

Wednesday, January 18, 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:

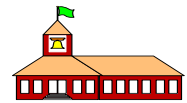
- Today (1/18): School Store & Library Day
3:30 - 4:45 Basketball practice
3:35 Knitting Club
7:00 Divine Service
7:45 Bible Study – *God's Grace in the NT*
7:45 6th to 8th Grade Midweek/
Confirmation Class
- Thurs. (1/19): Popcorn Day
8:10 Chapel
1:30 *LifeLight* Women's Bible Study
- Fri. (1/20): Pizza Day
End of 2nd Quarter

National Lutheran Schools Week

- Sun. (1/22): **Dress Up Day**
9:00 All Students Warm-up in Fine Arts
Room
9:30 Divine Service
11:00 PTL Coffee Hour
12:15 New Membership Class
- Mon. (1/23): **Hawaiian Day**
8:10 Chapel
3:35 - 4:05 Young Flames Piano Program
Group A
- Tues. (1/24): **Crazy Hat/Hair Day**
Subway Day
8:30 Scrip order deadline
2:30 Basketball Game Teachers/Staff
vs. 7-8th Grade Students
3:30 - 4:45 Basketball practice
7:30 Adult Volleyball
- Wed. (1/25): **Wacky Wednesday**
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
- Thurs. (1/26): **Lutheran Seal Color Day**
Popcorn Day
8:10 Chapel
1:30 *LifeLight* Women's Bible Study
2:15 Highland Games

- Fri. (1/27): **Career Day**
Pizza Day
6:30 Mr. Peace
7:30 Assemble "Bless You" Bags
Late Night for PS-Grade 3 until 11
Overnight for Grades 4-8 until 8 a.m.

From the Principal's Office



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. See the flyers coming home today with all of the details. Look for two sheets of paper coming home with your family messenger today. One half size paper outlines the many events happening throughout the week, including the special dress days throughout the week, the mission emphasis, and the service project focus for each day. Please read it carefully and refer to it often during the week so that you do not miss anything. The other side highlights many of the blessings of Our Savior Lutheran School.

The second flyer includes the details of the events for Friday evening, January 27. PTL is able to sponsor this special event thanks to the success of the Fall Fun Run.

The back of that flyer includes information about our service project for the week to create "Bless You" bags to be distributed to the homeless in our local communities. Each day has a specific focus, but feel free to donate what you are able on a day that is convenient for your family. See the flyer for all of the details.

On Sunday, January 22, all students are scheduled to participate in the 9:30 a.m. Divine Service. Students are asked to meet in the Fine Arts Room by 9:00 for warm-up. PTL is 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. There will be Sunday school for the children after the service. They may stop in the cafeteria to pick up a snack to take with them to their Sunday school class. *Children who do not usually attend Sunday school at Our Savior are invited to join the class for their age group this Sunday.* Adults will meet in the cafeteria.

We will also participate will be the national online mission trip to Madagascar sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Each day there will be a video from Madagascar with information to help the students learn about that country and the mission work that is happening there. All of our chapel offerings for December through the end of February will support the work being done to share the Gospel with the people of Madagascar. Please continue to be as generous as you are able to support this effort.

On this Rock Display

Last week you received a flyer that included the details for a special display that we are setting 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. We would like each family decorate and bring their rock to school by this Friday, January 20, so they can be on display all next week. Each family that participates will receive points for their house. Additional house points will be awarded for classes that have 100% participation.

After School Building Access

When students participate in afterschool activities, it is sometimes a challenge for parents to enter the building at the time of pick up if there is no one in the school office. We are working to make this easier, but at this time we need additional funds to upgrade the system. Until we can accomplish this, a suggestion to help is to use the access door at the staff/gym entrance or (door #4). If you ring that doorbell, someone from daycare or the church office can grant access, you will be in the building and do not have the challenge of needing someone to open an inner door for you.

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.



School News

Report Cards

This Friday is the end of the second quarter of the school year. Report cards for K-8 students will be sent home on Friday, January 27. Each K-8 student will bring their report home in an envelope. You may keep the reports, but please sign the envelopes and return them to school with your children. Report cards will also be available for viewing on Fast Direct after January 27.

Open House

The scheduled open house dates for this year are: **Thursday, February 9, Wednesday, February 22, Monday, March 6, and Tuesday, March 21.** They will be held during the school day to allow prospective families to see our classrooms in action. If you have family or friends that you would like to **invite**, speak to them and encourage them to visit or give their contact information to the office, and we will send them an invitation. Appointments are recommended, but not necessary. If these dates are not convenient, special appointments on other days can also be arranged.

In addition to the open houses, there will also be an Early Childhood Roundup for families with children eligible for preschool, prekindergarten, and kindergarten on March 14. Please share names and contact information of families that have children ready for these classes with the school office so that we may share the information about this special evening.

Looking Ahead / Plan Ahead

January 20:	End of Quarter 2
January 22-27:	<i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i>
January 27:	Report Cards Issued
January 29:	Our Savior 62 nd Anniversary
January 31:	Red Wings Fellowship Night
February 3:	Spirit Day
February 17:	Half Day of School 8-11:45
February 20:	No School
February 28:	Lutheran Schools Music Festival

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.

LSW Service Project

The service project for Lutheran Schools Week this year is to partner with some of the agencies in our area communities that assist people who struggle with homelessness by assembling "Bless You" bags that may be distributed to those who face this problem. Items will be collected throughout the week. Students will also write short notes of encouragement to be placed in each bag. See the list below for the items we would like to include. Each day has a special designation, but feel free to donate as you are able on any day during the week and participate as many days as possible.

Monday- Jan 23rd—Wool socks/Hats

Tuesday- Jan 24th—Fast food gift cards/Coupons

Wednesday-Jan 25th—Mittens/Gloves/Hand warmers

Thursday- Jan 26th—Personal hygiene items

(travel size hand sanitizer and toothpaste, toothbrushes, chap stick, band aids)

Friday- Jan 27th—Non-perishable food items

(individually wrapped food items such as granola bars and beef jerky)

House Points will be awarded for all items collected.

Bags will be assembled by students and parents on Friday evening after the Mr. Peace presentation. They will be delivered to local agencies that assist the homeless following Lutheran Schools Week.

Special thanks to Thrivent Financial for teaming up with Our Savior and supporting our 2017 LSW service project by providing additional funds to assist with this project.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who participated in the blood drive on January 13. There were 42 total units collected. This is the most we have collected in quite a while. The next blood drive is Friday, March 20, 2017. Mark your calendar and plan to make a donation if you are able.

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).

Chapel Offering Statements are being prepared for students who used their chapel envelopes for chapel offerings during 2016. Envelopes with these statements are coming home with students on Friday, January 27, with the report cards.

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 shopwithscrip.com
Enrollment Code: B745A65B289L

An order form is available as a link on Fast Direct.
 The next regular order will be placed on **Tuesday, January 24**. You can also order reloads through **Scrip Now!**
www.shopwithscrip.com

PTL



Mr. Peace/Late Night/Overnight

The final event of the Lutheran Schools 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 6:30 with a presentation on developing leadership skills. After that we would like the students and parents help to fill the "Bless You" bags with the collected items 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 Mark your calendars, plan to attend, and invite family and friends to join us that evening.

German Lunch

PTL will be serving a German lunch on Thursday, Jan. 25. The menu has not been finalized. We will be sending home a flyer with details by Friday, January 20. If you are able to help with the lunch, please contact Cheryl Wintland.



Sports

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

Volunteers



Library Volunteers

for Tuesday, 1/24: Jenn McClue
for Wednesday, 1/25: Trish Mrozek

Popcorn Volunteers

for Thursday, 1/19: Carol Blazen
for Thursday, 1/26: Carol Blazen

Subway Volunteer

for Tuesday, 1/24: Jen Kolonich

Pizza Volunteers

for Friday, 1/20: Pfenning, Hipwell, Winiarski
for Friday, 1/27: Combs, Kolonich, Mrozek

Many Helping Hands!

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

- ♦ Teachers, staff, and PTL volunteers planning the many fun activities for LSW. Watch for several signup Genius emails to invite you to get involved too.

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-
Grade 8: Room 206-Emily Helmreich
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 involves 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 February 7, 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 went home last week 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.