

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS — 24 JANUARY A.D. 2016

□ **CALENDAR** □

24 January to 31 January A.D. 2016

TODAY

Divine Services	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
PTL Coffee Hour	10:00 A.M.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Office of Matins	8:10 A.M.
Lutheran Confessions Study	8:45 A.M.

TUESDAY

Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.
Adult Volleyball (Gymnasium)	7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week Divine Service	7:00 P.M.
Celebration Ringers Rehearsal	7:30 P.M.
4 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, 31 January

Divine Services	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School & Bible Studies	10:00 A.M.
40+ Koinonia Bible Study	5:30 P.M.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK begins **today, January 24**, with all students scheduled to participate in the 11 a.m. Divine Service. PTL is hosting a coffee hour for adults during the Sunday School hour to celebrate Lutheran schools. All children are asked to go directly to their Sunday School classroom where snacks will be provided.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2015. The statements are on the shelf in the lobby and available for pick up.

THE CAPITAL FUND NEEDS THE HELP OF THE CHRISTIANS AT OUR SAVIOR!

Last summer we invested \$15,000.00 in repairs for our parking lot. We replaced the catch basins in front of the Church entrance and at the rear of the parking lot, re-sealed the lot, and striped the lot. Unfortunately, last week the catch basin in front of the school entrance collapsed. This catch basin visually looked sound from the surface. However under the concrete and pavement the drain was eroded and undermined. We now have an 8' X 8' hole in front of the school that will most certainly become larger and more expensive to fix if not addressed soon. We are asking you to prayerfully consider making a donation to the Capital Fund. The purpose of the Capital Fund is for making improvements to the building and property, including but not limited to the repair of this catch basin. The current fund balance is \$1320.91. We are in the process of getting estimates for this project, which is anticipated to cost approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000.

CALLING ALL COUPLES! A trial run for a small group Bible study has been conducted, and the results are in: Success! We would like to expand and start more small groups, consisting of 4-5 couples each, meeting once a month for fellowship and study. Meeting times and subject texts are to be decided by the individual groups, and texts are to be approved by Pastor Thoma. Re-start "date night," get support on parenting, marriage, and bringing God back to the center of it all! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your brothers and sisters in Christ! Contact Rachel Bronsberg at (517)410-3121 or rbronsberg@gmail.com for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join us this week 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

JR. AND SR. YOUTH GROUPS UPDATE

A lot has happened in a short period of time.

The Youth Board has met together twice this month with Pastor Thoma in order to begin retooling its efforts to serve the youth. A basic philosophy was formulated and discussed, goals were identified, and initial plans were set into motion to start reaching those goals.

Highlights include...

- knowing who our prospective youth actually are,
- having an Adult/youth leadership support structure in place to call and talk with the youth personally about events, activities, life in general,
- understanding that church attendance for our youth is paramount, and yet this typically translates to youth group participation.
- providing more opportunities to connect with the life of the congregation.

Some things to watch for...

Over the course the upcoming year, the Youth Board will spend a good deal of its time providing opportunities for building sturdy relationships among the core youth members. This effort will be mostly activity driven — that is, the efforts will consist of providing activities considered of high interest to the youth (i.e. paintball, overnight Cedar Point trips, overnight Base Camp events, and the like); the events will be provided free of charge to attendees and any invited friends. Also, more of the youth will be brought into service duties — acolytes, crucifers, lectors, ushers, altar guild, etc.

More news to come!

SUPER BOWL PARTY- Junior and Senior High youth are invited along with their parents to the Mrozek's home in Hartland. Please come early for a short devotion before the game. Rick Spangler's culinary skills will be featured as usual with a new main dish at each quarter. Bring your choice of drink and come enjoy the game!

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!

SUPER BOWL SUBS: Youth in Mission (YIM) is planning this popular fundraiser again this year! We are asking for youth volunteers to help assemble the sandwiches on February 6, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet located on the Youth Bulletin Board. An order form will be located in the school office and on the Youth Bulletin Board for placing your sub orders. All subs are \$5.00. If you buy 4 of any kind you will receive the 5th one free. The last day for ordering is Sunday, January 31. Subs will be ready for pickup after both services on February 7.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 — 40'S Plus KOINONIA BIBLE STUDY and POT LUCK. (Changed to the 5th Sunday for this month) 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.

Week of 25 January to 31 January
BIRTHDAYS

Jeremy Boehne	1/25	Jakob Archer	1/27
Joel Hornick	1/25	Olivia Williams	1/27
Heather Mathews	1/25	Emily Williams	1/29
Marissa Muelling	1/25	Raymond Norton	1/30
Kimberly Spoutz	1/25	Lyllian Early	1/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan and Amie Thibodeau 01/25/2005

□ **PRAYERS** □

THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY: Adrian Atkinson, Raleigh Bahr, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Jack Bartenbaker, Wendell Bergren, Christopher Bolton, Susan Brandt, Mary Ann Brueggeman, Sylvia Cole, Carole Doll, Jim Faught, Carol Ford, Bill Kirkpatrick, Kayla Marcum, Charles McCloskey, Bob Minock, Leah Nelson, Cindy Pushman, Josephina Renard, Rev. William Sabol, The Shirk family, Donald Stoll, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Monica Tkac, Joan Thompson, Susan Vogt, Ed Willer, Rev. John Wurst, 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, Chris Robosky, Steve Roeske, Samantha Russell, Jake Simkins, Albie Therrien, and Alex Young.

MISSIONARIES: Rev. Charles Ferry and family.

LIFELIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

LifeLight Women's Bible Study 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 groups, 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

IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE CONGREGATION EMAIL LIST, YOU ARE MISSING OUT ON A LOT OF HELPFUL INFORMATION!!! There are about 215 people on the list. Are you on there? To get on the list, just send an email to

pastorthoma@oursaviorhartland.org.

ATTENDANCE in HOLY WORSHIP: 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. IN THE NEW YEAR, 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!

SCHOOL NEWS

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK WILL BE CELEBRATED AT OUR SAVIOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016. The theme for the week is "Life Together in Christ" based on 1 Corinthians 1:9. Many fun and educational activities are planned for the week. Here are some things that are being planned for that week.

The week begins on **Sunday, January 24**, with all students scheduled to participate in the 11 a.m. Divine Service and PTL hosting a coffee hour between services to celebrate Lutheran schools and Christian education.

We will participate in the online mission trip to Guatemala hosted by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Each day there will be an online video from Guatemala to help students learn about the country and the mission work that is happening there. All of our chapel offerings for December through the end of February will support the work being done to share the Gospel with the people of Guatemala.

The final event of the week will be the Cranbrook Family Science Night on **Friday evening, January 29**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cranbrook Institute will bring their portable planetarium and fourteen additional hands-on science activities for children of all ages to experience. It will be a fun-filled, educational evening for everyone. PTL is able to sponsor this special event thanks to the success of the Fall Fun Run. Mark your calendars, plan to attend, and invite family and friends to join us that evening.

Volunteers are needed to assist at the fourteen hands-on activities. Please consider giving an hour of your time to make this a fun and educational experience for everyone. You will be given the instructions necessary to supervise your activity. They are pretty easy and even a lot of fun. Dads have enjoyed helping with this in the past.

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