

Wednesday, September 21, 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 (9/21): Library Day
3:30-4:30 Optional Boys Basketball Practice
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. (9/22): Popcorn Day
8:10 Chapel
Apple Harvest Lunch
1:30 *LifeLight* Bible Study
- Fri. (9/23): **Subway order form due for 9/27/16**
Fun Run T-Shirt Order Due
11:45 Dismissal Half Day/Faculty Meeting
2:00-6:45 Blood Drive
- Sun. (9/25): 9:30 Divine Services
10:45 Sunday School & Bible classes
12:15 New Membership Class
- Mon. (9/26): 8:10 Chapel
- Tues., (9/27): Subway Day
8:30 Scrip order deadline
2:00 Windy City Players presents *Sleeping Beauty*
7:30 Adult Volleyball
- Wed., (9/28): Library Day
3:30-4:30 Optional Boys Basketball Practice
3:35 Knitting Club
7:00 Divine Service
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*From Your
Principal*



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.

Chapel Offerings

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 and 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.

LESA Services

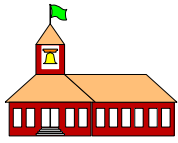
If your child is struggling in school, please speak to the classroom teacher or the principal. We receive Special Education services through Livingston Educational Service Agency and can make the arrangements for testing to take place. You can contact Sue Pearson at the following email: SuePearson@hartlandschools.us

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.

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. If your child still needs book covers for any hardcover texts, they are available at the school store on Wednesday mornings for a very reasonable price.



School News

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.

Sleeping Beauty

Windy City Players will present their version of *Sleeping Beauty* next Tuesday, September 27, at 2:00. Parents are welcome to attend, and preschool and kindergarten families are encouraged to return with their children for this entertaining story.

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.

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.

Because of the half day, dismissal is at 11:45 on Friday. The Red Cross Blood Drive truck will arrive just before noon and needs to be unloaded. On a regular school day, our grade 6-8 students usually assist with this. If any of these older students or parents could stay long enough after dismissal to help with this, it would be greatly appreciated. The more people that we have to help with this, the quicker it will be completed.

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.

Box Tops Update

Box Tops for Education now has a free app for smart phones. It offers bonus Box Tops when you purchase from their list of certain product offers. The app can be down-

loaded from Google play or the Apple App Store.

Continue to collect Box Tops from participating products and send them to school with your child. There are collection locations in each classroom for both houses. Look for an update near the end of September to learn which house is ahead. The contest ends on October 28.

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!

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 27. Orders will be accepted until 8:30 a.m. You can also order reloads through Scrip Now!

**Our Savior Lutheran School
Enrollment Code: B745A65B289L**

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PTL



Fun Run T-shirts

Earlier this week your child should have brought home an order form for their Fun Run T-shirt. They are due to be returned by this Friday, September 23, with the necessary sizes for your child(ren). If you have not returned the order form, please do so as soon as possible so that every student will have a shirt on the day of the Fun Run. The cost of these shirts will be covered by our sponsors so no money is needed.

PTL Fun Run

Superhero Training Academy (STA) visited Our Savior Monday morning to kick off the Fun Run activities. The students learned four strategies for being superheroes: compassion, fortitude, wisdom, and joy. Several Supervillians were in attendance to challenge the students to persevere against the problems they face.

Pretty Little Liar who spreads gossip and rumors
The Team of Total Downers that drag others down with bad attitudes

Professor Oppressor who lectures others on what to do and how to do it

The Iceberg that acts too cool for everyone and everything

STA will be returning to Our Savior on October 11, the day of the afternoon Fun Run, to challenge the students to use their superpowers as they run to fight bad behavior, promote good character, and overall health and wellness. If you missed the assembly on Monday, you won't want to miss the Fun Run on October 10-11. Your child should have brought home an envelope with all of the details regarding the Fun Run. This is the only fundraiser of the year for PTL to raise the money for the programs and activities sponsored throughout the school year. If you have any questions, please send a message to ptl@oursaviorhartland.org

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. 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.

PTL Newsletter

The first issue of the PTL newsletter was sent out via Fast Direct last Friday, September 16, with lots of information about the beginning of the school year, upcoming events, and ways that you can become involved in the school. Please check your Fast Direct messages if you have not seen it. There is also a copy on the PTL bulletin board in the school hallway.

Apple Harvest Special Lunch

Our first Special Lunch of the year is planned for Thursday, September 22. The "Apple Harvest" order form was due on Tuesday, September 20. If you would still like your child to participate, please contact the school office with the \$3.00 payment for your child. If your child chooses not to participate they should bring their own lunch on Thursday.

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.



Sports

Optional practices for Boys Basketball in Grades 6,7, & 8 will be on Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 beginning today, September 21.

Volunteers Lend a Hand!



Library Volunteers

for Tuesday, 9/27:

Jen Kolonich

for Wednesday, 9/28:

Trish Mrozek

Popcorn Volunteers

for Thursday, 9/22:

Jen Kellaway

for Thursday 9/29:

Rachel Bronsberg

Subway Volunteer

for Tuesday, 9/27:

Kellie Roesner

Pizza Bakers Volunteer

for Friday, 9/30 Mortz, Cappellano, Zaremba

Volunteer Opportunities

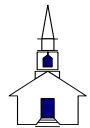
Many thanks to those who have already signed up to be a coordinator or assist with the many different jobs that happen each day at our school, or the various events throughout the school year. We are off to a great start! If you have any questions or would like more specific details on how you can help, 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....

- ◆ Joanna Daniels for printing the Fun run documents and putting the packets together.
- ◆ Malachi Gallegos, Jenn McClue, Trish Mrozek, Gina Willingham, Gina Wordelman, and Dawn Schleif for assisting Superhero Training Academy with the Fun Run Kick-off on Monday morning.

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.

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. The next meeting is October 4, 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 at 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

Lifelight Women's Bible Study continues 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 beginning with a study of the Gospel of Mark. Lifelight begins at 1:30 p.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. 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. 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

The Wednesday evening Bible Study has resumed. They are continuing their study of the New Testament with the Gospel of John and the book of Acts. 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 near capacity. Time is running out and so are the seats.

Youth News

Acolyte Schedules were sent out this past Monday, September 19, 2016. Fourth Grade boys that attend Our Savior Lutheran Church have been added to the Acolyte schedule. They will be trained by Pastor Thoma during school hours. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Pastor.

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.