

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

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

The Flame

This Week at a Glance:

- Today (09/28): Library Day
3:30-4:30 Optional Boys Basketball Practice
3:35 Knitting Club
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. (9/29): Popcorn Day
8:10 Chapel
1:30 *LifeLight* Bible Study
6:30 Special PTL Fun Run Meeting
- Fri. (9/30): Pizza Day
October Subway order form due
- Sat. (10/1): 9 a.m.—4 p.m. The Body of Christ in the Public Square
- Sun. (10/2): 9:30 Divine Service
10:45 Sunday School & Bible Class
12:15 New Membership Class
- Mon. (10/3): 8:10 Chapel
3:45 Young Flames Piano Program Group A
- Tues. (10/4): Subway Day
8:30 Scrip order deadline
9:15 MOPS
7:30 Adult Volleyball
- Wed. (10/5): Library Day
Camp Permission Slips Due
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7:00 Divine Service
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7:45 6th to 8th Grade Midweek/Confirmation Class

*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.

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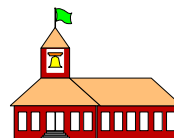
Three times each school year Mrs. Schrupp administers the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) assessments to all kindergarten through sixth grade students. These tests allow teachers to regularly monitor the development of early literacy and reading skills. Your child should have brought home a copy of the report from the fall assessments last week. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Schrupp. She will test students again in January and May.

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 on October 7-9. As of September 22, we have collected a little over \$600.00 in chapel offerings for their support. Can we surpass \$900.00 before they arrive on October 7? What about a goal of \$1,000.00?

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



*School
News*

Grades 6 – 8 Camp

Today Grades 6 - 8 students are receiving their paperwork with all the details regarding outdoor education. We will attend Camp Copneconic, north of Fenton, Monday through Wednesday, October 17, 18, and 19. Permission slips need to be returned by next Wednesday, October 5.

Looking Ahead / Plan Ahead

October 6: PTL Meeting
 October 7: Picture Day/Ferry Family Visit
 October 11 - 12: Fun Run
 October 17 - 19: Camp Copneconic Grades 6-8

Cafeteria

When preparing lunches for your children to eat at school be sure to include any utensils, paper plates, etc. that may be necessary for them to use at lunchtime. We try to keep on hand a small supply of plastic ware, and paper plates for the times when these items may be forgotten, but it is difficult for us to supply these on a regular basis. If you would like to donate any of these items to be used for this purpose, it would certainly be appreciated. We have plenty of napkins at this time.

House Points and Sunday School

In an effort to encourage Sunday school attendance, Mrs. Hay has developed a plan to award House points for Sunday school attendance this year. Each time a student attends Sunday school, at least one point will be awarded for that student. Additional points will be awarded for more than one Sunday in a row. It will work like this:

One Sunday=1 point; two Sundays in a row=3 points; three Sundays in a row=6 points; four Sundays in a row=10 points. This will continue until a Sunday is missed or the quarter ends. If a student misses Sunday school one week, they start over again with one point when they attend Sunday school again. Students will not lose points, but will earn more points by attending more frequently. Points will be awarded at the end of each quarter based on the student's church attendance cards at school and Our Savior Sunday school records for those students who are Our Savior members. Students who attend Sunday school at other churches will also be eligible to receive House points based on their classroom church/Sunday school attendance records.

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.

Blood Drive

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School hosted a blood drive this past Friday, September 23. 29 units were collected. The next Blood Drive is Friday, November 18. Mark your calendar, and plan to donate if you are able.

Subway

October Subway orders are due with payment this Friday. **Orders will not be placed if payment is not made with the order.**

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 downloaded 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 next week to learn which house is ahead. The contest ends on October 28.

Labels for Education

We are still participating in the Labels for Education program. The only labels being accepted by the program, however, are the ones that actually say "Labels for Education." Generic Campbell's and Pepperidge Farms labels are no longer being accepted as the program winds down. This is the final year for the Labels for Education program, so we should work diligently to collect as many labels as possible. If we get enough, we can order merchandise for the school, or we can order another Visa gift card.

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, October 4. Orders will be accepted until 8:30 a.m. You can also order reloads through **Scrip Now!**

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Lutheran High Northwest Open House

Are you thinking of ahead to high school in the future for your child? Interested families are invited to attend the LHNW Open House on Thursday, October 6, at 7 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. Can't attend? Visit their website at <http://www.lhnw.lhsa.com> for more information or call 248-852-6677.

PTL



6th Annual PTL Fun Run

For those families that missed the Fun Run assembly on September 19, there is a small clip of the Supervillains Invasion from that day at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W49b1zm6QaA>

Thank you to the Superhero Training Academy. The kids had a blast! Please talk at home about ways to promote the use of super powers in day to day activities to defeat the villains.

Also included with today's Flame is a letter from the Supervillains, attempting to keep our students from using the superpowers that they possess: Compassion, Fortitude, Wisdom, and Joy. Are they able to combat the villains that cause them to forget their superpowers?

STA will be returning to Our Savior on October 11, the day of the afternoon Fun Run with obstacles to impede the students' attempts to achieve their goals. Will our students rise to the challenge 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 September 19, 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. Can we reach our goal of \$8,100? This is the only fundraiser of the year for PTL to raise the money for the many programs and activities sponsored throughout the school year. Included with the pledge forms is detailed information about the Fun Run, collection dates, and prizes. Please be sure you see all three pages of information. If you have any questions, please send a message to ptl@oursaviorhartland.org

Special Fun Run PTL Meeting

In preparation for the upcoming Fun Run, members from Superhero Training Academy are coming back to our school Thursday, September 29, at 6:30 to help us brainstorm and build obstacles for the students to navigate during the Fun Run. They have requested a minimum of 6 parents but the more the merrier! Small hand tools and those who know how to use them effectively (hint, hint dads!) would be a huge help. If you would be interested in helping, please email ptl@oursaviorhartland.org ** Because we want the obstacles to be a surprise for the students, please just adults at this meeting.

Fun Run "Shoe Sale"

Because the Christian day school is a top priority to our congregation here at Our Savior every year the PTL hosts a "shoe sale" to the church members to offer their words of encouragement and support to our children. The PTL will host these sales before and after services on Sunday, October 2 and Sunday, October 9. If you would be willing to volunteer some time to assist in this effort please sign up using the link here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a9ae23abfc_1-funrun

PTL MEETING

The next PTL meeting is Thursday, October 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please join us! All families are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Volunteer Points

We are only a few 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 on 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.

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.

Volunteers Lend a Hand!



Library Volunteers

for Tuesday, 9/27:

Jen Kolonich

for Wednesday, 9/28:

Jenn McClue

Popcorn Volunteers

for Thursday 9/29:

Rachel Bronsberg

for Thursday 10/6:

Carol Blazen

Subway Volunteer

for Tuesday, 10/4:

Jessie Swett

Pizza Bakers Volunteer

for Friday, 9/30 Mortz, Cappellano, Zaremba

for Friday, 10/7: Wintland, Edmonds, Kindig

Volunteer Opportunities

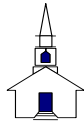
Many thanks to those who have already signed up to be a coordinator or assist with the many different jobs that happen each day at our school, or the various events throughout the school year. We are off to a great start! If you have any questions or would like more specific details on how you can help,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

- Cheryl Wintland and Sharon Zaremba for organizing the Special Apple Harvest lunch last Thursday.
- The crew of helpers at the Apple Harvest lunch included Racheal Pies, Trish Mrozek, Kristie Hargreaves, Kelly Kindig and her mom, Kathy Sanders, Jen Kella-way, Julie Edmonds, and Jenn McClue.
- Special thanks to Julie Edmonds for the deep cleaning she did in the kitchen during and after the lunch.
- The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their parents and other drivers who stayed after dismissal on Friday to unload the Red Cross Blood truck.

Congregational News



MOPS

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.

MOPS Mom 2 Mom Sale

MOPS is hosting a mom2mom sale at Our Savior, Saturday, October 22, from 8:30-1:00. If you are interested in selling, the price is \$20 for an 8 ft table and room for a hanging rack. Please email mopsmomssale@yahoo.com.

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.

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. Registration closed Monday, September 26, 2016.

7th Annual Harvest to Holiday Arts & Craft Show

Please mark your calendar now and make plans to attend and possibly help out at this great fundraiser. Crafter applications are being accepted now. The application can be found at <https://craftshow.oursaviorhartland.org>. For more information, please contact Kim Whitehouse at 517-404-7143 or Karen Cottrell 248-685-1637. Thanks for your support of our youth and Youth in Missions!

Youth News

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.

The Best Maze Corn Maze

The Youth Group invites the Junior and Senior High Youth of Our Savior Church to a fun filled adventure at Best Maze Corn Maze on Saturday, October 22! Bring a Friend or two!!!!

Location:

3803 Noble Road Williamston, MI 48895

We will meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. Parents that are interested in chaperoning please contact Bill Mrozek. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Please sign up on the Youth Group bulletin board and turn in a permission slip with money as soon as possible by giving it directly to Mr. Mrozek, or putting it in the Youth Box in the Church Office. We must have both turned in by October 16.

Contact Bill Mrozek for any questions or inquiries at bill_mrozek@yahoo.com.