# OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL Announcements — 1 November A.D. 2015

## **☆** CALENDAR **☆**

### 1 November to 8 November A.D. 2015

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SUNDAY	
Divine Services 8	:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School & Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
New Membership Class	12:30 P.M.
THIS WEEK	
MONDAY	
Office of Matins	8:10 A.M.
Lutheran Confessions Study	8:45 A.M.
School Board Meeting	6:30 P.M.
TUESDAY	
MOPS	9:15 A.M.
Adult Volleyball (Gymnasium)	7:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	
Mid-Week Divine Service	7:00 P.M.
Celebration Ringers Rehearsal	7:30 P.M.
6 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Midweek/Confirmation	n Class 7:30 P.M.
Adult Bible Study	7:45 P.M.
THURSDAY	
Responsive Prayer	8:10 A.M.
Women's LifeLight Bible Study	1:30 P.M.
Cantate Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, 8 November	
Divine Services 8	:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School & Bible Study	10:00 A.M.

### **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:**

**Board of Christian Ed Meeting** 

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW with Pastor Thoma leading the discussion. This has proven to be a lively study full of great discussion. You are encouraged to join to see for yourself! The study group meets in the ECC entrance room, and God willing, starts right at 10 a.m.

12:30 P.M.

 ${\it HANDLING\ THE\ WORD\ OF\ TRUTH}-{\it Mr.\ Ted\ Nichols\ will\ continue}$ to lead this wonderful study of John T. Pless' delightful book on Law and Gospel. The group meets in the cafeteria at 10:00 a.m. Check it out!

"NEW MEMBER ADULT CLASS" - TODAY at 12:30 p.m. for anyone considering membership here at Our Savior. Also, it's worth noting that even if you are already a member, you may join the class. It would be an opportunity for a refresher in the Christian basics. The class will meet in the parlor (the room adjacent to the Narthex).

**OUR STUDY OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK!** Please join us on Mondays at 8:45 a.m. (just after chapel) for a casual study and discussion of the Lutheran Confessions. We meet in Pastor Thoma's office. The study concludes promptly at 9:15 a.m. Join us for chapel and then for study!

## LIFELIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4

LifeLight Women's Bible Study is on "Romans Part 2". We meet at the church on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and concluding at 3:00 p.m. spending our time together in small group, prayer and discussion of the previous week's lesson completed at home. Materials are available in the lobby of the church. The cost of the book is \$10.00. Childcare will be furnished 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 or concerns feel free to contact LifeLight's director, Carol Caswell (248-296-1149).

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join us today for Sunday School. A reminder for families with younger students, please be sure to drop them off and pick them up in their room. The following is your child's teacher and room numbers:

Preschool—Room 212 —Sue Kelly, Alexis Ripke

Grades K & 1—Room 215—Joyce Hicks & Rachel Bronsberg

**Grades 2 & 3—Room 219—**Emily Helmreich & Mia Chapman

Grades 4, & 5-Room 203-Bill & Ruth Libby & Janel Gryc

Grades 6 & 7—Gym Loft—Bill Mrozek

Grade 8-Room 206-Donna Hay

#### FROM THE KANTOR

We have handbells (37 to be exact)...

We have a director...

We have eight faithful volunteers to ring...

We need three more volunteers... so we can use all 37 handbells...!

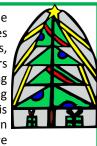
If you have ever thought about playing with the Celebration Ringers, NOW IS THE TIME! I can individually teach you all you need to know in under 30 minutes.

The next rehearsal you should attend is Wednesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the balcony.

Please speak with me if you are interested!

IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE CONGREGATION EMAIL LIST, YOU ARE MISSING OUT ON A LOT OF HELPFUL INFORMATION!!! To get on the list, just send an email to pastorthoma@oursaviorhartland.org.

Have you ever wondered who is behind the beautification efforts of the church? Who decorates the tree at Christmas time, creates the wreaths, hangs the banners, and designs the holiday planters at the front doors? It's the Church Decorating Committee! And right now the committee is looking for a few more members. If something like this is right up your alley and you want to help us adorn the Lord's house throughout all of the festive seasons of the church year, call Claudia Trapp at 810-227 7854.



## **YOUTH NEWS**

HIGHER THINGS—NASHVILLE: Our Senior High Youth summer trip to the Higher Things "Bread of Life" Conference in Nashville is many months away, yet our registration deadline is coming in the middle of November. Higher Things strives to bring authentic Lutheran worship and catechesis to the youth of our Synod. (We took one day this year to visit the 2015 conference in Grand Rapids, and those who went were left excited to attend the whole event.) The conference is June 28 to July 1, 2016 and the cost (which includes transportation) is \$385. To lock in the best registration rate we are asking for at least half of the event cost to be paid by **November 15th.** Along with the registration packet which can be found on their website breadoflife2016.com. and per event rules, we will need at least one female adult chaperone. if you are interested, please let Deacon Huth know by our registration deadline.

The November 15th registration date is important because these conferences tend to fill up very quickly,



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



Attendance	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	
25 October AD 2015	124	96	
Sunday School: 79	Wednesday, 21 Oct.: 17		

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>: 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!

## Week of 2 November to 8 November

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Machell Harrison	11/2	Carter Mundt	11/7
Ruth Libby	11/2	Georgine Shelton	11/7
Stan Felix	11/4	Spence Martin	11/8
Ryan Felix	11/5	Joseph Bangert	11/8
Michael Zaremba	11/6	Richard Johnson	11/8

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Did you know that Our Savior participates in quite a few community rewards programs that earn points / dollars for our school? Most of these only require a small amount of your time and money that you normally spend on the things that you buy regularly. Some of these include:

**Kroger Community Rewards**—By linking your Kroger Rewards card to Our Savior, each time you shop, you earn points for the school. Kroger sends us a check twice a year based on the amount spent on the linked cards. The directions for having your card designated to the Our Savior account can be acquired in the school office.

Labels for Education—By clipping the UPC codes on products from the following brands: Campbell's, Pepperidge Farms, Bic, Swanson, Spaghetti-O's, V8, and Pace, points are earned for school supplies and equipment. A complete list of qualifying products can be found at <a href="https://www.labelsforeducation.com">www.labelsforeducation.com</a> Please send the UPC codes from the specially marked packages to the school office to be counted and submitted for reward points.

BoxTops for Education—Another program that involves clipping the BoxTop label from specially marked packages. Each label is worth 10¢. Some of the brands which carry these special labels are: General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Green Giant, Kleenex, and Totino's. A complete list can be found at <a href="http://www.boxtops4education.com">http://www.boxtops4education.com</a> Please send your BoxTops from the specially marked packages to the school office to be counted and submitted for money for our school.

These are just three of the programs in which we participate that help us earn extra money and supplies. You are encouraged to join us in this effort. Check the "School News" in future weeks to learn about other ways you can help with very little effort on your part.

## **♣ PRAYERS**

THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY: Adrian Atkinson, Raleigh Bahr, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Christopher Bolton, Rachel Bouley, Susan Brandt, Sylvia Cole, Carole Doll, George DeJardines, Doris, Ray deSteiger, Jim Faught, Carol Ford, Irene Gaide, Tiffany Heritsch, Bill Kirkpatrick, Leroy Kirtly, Sara Kynion, Travis Kurth, Melissa Morley, Barry Leonard.Leah Nelson, Kathey Pump, Cindy Pushman, Dennis Radosevich, Lynn Stroup, Art Swett, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Edwin Thoma, Monica Tyykas, Joan Thompson, Marilyn Torok, Ed Willer, and Frances Wyckoff.

MILITARY: Ramone Baca, Alexander Baloh, Drew Barber, Brandy Bates, Robert Bell, Tom Buller, Brian Chapman, Mark Ciero, Jonathan Cross, Kenneth Eyer, Darrel Fenbert Jr., Drew Helmreich, Randy Horst, Chad Libby, Neil Lipon, Richard McManamon, Nick Morley, Jonathan Mrozek, Matthew Niendorf, Jacob Przywara, Chris Robosky, Steve Roeske, Samantha Russell, Jake Simkins, Albie Therrien, and Alex Young.

MISSIONARIES: Rev. Charles Ferry and family.

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Mrs. Andrea Johnson, School Principal