

# OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS — 13 MARCH A.D. 2016

### ✠ CALENDAR ✠

**13 March to 20 March A.D. 2016**

#### TODAY

<b>Divine Services</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M.</b>
Sunday School & Bible Studies	10:00 A.M.
Confirmand Practice	12:30 P.M.
Quarterly Congregation Meeting	3:00P.M.

#### THIS WEEK

##### MONDAY

<b>Office of Matins</b>	<b>8:10 A.M.</b>
Lutheran Confessions Study	8:45 A.M.

##### TUESDAY

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

##### WEDNESDAY

Lenten Soup Supper	5:00 to 6:45 P.M.
<b>Lenten Office of Evening Prayer</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
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

Confirmation Breakfast	8:00 A.M.
Great Confession	9:30 A.M.

##### SUNDAY, 20 March

<b>Palm Sunday Divine Services</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M.</b>
Sunday School & Bible Studies	10:00 A.M.
Confirmation	11:00 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!

**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).

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

**God is at work through His people! We received an additional \$7,790 toward the catch basin/parking lot repairs last Sunday, which brings our Capital Fund balance to about \$12,411! 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:

<b>Preschool—Room 212</b>	—Sue Kelly, Alexis Ripke
<b>Grades K &amp; 1—Room 215</b>	—Joyce Hicks & Rachel Bronsberg
<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3—Room 219</b>	—Mia Chapman
<b>Grades 4 &amp; 5—Room 203</b>	—Bill & Ruth Libby & Janel Gryc
<b>Grades 6 &amp; 7—Room 205</b>	—Emily Helmreich
<b>Grade 8—Room 206</b>	—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 ([www.oursaviorhartland.org](http://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](mailto:pastorthoma@charter.net).



#### **QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING**

**LILIES** are needed to adorn the Lord's altar this Easter. Please sign up on the chart posted on the Lobby Bulletin Board near the flower chart.. Cost is \$15.00 for each lily plant. Funds may be put in a flower envelope and marked Easter Lilies.



**Wednesday, March 16 is the last Soup Supper before mid-week service sponsored by Social Ministry.**

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF COLLECTION**—This Lenten Season, the Social Ministry Committee spearheaded a collection effort for LWR at Our Savior. We want to thank everyone for all the donations. This week we are hoping to collect 17 more towels to complete our collection and prepare the LRW Personal Care Kits that will help the impoverished people stay healthy in the most challenging of situations.  
Social Ministry

### ✠ 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, Bill Kirkpatrick, Bill Libby, Kayla Marcum, Lisa Martin, Leah Nelson, Robert Nelson, Cindy Pushman, Cindy Quinkert, Helen Rehfeld, The Shirk family, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Monica Tkac, Joan Thompson, Cheryl Tobel, 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.

**Week of 14 March to 20 March**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Lena Roesner	3/14	Jacob Herrington	3/18
Khloe Bell	3/15	Natalie Herrington	3/18
Tanner McGovern	3/15	Erik Bolda	3/19
Kimberly Whitehouse	3/15	James Dixon	3/19
Cynthia Archer	3/16	Gerald Ford	3/19
Frank Pies IV	3/16	Corey Pies	3/19
Patricia Mrozek	3/17	Gretta Grupp	3/20

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Alan and Robin Searles	03/17/2007
Harry and Kathryn Jock	03/18/1982
Landon and Lisa Martens	03/20/1999

**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

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

**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.

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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 — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16.**

The Open House 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.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

This year's book fair was a huge success. Special thanks go to Jenn McClue for devoting many hours over the last three weeks to ensure its success. Our goal of \$2200 was reached by Wednesday morning after the students finished their shopping. As of Thursday morning, the final total was \$2,526.46. "All for Book" donations totaled \$57.68 which the teachers used to select books for their classroom libraries. Because we exceeded our goal, we are entitled to 50% of our total in additional books for the school. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort by purchasing books, and also to those who volunteered their time in some way. Raffle winners for the posters and prizes for the coloring contest were awarded at the end of the week. In celebration of a successful book fair PTL will reward the students with a "Smoothie Celebration" on Tuesday, March 15, during lunch period.

**Special thanks to the local businesses who made donations to our book fair:**

- Americus Grill in Brighton
- Bigby Coffee in Hartland
- Tropical Smoothie in Hartland
- Blackrock in Hartland
- Milford Cinema in Milford
- Midwest Plumbing in Brighton

**SHOWCASE NIGHT**

The Science Showcase Night and Progressive Dinner on Friday, March 4, was enjoyed by many of our families and their friends. The sixth through eighth grade science projects showed a lot of time and effort by the students. Congratulations to all of the honorees. It was also a great opportunity to visit classrooms and see the science activities that were happening at the other grade levels. The science themed dinner was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Those that attended enjoyed dinner while moving through the classrooms feasting on the wonderful and creative side dishes that had enhanced the science theme for the evening.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE VISIT**

Our current state representative Hank Vaupel along with our former state representative Cindy Denby visited Our Savior on Monday, March 7, to read to our students in kindergarten through grade three. Rep. Vaupel shared with the students the importance of reading, read several Shel Silverstein poems, and gave each of the students a bookmark and a new toothbrush. Both representatives commented on how attentive the children were.