

**OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS — 22 NOVEMBER A.D. 2015

✠ **CALENDAR** ✠

**22 November to 29 November A.D. 2015**

**TODAY**

**SUNDAY**

<b>Divine Services</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M.</b>
Sunday School & Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
New Membership Class	12:30 P.M.

**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY**

<b>Office of Matins</b>	<b>8:10 A.M.</b>
Lutheran Confessions Study	8:45 A.M.

**TUESDAY**

Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.
Adult Volleyball (Gymnasium)	7:30 P.M.
Cantate Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.
Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	8:30 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**

Celebration Ringers Rehearsal	7:15 P.M.
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**THURSDAY**

<b>Thanksgiving Divine Service</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>
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**SUNDAY, 29 November**

<b>Divine Services</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M.</b>
Sunday School & Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
Advent by Candlelight	6:00 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!



**QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 @ 3:00 P.M.**

**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!

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8—12:00 NOON** — **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will hold their annual Christmas Luncheon at Lucky's Steak House in Fenton. **Reservations are needed.** If you plan to attend, please call Mary Ann Brueggeman, [517-552-0304](tel:517-552-0304) **no later than Saturday, December 5th.** All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

**LIFELIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD** LifeLight Women's Bible Study will begin a new session on the book of Acts. We meet at the school on Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. spending our time together in small group, prayer and discussion of the previous week's lesson completed at home. 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).

*"And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42*

**HARVEST TO HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFT SHOW THANK YOU** —

Thanks to everyone who donated their time, baked goods or handmade items and/or came out and shopped to make our 6th annual craft show a success. A total profit of \$3,138.66 was made for Youth in Missions and Youth Group Activities.

**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—205**—Bill Mrozek  
**Grade 8—Room 206**—Donna Hay

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

Over the past several weeks and months, you've seen updates on our financial situation and prayerful requests for the Holy Spirit to move each of us to support the needs of His mission. While we've seen a slow and steady increase in giving, even in weeks where attendance was down slightly, we've also been watching the week of 11/22 coming where we have our mortgage, payroll, and expenses all coming due at the same time in the amount of \$35,000; a little more than twice that of our typical General Fund income on a good week. Well, the week of 11/22 is now here and at this point, we simply do not have the cash to meet the need. We've carried certain bills over where possible but eventually, they also must be paid. Note that this is not a "one-time event". In the next two weeks, we need roughly \$57,000 of General Fund income. Looking forward to the month of December, we see a similar expense overlap coming; \$37,000 of expenses the week of 12/20.

On Tuesday, November 24th, Church Council will meet to discuss possible immediate and longer term actions to meet these challenges. We ask the Lord to guide us and lead us in this process. On December 6th, we will discuss our plans in the Congregation Meeting at 3:00 P.M. Please come and be with us. We ask you to pray for us as we engage in this difficult work and support us financially as the Holy Spirit moves you. May God bless you always!

In His service,  
 Dave Tabbert  
 Council President

**40'S Plus KOINONIA BIBLE STUDY and POT LUCK.** Will not meet in November and December this year and will return in 2016.

**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. Along with the registration packet which can be found on their website [breadoflife2016.com](http://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.

**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.
15Nov. AD 2015	139	85
Sunday School: 73	Wednesday, 11Nov.: 18	

**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 15 November A.D. 2015

General Fund Income week of 11/15 \$ 17,000.00

General Fund Register Balance 11/15 \$ 770.24

#### CURRENT NEEDS OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Bills Currently on Hold \$ 4,954.00

Week of 11/22 \$ 35,000.00

Week of 11/29 \$ 17,000.00

Total \$ 56,954.00

#### Anticipated Expenses:

Week of 11/29 \$17,000.00

Week of 12/06 \$22,000.00

Week of 12/13 \$10,000.00

Week of 12/20 \$37,000.00

### Week of 23 November to 29 November

#### BIRTHDAYS

Jessalyn Carland	11/23	Scott Rhodes	11/25
Bonnie Felix	11/23	Dale Liske	11/27
Karolina Hicks	11/23	Lisa Martens	11/27
Joyce Hicks	11/24	Colton Liske	11/28
Matthew Zaremba	11/24	Morgen Williams	11/28
Shawn Kolonich	11/25	Kathy Were	11/29
Anthony Mrozek	11/25		

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Gene and Penelope Monacelli 11/26/1988

**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!

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### 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.

#### FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

##### 4.0 Honor Roll (4.0 GPA)

Brendan Pfenning - 8<sup>th</sup>

##### HIGH HONOR ROLL (3.75 - 3.99 GPA)

Gabriel Cappellano - 6<sup>th</sup>

Austin Combs - 7<sup>th</sup>

Emersyn Kolonich - 7<sup>th</sup>

Matthew Zaremba - 7<sup>th</sup>

##### HONOR ROLL (3.5 - 3.74 GPA)

Madeline Combs - 8<sup>th</sup>

Dominic Ripke - 7<sup>th</sup>

Lilley Schleif - 6<sup>th</sup>

James Tougas - 6<sup>th</sup>

#### MAKE WAY FOR THANK-SCRIP-ING DAY!

On **Thanksgiving Day, November 26**, Great Lakes Scrip has scheduled another one day event featuring big rebates on ScripNow® products only. The promotion starts at 12:01 a.m. Eastern, when a full list of bonuses will be revealed on ShopWithScrip.com. These bonuses will be available for only 24 hours! To learn more about this program contact the school office or go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). If you have not signed up previously, you will need the Our Savior Lutheran School Enrollment Code: B745A65B289L. Get a head start on your Black Friday shopping and cash in on extra rebates!

**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](mailto:pastorthoma@oursaviorhartland.org).

### ✠ 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, Kayla Marcum, Leah Nelson, Patricia Osborne, Kathey Pump, Cindy Pushman, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Edwin Thoma, Monica Tkac, 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.

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