

Wednesday, December 7, 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 (12/7): Library Day  
**8 - 11:30 Christmas Store**  
3:30 - 4:30 Basketball practice  
3:35 Knitting Club  
7:00 Mid-Week Advent 2 - Evening  
Prayer with the Great O' Antiphons  
7:45 Bible Study – *God's Grace in the NT*  
7:45 *6th to 8th Grade Midweek/  
Confirmation Class*
- Thurs. (12/8): Popcorn Day  
Pizza Day  
8:10 Chapel  
1:30 *LifeLight* Bible Study
- Fri. (12/9): **Half Day of School - Daycare Open**  
**11:45 Dismissal**  
**Subway order form due for 12/13**  
Afternoon Faculty Meeting  
Afterschool Activity @ Bounce Gymnastics
- Sun. (12/11): **Third Sunday in Advent**  
9:30 Divine Service  
10:45 Congregational Meeting
- Mon. (12/12): 8:10 Chapel  
3:35 Young Flames Piano Program  
Group B
- Tues. (12/13): Subway Day  
**8:30 Scrip order deadline**  
**9:00 Christmas Service Dress  
Rehearsal**  
3:30 - 4:30 Basketball practice  
3:35 Knitting Club  
7:30 Adult Volleyball
- Wed. (12/14): Library Day  
7:00 Mid-Week Advent 3– Children's  
Evening Service

*From the  
Principal's Office*



### **Christmas Service**

All Our Savior school children and Sunday School children will be singing in the **7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 14.** On **Tuesday, December 13,** we will have a "dress rehearsal" starting at **9 a.m.** As in the past we are inviting seniors and other members and friends to come and worship at this final rehearsal. *If you know of anyone who isn't able to get out in*

*the evenings and might like to attend the Tuesday morning dress rehearsal, please invite them!* Family Messengers brought home an attachment with all the details last week.

### **Gift Exchanges**

Each class will exchange names with classmates. We ask that these gifts be kept under \$5 or homemade. We understand a child may want to do more, but in the interest of those with several children, please keep it simple. We also ask that students refrain from exchanging personal gifts with their friends at school – unless they bring something for everyone in their class. This will help prevent hurt feelings.

### **Looking Ahead / Plan Ahead**

- December 6-8: Christmas Store  
December 9: 1/2 Day of School: 8-11:45  
After School Activity at Bounce Gymnastics  
December 13: Dress Rehearsal  
December 14: Children's Christmas Service  
December 16: Fun Run Spirit Day #2  
December 21: Christmas Lunch and Classroom Parties  
December 24: Choristers & Middle School Handbells  
Dec. 22-Jan. 2: Christmas Break- No School or Daycare  
January 3: School Resumes– Daycare Open  
January 6: Spirit Day  
January 16: No School—Teacher Work Day



*School  
News*

### **Christmas Baskets**

Collections for the Social Ministry Benevolence baskets to be distributed at Christmas begins this week. The collections will be similar to the one with which we assisted in November. Family messengers will bring home a flyer today with all the details. Please look for it. With your help, many families will again be blessed at Christmas with the needed items.

### **Christmas Concert at LHNW**

Lutheran High Northwest presents its annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 17, at 7p.m. Please join us for this celebration of the birth of our Savior! LHNW is located at 1000 Bagley in Rochester Hills (near Livernois and Auburn). A free-will offering will be received. For more information on the school, please call [248-852-6677](tel:248-852-6677) or visit [www.lhnw.lhsa.com](http://www.lhnw.lhsa.com).

## Hearing & Vision Screening

The Livingston County Department of Public Health will be doing Vision and Hearing Screening for our students on Wednesday, January 4. Hearing Screening will be offered to students in Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grades 2 and 4. Vision Screening will be offered to students in Preschool, Grades 1, 3, 5, and 7. Any student not scheduled for screening may be referred to the technician by a parent or teacher. Please notify the school office. Parents may opt out of this free screening by contacting the school office. Please call the school if you have a concern and it is not your child's scheduled year for screening or you do not want your child screened. Please call the Health Department if your child has a programmable shunt, or you have questions about either vision or hearing screening. Call (517) 546-9850 and ask for the Hearing & Vision Coordinator.

## Mission Opportunities

During the first three months of the school year, all chapel offerings were designated to the Ferry family bringing the Gospel to the people in Southeast Asia. A total of **\$2,078.90** was collected in chapel offerings and will be sent to support their work as they return to the mission field after being home this fall to share their experiences from their first two years of service. Thank you for generous support of the Ferry family through your chapel offerings. In addition to these chapel offerings, the mission cans located in each classroom will continue to be available for the remainder of the school year to collect coins and other donations to add to this total. The total collected for the month of November is **\$69.60**.

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.

**Pizza Day Change** Pizza day will be on **Thursday, December 8**, instead of Friday this week due to the half day on Friday.

## Children's Christmas Service Information for all school students: Tuesday, December 13

(Dress Rehearsal: Please invite Seniors, Shut-ins, etc...)

- The service will start at 9:00 a.m.
- This is a **dress up day** for school. This means that the students are free to wear their Christmas best, but may wear their regular uniform dress if desired.
- Please feel free to invite grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, etc... to come for the dress rehearsal

**Wednesday, December 14** (Full Service)

- The service will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- **All students should be in the church by 6:30 p.m.**
- **Grades 7-8 students that have nativity character**

roles need to be here at **6:20 p.m.** to get costumes on by 6:30.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Word of God declares: "*Guard your steps when you go into the house of God. Draw near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools...*" (Ecclesiastes 5:1-2). In other words, we are to maintain reverence in the midst of worship in the holy places. This means that **we DO NOT take photos during the service.** However, we know the event is special, and in order to **provide photo opportunities**, the children will be gathered at **6:30 p.m.** into the same positions / costumes that will occur during the "Silent Night" portion of the actual service. We will **conclude the photo session promptly at 6:45 p.m.**

**Dress specifics:**

All students may wear their Christmas best or the following:

*Girls - appropriate top, nice dress pants or skirt of appropriate length, dress shoes (no heels please!)*

*Boys - tucked in dress shirt (with tie, if desired), dress pants, dress shoes*

**Please have your children to the church on time.**

## Middle School Handbells & Choristers play and sing for church on

**Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m.** Handbells will be ringing and Choristers will be singing for the Divine Service on Christmas Eve. **Be here by 3:50 p.m.**

## 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Enter sponsor code *OurSaviorHartland* to select a time or call 1-899-733-2767. For more information please contact Tom Hay. Thank you!

## Polar Express Day!

If you are looking for a fun, family holiday event, Cromaine Library is hosting a Polar Express Day in Historic Downtown Hartland on Saturday, December 10. Activities are planned throughout Hartland's historic village, including cookie decorating, ring the train bell at the Florence Dearing Museum and get your Polar express ticket, pick up a bit of magical reindeer feed at Ore Creek Veterinary, warm up by the burn barrel at Flame to Fire and pick up a bagged craft kit, enjoy entertainment by the Hartland High School choir students at 10:45 and band at 11:30 at the Hartland Music Hall, make a stamped bookmark with Beauchamp Water on the street, enjoy cocoa provided by Dr. Abed, plus see a Real Live Reindeer on Cromaine's south lawn, and become a Certified Elf by completing a "challenge" course at Cromaine. Most important - hear the story The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg read at Cromaine. Find out more including a map at the Five Sparrows provided interactive website :

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

After this event, from noon to 4 pm, visit Santa at the Hartland-Deerfield Fire Department!

## Shoparoo

We recently received a check for \$79.80 from Shoparoo because a few of our families are snapping pictures of their everyday shopping receipts using the Shoparoo app. With more families doing this we could earn even more money for our school. Spread the word to your family and friends.

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).

**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, December 13. Orders will be accepted until 8:30 a.m.** You can also order reloads through **Scrip Now!**

**Low Denomination Gift Cards Back and will be available until 11:59 p.m., Dec 16 or until supplies last.** 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, \$50
- Barnes & Noble \$5
- Chuckie Cheese \$10 (2)
- CVS/pharmacy \$10
- IHOP \$10
- Land's End \$25 (2)

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

## Consider Scrip for Holiday Shopping

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.)
- ◆ **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 Scrip-Now eGifts whenever they want without having to worry about sending gift cards in the mail.)
- ◆ **Scrip can be used for everything you need.**

PTL



## Nativity Displays

Get your creative minds thinking again! The PTL is hosting a 3D Nativity Design contest. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the meaning of Christmas with others and spend some quality time as a family. Your 3D Nativity is a project that can be saved and shared every year. Students can enter the contest as an individual or as a family. See the flyer that family messengers brought home for all of the other details. Nativity displays should be brought to school between December 8 and December 14. They will be on display in the school for the Children's Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 14. Prizes will be awarded for Best Design, Most Creative, and Students' Pick. Judging will take place by staff and a few parent volunteers. Students will also get an opportunity to vote for their favorite.

## After School Activity at Bounce Gymnastics

PTL is planning an afternoon activity at Bounce Gymnastics of Hartland on Friday, December 9, from 12:15 to 1:30. The cost is \$5 per person. Family messengers brought home a flyer with the details last week. Parents need to sign a waiver for each student that participates. It is available on the PTL Facebook page.

## House Points Update

Have you noticed the House bulletin board in the school hallway across from the kitchen? Last week it was updated with the PTL volunteer points earned so far this year. Parents have earned a total of 742 points for their respective houses through their volunteer activities. Your volunteer efforts are truly appreciated and do accumulate over time. Luther House parents earned 414 points and Walther House parents contributed 328 points. Check out the bulletin board to see the totals for each month. The current total points for the year are: Luther 2231 points and Walther 1985 points. If you have contributed time or made a donation for a school event and have not documented it with PTL, please fill out a form found in the school office or send a message to [ptl@oursaviorhartland.org](mailto:ptl@oursaviorhartland.org) so your points may be included in the next update.

**Christmas Lunch** PTL is planning to host a special Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, December 21. They will need help with set-up, preparing the food, serving, and clean-up. If you can help with any or all of these, please let our PTL coordinator, Cheryl Wintland know. A sign-up genius will be available soon for this event. Order forms will come home with family messengers next week.

**Dads Come to Play** We invite any and all available dads or granddads to come to school on Wednesday, December 21, to play with the children outside during their recess: Grades 4-8 - 11:45-12:05 and Grades K-3 - 12:15-1:00. This will give the teachers a break and a fun activity for the students to enjoy. Please contact the school office to let them know you can help with this.

## Winter Clothing Drive Update

Thank you to the many families that donated new and gently used winter clothing for the students that attend Caesar Chavez Academy in Detroit. The clothing was delivered and given to the students in need. Over 125 items were donated including 30 coats, 37 pairs of gloves, 26 hats, 16 scarves, 6 snow pants, 8 snow boots, 1 pair of ear muffs, 2 vests, and 1 infant snow suit. Thanks to your generosity, these families and students will be warm this winter.

## Thank You to Fun Run Sponsors

In so many ways the following list of sponsors contributed to the success of the Fun Run. Some made monetary donations that were used to offset expenses. Many others donated prizes that were awarded to the students at the Fun Run Celebration. The total value of the donations was \$3363. Please read the following list of sponsors; then determine to visit them and show your appreciation by purchasing their products or services. Speak up and thank the owners for their support. Your unsolicited gratefulness may encourage them to participate again next year.

Alpine Valley	Lakeland Ice Arena
And The Cherry On Top	Meijer
Bakers of Milford	Michigan Quality Electric
Beale Street Smokehouse	Midwest Plumbing
BBQ	Oriental Trading
Big Boy of Hartland	Peak Physical Therapy
Bounce Gymnastics	Pushman Construction
Brighton Stair Company	Puzzled Escape
Buffalo Wild Wings	Rollerama
Castaway Play Café	Shot Box Photo Booth
Chuck E. Cheese's	Sky Zone
Dairy Queen	Spinneweber Landscaping
Emagine Theatre	Stars & Stripes Kids Activity Center
Gordon Food Service	State Farm
Hands On Health Chiropractic	Steeped Tea
Hartland Gymnastics	Subway
Huron Valley Pools & Fitness	Suite 34 Salon
JD Karting	Tony Sacco's
Jen's Gifts of Love Coffee	Tropical Smoothie Café
K-L Sealcoating Company	US Foods
Kahuna Coffee	Zap Zone
Lakes Area Highland Dance	
Kristina Lee Photography	



## Sports

Boys Basketball Season is underway practices will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30. There will be no practice on Wednesday, December 14 and 21.

## Volunteers Lend a Hand!



### Library Volunteers

for Tuesday, 12/13:  
for Wednesday, 12/14:

Jen Kolonich  
Jennifer Wiggins

## Popcorn Volunteers

for Thursday, 12/08:

Jennifer Kellaway

## Subway Volunteer

for Tuesday, 12/13:

Jesse Swett

for Tuesday, 12/20:

Dana O'Farrell

## Pizza Bakers Volunteer

For Thursday, 12/08:

Hipwell, Winiarski, Combs

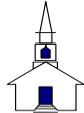
For Friday, 12/16:

Kolonich, Mrozek, Mortz

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

- ♦ Trish Mrozek for assisting in the school office on Monday morning.
- ♦ All of the families who regularly donate healthy snacks to the lower grade classrooms.
- ♦ Dawn Schleif and Joanna Daniels for their time and effort in updating the PTL Constitution and By-laws.
- ♦ Joanna Daniels for completing and submitting the spirit wear orders.
- ♦ Jen Churray, Steven Grostick, and Joanna Daniels for setting up the Christmas Store in the ECC.
- ♦ Carol Blazen, Inga Daniels, Kristie Hargreaves, Grace Homberg, Kim Leonard, Kelly Kindig, Isabel Mortz, Trish Mrozek, Dawn Scheif, Amy Terao, Gina Willingham, Cheryl Wintland, and Gina Wordelman for assisting student shoppers on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Christmas Store.

## 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.

### Congregational Meeting

Our quarterly congregational meeting will be Sunday, December 11, immediately following the 9:30 service.

### 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 3, 2017. 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.

### 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

### **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](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. 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 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.