

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENTS — 6 DECEMBER A.D. 2015

✠ CALENDAR ✠

6 December to 13 December A.D. 2015

TODAY		
SUNDAY		
Divine Services	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.	
Deacon Huth’s Farewell	10:00 A.M.	
Quarterly Congregation Meeting	3:00 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		
Women's Bible Study Luncheon	12:00 P.M.	
Adult Volleyball (Gymnasium)	7:30 P.M.	
WEDNESDAY		
Advent 2—The Great O’ Antiphons	7:00 P.M.	
Celebration Ringers Rehearsal	7:45 P.M.	
6 th to 8 th Grade Midweek/Confirmation Class	7:45 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.	
SUNDAY, 13 December		
Divine Services	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.	
Sunday School & Bible Study	10:00 A.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 continues 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

TODAY @ 3:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 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 Sunday, December 6th. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS will once again be placed near the altar to draw attention to the place where our Lord first came in the flesh and where he comes for us now in his Body and Blood. The red leaves of this flower also reminds us why our Lord first came and even now comes – to forgive, rescue and renew us by his shed blood. If you wish to donate one or more poinsettias this year, please sign up on the list next to the flower chart by Monday, **21 December AD 2015. Cost is \$18.00.** Thank you.

LIFELIGHT WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD LifeLight Women’s Bible Study began 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 (248-296-1140).

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

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—Mia Chapman

Grades 4 & 5—Room 203—Bill & Ruth Libby & Janel Gryc

Grades 6 & 7— Room 205—Emily Helmreich

Grade 8—Room 206—Donna Hay

OUR SAVIOR'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE is happening on **Dec. 16th at 7:00 p.m.** The children of the church and school, pre-school through 8th grade, will be participating in a service of Evening Prayer and Lessons and Carols!

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

A Letter of Farewell from Deacon Dan Huth

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After a great deal of prayer and deliberation, the Lord has led me to accept the call to serve as DCE at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Davison, Michigan. I am truly grateful for the 2 years I have had with Our Savior, and I will miss you all dearly! I am thankful for all of the relationships I have made in this place, and I know that my last Sunday will not be the last time I speak with many of you.

I want you to know that I have treasured the opportunity to be your Deacon. I will be forever in your debt, because it was you who extended a call to this lowly Concordia Nebraska graduate who never held a professional church work office for nearly three years after graduation. If it were not for Our Savior, I would likely still be in Indiana waiting tables and being a restaurant shift lead. Additionally, my wife would still have a job that was quickly burning her out, instead of her current position at GM which has provided many blessings including a chance for an inexpensive Master’s Degree. It is clear that the Lord had great plans for us throughout these past years.

I have definitely been shaped as a worker in Christ’s Vineyard through my time at Our Savior. I will take my experiences from here and use them to continue serving His Church in Trinity. I know the Lord will continue His work here as well. I pray that the Lord will continue to grow His Church through the Word and Sacrament ministry at Our Savior.

I would like to close with one of my favorite doxological passages, Jude 24-25 (NIV):

“To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.”

In Christ alone,
Deacon Daniel Huth

✠ PRAYERS ✠

THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY: Bill and Lori Adrain, Adrian Atkinson, Raleigh Bahr, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Christopher Bolton, Susan Brandt, Sylvia Cole, Sarah Condra, Carole Doll, Jim Faight, Carol Ford, Irene Gaide, Bill Kirkpatrick, Lori LookerKayla Marcum, Patricia Osborne, John Pffier, Cindy Pushman, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Edwin Thoma, Monica Tkac, Joan Thompson, Scott Waldorf, 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.

Week of 7 December to 13 December

BIRTHDAYS

Carol Caswell	12/7	Jerry Glasco	12/10
Aubree Horton	12/7	George Brown	12/13
Richard Spangler	12/7	Gavin Taylor	12/13
Gloria DesJardins	12/10	Harrison Thoma	12/13
Dominic Dintsch	12/10		

TOYS FOR KIDS

Social Ministry would like to include toys for the families with children receiving Christmas Baskets. Toy donations may be placed in the box by the food pantry door. All donation should be \$15.00 or less. The deadline for the donations is December 16th. Thank you!



What a joy it is to adorn the nave with high praise and thanksgiving during the season of Advent, especially through the silent song being sung by our “O Antiphon” banners!

The exact origin of the “O Antiphons” is not known, but it has been noted that Boethius (A.D. 480-524) made a slight reference to them in his writings, thereby suggesting their presence at that time. At the Benedictine Abbey of Fleury in France (founded in A.D. 640), it is fairly well documented that these antiphons were recited by the abbot and other abbey leaders in descending rank, and then a gift was given to each member of the community. By the eighth century, they are in common use in the liturgical celebrations of the Western church. The usage of the “O Antiphons” was so prevalent in the church that the phrases, “Keep your O” and “The Great O Antiphons” were common sayings. One may thereby conclude that in some fashion the “O Antiphons” have been part of our liturgical tradition since the very early public gatherings of believers.

You will note that there are only seven antiphons, and yet we have an eighth banner. It has been suggested that in their origin, the antiphons were ordered with a definite purpose. If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each antiphon - Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia - the Latin words *ero cras* are formed, which are translated, “Tomorrow, I will come.” Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven glorious antiphons, now reminds us that He will return in glory at the Last Day, of which we know neither the day nor the hour. And so the final banner declares that this is most certainly true!

SCHOOL NEWS

To help our students to be mission minded and encourage good stewardship, mission opportunities are planned each year. So far this year our students have been involved in the following projects:

From September to November, all chapel offerings were designated to POBLO International, a Christian organization working to transform the way missions is approached in the United States by responding to the changing demographics that have brought the mission field to our own front yard. This organization serves immigrants and refugees. They also train and educate churches on how to engage in cross-cultural outreach. A total of \$1221.97 was collected and will be sent to support the work that they do here in Michigan.

Chapel offerings for the months of December, January, and February will be designated for The Lutheran Hour Ministry’s online mission trip to Guatemala. Our Savior will participate in the live online video feeds from Guatemala and St. Louis during Lutheran Schools Week at the end of January. Our accumulated chapel offerings for these months will support the mission work being done in Guatemala.

Each classroom also has a “mission can” to collect loose change, and sometimes larger amounts of money, to support the Ferry family in Southeast Asia. So far this year \$90.19 has been collected to support this effort.

Thanks be to God for the generosity of our students and their families.

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