

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS — 10 APRIL A.D. 2016

✠ **CALENDAR** ✠

10 April to 17 April A.D. 2016

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Office of Matins 8:10 A.M.
School Board Meeting 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY

Women's Guild Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Adult Volleyball (Gymnasium) 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Celebration Ringers Rehearsal 7:15 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.

SUNDAY, 17 April

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

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDIES will meet today:

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).

Special Congregation Meeting

Sunday, May 1st

10:00 AM (Between services)

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

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

God is at work through His people! Our Capital Fund balance has increased to \$ 20,806.64! That is wonderful!

WE MET THE NEED!!! THANKS BE TO GOD!!!

Thank you to all who 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:

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

THE CHURCH WEBSITE. Have you ever visited our website (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.

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.

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.

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! 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 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!

SPRING IS HERE and we are looking for individuals, families, or groups to adopt a bed around the church or school to keep it clean and weed-free. Whether you are interested in doing one yourself or sharing with someone else, please sign up on the facilities map on the trustee's bulletin board across from the coatrack in the church hallway. A new listing is posted for 2016 so if you had signed up in the past and would like to continue ... and who wouldn't, please sign up again. Questions?

Email Michelle Nichols at mnichols@oursaviorhartland.org.

A man's children and his garden both reflect the amount of weeding done during the growing season. ~Author Unknown



EASTER THANK YOU'S — Thank you to each and every one of the people of God here at Our Savior who served in and through the Holy seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and now into Easter! May God — the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit — bless and preserve you as you continue in various forms of service, seeking to be faithful proclaimers of the death and victorious resurrection of the Lord!



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

APRIL 03, 2016

8:30 Divine Service : 66 Sunday School/ Bible Studies: 50
11:00 Divine Service: 68
Total Attendance: 134

Week of 11 April to 17 April

BIRTHDAYS

Carrie Bangert	4/11	Adam Jaskierny	4/13
William Mrozek	4/11	Ryan Chapman	4/14
Benjamin. Glasco	4/12	Maddison Muir	4/15
Claudia Glick	4/12	Lucas Cowden	4/15
Kathleen Hangstefer	4/13	Seth Whitehouse	4/16
Ruth Muir	4/13	Brenda Dunseth	4/17
Kae Schorling	4/13	Robert Shipe	4/17

ANNIVERSARIES

Glenn and Claudia Trapp	04/16/1966
Richard and Sandy Paananen	04/17/1982

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.

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

✠ 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 Faight, Carol Ford, Kevin Haas, Bill Kirkpatrick, Kayla Marcum, Lisa Martin, Charles McCloskey, Leah Nelson, Tommy Plewka, Cindy Pushman, Cindy Quinkert, Robert Rabin, The Shirk family, Robert Schneider, Art Swett, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Joan Thompson, Cheryl Tobel, Susan Vogt, 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.

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

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

We recently received our Kroger Community Rewards statement for purchases between 11/1/2015 and 1/31/2016. It was accompanied with a check for the school in the amount of \$190.27. THANK YOU. This is from 32 households. If you have not designated our school on your Kroger card, please consider doing so. The directions are available as a link on Fast Direct and can be acquired at the school office. Your help does make a difference! All current participants must re-enroll in April to continue earning Kroger Community Rewards for Our Savior from May 2016 - April 2017. See directions below.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS ENROLLMENT

For a member to re-enroll your card simply go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and Click "sign-in"

Put in your email address and password that you used to enroll your card. If you've forgotten part of it, they'll send it to you or contact customer service. (To contact Customer Service call 1-800-KROGERS, press 5 for customer service, press 5 to speak to a customer service representative.) Scroll down to Community Rewards, click on "Enroll". Put in the group number #84069 or part of the name of the organization. Choose the correct organization. Currently our name shows up as "Our Savior Lutheran Church & School Scrip" Verify the address (13667 W. Highland Rd, Hartland, MI 48353) so you'll know you've found our church and school

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