

**OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS — 28 FEBRUARY A.D. 2016

✠ **CALENDAR** ✠

**28 February to 6 March A.D. 2016**

**TODAY**

**Divine Services** **8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**  
 Sunday School & Bible Studies 10:00 A.M.  
 40 + Koinonia Bible Study 12:30 P.M.

**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY**

**Office of Matins** **8:10 A.M.**  
 Lutheran Confessions Study 8:45 A.M.

**TUESDAY**

Adult Volleyball (Gymnasium) 7:30 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**

Lenten Soup Supper 5:00 to 6:45 P.M.  
**Lenten Office of Evening Prayer** **7:00 P.M.**  
 Adult Bible Study 7:45 P.M.  
 Mid Week Confirmation 7:45 P.M.  
 Celebration Ringers Rehearsal 7:45 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, 6 March**

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

**FROM THE KANTOR**

"SINGING THE REFORMATION" is the title of my latest blog post that was released on February 12 at [lutheranreformation.org/blog](http://lutheranreformation.org/blog). Should you take the time to seek it out, you will be sure to learn something about the heritage of our confessional Lutheran hymnody. I hope this article will also be a reminder of the great gift of music that has been given to us and the opportunity and ability afforded us to proclaim and praise—through our own meager voices—the wonderful Gospel of Jesus!



This week's Soup Supper before mid-week service is sponsored by the PTL and the Dilbert family. Lenten Soup Supper dates are as follows:  
**Wednesdays: March 2, 9, and 16**  
**Time: 5:00 to 6:45 p.m.**

**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 \$ 4,295.91. 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](mailto:pastorthoma@charter.net).

**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.

**TODAY—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.

**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).

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

**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](http://lwr.org) or call Tom Hay at 810-227-5849.

**Next week's item will be Combs.** Make sure are new nad of sturdy construction.

## Week of 29 February to 6 March

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Joshua Thoma	2/29	Donna Hay	3/4
James Schneider	3/2	Justin Brooks	3/5
Jessie Swett	3/2	Michelle Shipe	3/5
David Pfenning	3/3	Shawn Witt	3/5
Sara Piepho	3/3	Eric Roeske	3/6
Gianna Schleif	3/3		

### **✠ PRAYERS ✠**

**THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY:** Adrian Atkinson, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Jack Bartenbaker, James Bastian, Wendell Bergren, Christopher Bolton, Susan Brandt, Mary Ann Brueggeman, Sylvia Cole, Bill Cokley, Carole Doll, Jim Faight, Carol Ford, Kevin Haas, Sharon Johnson, Bill Kirkpatrick, Bill Libby, Kayla Marcum, Leah Nelson, Robert Nelson, Bekham Partee, Cindy Pushman, Helen Rehfeld, The Shirk family, 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.

### **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. 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!

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

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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**

### **SHOWCASE NIGHT**

Mark your calendars for Showcase Night on **Friday, March 4, from 6:00 to 8:00**. It will be an evening of food and fun immersed in the world of science. Grades 6-8 are already hard at work on their Science Fair projects which will be judged, and the other classrooms will also have science projects and activities on display. You will definitely want to check out every classroom because the meal that evening is a progressive dinner with a different course being served in each classroom. PTL is planning the main course for the cafeteria and the side dishes will be served in the classrooms. Please invite friends and family to come with you to experience the Science Showcase Night.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Our Savior **March 4-10**. There will be several opportunities for congregation members to shop for books and other literary items while the books are on display in the ECC area between the church and school. There will be volunteers there to assist you on Friday evening during the Science Showcase Night, on Sunday, March 6, after both services, and on Wednesday, March 9, during the Lenten Soup Supper. Come and browse. If you cannot find something for yourself, consider buying a gift for someone else.

## **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. Pastor Thoma