

Wednesday, September 7, 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 (9/7): Library Day
7:00 Divine Service
7:45 Bible Study – *God's Grace in the New Testament*
- Thurs. (9/8): Popcorn Day
8:10 Chapel
1:30 *LifeLight* Bible Study
6:00 PTL Meeting in Cafeteria
- Fri. (9/9): Pizza Day and Spirit Day
Subway order form due for Tues.
6:00 Ice Cream Social/Movie Night
- Sat. (9/10):
- Sun. (9/11): 9:30 Divine Services
10:45 Sunday School & Bible classes
- Mon. (9/12): 8:10 Chapel
3:35 Young Flames—Group A
6:00 School Board Meeting
- Tues., (9/13): Subway Day
8:30 Scrip order deadline
7:30 Adult Volleyball
- Wed., (9/14): Library Day
7:00 Divine Service
7:45 Bible Study – *God's Grace in the New Testament*

*From Your
Principal*



Back-to-School Night

Thank you to all the parents that came for the Back-to-School Night event. If you were unable to attend, we ask that you connect with the teachers of your student(s) to be current with the classroom expectations and procedures for the success of your student(s).

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

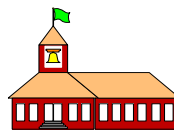
will be to support the Ferry Family in Southeast Asia. Many of our students and families know them from two years ago before they accepted the call to serve as missionaries in Indonesia. They will be returning home this fall to share the exciting things they have been doing among the people they serve. 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.

Building Access

All exterior doors are locked most of the time, especially during the school day. If you come to one of the main entrances at the front of the building during the school day, please press the button on the box that you will find near the door. Someone in the office may ask you to identify yourself and then remotely unlock the door for you to enter. Once you enter the building, please stop in the school or church office to sign in and receive a visitor pass to keep with you while you are in the building. Return the pass to the office and sign out again when you leave.

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.



*School
News*

Absentee Reporting

When reporting your child's absence from school, please send a Fast Direct message or call the school office first thing in the morning and tell us what illness your child has (i.e.: intestinal flu, cold, ear infection, etc.) and their symptoms. We need this information for our weekly reporting to the Livingston County Health Department. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Baptism and Birthday Club

Please remember to turn these forms in by next Friday, September 9, 2016.

Fast Direct

By now all parents should have logged in to the Fast Direct system. Please get in the habit of communicating with the office and teachers through this system. If you are having problems, please don't hesitate to call the school office.

Shared Time Teachers

We are blessed to have Mrs. Karen Gebarowski returning as our computer teacher. We welcome Mr. Corey Walsh as our new physical education teacher. Both of our Shared Time teachers will be in their respective classrooms on Thursday this week. Please welcome them.

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.

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.

Popcorn Day Starts Tomorrow

Popcorn day this year will be on Thursdays. Our **first popcorn day** will be **tomorrow, Thursday, September 8**. If you like popcorn and would like to have some at school, orders are taken in each classroom on **Thursday** mornings before school. Each bag is 50¢ and students may buy one or two bags each week. Students are allowed to eat popcorn in class, with teacher permission, as long as it is not a nuisance. A small portion of the money collected is used to purchase the supplies for the popcorn. The remaining portion accrues during the year and is distributed to the teaching staff to repay them for the out of pocket expenses that they incur throughout the year to enhance their lessons and make school fun for the students. If you are available Thursday mornings right after drop off, we could use a couple more volunteers to pop the popcorn and distribute to the classrooms. Please contact Joanna Daniels by Fast Direct if you would like to help or need more information.

Pizza day will begin this week Friday, September 9. Grades 6-8 will be sponsoring the Friday pizza lunch this year, and our selected vendor is Jet's Pizza. As has been the practice in the past, we will have pizza on Thursdays if Friday is either a scheduled day off or a half day. Each pizza slice will cost \$1.50, two slices for \$3.00, and upper grade students may order three slices for \$4.50. Our order will be delivered to the school, so volunteer drivers will not be needed. Remember to bring your money each Friday morning if you would like pizza for lunch. Please 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.

Spirit Days

The first Friday of each month is designated as Spirit Day. Students are allowed to wear their Our Savior spirit clothing

and clean jeans, in good repair, instead of their usual campus wear attire. The first Spirit Day this year will be this coming Friday, September 9. We recognize that some of our new students may not have yet had the opportunity to purchase spirit clothing. You are still allowed to wear jeans and a shirt, T-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie in our school colors of red and/or black. PTL has an assortment of extra items left from previous sales for purchase.

Box Tops

Thank you to all of the friends and families of Our Savior who clipped and collected Box Tops last year in support of Our Savior. Box Tops is celebrating 20 years of supporting schools such as ours. Watch for special promotions in stores to get bonus Box Tops. Both Walmart and Meijer have had opportunities for extra Box Tops. Keep shopping, clipping, and collecting again this year. We would like to raise funds to purchase something special for the next school year. There is a collection location in each classroom and in the office. Please have your child give them to their teacher or drop them off in the office. There will be a bulletin board in the school hallway to track our progress this year.

Clothing Exchange

Many of you have seen the clothing in the school hallway near the cafeteria for the past couple of weeks as the school year was beginning. Hopefully you had a chance to look it over, exchange items that you no longer need for something that you could use, or choose the items that you need and left a small donation. The clothing will be moved into the school office. If you still need something now or later on in the school year, please stop by the office and we will help with whatever you may need.

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 in the upcoming weeks.

PTL



PTL Meeting

Please join the PTL this Thursday, September 8, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. We will be discussing many upcoming events and parent suggestions and opinions are always welcomed. Plus you can earn a point for your family just for showing up! We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

Ice Cream Social / Movie Night

It's Ice Cream Social time! The ever popular event is here with even more fun in store this year. Join us in the cafeteria at 6 p.m. for custom made sundaes with toppings galore; then move into the gymnasium at 7 p.m. for the movie *Madagascar* on a big screen for everyone to enjoy. Chairs will be set up but feel free to bring a bean bag or blanket from home for a more comfortable experience. We cannot wait to enjoy this great night of fellowship with all families. This is the signup Genius link to help with this event.:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49ADA622A3FE3-icecream>

Subway Lunch

Subway lunch is on Tuesdays again this year orders and payments are due on Friday for the following Tuesday. Payment must accompany the order or the Subway sandwich will not be ordered. You may choose to use the order form for one week or use it to order the same type of Subway sandwich every Tuesday for the entire month. If you choose to participate, please help by honoring this deadline. This is an optional program, and if you choose not to order a Subway sandwich, please bring a lunch from home on those days. We could still use a couple volunteers to help with this. Please contact Joanna Daniels by Fast Direct if you would like to help or need more information.

PTL Fun Run

The annual PTL Fun Run is a school-wide fundraising event designed to promote physical fitness and to raise money to support school programs, missions, and promote our scholarship fund. Mark your calendar for October 11 & 12 and join us on the field for the Fun Run to cheer for our students as they run to raise money for PTL sponsored activities! More details coming soon.

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.

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.

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 13. 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 Shop-WithScrip 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.**

*Volunteers
Lend a Hand!*



Schedules in process for the following:

Library Volunteers

for Tuesday, 9/13:

for Wednesday, 9/14:

Popcorn Volunteers

for Thursday, 9/8:

Carol Blazen

for Thursday, 9/15:

Subway Volunteer

for Tuesday, 9/13:

Pizza Bakers Volunteer

for Friday, 9/9:

for Friday, 9/16:

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:

Subway Driver (Tuesdays from 11:30 to 12:15)

Library Helpers (Tuesdays from 8 to 9 & Wednesdays from 8 to 12)

Popcorn Poppers (Thursdays from 8 to 10)

Brownie Day Bakers (6/7/8 classroom parents - Send in two dozen baked goods on pizza days)

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....

- ◆ Amy Terao for recruiting afternoon office helpers and creating the schedule through December.
- ◆ Amy Terao, Barb Falconer, Mike Oswald, Jenn McClue, Joe/Denise Richardson, Ed Dietrich for volunteering to cover the school office in the afternoons.
- ◆ Jenn McClue for doing research on library circulation software and technology to upgrade our circulation and checkout procedures.
- ◆ Joel Hornick for adjusting the new desks in grade 3 early Tuesday morning.

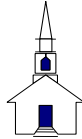
- ♦ Elizabeth Grupp, Jennifer Kellaway, Kristie Hargreaves for decorating the BOB bulletin board.
- ♦ Jenn McClue for starting the family picture bulletin board and Fun Run bulletin board.
- ♦ Jennifer Churray for kicking off the Box Tops program and putting up the bulletin board to track progress.



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



Congregation Meeting

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

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 213-Rachel Bronsberg
 Grades 3-4: Room 215-Michelle Nichols
 Grades 5-7: Room 219-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

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.

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

Youth News

Acolyte Schedules are coming soon! 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.