

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENTS — 3 APRIL A.D. 2016

✠ CALENDAR ✠

3 April to 10 April A.D. 2016

TODAY

Divine Services **8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies 10:00 A.M

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Office of Matins **8:10 A.M.**
 School Board Meeting 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY

MOPS 9:15A.M.
 Adult Volleyball (Gymnasium) 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Celebration Ringers Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

THURSDAY

Women's LifeLight Bible Study 1:30 P.M.
 Cantate Choir Rehearsal 7:00 P.M.
 Brass Ensemble Rehearsal 8:30 P.M.

SATURDAY

Elders Meeting 7:00 A.M.
 Individual Confession and Absolution 9:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, 10 April

Divine Services **8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**
 Sunday School & Bible Studies 10:00 A.M.
 Board of Christian Education Meeting 12:30 P.M.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDIES will meet today:

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!

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).

EASTER THANK YOU'S — Thank you to each and every one of the people of God here at Our Savior who served in and through the Holy seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and now into Easter! May God — the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit — bless and preserve you as you continue in various forms of service, seeking to be faithful proclaimers of the death and victorious resurrection of the Lord!

THE CAPITAL FUND RECEIVED A HUGE BOOST! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

God is at work through His people! Our Capital Fund balance has increased to \$ 18,565.64! That is wonderful! And it means we're very close to meeting the need.

Remember, the current estimates are running between \$15,000 and \$20,000. If you can help by giving an "over-and-above" gift, please consider doing so. We're almost there, and with Spring just around the corner, the time is coming to get started on the repairs.

In the meantime, thank you to all who've stepped out in faith to help. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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

THE CHURCH WEBSITE. Have you ever visited our website (www.oursaviorhartland.org)? 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.

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.

Did you know that Pastor Heckert is leading a tour to Germany entitled "In the Steps of Martin Luther" in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation? We have brochures available here at the church if you are interested in reading more about it and possibly participating. You may find the brochures on the shelf in the entranceway. The dates for the trip are November 1-11, 2016.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 20 TO 24 – 9:00 A.M. TO 12 NOON – VBS 2016 is "FARM-TASTIC!" Register your children now for the **Barnyard Roundup VBS!** Your children will learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts. The key Bible verse is Psalm 23. Online Registration is available at

vbsmate.com/oursaviorhartlandmi and registration forms are available in the Church and School office, call Georgine at 248-887-4300 or email your request to gshelton@oursaviorhartland.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Be part of Barnyard Roundup VBS! As VBS staff you can share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help full or part time, we have many ways for you to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Call Georgine at 248-887-4300 or gshelton@oursaviorhartland.org, for more information. Join us to see how Jesus gathers us together!

SPRING IS HERE and we are looking for individuals, families, or groups to adopt a bed around the church or school to keep it clean and weed-free. Whether you are interested in doing one yourself or sharing with someone else, please sign up on the facilities map on the trustee's bulletin board across from the coatrack in the church hallway. A new listing is posted for 2016 so if you had signed up in the past and would like to continue ... and who wouldn't, please sign up again. Questions?

Email Michelle Nichols at mnichols@oursaviorhartland.org. *A man's children and his garden both reflect the amount of weeding done during the growing season.* ~Author Unknown



CHURCH AND SCHOOL WISH LIST

Are you able to help? We sure could use....

- Volunteers to adopt a flowerbed (See Michelle Nichols' note above)
- Folks to help with the tiling effort in the chapel.

Please speak with Pastor Thoma if you can help with any of these needs. If you would like to give financially toward any of these needs, please be sure to note it on your envelope or check before putting it into the offering plate.



Weekly Financial Report 27 March A.D. 2016

Attendance	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
27 March AD 2016 Easter Sunday	195	181
Total:		376
Sunday School: N/A		

<u>Holy Week Attendance:</u>	
Holy Monday	21 March A.D. 2016: 42
Holy Tuesday	22 March A.D. 2016: 43
Holy Wednesday	23 March A.D. 2016: 47
Maundy Thursday	24 March A.D. 2016: 128
Good Friday Tre Ore	25 March A.D. 2016: 122
Good Friday Tenebrae	25 March A.D. 2016: 121
Holy Saturday	26 March A.D. 2016: 99

Week of 4 April to 10 April

BIRTHDAYS

Shane Boehner	4/5	Helen Oliver	4/9
Suzanne Molnar	4/6	Jacob Forster	4/10
Richard Paananen	4/7	Lillian Clauser	4/10
Delores Butterfield	4/8	Kathryn Jock	4/10
Eliza Haponek	4/8	Tim Packard	4/10
Chris Pies	4/8	Nancy Cowden	4/10
Marissa Zarembo	4/8		

ANNIVERSARIES

Gerald and Carole Ford	04/08/1950
Steven and Beth Bailey	04/08/2000
Brian and Sharon Zarembo	04/08/2000
David and Elizabeth Appold	04/10/2010

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Did you know that there is a name for the fear of money? It's called chrematophobia. "Chremata" is the Greek word for "money." You probably already know what "phobia" means. One of the symptoms of this particular phobia is the dread of mismanaging money. It wasn't all that long ago that I spent quite a bit of time and mental energy communicating through these email newsletters that the leadership efforts here at Our Savior, when it comes to managing the funds God has provided through you, are honed, prayerfully mindful, and above reproach. When you give to the work of the Gospel here at Our Savior, every penny is squeezed of its maximum potential.

Here at Our Savior, there are four particular values you can count on when it comes to the management of tithes and offerings – Humility, Transparency, Consistency, and Faithfulness. Each of these permeates the work that our Budget and Financial men and women perform and accomplish.

With that, I must urge you to continue in faithful giving. Don't let up. We are making great strides and accomplishing great things for the sake of the Gospel.—Pastor Thoma

✠ PRAYERS ✠

THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY: Adrian Atkinson, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Jack Bartenbaker, Wendell Bergren, Christopher Bolton, Susan Brandt, Mary Ann Brueggeman, Matt Budisill, Sylvia Cole, Bill Cokley, Carole Doll, Jim Faught, Carol Ford, Kevin Haas, Sharon Johnson, Bill Kirkpatrick, Kayla Marcum, Lisa Martin, Charles McCloskey, Leah Nelson, Tommy Plewka, Cindy Pushman, Cindy Quinkert, The Shirk family, Robert Schneider, Art Swett, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Monica Tkac, Joan Thompson, Cheryl Tobel, 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

EASTER BENEVOLENCE COLLECTION

Each year before Easter the students assist the Board of Social Ministry with their Easter benevolence project. The students and their families donate nonperishable food items and household products that are distributed to needy families in the congregation and the community along with other items that they provide. The week before the distribution the students collected 329 items. A friendly competition helped to create an incentive to donate. Over 200 of the items were contributed on the last day. Luther House collected 140 items, and Walther House had 189 items. All students in Walther House are received a Burger King coupon as a reward for collecting the most items. The Board of Social Ministry distributed food and household items to 12 families before Easter and they are very grateful for the support of the students of Our Savior.

ENROLLMENT 2016-2017

The re-enrollment process for the fall of 2016 is nearly complete with 38 families returning their re-enrollment forms for next year for a current total of 62 students. This includes several new students who are younger siblings of current students. Several applications have been received from new families and the interview process will begin after Easter to admit those students whose families are seeking a quality Christian education for their children. We continue to pray that God will bless our school with new students to share His message of the Gospel.

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