

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

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 (1/11): School Store & Library Day
3:30 - 4:45 Basketball practice
7:00 Divine Service
7:45 Bible Study – *God's Grace in the NT*
7:45 6th to 8th Grade Midweek/
Confirmation Class
- Thurs. (1/12): Popcorn Day
8:10 Chapel
1:30 *LifeLight* Women's Bible Study
- Fri. (1/13): **Fun Run Spirit Day #3**
Pizza Day
2 - 6:45 Red Cross Blood Drive
- Sun. (1/15): 9:30 Divine Service
10:45 Sunday School & Bible Class
12:15 New Membership Class
- Mon. (1/16): **No School / Daycare Open**
Teacher Work Day
- Tues. (1/17): Subway Day
8:30 Scrip order deadline
9:30 MOPS
3:30 - 4:45 Basketball practice
7:30 Adult Volleyball
- Wed. (1/18): School Store & Library Day
3:30 - 4:45 Basketball practice
3:35 Knitting Club
7:00 Divine Service
7:45 Bible Study – *God's Grace in the NT*
7:45 6th to 8th Grade Midweek/
Confirmation Class

*From the
Principal's Office*



School Closings

Thank you for your flexibility yesterday morning with the late school closing. It was not until I actually started driving to school myself that I realized how treacherous it was to be out at that time during the storm. Some of the local schools did choose to remain open because the conditions were supposed to improve later in the day. Since all of our students are transported by parents, I felt it would be safer for everyone to keep as many people off the roads in the early morning when driving was most dangerous. Please be reminded again of our school closing policy on page 2 and if you have not shared your cell phone provider on your parent information page on Fast Direct that allows you to

receive urgent messages via FD Broadcast, this would be the time to do that. It is the fastest way to receive this information. I sent the FD Broadcast yesterday morning before contacting the local media outlets. If you need help with this, please contact the school office.

Friday Dismissal

Friday is a Red Cross Blood Drive and this always presents some challenges at dismissal time with Red Cross donor and worker cars parked in the school parking lot. We will dismiss from the back parking lot this Friday. The sandwich board sign will be in the main parking lot to direct you to the back lot as a reminder. Please park in rows in the back lot facing the building leaving the driveway behind the staff cars open just as you do in the front lot. Students will be dismissed from the gym entrance that day. Once everyone is loaded and car doors are closed, each row will be directed when to depart. Thank you in advance for your patience as we try to conquer these challenges and yet be open to hosting a blood drive for the community.

Visitors/Guests

Please be reminded of the importance of signing in and out in the school office every time you are in the building during school hours, even if you only plan to be in the building for a few minutes. In the event of an emergency, these records are very important to be able to account for everyone who may be in the building at the time of the emergency. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Office Volunteers

Our Savior has been blessed with some very faithful volunteers this school year in covering the school office in the afternoon when Mrs. Johnson is in the classroom and Mrs. Hornick is not available. They are doing a great job of greeting people, granting access to the building, answering phones, and other small projects. We are currently scheduling volunteers for the remainder of the school year and have a need for some additional volunteers, especially in the middle of the week. If you could spare a few hours once a week, or even just once or twice a month, it would be extremely helpful. Please contact the school office for more information if you are able to help.

Kitchen

There is a black Crock-pot and Tupperware container with a blue lid on the back counter in the kitchen that were not picked up after the meal provided for the teachers at conferences in November. If you are missing something like this and it could be yours, please pick up so these items do not get absorbed into the things that belong to the church and school.

Looking Ahead / Plan Ahead

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| January 12: | PTL Meeting |
| January 13: | Fun Run Spirit Day #3 Red Cross Blood Drive |
| January 16: | No School—Teacher Work Day |
| January 20: | End of Quarter 2 |
| January 22-27: | Nat'l Lutheran Schools Week |
| January 27: | Report Cards Issued |
| January 29: | Our Savior 62 nd Anniversary |
| January 31: | Red Wings Fellowship Night |

Weather Related Closings

Weather-related school notifications are posted as quickly as possible after Hartland closes or the decision is made. Those of you that have your cell phone linked to Fast Direct get the message very quickly. If you have not selected your cell phone provider on your Fast Direct information page, you are encouraged to do so, so that you will receive all urgent messages from Our Savior as quickly as possible.

We ask that you watch the local Detroit television stations or listen to WHMI (93.5 FM) or WJR (760 AM) radio for school closing information. **Remember** if Hartland Schools close, we are closed even if they do not read off our name. If Hartland goes on a delay due to snow, Our Savior **will close for the day**. When Hartland delays due to fog, **we will still begin at 8 a.m.**

Until 7 a.m. parents are responsible for learning of school closings through the television, radio, or internet. Our snow calling list is in effect **ONLY** if the initial 'closing' announcement comes **after** 7 a.m.

Cold Weather is Here!

The need for warmer outdoor clothing is upon us. We do all that we can to have your child spend at least some time each day outside because recess is an important part of the overall school environment. The only times we will not go outside is if it is raining, lightning, the temperature is colder than 10°F, or the wind chill is below zero. This means that students need to be dressed and prepared to go outside at recess time. Coats, hats, mittens or gloves, are in order. Children wishing to play in the snow need boots. If they wish to roll around in the snow, they need snow pants. Please be sure that your child is prepared for the cold weather that is typical for this time of the year in Michigan. There are some items in the clothing exchange in the office if you need help acquiring the appropriate outdoor clothing for your children.



Mission Cans Update

Our mission cans project this year is supporting the Ferry Family in their service in Southeast Asia. Mission cans are in the students' classrooms to collect their donations. Our December donations were \$70.28.

Mission Opportunities

Chapel offerings for the months of December, January, and February are designated for The Lutheran Hour Ministry's online mission trip to Madagascar. Our Savior will participate in the live online video feeds from Madagascar and St. Louis during Lutheran Schools Week at the end of January. Our accumulated chapel offerings for these months will support the mission work being done in this part of the world.

Lutheran Schools Week

Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated at Our Savior **Sunday, January 22 - Friday, January 27, 2016**. The **theme** for the week is "**On This Rock**" based on Isaiah 26:4. Many fun and educational activities are planned for the week. Watch for a flyer coming home soon with all of the details. Here are a few highlights of some of the things planned for this special week.

The week begins on **Sunday, January 22**, with all students scheduled to participate in the 9:30 a.m. Divine Service and PTL hosting a coffee hour after the service to celebrate Lutheran schools and Christian education. Invite friends and relatives to join us on this special Sunday.

Each year we plan a service project to assist others in some way. This year we plan to collect items and assemble bags to be given to local charities and police agencies to distribute to the homeless. A special flyer with the details for this project will be sent home by the end of this week to help you prepare for this.

Also look for a flyer that has the details for a special display that we would like to set up in the school hallway as a reminder of the "On This Rock" theme and our unity in Christ. Find a special rock no larger than a Kleenex box. Write your family name and the names of all your family members (even those who do not attend Our Savior) on it, decorate it if you would like, and place it at the base of the cross that will be in the school hallway near the entrance.

The final event of the week will be on Friday, January 27, with a family event in the early evening followed by a late night/overnight event for the students with lots of parent involvement. Mr. Peace from Mobile Ed Productions will begin the evening at 7:00 with a presentation on developing leadership skills called "Breaking the Cycle." After that we would like the older students and parents help to fill bags with the items collected during the week to conclude the service project for the homeless in our area. There will be activities planned for the students in preschool through grade 3 until 11:00 p.m. if they would like to stay that long. Students in grades 4 through 8 may plan to stay overnight with special activities and supervision planned for them. Much planning needs to be completed for the late night/overnight event. If you would like to help with this please contact Joanna Daniels at ptl@oursaviorhartland.org or come to the PTL meeting this Thursday, January 12. Mark your calendars, plan to attend, and invite family and friends to join us that evening.

SAT/ACT Practice Test Opportunity

The Brighton High School Interact Club, affiliated with the Rotary Club of Brighton, is hosting a combination SAT/ACT practice test for interested middle and high school students on Saturday, February 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Brighton High School Cafeteria, 7878 Brighton Road. Each student will receive:

- ◆ Same Day Scores delivered to a smartphone, tablet, or computer
- ◆ Access to free Kaplan test-taking strategy and online learning seminars
- ◆ Receive the Kaplan SAT or ACT book 2017 Strategies, Practice & Review with additional practice tests and online subject review

Early registration donations of \$45 by January 22, or door registration (as space allows) donations of \$60 are used to fund student educational scholarships offered by the Rotary Club of Brighton. Students can register by 5 p.m. on January 22, in person at the Brighton District Library, by mail with receipt before January 22, to Brighton Rotary Foundation, PO Box 11, Brighton, MI 48116 or online for \$47 at www.BrightonRotaryEvents.org.

Questions? Go to www.BrightonRotaryEvents.org or contact SAT@BrightonRotaryEvents.org or [810-227-0656](tel:810-227-0656).

A copy of the flyer with more information and details to register for this opportunity are available in the school office.

Box Tops Update

Last week, we received our December payout of \$497 for all Box Tops submissions between March 2 and November 1, 2016. This includes \$293.30 from school year 2015-16. Thank you for clipping and submitting your Box Tops regularly. You are helping to make Our Savior a better place ten cents at a time!

Shopping at Walmart may help our school earn 50,000 Bonus Box Tops! Thanks to General Mills and Walmart, every Walmart-exclusive Box Tops Certificate that we clip and collect until 3/1/17 earns our school a chance to be one of 20 winners! That's \$5,000 for our classrooms!

To encourage you to continue clipping and submitting your Box Tops, **from January 20 to February 10**, the student who collects the most Box Tops in each classroom will earn a comfy clothes day. Make sure you label the Box Tops you bring in with your name. Also, all students will win a cookie day when we collect \$500.

Red Cross Blood Drive

We are hosting our first Red Cross Blood Drive of the new year on **Friday, January 13, from 2 to 6:45 p.m.** Please make an appointment to donate blood by going to www.redcrossblood.org and click on the navy blue "Make a Blood Donation Appointment" box in the upper right-hand side. Enter sponsor code *oursaviorhartland* to select a time. For more information please contact Donna Hay at 810-227-5849. Thank you!

Lutheran High School Northwest

Ninth Grade Information/Registration Night ~Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. All prospective ninth grad-

ers and their parents are invited to attend. HSPT results will be discussed. The Principal and Guidance Director will provide an overview of the school curriculum and guide our new families through the course selection process. Registration materials will also be available for those who have not yet registered for the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact the school office with any questions. LHNW website: www.lhnw.lhsa.com
Phone: 248-852-6677.

Scrip

Scrip is a great way to support our school **without costing you anything extra!**

- ◆ **Scrip is safer than using credit cards.**
- ◆ **Scrip earns more rebates than credit card rewards** (Scrip rebates average 5.5% compared to the usual .5% to 2% from credit card rewards.)
- ◆ **Eighty percent of this amount of the rebate can be applied to your family's school fees such as registration.**
- ◆ **Scrip accommodates last minute shopping.** (ScripNow eCards make ordering online simple; families just need to copy and paste the code when they checkout, and they will earn the same rebates that they would in the store. Families can even send ScripNow eGifts whenever they want without having to worry about sending gift cards in the mail.)
- ◆ **Scrip can be used for everything you need.**

Our Savior Lutheran School
Enrollment Code: B745A65B289L

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www.shopwithscrip.com

PTL



PTL Meeting

Please mark your calendars for the next PTL meeting to be held on **Thursday, January 12, at 6 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. There are several events that will be discussed and planned that will happen in January and February including Lutheran Schools Week. Your input and involvement is important at these meetings. All school families are invited and encouraged to attend. A great way to get to know other school families is to get involved in a school event. New faces are always welcome.



Sports

Boys Basketball Season is underway. Basketball practices will be **Tuesday and Wednesday** from 3:30 - 4:45.

Volunteers Lend a Hand!



Library Volunteers

for Tuesday, 1/17: Jen Kolonich
for Wednesday, 1/18: Jennifer Wiggins

Popcorn Volunteers

for Thursday, 1/12: Carol Blazen
for Thursday, 1/19: Carol Blazen

Subway Volunteer

for Tuesday, 1/17: Jessie Swett

Pizza Volunteers

for Friday, 1/13: Edmonds, Kindig, Tougas
for Friday, 1/20: Pfenning, Hipwell, Winiarski

Many Helping Hands!

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

- ◆ Snow Callers for helping to get the message out after 7 a.m. that school was closed for the day on Tuesday

Congregational News



New Member Adult Class

The class starts at **12:30 p.m. (right after the adult Bible study)**. 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.

Sunday School/Bible Class

Sunday mornings after service at 10:45 a.m. bring your children to Sunday School and join the adults for Pastor Thoma's Bible Study in the ECC area. Children may pick up a snack as they pass through the ECC on their way to Sunday School. Parents can pick up their children in their assigned classrooms at the conclusion of Sunday School. 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-
High School: Room 204- Bill Mrozek

LifeLight Women's Bible Study

LifeLight Women's Bible Study continues at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hartland. LifeLight in-

volves personal study, small group discussion and prayer. We are currently studying 1st and 2nd Peter. LifeLight begins at 1:30 p.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Materials are available upon request. 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.

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God." Peter 1:23

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 January 17, 2017. 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.

Congregation Email List

If you are not on the 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

New Testament Bible Study

The Wednesday evening Bible Study continues 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.

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.

Super Bowl Subs

Youth in Mission (YIM) is planning this popular fundraiser again this year! **We are asking for youth volunteers from the junior and senior high to help assemble the sandwiches on February 4, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** There will be a sign up sheet located on the Youth Bulletin Board and in the Youth Room. Order forms will be coming home today and extra forms will be located in the school office and on the Youth Bulletin Board for placing your sub orders. All subs are \$5.00. If you buy 4 of any kind you will receive the 5th one free. The last day for ordering is Sunday, January 29. Subs will be ready for pickup after service on February 5.