

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS — 22 MAY A.D. 2016

✠ **CALENDAR** ✠

22 May to 29 May A.D. 2016

TODAY

Divine Services	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School & Bible Studies	10:00 A.M.
New Adult Member Class	12:30 P.M.

HIS WEEK

MONDAY

Office of Matins	8:10 A.M.
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TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Celebration Ringers	7:15 P.M.
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THURSDAY

Responsive Prayer	8:10 A.M.
Women's LifeLight Bible Study	1:30 P.M.
Brass Rehearsal	(Day/Time: TBD)

SUNDAY, 29 May

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

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDIES will meet this 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!

There will be no Koinonia Bible Study today. Please watch the announcements for information regarding the next gathering.

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).

The new worship schedule will begin on Sunday, June 5th, which is right around the corner. If you know of anyone who may be unaware to this change, be sure to reach out to them to remind them that worship will begin at 9:30 a.m., with Bible Study to follow at 10:45 a.m. Although, on June 5th, we'll be celebrating staff anniversaries by way of a reception during the Bible study hour. Sunday School for the children will continue as normal.

"**JOHANN WALTER**" is the title of Kantor's 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!

Being the Church

(Jesus said) *"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven"* (Matthew 5:13-16).

Considering this Word of God, it is difficult to deny that we are often the means by which God blesses the world around us. Why does this matter? Because not only does the text include you — that is, if you are a believer — but it encourages you to get in the game of life around you with the Gospel and to know that you are blessed as a servant of the One who fully intends to use your efforts in faithfulness, both in word and deed, to extend His kingdom to others for the sake of their salvation and His glory.

— Pastor Thoma+

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
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

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

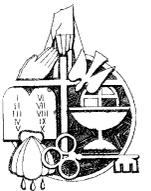
For more information call Georgine at 248-887-4300 or email gshelton@oursaviorhartland.org.

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!

ORDINATION OF JOSEPH BANGERT. We have a date for Seminarian Joe Bangert's ordination service! Consider this your invitation to join us on Sunday, June 26 at 3:00 p.m. for the Solemn Rite of Ordination of Joseph Bangert into the Office of the Holy Ministry! Of course, we are very excited to serve our brother and his family and we expect the day to be wonderful. If you are interested in serving for the meal that will follow, please direct your replies to the Board of Social Ministry, namely Tom Hay or Julie Schulte. If you need their contact information, just let the office know.



A gift for our Seminarian! We'd like to get Joe Bangert a gift in honor of his ordination into the Office of the Holy Ministry. A door offering will be collected on Sunday, June 5 to do just that. Our plan is to use the funds to purchase his first chasuble as well as do what we can to cover the expense for the meal on the day of his ordination, June 26 at 3:00 pm. Again, as the Spirit moves, please do what you can to support our brother in Christ.

Pastor Thoma and Kantor Swett sat down to discuss changes that will help to keep the service to 1 hour and 15 minutes without sacrificing confessional substance. This is what was discussed:

- The option stands for more Choir pieces to occur during the prelude.
- Notice on page 167 in the LSB (Divine Service II) that the first rubric is "A Hymn of Invocation may be sung." This is called a "may" rubric, which means we have some flexibility here. With that, the idea is to begin the service as we do with a Baptism, that is, the clergy and assistants will process in to the tolling of the bells and we'll simply begin the service right away with the Confession and Absolution.
- Don't worry. We'll sing a hymn of Invocation...sometimes, but it will happen where it is noted on page 168 right after Confession: "Introit, Psalm, or Entrance Hymn." Sometimes we'll sing a hymn. Other times we'll sing an introit or psalm.
- We will continue to exclude the Gradual from between the Old Testament and Epistle.
- Pastor will be very mindful of the length of the Prayer of the Church, beginning by removing the bids and simply praying the petitions. An idea for the bids is that we can put them into the announcements so that folks are aware.
- The Kantor will work on picking up the pace of the music. Pastor will work on shortening the length of the sermons.

We'll see how it goes and tweak it as necessary.



Weekly Financial Report 16 May A.D. 2016

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

May 15, 2016 Sunday School/ Bible Studies: 58
8:30 Divine Service : 127
11:00 Divine Service: 99
Total Attendance: 226

Week of 23 May to 29 May
BIRTHDAYS

Heather Belloli	5/23	Natalie Roesner	5/24
Micah Johnson	5/23	Susan Shipe	5/25
Abigail Settecerrri	5/24	Dale Belmas	5/27
IngaBritt Daniels	5/24	Alan Weedon	5/27

ANNIVERSARIES

Randy and Ava Pichan	05/23/1993
James and Jennifer Tabbert	05/26/2012
James and Suzanne Molnar	05/28/1980
Tim and Joyce Packard	05/29/1982

STUDENTS ATTENDING LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOLS, COLLEGES OR SEMINARIES FOR THE 2016 – 2017 SCHOOL YEAR may fill-out the appropriate scholarship 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).

School enrollment is looking very good right now. We are consistently receiving inquiries and pre-enrollment applications, and with these, we are giving regular tours and holding family interviews. We are expecting to grow slightly next year, being at around 90+ students, which is great! If you recall, when we started to restructure in a way that would provide for growth, the plan was to regulate growth in order that we could carefully maintain as it meets our financial needs. We're doing what we said we were going to do and God is blessing the effort.

Can you help?

One of our members is in need of transportation 2-3 times per month to get her mother back and forth to Ann Arbor. If you may be able to help please contact Diane Peck or Georgine in the church office for more information.

Loving **BABYSITTER NEEDED** (licensed) in my home, for a healthy & sweet 8 month old boy. Needs to be familiar with getting paid through the State of MI. Location is near downtown Milford. Job is full-time/days. If interested, please contact Breanna @ [248 820-4097](tel:2488204097). Thank you.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY: Adrian Atkinson, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Alex Bak, Christopher Bolton, Susan Brandt, Bruce Bunevich, Sylvia Cole, Abigail Daniels, Carole and Ferdinand Doll, Jim Faught, Kevin Haas, Mary Hill, Sharon Johnson, Bill Kirkpatrick, Debbie Kloeckner, Kayla Marcum, Charles McCloskey, Pam Miller, Miriam Nichols, Carl Norton, Racheal Pies, Cindy Pushman, Cindy Quinkert, Noah Reid, Rev. William Sabol, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Edwin Thoma, Joan Thompson, Chris Waldorf, David Welch family, Rev. John Wurst, and Frances Wyckoff.

MILITARY: Fletcher Armstrong, Jennifer Baca, Ramone Baca, Drew Barber, Brandy Bates, Robert Bell, Corry Brennan, Tom Buller, Brian Chapman, Mark Ciero, Norma Jean Cottrell, Jonathan Cross, Kenneth Eyer, Sgt. Paul Harrison, Drew Helmreich, Chad Libby, Neil Lipon, Richard McManamon, Meighan Mills, 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 and the families assigned to them by family name initial.

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

Fine Arts Night/Special Persons' Day

Thank you to everyone who came to Fine Arts Night and Special Persons' Day. Both events were well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time. The students did a great job of sharing their talents with the guests who were in attendance. Thank you to Kantor Swett and Mrs. Stahl for making it memorable, and the PTL ladies for their hard work to provide refreshments for everyone.

Scholastic Book Fair

The BOGO Book Fair was a huge success again thanks to your support and the time and effort of Jenn McClue. The final total of books sold was \$2,398.00 which gives us a Bonus of \$249.67 in Scholastic dollars to purchase books and other school supplies and equipment.

Hartland Memorial Day Parade

God has presented us with a wonderful opportunity to reach out to families in our community in Epley Park on Monday, May 30. We have reserved space for a booth in the park to promote our church and school before, during, and after the parade. Volunteers are needed from both the congregation and school to assist in handing out flyers and talking to people in attendance at the parade and in the park. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact the Dawn Schleif.

KEEP THE CHURCH GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL! Spend time outside. 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 signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the coatrack. Do it today!

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree. ~Martin Luther

CHURCH AND SCHOOL WISH LIST

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

- Donations and volunteers to support our VBS program
- 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.

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