Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1John 4:11

The Flame

This Week at a Glance:

Today (9/14): Library Day
- 7:00 Divine Service
- 7:45 Bible Study – *God's Grace in the New Testament*
- 7:45 6th to 8th Grade Midweek/ Confirmation Class

Thurs. (9/15): Popcorn Day
- 8:10 Chapel
- 1:30 *LifeLight* Bible Study

Fri. (9/16): **Pizza Day**
Subway Order Form Due for 9/20
Spirit Wear Order Form Due

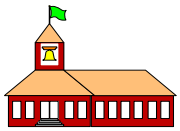
Sun. (9/18):
- 9:00 Warm-up Jr. Choristers
- 9:30 Divine Service
- 10:45 Sunday School & Bible classes
- 12:15 New Membership Class
- 3:00 Congregation Meeting

Mon. (9/19):
- 8:10 Chapel
- 3:35 Young Flames—Group B

Tues., (9/20): Subway Day
- **8:30 Scrip order deadline**
- 9:15 MOPS
- 7:30 Adult Volleyball

Wed., (9/21): Library Day
- 7:00 Divine Service
- 7:45 Bible Study – *God's Grace in the New Testament*
- 7:45 6th to 8th Grade Midweek/ Confirmation Class

From Your Principal



Attendance

Parents, thank you for your efforts these first weeks of school in helping your children arrive at school on time and ready to begin working at the beginning of each day. There have been very few tardies so far this year, and Mrs. Kurth's Tuesday/Thursday P3 class has not had any tardies so far. Getting to school on time and into the classroom with all other students significantly contributes to academic and social success. Keep up the good work!

Chapel Offerings

Offering envelopes were distributed at orientation. They may be used for your child's offering on chapel days. Please make sure that you only use the chapel offering envelopes that were given to you this year. This is very important for record keeping purposes. All students have been assigned new numbers! Also, make sure to write the amount of the offering on the outside of the envelope if you wish to be credited.

The first chapel project this year will be to support the Ferry Family in Southeast Asia. Many of our students and families know them from two years ago before they accepted the call to serve as missionaries in Indonesia. They are returning home this fall to share the exciting things they have been doing among the people they serve. They will be in Michigan at Our Savior October 7-9. We are challenging our students to see how much they can raise in chapel offerings by that weekend to help support their work when they return to Indonesia.

Book Covers

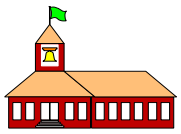
To help maintain the longevity of our hard cover textbooks, we request that parents help their children cover their books with a sturdy paper or stretchy book cover. ***This is especially important on the new textbooks purchased this year.*** Please **do not** use any covers that adhere to the book with any type of sticky adhesive. Even the covers that state they are removable leave a sticky substance behind after being attached to the book for nine months. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

LESA Services

If your child is struggling in school, please speak to the classroom teacher or the principal. We receive Special Education services through Livingston Educational Service Agency and can make the arrangements for testing to take place. You can contact Sue Pearson at the following email: SuePearson@hartlandschools.us

Lutheran Doctrine Overview Classes

Pastor Thoma will teach the Lutheran Doctrine Overview classes for parents of students who attend Our Savior but do not hold membership in a Lutheran church on Tuesday evening, October 25. This class is intended to help parents understand what their children will be learning while attending Our Savior. The school handbook indicates that there will be multiple sessions, but Pastor believes he can cover everything in one evening. A second session will be scheduled only if necessary. A letter will be sent to those families that are requested to attend the class, but other parents are also welcome to attend. The class begins at 6:30 and will last about ninety minutes.



School News

Lutheran High Northwest (LHNW)

Joe Lower, the Admissions Counselor, from LHNW in Rochester Hills will be at Our Savior this Friday, September 16, to share information about the high school and especially the events related to their Homecoming celebration on September 23. He will be speaking to all students in grades 3-8 shortly after announcements at 8:15. Parents are welcome to stay for his presentation to also learn more about the high school. His presentation is only expected to be 15 to 20 minutes.

Junior Choristers

This Sunday, September 18, the Junior Choristers will be singing for the 9:30 a.m. worship service at Our Savior. Remember, the children need to meet by 9:00 in the Chapel (corner room at the far side of the church narthex). We need to warm-up, run-through music, and take our place in the choir loft - all by 9:25!

Although attendance for this choir is not "mandatory," each student's presence is necessary for this group of singers to serve the worship service in a meaningful way. It will also help them to experience the same feeling of accomplishment that we do every week in rehearsals.

Pizza day

Remember to bring your money this Friday morning if you would like pizza for lunch. It would be helpful if you would include your name and how many slices of the kind of pizza you are ordering on the outside of your money envelope. Cheese, pepperoni, or ham will be available for your dining pleasure!

Family Pictures

The beginning of a new school year always brings new smiling faces in the building from students, parents, and staff. Please send in a 4 x 6 family photo to add to our bulletin board to help everyone become more familiar with each other. A few have been submitted. We need many more.

Dress Code Cardigans

Now that we are getting into the cooler weather, students may need an extra layer of clothing. In the classrooms, students may wear a cardigan or pullover sweater. Any solid color sweater/cardigan is acceptable. "Hoodies" will not be allowed in the classrooms, but can be worn at recess. An embroidered OSL fleece is also acceptable. No patterned fleeces/sweaters are allowed. Some sweaters are available in the uniform exchange, contact the school office if you are interested. Thank you for your support.

Blood Drive

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School will once again be hosting American Red Cross Blood Drives here in our gymnasium. Our first blood drive this year is on Friday, September 23, from 2 to 6:45 p.m. To schedule an appointment, log on to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: OurSaviorHartland or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Appointments are honored. Walk-ins are welcome. Help save lives! Schedule an appointment to give blood.

Grades 6 – 8 Camp

This fall grades 6 - 8 will experience their outdoor education unit at Camp Copneconic, north of Fenton, Monday through Wednesday, October 17-19. Parents of students in grades 6 - 8 will receive a letter containing more details by the beginning of October.

Kroger Community Rewards

We recently received the Kroger Community Rewards statement for purchases between 5/1/2016 and 7/31/2016. It was accompanied with a check for the school in the amount of $330.36! THANK YOU! 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.**

Shoparoo

What is Shoparoo? It is a hassle-free fundraiser that earns money for Our Savior Lutheran School. This free mobile app lets you earn cash donations for our school just by taking pictures of your shopping receipts. It's easy and only takes a few seconds. The best part is that it doesn't matter where you shop or what you buy—every receipt counts. Join us in this fundraising activity today. Download the free app: www.shoparoo.com. A few of our families participate in this program. We could earn more money if more families participated. You should check it out!

Facebook

Are you on Facebook? Make sure to "Like" the Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran School AND Our Savior Hartland PTL pages. Important information and upcoming events will be posted from time to time on each page. Make sure to "Like" both to always be up to date with the latest information.

Scrip *is here again this year and is a great way to support our school* ***without costing you anything extra!***

An order form is available as a link on Fast Direct. The next order will be placed on Tuesday, September 20 Orders will be accepted until 8:30 a.m. *You can also order reloads through* ***Scrip Now!***

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Thank-Scrip-ing Day is **coming, September 19** from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Eastern time. Partake in the highest rebate offers on popular ScripNow products and get your electronic gift cards delivered to your ShopWithScrip account in minutes - what a great way to kick-start your earnings this season! ***Remember that a portion of the proceeds from the Scrip you purchase can be applied to your school tuition and fees.***

PTL

Ice Cream Social/Movie Night

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the PTL Ice Cream Social/Movie Night possible. The event was well attended by many of our families. Special thanks to Michelle Pushman for being the event coordinator for this evening and Jeffery Kettle, Jennifer Churray's brother, for allowing us to use his valuable audio and video equipment. There are many others who donated toppings, arrived early to set up, and stayed after the movie to clean up. You are all appreciated very much. Please be sure to fill out a form or email the PTL at ptl@oursaviorhartland.org of your involvement so that your points are tabulated.

PTL Fun Run

Join us on Monday, September 19, right after chapel in the gym to learn more about this year's Fun Run. Superhero

Training Academy will be here to share information about the Superhero challenges for the students, and PTL will be sharing information regarding the Fun Run with the students. Students will also receive their Fun Run packets with all of the information and may begin collecting pledges as of next week. Parents are encouraged to join us for chapel on Monday morning and stay for the assembly after if they are able. Both will be uplifting and inspiring activities to begin your week.

Volunteer Points

We are only a couple of weeks into the school year, but already many of you have donated your time and talents to accomplish many things, both during the school day and at the several fellowship events that have happened. It is each family's responsibility to report to PTL of their involvement and participation. You may do this by filling out a form and leaving it in the basket in the school office or sending an email to ptl@oursaviorhartland.org. This week a visual of the volunteer involvement is being placed in the school hallway under the theme of "Each of us a single note, together we create a masterpiece." Musical notes will be added to the musical staff to show the volunteer efforts of our families. Black will indicate involvement from Luther House families. Red will indicate involvement from Walther House families. The musical staff will be extended as needed, and hopefully, wrap around the corner into the next hallway. (I had the colors wrong on Tuesday)

Spirit Wear Order

An order form was in your orientation folder. We are still accepting orders for Spirit Wear. If you would still like to order any items from this first order of the year, please return with payment by **Friday, September 16**. Hopefully, the items will be here to be worn for the October Spirit Day. Order forms are also available as a link on Fast Direct and in the school office. Another order will be placed in November to arrive before Christmas.

Apple Harvest Special Lunch

The first Special Lunch of the year is planned for Thursday, September 22. The "Apple Harvest" order form is coming home with today's family messenger. Please be sure to return the form by Tuesday, September 20, so the proper food quantities can be purchased and prepared.

Corporate Sponsors Needed for the fall PTL Fun Run. If you know of a company that would possibly help sponsor our Fun Run, please contact Joanna Daniels at PTL@oursaviorhartland.org.

Volunteers Lend a Hand!

Library Volunteers

for Tuesday, 9/20: Jen Kolonich
for Wednesday, 9/21: Jennifer Wiggins

Popcorn Volunteers

for Thursday, 9/15: Carol Blazen

Subway Volunteer

for Tuesday, 9/20:

Pizza Bakers Volunteer

for Friday, 9/16: Combs, Kolonich, Mrozek
for Friday, 9/30: Mortz, Cappellano, Zaremba

Volunteer Opportunities

Many thanks to those who have already signed up to be a coordinator or assist with the many different jobs that happen each day at our school, or the various events throughout the school year. We are off to a great start! With that said, we still have a few key positions that could use a little help:

Popcorn Poppers (Thursdays from 8 to 10)

If you have any questions or would like more specific details on these positions, please email ptl@oursaviorhartland.org for information. Many hands make light work!

Many Helping Hands!

Thanks to Volunteers; many things are getting accomplished. Special thanks to….

- The following people who helped with the Chorister robes: Aneesa Cappellano for assigning and washing, Cheryl Wintland for washing, Julie Edmonds for washing, Carol Caswell for altering, Jenn McClue for organizing, and Dawn Schleif for washing.
- Barry and Kim Leonard for preparing Grade 1 math lessons.
- Inga Daniels for posting the PTL Volunteer sign and musical staff in the school hallway.
- Jeffery Kettle and Jennifer Churray for providing and operating the audio/video equipment on Friday night.

- Michelle Pushman for coordinating the Ice Cream Social/Movie Night.
- All other parents and families that donated toppings, helped set up and cleanup after the events on Friday night.
- Dawn Schleif for organizing the reception on Sunday after Ruth Hempel's installation.
- Families that donated items for the reception on Sunday.
- Adam Pushman, Ryan Bronsberg, Landon Martens, and Frank Pies for spending last Saturday painting the school stage and removing the unsafe climbing structure from the playground. William and Layton Pushman were are also willing helpers.

Sports

Reminder: Each student is required to bring a pair of clean gym shoes to leave at school that will only be worn in the gym. All students in grades 6-8 need a solid color t-shirt and solid color shorts of dress code length for PE classes. They may be stored in the lockers in the rooms adjoining the gym. They should be taken home to be laundered as needed and then returned to school.

Congregational News

New Member Adult Class

The class begins **at 12:15 p.m. (right after the late service).** As always, if you or someone you know would like to join the fellowship, or perhaps you would like a refresher course on what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans, then consider joining the class. The class will meet in the ECC right after the regular adult Bible Study.

Congregation Meeting

Congregational meeting Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 3:00.

Rally Day Balloon Found

On Tuesday we received an email from a lady named Priscilla with the following message:
"*I found this balloon lodged in a crabapple tree on Thistle Drive in a condominium complex in Canton called the Links of Pheasant Run. The date of finding was 9-12-2016. The balloon was purple and had the name of Ava G. grade 3.*" This note along with any others that we receive will be posted on the church hallway bulletin board for others to see.

MOPS

Mops is looking for caregivers for the upcoming year. They meet from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning September 20, 2016. Please contact Kellie Roesner at (810) 397-3981 or kkroesner@gmail.com or Heather Belloli at (734) 765-4293 or hhgemini23@gmail.com if you are interested.

Sunday School Volunteers

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

We still need a "Craft Coordinator". If you are a creative, imaginative, resourceful, inventive person, then the Sunday School needs your help. Let 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.

Sunday School/Bible Class

Join us for Sunday school and Bible class on Sunday mornings after service 1t 10:45 a.m.. The location of each class and teacher are as follows:

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 10:45 a.m.

Preschool-K: Room 212-Sue Kelly
Grades 1-2: Room 215-Rachel Bronsberg
Grades 3-4: Room 219-Michelle Nichols
Grades 5-7: Room 205-Emily Helmreich
Grade 8: Room 206-Donna Hay
High School: Room 204– Bill Mrozek

If you are not on the congregation email list, you are missing out on a lot of helpful information!!! To get on the list, just send an email to:
pastorthoma@oursaviorhartland.org

LifeLight Women's Bible Study

Beginning Thursday, September 8, 2016, Lifelight Women's Bible Study will begin here at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hartland. Lifelight involves personal study, small group discussion and prayer. Three sessions will be conducted this school year with a study of the Gospel of Mark. Lifelight begins at 1:30 p.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Materials will be available in the lobby of the church two weeks prior to our first meeting. 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. Their new meeting place is Room 206.

All women are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call Carol Caswell for more information or to register (248) 296 -1140.

"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

New Testament Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, September 7, 2016, we will resume our study of Scripture. We plan to continue the New Testament with the Gospel of John and the book of Acts. If we have time, we might get into the Letters of Paul. The members of the committee invite all members of the congregation to come and experience the power of the Triune God at work through the person of the Holy Spirit in the word. This study is not primarily a matter of information, although it is that, but a matter of the Holy Spirit impinging on our life restoring us to the Triune God and empowering us to live as his people according to the will of the heavenly Father.

Conference

The Body of Christ and The Public Square conference, Religious Liberty in 21st Century America, will be held here at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School Saturday, October 1, 2016, from 9:00am-4:00pm, Check-in begins at 8:15. You may register for the conference online at:

oursavior-religiousliberty.eventbrite.com or by calling 248-887-4300.

Registration closes September 26, AD 2016

The conference is at well over half capacity right now, so if you have been circling in a loop of procrastination, look for the exit ramp soon. Time is running out and so are the seats.

Youth News

Acoylyte Schedules are coming this Friday, September 16, 2016! Watch for them.

Senior High Bible Study

The Senior High youth will be examining each Sunday's readings. Join them in room 204 during the Sunday School hour for this engaging study.

Junior and Senior High Kick Off

Please join us with your family on 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 Bronsberg at 517-410-3121.