.S. Congressman (Ohio,
R); Senior Advisor Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald
Topic: *Applied Biblical Economics; Q & A*
- 2:25 p.m.** Congressman J. Randy Forbes (R, Virginia, 4th
District); Armed Services Committee,
Judiciary Committee, Chairman of Prayer Caucus,
China Caucus, and Modeling/Simulation Caucus
Topic: *The Current Religious Climate in
Federal Government; Q & A*
- 3:00 p.m.** Rev. Christopher I. Thoma, Our Savior, Hartland, MI
Closing Remarks, Responsive Prayer 2

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

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ONE AND TWO

WITH HYMNS



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Responsive Prayer 1 and Responsive Prayer 2 from Lutheran Service Book

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521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's
 2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, God - ly an - gels
 3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's
 4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
 by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
 first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
 death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and
 Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth-bound
 Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
 On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.
 with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
 God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"
 raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
 From his heav'nly perch on high,
 As the word of Jesus' vict'ry
 Floods the earth and fills the sky.
 Wounded by a wound eternal
 Now his judgment has drawn nigh!

6 Jesus, send Your angel legions
 When the foe would us enslave.
 Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
 Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
 Overthrow at last the dragon;
 Send him to his fiery grave.



RESPONSIVE PRAYER 1

Suffrages

- L** Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
C have mercy and hear us.

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Matthew 6:9–13

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

Morning

- L** I cry to You, O Lord;
C in the morning my prayer comes before You. *Psalm 88:13*
- L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C and uphold me with a willing spirit. *Psalm 51:12*
- L** My mouth is filled with Your praise,
C and with Your glory all the day. *Psalm 71:8*
- L** Every day I will bless You
C and praise Your name forever and ever. *Psalm 145:2*
- L** By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,
C O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. *Psalm 65:5*
- L** Bless the Lord, O my soul;
C and all that is within me, bless His holy name! *Psalm 103:1*
- L** He redeems your life from the pit
C and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. *Psalm 103:4*
- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You. *Psalm 102:1*

L Let us pray.

The COLLECT OF THE DAY and other suitable collects may be prayed. The prayers conclude with one of the following:

Morning

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (423) *Small Catechism*

Afternoon/Evening

- L** Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,
C and grant us Your salvation. *Psalm 85:7*
- L** Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;
C and let Your saints shout for joy. *Psalm 132:9*
- L** Lord, keep this nation under Your care,
C and guide us in the way of justice and truth. *Liturgical Text*
- L** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
C for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.
- L** Let the peoples praise You, O God;
C let all the peoples praise You! *Psalm 67:4-5*
- L** For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
C and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. *Psalm 9:18*
- L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C and renew a right spirit within me. *Psalm 51:10*
- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You. *Psalm 102:1*

Noon

L Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign, one God, now and forever. (425)

C Amen.

OR

Afternoon

L Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray You so to guide and govern us by Your Word and Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget You but remember that we are ever walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (426)

C Amen.

OR

Evening

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (424)

Small Catechism

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen.

844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred
 4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;
 Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.
 By love - less act and thought - less word.
 When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.



And in each per - son may I see
 My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;
 Make me to see the wrong I do
 Should I my - self the vic - tim be,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.
 Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
 Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.
 Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.

5 With Thine own love may I be filled
 And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
 That all I touch, where'er I be,
 May be divinely touched by Thee.

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2

OPENING VERSICLES

L O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Psalm 51:15

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalm 70:1

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A psalm may be sung or spoken.

READINGS

After each reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

A hymn or canticle may be sung.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

L O Lord,	C have mercy.
L O Christ,	C have mercy.
L O Lord,	C have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!” *Psalms 70:4*
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever. *Psalms 28:9*
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C** listen to my plea for grace. *Psalms 86:6*

COLLECTS

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OR

Before Travel

- L** Lord God our Father, You kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, You led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star You led the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now in this time as we set out to travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where You dwell in glory with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (427)
- C** Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BLESSING

- L** Let us bless the Lord. *[Psalm 103:1]*
- C** Thanks be to God.
- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- C** Amen.

Guest Speaker Biographies



Rev. Dr. Frank J. Pies

Frank J. Pies received his formal pastoral education at Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois (now located in Fort Wayne, Indiana), earning a Master of Divinity degree. He served as pastor at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church and School in Hartland, Michigan from September A.D. 1973 to April A.D. 2009, at which time he retired. During his pastorate, he was instrumental in establishing the congregation's parochial day school, formerly called Child of Christ Lutheran School.

Pastor Emeritus of Our Savior, Pastor Pies is a member of the LCMS. Within this Synod, he has served the church at large in various capacities: English District Circuit Counselor; District Board of Evangelism; Presenter at several Synodical Institutes on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music; Agenda Committee Member for *Lutheran Service Book*, along with the *Agenda* and the *Pastoral Care Companion*. As an adjunct faculty member, he taught in the school of Adult and Continuing Education at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Michigan. His writings have been published in "The Lutheran Witness", the Synod's official periodical, and "Concordia Pulpit", an annual collection of sermons by synodical clergymen.

Pastor Pies co-directed Camp Fair Haven in Hartland, Michigan, a Christian Lutheran summer camp for children from broken homes and juvenile courts. He served in Jakarta, Indonesia, assisting in the formation of Lutheran pastors with the goal of establishing a Lutheran Confessional Church there.

Pastor Pies holds a Master of Sacred Theology degree from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Illinois and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Theological School of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey.

He is married to Jeanette, and together they have four grown sons and eight grandchildren.



David Barton

David Barton is the Founder and President of WallBuilders, a national pro-family organization that presents America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on our moral, religious and constitutional heritage.

David is the author of numerous best-selling books, with the subjects being drawn largely from his own library of tens of thousands of original writings from the Founding Era. His exhaustive research has rendered him an expert in historical and constitutional issues and he serves as a consultant to state and federal legislators, has participated in several cases at the Supreme Court, was involved in

the development of the History/Social Studies standards for states such as Texas and California, and has helped produce history textbooks now being used in U.S. schools.

A national news organization has described him as "America's historian," and he has received numerous national and international awards.

David and his wife Cheryl have three grown children, Damaris, Timothy, and Stephen, and they reside in Aledo, Texas.



Joe Hune

Michigan State Sen. Joe Hune was elected to serve the 22nd Senate District in November 2010 and assumed office in January 2011. He is chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Insurance and Redistricting committees, and also serves on the Health Policy and Regulatory Reform committees.

Prior to joining the Senate, Hune served six years as state Representative of the 47th District. He became the youngest serving member of the Michigan Legislature when he was first elected in 2002 at the age of 22.

Before entering elected office, Joe owned and operated an agribusiness in his hometown of Fowlerville, MI, and he continues to raise livestock and exotic animals on the family farm. He also served as a journal clerk and Page in the statehouse, was a real estate agent and judged livestock. Joe attended Michigan State University and earned a B.S. degree in financial planning from Cleary University.

He is a member of a number of local organizations, including Saint Agnes Church, the Howell Jaycees, Livingston County 4-H, Livingston County Farm Bureau, Livingston Association of Realtors and Michigan Association of Realtors.

Joe resides in Hamburg Township with his wife, Marcia Hune.



Hiram Sasser

Hiram Sasser is the Managing Director of Strategic Litigation for Liberty Institute. Mr. Sasser's practice focuses on First Amendment and other constitutional and civil rights issues.

Mr. Sasser successfully argued before federal and state appellate courts, federal and state district courts, and the Texas Supreme Court. His past and present clients include The American Legion, VFW, Association of Christian Schools International, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Dr. James Dobson, Jewish Educational Center, and various state and local government entities and officials. In addition to his legal duties, he develops, coordinates, and implements successful media strategies on behalf of his clients. This includes numerous appearances on ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox News, CNN, and the BBC as well as being heard on various radio stations throughout the United States, Asia, Africa, and Europe.

Mr. Sasser graduated summa cum laude from Oklahoma City University School of Law, receiving recognition as the “Outstanding Graduate.” He earned his bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma State University. His military service includes serving as Headquarters Commander, a Company Executive Officer, and Training Officer in the United States Army Reserve.



Mark Gonzales

Mark Gonzales is the Founder of the United States Hispanic Action Network and Executive Director for the National Black Robe Regiment. The NBRR serves to equip pastors for faithfulness in their Biblical and historical role in the public forum.

The early American pastor had a reputation as a courageous and fearless leader, causing the British during the American Revolution to dub them “The Black Robe Regiment,” a reference to their clerical robes. Those pastors proclaimed the Word of God as it applied to everything in life, whether spiritual or temporal—about eternal life in Christ, education, public policy, good government, the military or other current issues that the Bible addressed. Although the British persecuted them personally and often burned and desecrated their churches, the pastors refused to be silent and many, including Lutherans, selflessly and courageously led their congregations into the battle for independence.

Mark is married to Beverly, and they have four children, Stephanie, Ashley, Marcus, Stephen and one grandchild, Josiah. They reside in Dallas, TX.



Robert D. McEwen

Bob McEwen is Senior Advisor with the nationally recognized law firm of Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald. An Ohio native, Bob represented Ohio in the U.S. House of Representatives for six terms. Prior to his Congressional service, he served three terms in the Ohio General Assembly as the Senior Republican on the

Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Mr. McEwen served as Chairman of the Environmental Affairs task force of the United States delegation to the European Parliament. McEwen was selected by the Democratic leadership of the U.S. Congress as the chief spokesman for the United States in discussions with European Green Party and other Environmental Organizations.

Mr. McEwen was elected to serve on the Select Committee on Intelligence which oversees all of our nation’s secrets, and the House Committee on Rules which has jurisdiction over all legislation in the Congress. He is a leading advocate for pro-family interests and free-market economics. Together with his wife Liz, they have four children. Bob & Liz volunteer as speakers at Family Life Marriage Conferences in the United States and Canada.



J. Randy Forbes

J. Randy Forbes serves as Chairman of the House Armed Services Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee, Randy is responsible for the research, development, acquisition, and sustainment of Navy and Marine Corps programs as well as the Air Force's bomber and tanker fleets. Randy's position is central in developing the nation's long-term strategies to meet our future security needs.

Randy founded and chairs the Congressional Prayer Caucus and has led this group of bipartisan members in national efforts to protect prayer and our nation's spiritual history. He is known as a skilled orator on the Judiciary Committee and, as the former Ranking Member of the Crime Subcommittee, Randy is often called upon to lead the debate on national issues such as gang crime or immigration reform. As founder and chairman of the Congressional China Caucus, Randy has introduced legislation to combat Chinese espionage and is frequently tapped as a national commentator on Sino-American relations. Groups as diverse as the US Chamber of Commerce, the NAACP, the National Taxpayers Union, and the American Farm Bureau Federation have all recognized the work Randy has done in Congress.

Randy began his career in a private law practice and ultimately became a partner in the largest law firm in southeastern Virginia. From 1989-2001, he served Virginia in the General Assembly. As a member of the House of Delegates, he served 7 years, quickly establishing himself and serving as the Floor Leader until his election to the State Senate in 1997. One year later, he became the Senate Floor Leader. He served in the State Senate for 3 1/2 years, until his election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Randy graduated from the University Of Virginia School Of Law.

He attends Great Bridge Baptist Church, where he teaches Sunday School. He was born, raised, and still lives in Chesapeake, Virginia. He and his wife, Shirley, have been married since 1978 and have four children.