

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENTS — 1 MAY A.D. 2016

✠ CALENDAR ✠

1 May to 8 May A.D. 2016

TODAY

Divine Services	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Special Congregation Meeting	10:00 A.M.
Sunday School	10:00 A.M.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Office of Matins	8:10 A.M.
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TUESDAY

Cantate Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.
Adult Volleyball (Gymnasium)	7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Celebration Ringers Rehearsal	7:15 P.M.
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THURSDAY

Responsive Prayer	8:10 A.M.
Women's LifeLight Bible Study	1:30 P.M.
Ascension Divine Service	7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, 8 May

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

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDIES will meet next week:

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).

MOTHERS in our congregation are invited to suggest hymns to be sung on Sunday **8 May A.D. 2016** at the Distribution of the Lord's Supper. Please submit your choice to the church office by **Wednesday, 4 May**. Thank you.

THE FINE ARTS FESTIVAL IS COMING!

Thursday, May 12 is the Spring Fine Arts Festival at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. The evening will include a concert featuring each music group of Our Savior Lutheran School and individual instrumental and vocal performances as well as art displays from the various classes. Plan to join us and hear and see what great things the children have been up to at Our Savior! A repeat of the concert will also be offered the morning of Friday, May 13 as part of Special Persons Day festivities.

♪♪ **COME ON, LET'S CRUISE!** ♪♪

The youth group is proudly hosting the 3rd annual Sock Hop AND Classic Car Show! Mark your calendar for May 21st, from 4-7pm. This is a FREE event for the whole family. Free admission, free entry for the car show, free beverages and snacks. Tony's Dogs of Howell will be there with his hot dog cart selling dogs, polish sausage and chips! Another new addition is a free photo booth! And as always, great music! Wear your 50's and 60's gear or come as you are! If you know someone with a hot rod (or have one yourself!) encourage them to come show it off!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join us this week for Sunday School in the cafeteria. Children will be making cards to send to the Ferry Family while parents are in the Special Congregation Meeting in the Nave.

Special Congregation Meeting TODAY

10:00 AM (between services)

Brothers and sisters, during our March congregation meeting, the discussion surrounding having one Sunday Divine Service or to continue with two Divine Services concluded with the commitment to allow for more discussion and questions and then schedule a follow-up vote at a special congregation meeting. The May 1 meeting will have the opportunity to vote on our direction. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. If there are any questions or comments in advance, please contact Dave Tabbert or Pastor Thoma. Blessings!

VBS 2016 is "FARM-TASTIC!"

JUNE 20 TO 24 – 9:00 A.M. TO 12 NOON

Register your children now for the *Barnyard Roundup* VBS!

Your children will learn that Jesus gathers us together!

The key Bible verse is Psalm 23.

Registration forms are available in the Church and School office and **Online Registration** at vbsmate.com/oursaviorhartlandmi
For more information call Georgine at 248-887-4300 or email 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. **Register on line** or Call Georgine at 248-887-4300 or email gshelton@oursaviorhartland.org, for more information. Join us to see how Jesus gathers us together!

"**JOHANN WALTER**" is the title of my latest blog post that was released on April 24 at lutheranreformation.org/blog. Should you take the time to seek it out, you will be sure to learn something interesting about the "first cantor of the Lutheran Church" and his contributions through God's great gift of music during the Reformation period that still reverberate today!



KEEP THE CHURCH GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL! Spend time communing with nature. Teach children or grandchildren the benefits of a job well done. Show everyone that Millennials really do know how to work hard. Use it as an opportunity to spend time with a friend. Sign-up to adopt-a-bed around the church or school. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the coatrack. Do it today!

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.**

STUDENTS ATTENDING LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOLS, COLLEGES OR SEMINARIES FOR THE 2016 – 2017 SCHOOL YEAR may fill-out the appropriate applications for review by the Board of Elders. Application packets are located in the black slots on the wall outside the church office and must be returned to the Elders mailbox no-later than; **June 1**. Any questions regarding the applications can be forwarded to Nicole Spangler (Church Administrator) or Harry Jock (Chairman of the Board of Elders).



Weekly Financial Report 24 April A.D. 2016

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE APRIL 24, 2016

8:30 Divine Service : 120 Sunday School/ Bible Studies: 74
 11:00 Divine Service: 95
 Total Attendance: 215

Week of 2 May to 8 May

BIRTHDAYS

Dawn Schleif	5/2	Ron Griffin	5/6
Jacob Zells	5/3	Liam Thibodeau	5/6
Jonathan Hoppe	5/4	Sarah Foradori	5/6
Erika Forster	5/5	Stephen Combs	5/8
Malachi Gallegos	5/5	Andrew Steward	5/8
Jessica Griffin	5/5	Jennifer Atkinson	5/8
Caitlyn Cubba	5/6		

ANNIVERSARIES

Scott and Kimberly Whitehouse	05/04/1991
John and Felicia Shirk	05/06/1978

Do You Know What I Like about Stewardship Here?

Do you know what I really appreciate about the way we do "stewardship" here at Our Savior? First, I love that we keep it Biblical. We're always starting and ending there. When this is the mode, we are more likely to see, understand, and be strengthened to give and serve according to God's perspective. That, of course, is very, VERY important. Second, we don't use gimmicks – that is, we don't rely on sinful man's self-interests to successfully meet a need for support, whether it's financial or through time and talents. What I mean is that we don't take a challenge that may be relatively obscure to most and then twist and turn it to make it relevant in a way that is of interest to everybody so that more people will give. We give the Gospel, and from this we do our best to educate, and then we trust that God will move His people to work together as a body of believers with their eyes upon faithfulness to Christ and the support of that same Gospel here in this place and around the world.

This is great stuff. I encourage you to rejoice in it as I do, to do what you can to serve and support the work, and to let others know just how wonderful faithful stewardship can be! – Pastor Thoma+

✠ PRAYERS ✠

THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY: Adrian Atkinson, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Jack Bartenbaker, David Bell, Wendell Bergren, Christopher Bolton, Susan Brandt, Matt Budisill, Sylvia Cole, Bill Cokley, Carole and Ferdinand Doll, Jim Faught, Carol Ford, Kevin Haas, Mary Hill, Bill Kirkpatrick, Debbie Kloekner, Kayla Marcum, Charles McCloskey, Leah Nelson, Miriam Nichols, Cindy Pushman, Cindy Quinkert, Robert Rabin, The Shirk family, Robert Schneider, Art Swett, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Joan Thompson, Cheryl Tobel, Susan Vogt, Eric Wermuth, 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 Ligon, 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.

Do you know your Elder? If not, check the Elder list below and the families assigned to them by family name initial.

Dan Cottrell	L, MP – MZ, N	James Tougas	M – MO
Steve Bell	C, R, ST – SZ	Bill Mrozek	G, JO – JZ, Q, V,
Malachi Gallegos	D, O, P -PH	Kent Nelsen	E, S – SR
Mike Hicks	W – Z	Roy Raymond	F, K,
Joel Hornick	A, T, U	John Rose	BP – BZ, PI - PZ
Harry Jock (chair)	H, I, J –JL	Jim Tabbert	B - BO

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

SPRING CLEANUP

In an effort to teach our students to be good stewards of God's creation, we hope to assist the congregation in getting the church and school flower beds in shape for the coming warmer weather. Weather permitting, on **Tuesday, May 3**, each class will plan a part of the afternoon to work outside in one or more designated areas to clean up debris, pull weeds, and other spring cleanup tasks. To be able to accomplish this, we will need additional help to supervise students, work with them, and teach them the tasks that need to be accomplished. We encourage parents to help with this if they are able, but would also like to invite other congregation members who may have the time and talents to join us in this effort to beautify the property. If you can spare some time between 1:00 and 3:30 on that day, please contact the school office. The more help that we have, the more we can accomplish.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

For many years, Our Savior has participated in the *Campbell's Labels for Education* program providing school supplies and equipment through the combined efforts of our church and school families and other friends connected to our school. Thank you to everyone who has helped by clipping UPC codes, caps, and other label designations to support our school. Unfortunately, Campbell's has informed us that they will be making significant changes to the program for the coming school year. As of this date, they have not shared with us their new program. Because of these changes, we will make our final label submission before the end of June. Please make an effort to submit to us all labels that may be in your cupboards, drawers, or even on food containers that you may not have consumed so that this final submission will earn us as many points as possible. We will be using all remaining points to purchase school supplies and equipment before the program is discontinued. Thank you for your help in this effort.

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