

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 4

The Flame

This Week at a Glance:

- Today (1/4): School Store & Library Day
Vision and Hearing Testing
3:30 - 4:45 Basketball practice
3:35 Knitting
- Thur. (1/5): Popcorn Day
8:10 Chapel
1:30 *Lifelight* Women's Bible Study
- Fri. (1/6): Spirit Day
Pizza Day
Subway Order form due for 1/10
January/2nd Semester Milk Order form due
7:00 Epiphany Service
- Sat. (1/7): 7:00 a.m. Elder's Meeting
- Sun. (1/8): 9:30 Divine Service
10:45 Sunday School & Bible Class
12:15 New Membership Class
- Mon. (1/9): 8:10 Chapel
3:35 Young Flames Piano Program
Group B
6:30 School Board Meeting
- Tues. (1/10): Subway Day
8:30 Scrip order deadline
9:30 - 11:30 Women's Guild Bible Study
3:30 - 4:45 Basketball practice
7:30 Adult Volleyball
- Wed. (1/11): School Store & Library Day
3:30 - 4:45 Basketball practice
3:35 Knitting
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*



Thank you!

On behalf of the faculty and staff we would like to thank everyone who made the Christmas parties and gifts so special for all of us. Your contributions to group gifts were wonderful. Thank you! We would also like to thank everyone for the extraordinary support of the Children's Christ-

mas Service. We pray that the Gospel message touched the hearts of all who received it that evening.

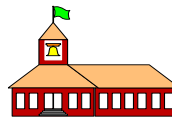
Church attendance forms for worship during Christmas went home with students before break. Please return one to each of your children's teachers. The church attendance form has also been posted as a link on Fast Direct. Forms are due ASAP.

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.**



*School
News*

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.

Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated at Our Savior **Sunday, January 22 - Friday, January 27, 2017**. The theme for the week is **"On This Rock"** based on Isaiah 26:4. Many fun and educational activities are planned for the week. More details will be shared each week in the Flame including the special dress days. **All students** are scheduled to **participate in the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, January 22.**

Looking Ahead / Plan Ahead

January 6:	Epiphany - Spirit Day
January 9:	School Board Meeting
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

Special thanks to all the students and families who remembered the faculty and staff this Christmas season. Your kind thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. We thank God for you and for the opportunity to continue to faithfully serve together with you as His witnesses to extend His kingdom.

Second Semester Milk Order

Second Semester starts on Monday, January 23. For those who ordered milk by the semester, semester milk order forms were sent home in December with each family messenger. Please fill them out and **return** to the school office **by Friday, January 6.**

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.

LHNW High School Placement Test

Lutheran High School Northwest is offering a placement exam for prospective 2017-18 9th graders on **Saturday, January 7, 2017**, from 9-12 for those who did not take the exam in November. The High School Placement Test (HSPT) is an achievement test required for all incoming 9th graders at LHNW. While not an entrance exam, the test is used to help determine course selections next spring. There is no charge for taking the test or for the materials, which will be provided to the students on exam day. The test will be given at Lutheran High Northwest, which is located at 1000 Bagley, Rochester Hills MI 48309. To register your child, please call the LHNW school office at [248-852-6677](tel:248-852-6677) or email mgutenkunst@lhsa.com.

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.

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**

An order form is available as a link on Fast Direct.

The next regular order will be placed on **Tuesday, January 10**. You can also order reloads through **Scrip Now!**

www.shopwithscrip.com

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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!

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 practices will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30.

**Volunteers
Lend a Hand!**



Library Volunteers

for Tuesday, 1/3: Jen Kolonich
for Wednesday, 1/4: Gina Wordelman

Popcorn Volunteers

for Thursday, 1/5: Carol Blazen

Subway Volunteer

for Tuesday, 1/10: Jessie Swett
for Tuesday, 1/17: Jen Kolonich

Pizza Bakers Volunteer

for Friday, 1/6: Cappellano, Zaremba, Wintland

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

Christmas Luncheon Volunteers:

Sharon Zaremba, Dana O'Farrell, Kelly Kindig, Dawn & Ray Schleif, Malachi Gallegos, Steven Grostick, Howard & Sally Grostick, Trish Mrozek, Denise Richardson, Julie Edmonds, Racheal Pies, Kim Rocheleau, Joanna Daniels, Carol Blazen, and Cheryl Wintland

Food Donations and Volunteers for Staff Lunch:

Julie Muelling, Dana O'Farrell, Carol Blazen, Amy

Terao, Kerry Ann Graney, Rachel Bronsberg, Dawn Schleif, Elizabeth Grupp, Inga Daniels, Joanna Daniels, and Malachi Gallegos

Recess Dads:

Nick and Trent Cappellano, Joe Richardson, and Brian Terao

Classroom Christmas Celebration Volunteers:

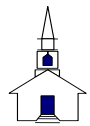
1st grade--Gina Willingham, Gina Wordelman, Steven Grostick

2nd/3rd grade—Carol Blazen, Jen Churray, Elizabeth Grupp, Jen Kellaway, Kelly Kindig, Kim Leonard, and Audrey Redmann

4th/5th grade—Amy Terao and Racheal Pies

Thank you to all who helped during the last week in December. Please forgive us if we missed someone. Be sure to document your time with PTL for volunteer house points.

Congregational News



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. Please take your children to the cafeteria where they will enjoy a simple snack. You can pick them up 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-Donna Hay
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

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.

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 hkgemini23@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. The next class will be January 8, 2017.