

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS — 15 NOVEMBER A.D. 2015

✠ **CALENDAR** ✠

15 November to 22 November A.D. 2015

TODAY

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.

TUESDAY

Women's Guild Bible Study	9:30 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 th to 8 th Grade Midweek/Confirmation 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.
Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY

Red Cross Blood Drive	2:00 to 6:45 P.M.
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SUNDAY, 22 November

Divine Services	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School & Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
40's Plus Koinonia Bible Study & Pot Luck	5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:

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.

HANDLING THE WORD OF TRUTH — 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 Prayer chapel (the room adjacent to the Narthex).

ATTENTION ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS – CALL TO ACTION!!!

We need your support. We are at the time of the year when we get hit with the "perfect storm" of sorts. What does this mean? Well, each year around this time, we are buried in an avalanche of expenses that hit us all at once. Since our giving is relatively consistent week over week, we get into cash flow issues when a group of expenses comes due all during one time period. We simply do not have the cash available to pay everything that is due and we need to either increase giving for that period or postpone paying some of the bills until the revenue becomes available. In theory, this approach can work but our creditors don't like it as you can imagine and there are often severe ramifications for late or overdue payments. We are trying to avoid this by all means necessary. Please consider how you can support us in this regard. **Our current need is roughly \$60,500 over the next 2 weeks.** Anything more you can do to help the situation is greatly appreciated.

LIFELIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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 this Wednesday,
 Nov. 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the balcony.**

Please speak with me if you are interested!



QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 @ 3:00 P.M.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 — 40'S Plus KOINONIA BIBLE STUDY and POT LUCK. Please join us, single and married adults for fellowship, food and Bible Study in the school cafeteria. Bring a friend, a dish to share, and a beverage.

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!

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 **TODAY, 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.**

YOUTH LOCK-IN: The high school students will be having a lock-in on **Friday, December 4th** beginning at 8:00 pm and ending Saturday at 8:00 am. Bring your Bible, flashlight, and pop or snacks to share. Most importantly, bring your friends!

YOUTH BAKE SALE: The youth will be hosting a bake sale **Sunday, December 6th** between services, during the Sunday School hour, and after late service. The proceeds will help fund our youth group activities during the school year as well as our trips in the summer. Thank you in advance for your support!



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN CHRIST: Attendance, Tithes, and Offerings



Attendance	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
8 Nov. AD 2015	136	104
Sunday School: 75	Wednesday, 4 Oct.: 22	

ATTENDANCE: 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!**

Weekly Financial Report 8 November A.D. 2015

General Fund Income week of 11/8\$ 16,707.18

General Fund Register Balance 11/8\$ 1,129.19

CURRENT NEEDS OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Bills Currently on Hold \$ 15,500.00

Week of 11/15 \$ 10,000.00

Week of 11/22 \$ 35,000.00

Total \$60,500.00

Anticipated Expenses:

Week of 11/15 \$10,000.00

Week of 11/22 \$35,000.00

Week of 11/29 \$17,000.00

Week of 12/06 \$22,000.00

Week of 16 November to 22 November

BIRTHDAYS

Gene Monacelli	11/16	Heather Moldenhauer	11/19
Sydney Pattinson	11/16	Jared Felix	11/20
Daniel Cottrell	11/17	Chase Felix	11/21
Julie Hornick	11/17	Landon Martens	11/21
Andrea Johnson	11/17	Crystal Schupbach	11/21
Jason Miller	11/17	Raymond Angus	11/22

ANNIVERSARIES

Raymond and Lindsey Angus	11/17/2007
Christopher and Stacy Conklin	11/21/1998
Brian and Lisa Everidge	11/22/2008

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Building Security

Last week the School Board sent a letter to school families regarding some of the school safety measures that are being put in place at Our Savior. You may have seen it as a part of pastor's weekly email message on November 5. Since last week eight Nightlock door barricades were delivered to be installed on classroom doors. An additional donation was received to purchase three more. There is a donor willing to match that donation to make it six additional door barricades. We appreciate these generous donors who feel that the safety and security of our students, staff, and volunteers is so important.

On Tuesday, November 10, Trooper Young, our community resource officer, from the Michigan State Police was at Our Savior along with a fellow officer. They spent the morning and part of the afternoon visiting each classroom from kindergarten through eighth grade teaching the students how to respond in the event of a school emergency. These presentations to the students were based on the ALICE training and research from previous school shootings. They also had the students practice some strategies to use in the event of an unwanted intruder. Several parents took time out of their busy schedules to be here to learn more about this as well.

VG's Cash for Class

VG's has informed Our Savior that November 22-28 will be the final week for their Cash for Class community rewards program. A new program will be offered beginning in January 2016. As the details of the new program become available, they will be shared with both school and church families to allow for your participation.

OUR SAVIOR'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE is happening on **Dec. 16th at 7:00 p.m.** and all children of the congregation, pre-school through 8th grade, are invited to participate!

For children who do not attend our day school, a packet which contains in-depth details, memory assignments, and a commitment form are available from Sunday School teachers, Kantor, or the church office. **If interested, please return the commitment form no later than the first of three rehearsal dates on November 29th.**

The service will be a meaningful proclamation of the joy that is ours through the sending of the Word made flesh, Jesus!

✠ PRAYERS ✠

THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY: Adrian Atkinson, Raleigh Bahr, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Christopher Bolton, 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, Barry Leonard, Leah Nelson, Kathey Pump, Cindy Pushman, Art Swett, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Edwin Thoma, Monica Tyykas, Joan Thompson, Ed Willer, Frances Wyckoff, and Randy Zeilinger.

MILITARY: Ramone Baca, Alexander Baloh, Drew Barber, Brandy Bates, Robert Bell, Corry Brennan, 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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – FRIDAY – 20 NOVEMBER, 2015 FROM 2:00 – 6:45 P.M. – Please sign up to donate blood by going to www.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 Donna Hay at 810-227-5849. Thank you

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