

Wednesday, October 5, 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:*

- Wed. (10/5): Library Day  
Camp Forms Due  
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. (10/6): Popcorn Day  
8:10 Chapel  
1:30 *LifeLight* Bible Study  
6:00 PTL Meeting
- Fri. (10/7): Pizza Day  
**Subway order form due for 10/11/16**  
School Pictures  
Ferry Family Visit
- Sun. (10/9): 8:45 Middle School Handbells Warmup  
9:00 Choristers Warmup  
9:30 Divine Service  
10:45 Sunday School & Bible Class  
12:15 New Membership Class
- Mon. (10/10): 8:10 Chapel  
10:00 P4 & K Fun Run  
3:45 Young Flames Piano Program Group B
- Tues., (10/11): **8:30 Scrip order deadline**  
10:00 P3 Fun Run  
2:15 Grades 1-8 Fun Run  
7:30 Adult Volleyball
- Wed., (10/12): 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*  
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*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 the Lutheran teaching taught in our classrooms while attending Our Savior. Families that are requested to attend the class are receiving a letter of invitation this week, but other parents are also welcome to attend. The class begins at 6:30 and will last about ninety minutes.

### **Chapel Envelopes**

Each student is issued a new box of chapel envelopes each year with a different number than previous years. It is very important for record keeping purposes that students use the envelopes that were given to them at orientation this year. If a child uses last year's envelopes, another child will be given the credit for the offering. Please throw away any envelopes you may still have from a previous year.

### **Payments**

When making payments for fees by check, please write separate checks for each payment. While it may be convenient to write one check for everything and submit in one envelope, some payments go to PTL, and some are applied to your school account. For example, if we receive one check for both milk and a Subway order, it is difficult to split the milk payment to your school account and the Subway payment to PTL. Please help us by writing separate checks for these things, as well as other school fees. Thank you.

### **Ferry Family is coming**

The Ferry family will be visiting Our Savior this weekend. For those of you that know them, this is very exciting news. For those of you that will be meeting them for the first time, you will learn why we are so eager to have them visit and share the wonderful work that they are doing in Southeast Asia. They will do two presentations for the students on Friday. The first session will be at 10:00 for grades 3 through 8 students. The second presentation will be at 11:00 for students in Prekindergarten through grade 2. Parents are invited to attend these presentations. Pastor Ferry will also be preaching on Sunday morning, and he and his family will also share their Gospel efforts in Southeast Asia during the Bible study hour. Join us as you are able!

Please remember that our chapel offerings for September through November will be used to support the Ferry family in the work that they do as missionaries in Southeast Asia. As of last week, we have collected \$855.68 in chapel offerings for their support. Once this week's offerings are counted, we should reach at least \$1000. Continue to be generous as you learn more about their mission work.

## Calendar Change/Special Dress Days

On the school calendar that you received at the beginning of the year, the October Spirit Day was scheduled to be next Wednesday, October 12. Due to the Fun Run on Monday and Tuesday, the October Spirit Day has been moved to Friday, October 21. Please make a note of this on your family calendar.

Tuesday, October 11 will be a special dress day for students in grades 1-8, their Fun Run Day. They may wear their Fun Run T-shirts with jeans or solid color athletic pants or shorts. Prekindergarten and Kindergarten students may wear the same attire on their Fun Run Day, Monday, October 10.

## Looking Ahead / Plan Ahead

October 6: PTL Meeting  
 October 7: Picture Day/Ferry Family Visit  
 October 10-11: Fun Run  
 October 13-14: **No School**—LEA Convocation  
 October 17-19: Camp Copneconic Grades 6-8  
 October 21: Spirit Day  
 October 28: Harvest Party  
 October 31: End of Quarter 1



## Grade 6 – 8 Camp

Grade 6 - 8 students received their paperwork with all the details regarding outdoor education last Wednesday. We will attend Camp Copneconic, north of Fenton, Monday through Wednesday, October 17, 18, and 19. Permission slips are to be returned by today Wednesday, October 5, and payment is due this Friday, October 7.

## School Picture Day

Kaiser Studios will be here taking student pictures **Friday, October 7, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Prekindergarten** will have their pictures taken first. An order form went home last Wednesday, September 28. Please make sure that each child brings his order form **even if you do not plan to order pictures.** (Payment for all students in a family can go on one check in one envelope.) Children may dress in their campus wear attire or dress up for their school pictures. Preschool will have their pictures taken on re-take day, Tuesday, November 8, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (right after chapel).

## Choristers & Middle School Handbells

This Sunday, October 9, the Choristers will be singing for the 9:30 a.m. worship service at Our Savior. Remember, the children need to meet by 9:00 sharp in the Chapel (corner room at the far side of the church narthex). We need to warm-up, run-through music, put robes on, and take our place in the choir loft - all by 9:25!

### Special Warm Up Time for Middle School Handbells:

Because I also need to warm-up with the Choristers, the handbell students need to meet earlier than normal, at 8:45 sharp in the Choir Loft. We need to warm-up and run-through music - all by 9:05! I will need a volunteer or two to supervise the students while I am working downstairs with the Choristers. Please let me know if you will help in this way.

## 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.

## Box Tops Update (BTFE)

The BTFE House competition is entering its final month. As of last week, Luther House has collected 292 Box Tops, and Walther House has collected 311. This is still a very close competition and either house could still win. 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. The contest ends on October 28.

In addition to the Box Tops collected in the classroom an additional 224 Box Tops have been collected in the school office for a total of 827 Box Tops so far this year. That translates into \$82.70. Keep clipping Box Tops from the products that you purchase.

Remember that 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.shoparoo.com). We will be receiving a check for \$79.80 as the result of a few families participating in this program. How much more could we earn 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 11. Orders will be accepted until 8:30 a.m. You can also order reloads through **Scrip Now!**

**Our Savior Lutheran School**  
Enrollment Code: B745A65B289L

[www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) 

## 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.

## Harvest Dinner

Our sister congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Howell, will be hosting their annual harvest dinner on Saturday, October 29, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church location. The address is 1944 Oak Grove Road just north of M-59. Suggested donation is \$9.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children, and children under 4 years old eat free. Home cooked food will be served buffet style. Proceeds go to support local church work and Christian missions. See the flyer in the school office for more details. Contact Cheryl Wintland (517-548-3579) with any questions.




## 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.

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, as well as raise funds for PTL? 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](mailto:ptl@oursaviorhartland.org)

## 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 another sale on 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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a9ae23abfc_1-funrun)

## 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](mailto: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 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.

## 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.

## Volunteers Lend a Hand!



### Library Volunteers

for Tuesday, 10/11: Jen Kolonich  
for Wednesday, 10/12: Kristie Hargreaves

### Popcorn Volunteers

for Thursday 10/6: Carol Blazen  
For Thursday 10/13: Carol Blazen

### Subway Volunteer

for Tuesday, 10/4: Kellie Roesner

### Pizza Bakers Volunteer

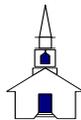
for Friday, 10/7: Wintland, Edmonds, Kindig  
for Friday, 10/21: Tougas, Pfenning, Hipwell

## Many Helping Hands!

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

- ◆ Inga Daniels, Kristie Hargreaves, Jenn McClue for completing the volunteer points hallway display and adding the musical notes. What a great start!
- ◆ Kristie Hargreaves and Jenn McClue helping Mrs. Johnson hang the grade 4/5 paper chain flag in the hallway before the conference last week.
- ◆ Landon Martens, Mike Ripke, & Ted Nichols for making adjustments to the Wi-fi to make it more efficient.
- ◆ Micah Johnson and Against the Elements for donating and installing new mulch at the school and gym entrance sides of the building. They also installed new mulch under the play structures on the playground which will provide a softer surface in case of falls. The playground mulch was possible due to a generous donation for playground improvements.

## 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 18, 2016. Please contact Kellie Roesner at (810) 397-3981 or [kkroesner@gmail.com](mailto:kkroesner@gmail.com) or Heather Belloli at (734) 765-4293 or [hhgemini23@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mopsmomssale@yahoo.com).

## 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

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

**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](mailto: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 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:bill_mrozek@yahoo.com).