

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS — 14 FEBRUARY A.D. 2016

✠ **CALENDAR** ✠

14 February to 21 February A.D. 2016

TODAY

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

Lenten Soup Supper	5:00 to 6:30
Lenten Office of Evening Prayer	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, 21 February

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

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).

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.

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, 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 \$ 4,020.91. We are in the process of getting estimates for this project, which is anticipated to cost approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000.

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

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/LqmZFlgjmcU> (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.

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.

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.

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

I.T. 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 landon.martens@hpe.com or call the church office at [248-887-4300](tel:248-887-4300).



This week's Soup Supper before mid-week service is sponsored by the Elders and Board of Christian Education. Lenten Soup Supper dates are as follows: **Wednesdays: February 17, 24; March 2, 9, and 16**
Time: 5:00 to 6:45 p.m.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF COLLECTION—This Lenten Season, the Social Ministry Committee is spearheading a collection effort for LWR at Our Savior. Each Week in Lent we'll collect items to make LRW Personal Care Kits that help impoverished people stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. There is a basket in the church lobby to collect items each Sunday. All items must be new and in original packaging. For more information on this effort visit lwr.org or call Tom Hay at 810-227-5849.
Next week's item will be BATH TOWELS. No larger than 20x40 to 52x27. Light weight and dark in color are recommended.

Week of 14 February to 21 February

BIRTHDAYS

Debra Preston	2/14	Alora Thibodeau	2/17
Greg Combs	2/15	Larry Arnold	2/18
Ayden Kirby	2/15	Janis Winters	2/19
Stephen Krieger	2/15	Shelly Hipple	2/20
Sadie Beale	2/17	Caleb Justice	2/20
Madeline Combs	2/17	Brenda Tabbert	2/21

ANNIVERSARIES

Paul and Kathleen Hatwell	02/16/2002
John and Judith Marinelli	02/19/1966
David and Brenda Tabbert	02/20/2010

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28— 40'S Plus KOINONIA BIBLE STUDY and POT LUCK. 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.

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.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

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, Bill Libby, Kayla Marcum, Charles McCloskey, Bob Minock, Leah Nelson, Robert Nelson, Bekham Partee, Cindy Pushman, Helen Rehfeld, Rev. William Sabol, The Shirk family, Donald & Marie Stoll, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Monica Tkac, Joan Thompson, Susan Vogt, Warren Williams, 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.

MOPS at Our Savior is having an upcoming Mom 2 Mom Sale on Saturday April 9th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00pm. Early Bird Admission at 8:30 a.m. regular admission is \$1.00. Interested in selling? Tables are \$20. For additional selling information please contact mopsmomssale@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there!

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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

OPEN HOUSE DATES

The scheduled open house dates for this year are:

- ◆ Thursday, February 18
- ◆ Tuesday, February 23
- ◆ Monday, February 29
- ◆ Wednesday, March 16.

They will be held during the school day to allow prospective families to see our classrooms in action. If you have family or friends that you would like to invite, speak to them and encourage them to visit, or give their contact information to the office, and we will send them an invitation. Appointments are recommended, but not necessary. If these dates are not convenient, special appointments on other days can also be arranged.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ROUNDUP ON March 8 for families with children eligible for preschool, prekindergarten, and kindergarten. Please share names and contact information of families that have children ready for these classes with the school office so that we may invite them to attend this special evening.

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.

As the Christmas season gets further and further from sight, with that we often see a steady dialing back in giving levels. I'm not sure why it happens this way, but it does. I think it may be happening again right now. I just hope that it isn't ever because there is a lack of trust in the people managing it. 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.