## + <u>CALENDAR</u> +

## 7 February to 14 February A.D. 2016

TODAY					
Divine Services	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.				
Sunday School & Bible Studies	10:00 A.M.				
THIS WEEK					
MONDAY					
Office of Matins	8:10 A.M.				
Lutheran Confessions Study	8:45 A.M.				
TUESDAY					
MOPS	9:15 A.M.				
Adult Volleyball (Gymnasium)	7:30 P.M.				
WEDNESDAY					
Imposition of Ashes—Chapel Service	8:10 A.M.				
Ash Wednesday Divine Service	7:00 P.M.				
Celebration Ringers Rehearsal	8:00 P.M.				
THURSDAY					
Social Ministry Meeting	9:00 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, 14 February					
Divine Services	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.				
Sunday School & Bible Studies	10:00 A.M.				
Board of Education Meeting	12:30 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 10:00 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 church conference room #105 at 10:00 a.m. Check it out!

**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!

#### 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 \$ 2,520.91. We are in the process of getting estimates for this project, which is anticipated to cost approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000.

**IT COMMITTEE** – To support the church and school environments, we are looking for resources with any of the following skills:

- Network security
- Wireless network
- Hardware recommendations
- Network troubleshooting
- Windows Server support

If you have some of these skills and are interested in joining this committee, please email Landon Martens at

<u>landon.martens@hpe.com</u> or call the church office at <u>248-887-4300</u>.

**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

**SUPER BOWL SUBS:** Subs will be ready for pickup after both services **TODAY**. If you ordered a sub for your child for school on Monday, February 8, you may pick them up either on Sunday or Monday.

**TODAY** — **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!

#### 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).

# NEW RADIO COMMERCIALS PROMOTING OUR CHURCH AND

**SCHOOL ON WHMI 93.5 FM!** You may listen to the commercials here: https://youtu.be/zs8wblpZeo4 (Church); and https:// youtu.be/LqmZFIgjmcU (School). These commercials will run in regular rotations over the course of the next four months, reaching hundreds of thousands of people. Praise God for this! Feel free to share them with family and friends. And by the way, we have the option to make a few more, which we will probably do after we consider the general response.

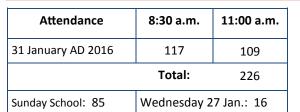
**THE CHURCH WEBSITE.** Have you ever visited our website? No? You really should! There's a lot of great stuff there that you can share with friends, especially the information about the identity of your church and her school. Speaking of the website, Roy Raymond has offered to help Pastor Thoma maintain it. Is there anyone else out there who may be interested in joining the effort? The help is needed. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Thoma at pastorthoma@charter.net.

**MARKETING EFFORTS.** We're still about \$500 short of being able to send out the mass mailing we were working to accomplish. Originally, we were hoping to get about 4,000 mailers out to the surrounding community, but we're thinking we may only try for 2,500. If you are able to help with this expense in some way, please contact Pastor Thoma. It is open enrollment time, so now's the time to drop an informative note into the mailboxes of prospective families – a note telling them all of the wonderful things about the school God has seen fit to place within our care!

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.

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





#### Week of 8 February to 14 February BIRTHDAYS

Vincent Belloli	2/9	Patrisha Roeske	2/11
Peter Brown Meighan Robinson	2/9 2/9	Gordon Engel Ashley Sanburn	2/12 2/12
Irene Besancon Cheryl Ferry	2/10 2/11	Michael Cubba	2/14

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Andrew and Heather Moldenhauer

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THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY: Adrian Atkinson, Raleigh Bahr, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Jack Bartenbaker, James Bastian, Wendell Bergren, Christopher Bolton, Susan Brandt, Mary Ann Brueggeman, Sylvia Cole, Carole Doll, Jim Faught, Carol Ford, Sharon Johnson, Bill Kirkpatrick, Kayla Marcum, Charles McCloskey, Bob Minock, Leah Nelson, Robert Nelson, Bekham Partee, Cindy Pushman, Rev. William Sabol, The Shirk family, Donald & Marie 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, 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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28— 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.

**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.

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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

#### CRANBROOK FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

Hopefully you had the opportunity to attend the Family Science Night on Friday evening at the end of Lutheran Schools Week. If not, you missed a great event. Cranbrook took over our gym, classrooms, and hallways with their portable Star Lab and a variety of science activities of interest to all ages. It was also a great evening of fellowship for school families, congregation members, and even some visitors from the community. At the end of the evening, the Cranbrook employees shared with us that our students and parents were very cooperative and that they would love to come back again soon. Thank you to the many people who volunteered to help with the science activities, served as greeters, helped with concessions, and stayed around to help clean up after the event.

#### CONGRATULATIONS HONOR STUDENTS

At the end of second quarter, twelve students received Honor Roll certificates.

The students earning High Honors with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 were:

Gabriel Cappellano – 6 Lilley Schleif – 6 Austin Combs – 7 Emersyn Kolonich – 7 Dominic Ripke – 7 Matthew Zaremba – 7 Brendan Pfenning – 8

Students earning Honors with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.74 were:

- Ava Edmonds 6
- Luke Pfenning 6 James Tougas – 6
- Logan Edmonds 7
- Lily Wintland 7

Special congratulations to the seventh grade for their hard work. All seventh grade students are on Honor Roll this quarter!

