

Wednesday, November 2, 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 (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): Popcorn Day
Pizza Day
8:10 Chapel
- Fri. (11/4): Spirit Day
Fun Run Luncheon Celebration
Subway order form due for 11/8
- Sat. (11/5): 7:00 a.m. Elder's Meeting
Daylight Saving Time ends / "Fall back"
(Set clocks back one hour.)
- Sun. (11/6): 9:30 Divine Service
10:45 Sunday School & Bible Class
12:15 New Membership Class
- Mon. (11/7): 8:10 Chapel
**3:35 Young Flames Piano Program
Group A**
- Tues. (11/8): **Picture Day for P3s & Retake Day**
Subway Day
8:30 Scrip order deadline
7:30 Adult Volleyball
- (Wed. 11/9): 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
- (Thur. 11/10): Half Day School: 8-11:45
Parent Teacher Conference 1:00-4:00 and
5:00-8:00
- (Fri. 11/11): **No School**

*From the
Principal's Office*



Parent/Teacher Conferences are *next week* Thursday, November 10. Parents with students in grades K-5 are asked to honor the scheduled time that was sent to you via Fast Direct. Grades 6-8 conferences are on a "first-

come, first-served" basis. Parents need to meet with Mr. Arnold to receive the first quarter report cards. Conferences are scheduled from 1:00-4:00 and 5:00-8:00. If you would like to meet with a teacher who is not your child's homeroom teacher, please contact that teacher for an appointment.

Fresh Start

This week is the beginning of second quarter and just like God's grace is fresh, so it is with tardies. The number of students tardy during first quarter is greatly reduced as compared to last year. This is very encouraging for this first quarter. For those families still working to arrive on time, we begin with a fresh start. Everyone begins again at zero tardies.

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.

Looking Ahead / Plan Ahead

- November 3: PTL Meeting @ 6:00
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.
Parent Conferences 1:00-4:00 & 5:00-8:00
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

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.



School News

Mission Opportunities

The mission cans have returned to the classrooms. 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 their work along with all of the chapel offering money for the months of September through November. So far chapel offerings are \$1,415.87. 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 an additional way to show your support for the Ferry family.

School pictures are here!

School pictures were sent home with students last Friday. If you are not satisfied with how they turned out, you may have the picture retaken on Picture Retake Day, next **Tuesday, November 8.** Please return the first envelope of pictures to have them retaken.

P3's School Picture (& Retakes) Day

Kaiser Studios will be here on **Tuesday, November 8** to take school pictures of **Preschool**, pictures of children not available on our last picture day, and to do **retakes** of any child not happy with their pictures. **To have retakes done, please send back your picture packet with your child on November 8.** Picture-taking will begin at 8:15 a.m. Mark your calendars!

Child Safety Card Opportunity

Kaiser Studio's will also produce a Safety Card for any parent wishing one. Fingerprinting for safety cards will also be done on **Tuesday, November 8.** **Forms were sent home with students last week.**

Wreath and Garland Sales

Students in Grades 5 - 7 are selling fresh wreaths and garlands again this year. The proceeds that each student earns goes to pay for their outdoor education next fall. **Students: this project could pay for your whole camping experience.** Order forms are due in the school office by **8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 18.** Wreaths and garlands will be delivered to school during the week of November 28. You will be notified of the exact delivery date. They will need to be picked up between 3:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. on the delivery date.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest Winners

Wow, what a wonderful outpouring of creativity and participation! Thank you to everyone who participated! Thirty pumpkins were on display. Our winners were:

BEST DESIGN:

- 1st: Frankie Pies, 4th
2nd: Michael Zaremba, 3rd
3rd: Jake Hargreaves, 2nd & Cameron Leonard, 2nd

MOST UNUSUAL:

- 1st: Belle Browder, 4th

- 2nd: Avery Daniels, 3rd
3rd: Alyssa Redmann, 3rd

MOST CREATIVE:

- 1st: Ella Wordelman, 1st
2nd: Annabelle Graney, Kindergarten
3rd: Lucas Rocheleau, 3rd

CUTEST PUMPKIN:

- 1st: Josh Hargreaves, Kindergarten
2nd: Serenity Blue, Kindergarten
3rd: Lana O'Farrell, 3rd

FUNNIEST PUMPKIN:

- 1st: Callen Daniels, P3
2nd: Aiden Pies, 2nd
3rd: Amelia Ayers, Kindergarten & Laci Bronsberg, P3

SCARIEST PUMPKIN:

- 1st: Jake Spinneweber, 1st
2nd: Xavier O'Farrell, 5th
3rd: Caleb Cappellano, 2nd

Grade K-8 winners received a special jeans day coupon. Preschool winners received an alternate prize.

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. Collection details are coming soon.

PTL Winter Clothing Drive

PTL is also sponsoring a Winter Clothing Drive for Cesar Chavez Academy Elementary School in Detroit. The flyer that you received last week 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!

Box Top Contest Update

Earlier this week \$203.70 worth of Box Tops were submitted to Box Tops for Education. A check will be received later this year. Luther House is the winner of the contest that began at the beginning of the school year. They submitted a total of 839 Box Tops. Walther came very close with 815 Box Tops turned in. The remaining 383 Box Tops were not designated as they were collected in either the church or school office. Each House will be awarded a point for each Box Top they collected and a special prize will be given to each student in Luther House for winning the contest. Thank you to everyone who contributed Box Tops so far this year. Continue to collect Box Tops to benefit Our Savior. Look for another contest coming soon.

Crusader Day at LHNW - Friday, Nov. 4

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.

LHNW High School Placement Test Day

Lutheran High School Northwest is offering a placement exam for prospective 2017-18 9th graders on Saturday, 11/19 from 9-12. 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

Pizza Day

Pizza day this week will be on Thursday due to the Fun Run Celebration on Friday.

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 8. Orders will be accepted until 8:30 a.m. You can also order reloads through **Scrip Now!**

Low Denomination Gift Cards Back! Scrip has a limited number of special small denomination gift cards available, perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift-giving! These cards will only be available while supplies last, so don't wait to place your orders. The following cards are available:

- Albertsons \$10
- Amazon.com Gift Cards \$10
- AMC Theatres® \$10
- Applebee's \$10
- Barnes & Noble \$5
- CVS/pharmacy \$10
- IHOP \$10
- Meijer \$10
- Olive Garden \$10
- Outback \$10
- Panera Bread® \$5
- Red Lobster \$10
- Regal Entertainment Group \$10
- Starbucks \$5
- Target \$10
- Supervalu \$10

These low denomination gift cards make great gifts for the special people in your life. [Click here](#) to view all our low denomination cards and place your order before they're sold out!

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Harvest Party

The Harvest Party was a huge success on Friday evening thanks to the hard work of our coordinators Gina Willingham and Gina Wordeman. Their efforts along with the many volunteers that they recruited made it a safe and fun evening for the children and their parents. Thanks also to the many families that stayed until the gym, cafeteria, and kitchen were cleaned up and ready for Sunday.

Fun Run Totals

Praise be to God! He has blessed Our Savior in so many ways. He has provided the funds needed for PTL to do its work in the coming year. This one main fundraiser of the year will enhance the education and growth of our students. To God be the glory!!! The new total amount pledged is **\$10,518**. As of October 28, **\$9833** has been collected. Pledged donations in the amount of **\$685** still need to be collected. If your family has not finished its collections, please do so as soon as possible. The Fun Run celebration is Friday during the lunch period. Thank you everyone for your support of the Fun Run.

Fun Run Celebration Reminders

The PTL is looking forward to the celebration lunch this Friday, November 4, as they have many "superhero surprises" in store. Because 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. The prize list is coming home with family messengers today.

Fun Run Spirit Days

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 and Harvest Party a huge success. Some of you have volunteered to drive for field trips and assist in classrooms also. 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.

Volunteers Lend a Hand!



Library Volunteers

for Wednesday, 11/8: Jenn McClue
for Wednesday, 11/9: Kristie Hargreaves

Popcorn Volunteers

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

Subway Volunteer

for Tuesday, 11/8: Dana O'Farrell

Pizza Bakers Volunteer

for Thursday, 11/3: Mrozek, Mortz, Cappellano

Many Helping Hands!

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

- ◆ All the parents that attended Deihl's apple Orchard field trip with their Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten children
- ◆ The Middle School Handbell drivers/chaperones: Isabel Mortz, Aneesa Cappellano, and Cheryl Wintland
- ◆ Gina Willingham and Gina Wordelman for coordinating the very successful Harvest Party.
- ◆ The many volunteers that assisted before, during, and after the Harvest Party. You know who you are!
- ◆ Jennifer Churray for being the Box Tops coordinator and submitting our most recent collection of Box Tops.
- ◆ Dawn Schleif for tabulating the Fun Run donations
- ◆ Another faithful playground helper: Joe Richardson (we forgot him last week)
- ◆ Reformation Day/Halloween Party helpers in classrooms:

Preschool - Kellie Roesner

Pre-Kindergarten - Gina Willingham & Gina Wordelman

Kindergarten - Jen Kellaway coordinated the party with assistance from all the other parents.

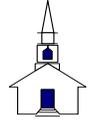
1st - Gina Willingham & Gina Wordelman

2nd/3rd - Carol Blazen Jennifer Churray Elizabeth Grupp, Kristie Hargreaves Kim Leonard, Racheal

Pies, Betsy Smith, and her mom, Jessie Swett, Jennifer Kellaway, and Audrey Redmann
4/5th - Amy & Brian Terao, Rachel Pies, and Kristie Hargreaves

Many parents donated food for the parties so a big thank you to them as well!

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 hngemini23@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

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.

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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!