

Wednesday, October 26, 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:

- Today (10/26): Library Day & School Store
Pumpkin Decorating Contest
3:30 Optional Boys 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. (10/27): **8:30 Deadline for Pumpkin Decorating Contest entries**
Handbells Field Trip
Popcorn Day
8:10 Chapel
1:30 *LifeLight* Bible Study
- Fri. (10/28): Pizza Day
U of M/MSU Spirit Day
November Subway order form due
Fun Run Donations Due for Prizes
6:00 Harvest Party
- Sun. (10/30): 9:30 Divine Service
10:45 Sunday School & Bible Class
12:15 New Membership Class
- Mon. (10/31): **Reformation Day**
End of 1st Quarter
8:10 Chapel
3:35 *Young Flames Piano Program Group B*
- Tues. (11/1): **No School - Teacher Work Day**
All Saints Day
7:30 Adult Volleyball
- Wed. (11/2): Library Day & School Store
3:30 Optional Boys 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. (11/3): Pizza Day & Popcorn Day
8:10 Chapel
1:30 *LifeLight* Bible Study
- Fri. (11/4): Fun Run Celebration
Spirit Day
Subway Order Form Due

Lutheran Doctrine Overview Class

Thank you to the families that made time in their busy schedules to be in attendance at Pastor's class last night. He covered many of the Lutheran teachings taught to our students in their classrooms. If you were unable to be in attendance, please contact him to learn how you can receive this information.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

All parents should have received information regarding the scheduling of Parent/Teacher Conferences for November 10. The green return slips should have been returned to the school by today. Parents of students in grades K-5 will receive a Fast Direct message with their scheduled time to meet their teacher by November 2. Efforts will be made to schedule families with multiple students at consecutive times. Parents of students in grade 6-8 will meet with Mr. Arnold on a first come-first serve basis. Please meet with him either earlier or later than your scheduled time with K-5 teachers.

Ferry Family

Have you noticed that the Mission Cans have been missing from the classrooms this year? Now that everyone has had the opportunity to meet the Ferry family and learn of their work in Southeast Asia, they will be returning to the classrooms for the remainder of the school year. These small canisters are placed in a visible location in each classroom and are used to collect loose change and sometimes larger amounts of money to support the Ferry Family. The chapel offerings for the months of September through November are also designated for their support. So far chapel offerings are \$1,266.39. When you find money under the chair cushions, in a coat pocket of a jacket that you haven't worn in months, or the bottom of a bag; allowing your child to drop it in the mission can in his/her classroom would be a great way to show your support for the Ferry family.

Cold Weather Ahead

The days and nights are becoming colder and the need for warmer outdoor clothing is upon us. We will 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. Once the snow arrives, 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 ahead.

*From the
Principal's Office*





School News

Looking Ahead / Plan Ahead

October 26-27:	Pumpkin Decorating Contest
October 28:	Harvest Party & U of M/MSU Spirit Day Fun Run Donations Due for Prizes
October 31:	End of Quarter 1
November 1:	No School - Teacher Workday
November 3:	PTL Meeting
November 4:	Spirit Day - Fun Run Celebration
November 8:	Preschool 3's & Retakes Picture Day
November 10:	1/2 Day of School 8-11:45 p.m. Dismissal - Parent Conferences Laser Tag After School Activity
November 11:	No School
November 12:	Harvest to Holiday Craft Sale
November 18:	Red Cross Blood Drive Fun Run Spirit Day #1

Another Calendar Change

The school calendar shows that the Children's Christmas Service is December 21, but the church calendar has it planned for December 14. It will be on **Wednesday, December 14** at 7:00 p.m. This means that the dress rehearsal will be on **Tuesday, December 13** at 9:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars accordingly. We have tried to change it in as many places as possible, but please notify the office if we have missed something.

U of M/MSU Spirit Day

In anticipation and preparation for the upcoming football game between the MSU Spartans and the U of M Wolverines on October 29, the students may wear their U of M or MSU spirit wear with jeans in support of their favorite Michigan team this **Friday, October 28**. If you do not have spirit wear for either of these teams you may choose to wear maize and blue or green and white shirts with your jeans instead.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest (Only one day left to enter)

Calling all crafty kids! The PTL is excited to offer students the opportunity to enter the OSL Pumpkin Decorating Contest. The rules are simple: No carving allowed. Anything else goes! Materials that can be used are unlimited. Pumpkins are to be decorated at home. Pumpkin size may vary, and students should be sure to write their names on the bottom of their pumpkins. We encourage the use of craft pumpkins, however, real pumpkins may also be submitted. Entries will be accepted Wednesday - Thursday, October 26 - 27. There will be a table set up in the hallway to receive the entries. Real Pumpkins will return home with students on October 28. Craft pumpkins may remain at school until Monday, October 31. Winners will be announced on October 28 and prizes will be awarded for:

- * Best Design
- * Most Unusual
- * Most Creative

- * Cutest Pumpkin
- * Funniest Pumpkin
- * Scariest (but not frightening)

Grade K-8 winners will receive a special jeans day. An alternate prize will be given to preschool winners. Email your questions to ptl@oursaviorhartland.org.

November Milk Order Forms are available in the school office for those who do not have a standing order **and copies went home with the family messengers of those families ordering by the month**. Families may begin ordering milk at any time. **These forms are due back today but will be accepted until Monday October 31.**

Social Ministry Benevolence Collection

The Social Ministry Committee of Our Savior Lutheran Church will be collecting non-perishable foods and items such as canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish, paper towels and shampoo to help us fill the Thanksgiving baskets that are given to needy people in our community. They have invited the students to participate again this year. Please watch for more collection details next week.

PTL Winter Clothing Drive

Family messengers are bringing home a flyer today with information about the Winter Clothing Drive that they are sponsoring for Cesar Chavez Academy Elementary School in Detroit. The flyer has all of the details, but the information below from the Holiday Outreach Committee at the school tells a little more about the school and the need for this assistance:

Cesar Chavez Academy Elementary School (CCA) is a charter school with 90% of the student population living below the poverty level. Many of the families here struggle to make ends meet. Eleven years ago, staff members who sought ways to make a difference in the lives of our families, created the Holiday Outreach Program. It was started as a way of providing some of our families with assistance for essential services during the winter and gifts for their children during the holiday season. As part of this effort, we will be holding our tenth annual Holiday Outreach Program this December as well as our Coat Drive.

As the winter approaches, we are hoping that you will be able to help us make this event successful again this year. The Coat Drive is an ongoing integral part of the Outreach Program providing warm coats, gloves/mittens, scarves, and winter boots to our students during the winter months. We ask that any items donated are new or gently used.

MOPS Community Service Project

MOPS will be collecting new coloring books and crayons from now until December 6 to donate to Carriage Town Ministries of Flint. Carriage Town will be gifting these items to children of the Flint area during the Christmas season. We would love your help with this cause! If you are able to donate, please drop off your items in the school office. Thank you so much for your support!

Crusader Day at LHNW

This exciting day is a wonderful opportunity for 7th and 8th students to meet our faculty, staff and student council here at Lutheran High Northwest, tour the school, and learn what it means to be a Crusader! Devotions, fun break-out sessions, and lunch are also included. The day begins at 9

a.m. and wraps up about 12:30 p.m. for those who join us for lunch. LHNW is a Christ-centered, academically focused institution, which is characterized by a positive and caring family atmosphere. To learn more about this event or about LHNW, please contact us at 1000 Bagley Avenue, Rochester Hills, MI 48309. Call (248) 852-6677 or email lower@lhsa.com or mgutenkunst@lhsa.com. Our website is www.lhnw.lhsa.com.

Lutheran High School Northwest

The Thespian Troupe of Lutheran High School Northwest is presenting Pat Cook's hilarious farce, "Let's Hang Him and Read the Will on Friday, October 28, and Saturday, October 29, at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, October 30 at 3 p.m. This fun soap-opera/mystery spoof will keep you guessing until the last suspect is no longer a suspect! Bring a can of food to donate as part of our Food Drive and you'll receive \$2 off the price of a single ticket. Plan to join us for our Spring Musical as well. "Mary Poppins" will be presented May 19, 20 and 21. All are welcome! LHNW is at 1000 Bagley in Rochester Hills. For more information on the school, call us at 248-852-6677 or visit our website: www.lhnw.lhsa.com.

November 19 8th Grade Testing Day
December 17 LHNW Christmas Concert – 7 pm

Box Tops Update (BTFE)

The BTFE House competition **ends this Friday, October 28**. 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. 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.

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, November 1. 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

shopwithscrip.com

News from Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools (MANS)

Our Savior is a part of MANS. One of their objectives is to advocate for faith-based schools with public policy makers in Lansing. You may visit their website for more information regarding legislative updates that affect faith based schools: MANS Legislative e-News The following message is from them:

One key feature of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the new federal education law, is a requirement to engage a broad range of stakeholders in developing state

plans. Parents of children in PreK-12 schools are one population especially targeted for such feedback. While parents are invited to respond to any feedback request, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has now released an [ESSA-related survey designed for parents](#). The survey asks questions specifically related to items relevant to Michigan's ESSA plan and includes topics such as student assessment, school accountability measures, teacher and leader quality, and supports for struggling schools. Any Michigan parent or guardian with a child in grades PreK-12 qualifies to participate, and the survey will remain available through November 18, 2016.

PTL



Harvest Party

The Harvest Party is this Friday, October 28, from 6-8 p.m. You are invited to dress up in family friendly costumes. Activities planned for the evening include games, prizes, face painting, crafts, a cake walk, and a chili cook-off. Donations for food and volunteers for the many activities needing assistance are coming along, but we could still use a few helpers. Please see the Signup Genius for areas remaining that could use assistance: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49ada622a3fc1-oslharvest>

The PTL is also collecting donations of candy, small prizes, and homemade treats for the cake walk. You may leave our donations in the school office.

Fun Run Reminders

Don't forget to turn your Fun Run donations into the office by the end of the day this Friday to be eligible to win one of the **over 70 prizes available, including the grand prize of a 6-month full family swim membership at Huron Valley Pools!** The PTL is looking forward to the celebration lunch next Friday, November 4, as they have many "superhero surprises" in store. Because next Friday is a Spirit Day, if you wear your Fun Run T-shirt, you will earn a point for your house. Preschool, Prekindergarten, and Kindergarten students are all invited to share in the fun.

Fun Run Spirit Days

As you know, the Fun Run has been a huge success. One of the rewards for reaching and surpassing the goal was additional Spirit Days added to the school calendar. These dates are: November 18, December 16, January 13, February 17, March 17, April 28, and May 26. They have been added to Mrs. Johnson's Fast Direct Calendar.

Volunteer Points

Thank you to everyone that made the 2016 Superhero Fun Run a huge success. Have you shared with PTL your participation for volunteer points? 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.

A visual of the volunteer involvement is located 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 each family. Black indicates involvement from Luther House families. Red indicates involvement from Walther House families. The musical staff will be extended as needed, and hopefully, wrap around the corner into the next hallway.

Volunteers Lend a Hand!



Library Volunteers

for Wednesday, 11/2: Gina Wordelman

Popcorn Volunteers

for Thursday, 10/27: Carol Blazen
For Thursday, 11/3: Carol Blazen

Subway Volunteer

for Tuesday, 11/8: Dana O'Farrell

Pizza Bakers Volunteer

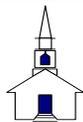
for Friday, 10/28: Winiarski, Combs, Kolonich
for Thursday, 11/3: Mrozek, Mortz, Cappellano

Many Helping Hands!

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

- ◆ Sharon Zaremba for organizing the Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- ◆ Jen Kellaway for assisting Mrs. Tougas' Kindergarten class with various projects
- ◆ Our faithful playground helpers: Dana O'Farrell, Mike Oswald, Kristie Hargreaves, Gina Wordelman, Gina Willingham, and Michelle Pushman
- ◆ Aneesa Cappellano, Jen Kolonich, Ron Wintland, Julie Edmonds, and Isabel Mortz, who picked up the students from Camp Copneconic and returned them to school last Wednesday
- ◆ Jen Kolonich, Jenn McClue, Jen Kellaway, Sandy Brandt, and Trish Mrozek for their work to prepare our library books for scanning

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.

Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, November 27, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the school gym, is the time to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and focus your heart and mind upon the

birth of Christ. All women of Our Savior Lutheran Church are invited to host a table or sign up as a guest at a table. They are encouraged to invite mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and friends to prepare their hearts for Advent.

The theme this year is "The Lutheran Reformation". The theme verse for this event is **John 8:31-32**. So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Our guest speaker, Natalie Sabol, will be presenting "The Life of Katharina (Katie) vonBora Luther".

Please mark your calendar and join us for Advent by Candlelight as a hostess or as a guest on Sunday evening November 27.

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 November 15, 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.

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.

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

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. The craft show will be November 12, 9-3. 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!

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. 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.

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.

Volunteers for the 7th Annual Harvest to Holiday Arts & Craft Show

All junior and senior high youth consider volunteering your time either Friday, November 11, 4-7 during setup, or Saturday, November 12, 9-3 during the craft show. Please help to make this arts and craft show a successful fundraiser for our youth group!