

**OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS — 18 SEPTEMBER A.D. 2016

✠ **CALENDAR** ✠

**18 September to 25 September A.D. 2016**

**TODAY**

<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>
Bible Study and Sunday School	10:45 A.M.
Youth Bar-B-Que	1:00 P.M.
Quarterly Congregation Meeting	3:00 P.M.

**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY**

<b>Office of Matins</b>	<b>8:10 A.M.</b>
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**TUESDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

<b>Mid-Week Divine Service</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
Celebration Ringers Rehearsal	7:30 P.M.
6th to 8th Grade Midweek/Confirmation Class	7:30 P.M.
Adult Bible Study	7:30 P.M.

**THURSDAY**

<b>Responsive Prayer/Liturgics</b>	<b>8:10 A.M.</b>
Women's LifeLight Bible Study	1:00 P.M.
Cantate Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.
Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	8:30 P.M.

**SUNDAY, 25 September**

Divine Service	9:30 A.M.
Bible Study and Sunday School	10:45 A.M.
New Membership Class	12:15 P.M.
40+ Koinonia Bible Study	5:30 P.M.

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH!**

Please join us with your family today, Sunday, September 18 at 1:00 P.M. The board of youth is hosting a BBQ at the Bronsberg's house- 10126 Abrams Fork, Brighton, MI 48114. We will be presenting our calendar of events for the school year. Please join us for food, fellowship, and filling up your calendar with fun! If you have any questions, please contact Rachel at 517-410-3121.

*"From the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!' At once the disciples looked around, but they saw only Jesus." Mark 9:7*

**LIFELIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** has begun a study on *The Gospel of Mark*. We meet on Thursdays at the church while school is in session from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Our time together is spent in small groups, prayer, and discussion of the previous week's lesson which should be completed at home.

Materials are available in the lobby of the church. The cost of the book is \$10.00. Childcare will be provided as needed. Please let us know if you will be bringing a little one as soon as possible.

All women are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions feel free to contact LifeLight's director, Carol Caswell at 248-296-1149.

**God's Grace in the New Testament Bible Study**, led by Pastor Heckert, has resumed Wednesday evenings at 7:45-8:30 p.m., following the Divine Service. A brief overview brochure is available on the shelf in the narthex. Please make plans to join us for worship and Bible Study this fall!

**FROM THE KANTOR**

Though worth a try, your strategy of waiting for OTHER members of the congregation to step up and join the Celebration Ringers (Adult Handbell Ensemble) has FAILED! Now, I implore you to adopt the strategy in which YOU volunteer to join us!! We are unfortunately at the point where we don't have enough people to facilitate an ensemble; but with just a couple more volunteers we will be able to provide service music once again utilizing two out of the three octaves of handbells that we have. There is no need to fear if you have little or no experience with handbells or with music in general—I teach beginning children every year and they do quite well; the same is possible for you! Please see me so that I can get you caught up before joining the rest of the group at our next scheduled rehearsal this Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the choir loft. Thank YOU!

**UPDATE:** Since last Sunday we have gained two ringers, but lost one. TWO ringers are still needed to have a full ensemble!!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS THIS WEEK:** Bring your children to Sunday School and join the adults for Pastor Thoma's Bible Study in the ECC area. Please be sure to drop your children off and pick them up in their room. The following is the room and teacher information based on grade:

<b>Pre-school &amp; K</b>	<b>Room 212—Sue Kelly</b>
<b>Grades 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Room 215—Rachel Bronsberg</b>
<b>Grades 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>Room 219—Michelle Nichols</b>
<b>Grades 5, 6, &amp; 7</b>	<b>Room 205—Emily Helmreich</b>
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>Room 206—Donna Hay</b>

**EVER THOUGHT ABOUT HELPING WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL?**

*First*, we welcome Laurie Bliese on board as our new Sunday School Superintendent! Thank you Laurie for your willingness to serve and support the Gospel efforts of this congregation in such a way!

*Second*, we still need a "Craft Coordinator." If you are a creative, imaginative, resourceful, inventive...(I'm using as many synonyms as come to mind for "creative")...then the Sunday School needs your help! Let me (Pastor Thoma) know if you are interested. This year is looking to be a wonderful new year of study in the Lord with a great group of faithful, loving, and dedicated servants of the congregation!

You should be a part of it!

**School News — 18 September A.D. 2016**

**What's New at Our Savior for 2016-17?** Every new school year brings changes to our school. In past weeks we have shared information about new staff and students, but what else is new this year?

Because there was money available in a designated technology fund, the Wi-Fi throughout the entire facility was replaced and upgraded, and outdated teacher computers in classrooms were replaced.

We were able to purchase ten additional desks and twenty new student chairs due to the increased enrollment and an additional classroom being used. Money had been set aside for school furniture several years ago that allowed us to do this.

A new reading curriculum was purchased for all students in kindergarten through third grade. This investment in teaching reading skills to our students was made possible by a grant from the Bretzlaff Foundation.

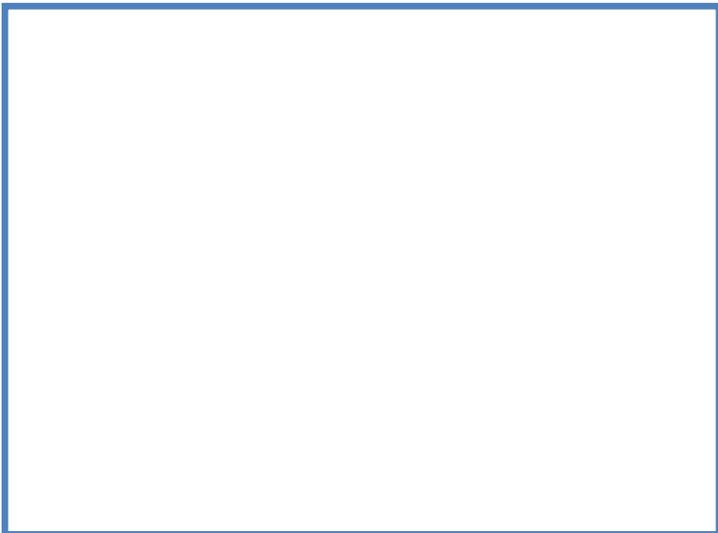
After replacing the library computer, it was discovered that the old software was not compatible with the new computer. After some research and discussions with some contacts at a public library, a very affordable program was discovered. PTL has agreed to cover the costs of the initial subscription. Once the setup of the program takes place and book information is imported into the new system, our students will be checking out books similar to the way they do at a public library.

Thanks be to God for these changes and improvements for our teachers, students, and their families!

**Thank-Scrip-ing Day:** For those families that use the Scrip program to purchase gift cards for shopping and gift giving, please note that tomorrow, September 19, is Thank-Scrip-ing Day. From 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, you may partake in the highest rebate offers on popular ScripNow products and have your electronic gift cards delivered to your ShopWithScrip account in minutes, or if paying by check, on the next day that orders are submitted which is Tuesday each week. You must have a ShopWithScrip account to access these special deals. What a great way to kick start your earnings this year! Remember that a portion of the proceeds from the Scrip you purchase can be applied to school tuition and fees.

**THINKING AHEAD TO HIGH SCHOOL IN THE NEAR FUTURE?** Interested families are invited to attend the Lutheran High Northwest Open House on Thursday, October 6, at 7:00 P.M. Learn what sets LHNW apart from other schools and how your child can grow academically, socially and, most importantly, spiritually as part of a Christ-centered community at Northwest. Attend a presentation on LHNW, tour the school, talk to teachers and students, and watch the LHNW volleyball team take on Southfield Christian (free admission for parents of prospective students as well as for children through grade 8). No reservations required. Lutheran High School Northwest is at 1000 Bagley Avenue in Rochester. Can't attend? Visit our website at [www.lhnw.lhsa.com](http://www.lhnw.lhsa.com) for more information or call us at 248-852-6677.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP IN CHRIST:  
Attendance, Tithes, and Offerings**



**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE — September 11, 2016**

9:30 Divine Service Total Worship Attendance: 232

Summer Sunday School: N/A

**Week of 18 September to 25 September**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Chad Fletcher	9/19	Lauren Serra	9/20
Michelle Pushman	9/19	Keith Petrella	9/21
Jonathan Swett	9/19	LeAnna Quillan	9/21
Dennise Whiting	9/19	Ryan Thibodeau	9/21
Jane Bak	9/20	Cecilia Bronsberg	9/22
Carson Biddix	9/20	Courtney Paige	9/22
Julie Bolda	9/20	Carolle Rogers	9/22
Brian Lockitski	9/20	Jeffrey Wiggins	9/23
Camdyn Muller	9/20	Jayson Greania	9/24

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING**

Our quarterly congregation meeting has been scheduled for today, **Sunday, September 18 at 3:00 p.m.** Please join us in participating in the discussions and decision-making. There's plenty to discuss! Praise God for His continued care of this congregation and our efforts to be the salt of the earth and lights in the world! *By the way*, there was talk some time ago about scheduling the congregation meetings during the Bible study hour immediately following our single service. The hope was that more folks would attend and become more attuned to the business of the church. Any thoughts on this? Obviously we're not doing it this time around, but we may begin scheduling as such with the meeting in December. Keep the idea in mind, and if you have any questions or concerns, be sure to let Pastor Thoma know.

**MISSIONARY NEWS!**

Pastor Ferry and his family will be with us on Sunday, October 9. Pastor Ferry will preach and then he and his family will share with us during the Bible study hour their Gospel efforts in Southeast Asia. Join us!

Also, Rev. Rohwer with P.O.B.L.O. and several of POBLO's Muslim missionaries would like to join us on Sunday, November 20 for worship and study. Please be sure to be with us then, too!

**CAN YOU HELP?**

**DO YOU HAVE BOYS CLOTHING**, size 18-24 months, that you are no longer using? Please contact Becky at 248-773-1834 or the church office if you are able to help.

**Conference Curtain:** The backdrop curtain that we use for the conference must be rented for \$270. Can you help with this expense? Or perhaps you willing to spearhead a group willing to build our own so that we don't have to continue to rent it. Talk to Pastor Thoma if you can help.

**The Prayer of the Church**

**Today, the people of God pray for:**

1. For all believers in Christ and for all of mankind according to its needs;
2. For this nation, for those given the privilege of governing her, for those who stand ready to serve and protect in our police, fire, and military forces;
3. For the Christian churches across the world, for this Christian church here in Hartland, for faithfulness to God in the stewardship of all that He has given and will continue to give us, for all pastors of the churches, all those in auxiliary service, for all missionaries sent into foreign nations;
4. For the following member families of this congregation:

Sue Morley; Christopher & Jack  
Bill and Trish Mrozek;  
Anthony, Jonathan, Victoria, Dillon, & Caleb  
Ruth Muir; Gabrielle & Maddison  
Shannon Muller  
Jon and Jaclyn Muller; Camdyn & Caelan  
Heather Mundt; Carter  
Leith and Sarah Nader  
Geoff and Nancy Nast; Amy & Ryan  
Travis Neil; Kaidence  
Kent Nelsen  
Thomas and Bonnie Nelson  
Bill and Cathy Neuroth; Michael & Casey  
Robert Neuroth  
George and Amegan Newport;  
Addison, Samantha, & Nathan  
Ted and Michelle Nichols; Luke, Jacob, & Anna  
Jim and Laurie Nordin; Lindsey & Johanna  
Chris Norgren; Jillian & Jacob  
Ray and Cheryl Norton; Matthew

5. And we pray humbly for God's care for those who suffer and mourn.

**✠ PRAYERS ✠**

**THE SICK, THE SHUT-INS, THOSE IN ADVERSITY:** Adrian Atkinson, Ingeborg Bailey, Jack & Barbara Bain, Alex Bak, Beverly Berry, Christopher Bolton, Kelly Bowman, Susan Brandt, Bruce Bunevich, Jeff Charder, Marc Charder, Lori Cokely, Sylvia Cole, Carole Doll, Kevin Haas, Lucas Hemeyer, Conrad Huntly, Marsha Johnson, Teresa Kaminsky, Bill Kirkpatrick, Kayla Marcum, Charles McCloskey, Connie Miller, Helen Oliver, Racheal Pies, Cindy Pushman, Cindy Quinkert, Howard Schrock, Doris Shirk, Carey Smith, Donna Talsma, Randi Talsma, Joan Thompson, Monica Tkac, The Waldorf 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.

**MOPS IS IN NEED OF CAREGIVERS** for the upcoming year. MOPS meets from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning September 20th. Please contact Kelly Roesner (810-397-3981/kkroesner@gmail.com) or Heather Belloli (734-765-4293/hhgemini23@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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