

# The Flame

## *This Week at a Glance:*

- Today (2/15): School Store & Library Day  
3:30 - 4:45 Basketball practice  
**No Knitting Club this week**  
7:00 Divine Service  
7:45 Bible Study – *God's Grace in the NT*  
7:45 6th to 8th Grade Midweek/  
Confirmation Class
- Thurs. (2/16): Popcorn Day  
Pizza Day  
8:10 Chapel  
1:30 *LifeLight* Women's Bible Study
- Fri. (2/17): Half Day of School: 8-11:45  
**Fun Run Spirit Day #4**  
**1:00 - 3:00 Sky Zone**
- Sun. (2/19): 9:30 Divine Service  
10:45 Sunday School & Bible Class  
12:15 New Membership Class
- Mon. (2/20): No School; Daycare Open
- Tues. (2/21): Subway Day  
**8:30 Scrip order deadline**  
7:30 Adult Volleyball
- Wed. (2/22): **School Open House**  
School Store & Library Day  
3:35 Knitting Club  
3:45 Talent Show Auditions  
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*



## OSLS Re-enrollment 2017-2018

It is that time of year that we begin to prepare for school year 2017-18. You should have received re-enrollment forms last week. If you have a sibling that will also be attending Our Savior next year, please include their names on the forms. Please review all the information and return the completed forms along with a minimum \$100 nonrefundable payment of the \$495 registration fee by Monday, March 13. This will ensure your child's place in his class. The balance of the registration fee is due by June 1. As in the past, current families and siblings of current families are given priority for re-enrollment. It is important that

we complete this process for our current families before we admit any new families. Your cooperation in completing reenrollment for your children in a timely manner is greatly appreciated. If you have we will be happy to help you in the office.

## Open House

Three families visited last Thursday for the first open house this year. Additional open house days are scheduled for **Wednesday, February 22, Monday, March 6, and Tuesday, March 21**. They will be held during the school day to allow prospective families to see our classrooms in action. If you have family or friends that you would like to invite, speak to them and encourage them to visit, or give their contact information to the office, and we will send them an invitation. Appointments are recommended, but not necessary. If these dates are not convenient, special appointments on other days can also be arranged.

## Early Childhood Round-up

Tuesday evening, March 14, will be an exciting evening for our Early Childhood programs. All families with children eligible for Preschool or Kindergarten this fall (**including current families**) are invited to our round-up evening to get information and experience our programs. The evening will begin at **5:30** with **light refreshments** and will be followed with classroom visits and information for parents at 6 p.m. ***If you know someone with children that are eligible for these programs, please give their contact information to the school office so we may send them a letter of invitation.*** Children need to be age 3, 4, or 5 by September 1, 2017.

## Mid-Year Conferences

are being scheduled for the purpose of discussing the overall progress of students up to this point in the school year and to prepare for the next grade level in the fall. **Thursday, March 2, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.** has been designated as the time for kindergarten through eighth grade conferences. Kindergarten parents are asked to schedule a specific time with Mrs. Tougas. She will be contacting Kindergarten parents to schedule a time to meet. Conferences for students in grades 1-8 are by request. If parents do not hear from a teacher requesting a conference they need not attend. However, if any parent would like to meet with a teacher, the teachers will be happy to meet with them during the conference times on a first come, first served basis. If Thursday evening, March 2, is not a convenient time, please contact the teacher for another time. Conferences for Pre-kindergarten will be scheduled in early spring.

## Scrip Rebate Credit

For those families that order and use Scrip, please look for a bright orange note from your family messenger with the amount of your accrued Scrip rebate credit as of January 31. This amount may be applied to your registration fee for 2017-18 or other school expenses. Please return the form with your desired designation. The Scrip rebates range from a few dollars to several hundred dollars. Three families are able to cover at least one registration fee for next year using Scrip credit. Shopping with Scrip has its rewards! If you who have not taken the opportunity to participate in this program, there is more information and directions for getting started on page 3 of the Flame.



## Looking Ahead / Planning Ahead

February 17:	Half Day of School 8-11:45 Fun Run Spirit Day #4 Skyzone After School Activity
February 20:	No School - Winter Break
February 22:	Open House
February 25:	PTL Family Skate at Rollerama
February 28:	Lutheran Schools Music Festival
March 1:	Ash Wednesday
March 2:	Parent Teacher Conferences
March 10:	Showcase Night/Talent Show
March 9-16:	Scholastic Book Fair

## Music Festival

The Lutheran Schools Music Festival for the Choristers Middle School Handbells is **Tuesday, February 28**, at Concordia University in Ann Arbor! Information and permission slips was given to each of the involved students in grades 4 through 8 today. **Please return the permission slip by Friday, February 17**, so that final arrangements can be made. Several driver/chaperones will be needed for this trip. Please volunteer if you are able. To those not involved, your prayers for safe travel and success in performing to the best of our God-given abilities will be appreciated!

## God at Work in Lutheran Schools!

As you probably already know, Lutheran Hour Ministries took students across North America on a virtual mission trip to Madagascar during National Lutheran Schools Week. Here is a glimpse at how God worked through this eye-opening experience. An estimated 50,000 students participated from 461 schools, home schools, and Sunday schools. Approximately 900 videos were downloaded or live streamed each of the five days. Our chapel offerings for the months of December, January, and February will be sent to help achieve the Lutheran Hour goal of \$30,000 to support the radio, youth, and holistic ministry that is being done in Madagascar. So far, Our Savior students have collected \$1,483.29

## Mission Cans Update

Our mission cans project this year is supporting the Ferry Family in their service in Southeast Asia. Mission cans are

in the students' classrooms to collect their donations. Our January donations were \$11.61.

## “Shrek the Musical, Jr.”

On **Monday, March 13**, kindergarten through grade five will attend the 10:00 a.m. performance of “Shrek the Musical, Jr.” at the Performing Arts Center in the Hartland Educational Support Service Center. The musical is based on the Shrek movies. Carmen Pushman in fifth grade has been cast as a storyteller. Family messengers are bringing home a permission slip with all of the details today. Please return it by next Wednesday, February 22, with payment so we can confirm our seats and make final arrangements. Each family should return one permission slip for their students in grades K-5.

## Showcase Night/Progressive Dinner

Please mark your calendars for this special annual event. All students will participate in our Showcase Night on **Friday evening, March 10**. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with an international themed progressive dinner through the classrooms. As you are enjoying your dinner, be sure to visit all of the classrooms to see the projects created by the students related to their personal heritage or a culture of their choice. PTL is planning the main course for the cafeteria and the side dishes will be served in the classrooms. You may be contacted by your room mom for some help and donations with food for that evening. This will be followed by our PTL sponsored Talent Show in the gym beginning at 7:00 p.m. We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Let them come and see firsthand our wonderful Lutheran School!

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Our Savior March 9-16. There will be several opportunities to shop for books and other literary items while the books are on display in the ECC area between the church and school. Students will have an opportunity to create wish lists with their teachers and classmates and return a few days later to purchase books after parents have had a chance to review their lists with them at home. Students will bring home more information soon.

## Blood Drive Coming

Mark your calendar! Our next Blood Drive is March 17. Plan to donate this precious gift of life! The need is great!

## Box Tops Update

Congratulations to our classroom Box Tops winners! The following students earned a Comfy Clothes Day for submitting the most Box Tops during the contest that ended last Friday:

Calla Moldenauer – Kdg  
Noah Burd – 1st  
Avery Daniels – 2nd/3rd  
Landon Edmonds – 4th/5th  
Matthew Zaremba – 6th-8<sup>th</sup>

The Box Tops collected during the contest totaled 1440, which earns Our Savior \$144. Way to go! If you have more Box Tops in your drawers or cabinets at home, please send them to school by February 27, so they may be included in the next submission at the beginning of March.

## Look What's Coming in March!

Our school has teamed up with Original Works to offer a very special program. Your child will be creating his or her OWN artwork. Then you will have the opportunity to order a variety of items you can use, all professionally made and featuring your child's very own artwork. Watch for more information to come.

## Mary Poppins Auditions

Does your son or daughter love to perform on stage? Lutheran High School Northwest will be holding auditions for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders for their Spring Musical, Mary Poppins, to be performed May 17, 19-21. Auditions are mandatory but are NO CUT. We ask that you plan to attend both audition dates, to help us better place your child in the show, but attendance at both is not required. There is also a mandatory parent information session, where you will fill out all of the paperwork and go over the production specifics. The commitment is one day a week (yet to be determined, but probably Tuesday or Thursday) and Saturday mornings, plus tech rehearsals and performances. Tech week involves two late evening rehearsals. In addition to the three weekend performances, there is also a matinee performance on May 17, requiring the students to miss school (parent permission required – not excused!). The only cost to participate is in procuring the costumes. Auditions and the parent meeting will be held in the Music Room at LHNW, 1000 Bagley in Rochester Hills. Questions? Call Mary Gutenkunst at 248-856-0240 or email [mgutenkunst@lhsa.com](mailto:mgutenkunst@lhsa.com).

### Auditions:

Tuesday, March 7, 4:30-6:00  
Thursday, March 9, 4:30-6:00

### Parent Meeting:

Thursday, March 16, 7:00

**Lutheran High School Westland** cordially invites you to attend our annual "SPRING CELEBRATION" ARTS & CRAFT SHOW" to be held on Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Lutheran High Westland, 33300 Cowan Rd., just ½ mile east of the Westland Shopping Center. The show features more than 100 artisans presenting fine handcrafted items.

## LHNW HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

On Friday, February 17, Lutheran High Northwest will be holding the Hall of Fame Induction ceremony. The induction ceremony will take place at the half time of the 7:30pm game. Both boys and girls will be playing that night and it should be an evening full of fun and excitement. We hope you can join us. The LHNW Hall of Fame Class is comprised of the following:

Andy Lewis – Class of '89  
Stephen Johnston – Class of '06  
Sarah MacCourtney – Class of '09  
Jim Lepor – Baseball Coach '02-'04(State Championship)  
Mark Heinrich – LHNW Parent, supporter, contributor

Here is the schedule for the evening:

4:30pm – 9<sup>th</sup> Boys v. Lutheran North

JV Girls v. Plymouth Christian  
6:00pm - JV Boys v. Parkway Christian  
Varsity Girls v. Plymouth Christian

Between games we will recognize seniors from our basketball, and cheer/dance teams.

7:30pm - Varsity Boys v. Parkway Christian  
(Half-time Hall of Fame Inductee Recognition)

## 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, February 21**. You can also order reloads through **Scrip Now!**

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

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## Sports

Final basketball practice will be today, Wednesday, February 15 from 3:30 - 4:45.

## PTL



## Upcoming PTL Activities

Mark your calendars for the upcoming PTL events:

**February 17:** Skyzone After School Activity  
**February 25:** Family Skate at Rollerama  
**March 10:** Showcase Night/Progressive Dinner/Talent Show  
**March 9-16:** Scholastic Book Fair

Watch for details and information about ways that you can participate in helping to make these events a success.

## Talent Show Auditions

Does your child have a special talent? Or maybe your child would like to perform a skit with some of their classmates? Talk with your child about how they can participate in this year's talent show. Maybe sing, dance, play an instrument, tell a joke, show karate moves, perform magic, or create a hand-clapping or glow-in-the-dark jump rope routine? Parents, grandparents, and others are also encouraged to join in the fun and share their talent. **Auditions will take place after school on Wednesday, February 22.** All of the information is coming home with your family messenger today. If you need additional applications, they are available as a link on Fast Direct and in the school office.

## Skyzone After School Activity

A group outing to Skyzone in Brighton has been arranged for **Friday, February 17.** You should have turned in your paperwork and payment earlier this week if you plan on attending. However, if you have not filled out the waiver form, it must be completed before you participate on Friday. Copies are available on the PTL Facebook page.

## PTL Family Skate Date

Are you looking for an opportunity to get together with other Our Savior families, get some exercise, and have fun? Join us at Rollerama on **Saturday, February 25,** between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Family messengers will bring home a flyer with more details today. Contact Amy Terao at 248-520-7657 or [momtolk@yahoo.com](mailto:momtolk@yahoo.com) for more information or to RSVP by February 24.

## Volunteer Incentive Points Update

How are your family's incentive points adding up? By now you should have received a Fast Direct from the PTL notifying you of your family's progress at the half way point of the year. Much work has been provided so far this year so please make sure to complete your Volunteer Incentive Receipts or email [ptl@oursaviorhartland.org](mailto:ptl@oursaviorhartland.org) to let them know when and where you have volunteered and assisted with school activities.

*Volunteers  
Lend a Hand!*



## Library Volunteers

for Tuesday, 2/21: Jenn McClue  
for Wednesday, 2/22: Trish Mrozek

## Popcorn Volunteers

for Thursday, 2/16: Carol Blazen

## Subway Volunteer

for Tuesday, 2/21: Jessie Swett

## Pizza Volunteers

for Thursday, 2/16: Tougas, Pfenning, Hipwell  
for Friday, 2/24: Winiarski, Combs, Kolonich

## Many Helping Hands!

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

### Breakfast for Lunch Helpers

- ◆ Set-up and Decorations: Sharon, Brian, Anna, Matthew, and Michael Zaremba
- ◆ Cooking and Cleanup: Sharon Zaremba, Julie (Edmonds) Reed, Kristie Hargreaves, Jenn McClue, Trish Mrozek, Karen Oswald, Kelly Kindig (extra work on cafeteria cleanup in addition to helping cook), and Cheryl Wintland

### Valentine Party Helpers

- ◆ Gina Willingham and Gina Wordelman for assisting with the Pre-Kindergarten Valentine party
- ◆ Kellie Roesner for helping with the Preschool Valentine party
- ◆ Jennifer Kellaway, Jennifer Wright, and Elizabeth Grupp for helping with the Kindergarten Valentine party
- ◆ Gina Willingham and Gina Wordelman for assisting with the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Valentine party
- ◆ Amy Terao for organizing the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Valentine party

## 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. Children may pick up a snack as they pass through the ECC on their way to Sunday School. Parents can pick up their children 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-Harry Jock  
Grades 5-7: Room 205-Michelle Nichols  
Grade 8: Room 207-Emily Helmreich  
High School: Room 204- Bill Mrozek  
Child Care: Room 206

## 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.

## LifeLight Women's Bible Study

On February 23, LifeLight Women's Bible Study will begin their spring session studying the books of Ruth and Esther. LifeLight involves personal study, small group discussion and prayer. They meet Thursday afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 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 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.

*"But Ruth said 'Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God!'" Ruth 1:16*

## Lent

The Office of Evening Prayer will be conducted here at Our Savior this Lententide at 7 p.m. on each of the five Wednesdays in Lent. A Lenten Soup Supper will be provided before each service from 5 to 6:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria beginning Wednesday, March 8. A freewill offering will be graciously accepted. If you are interested in helping with these meals, please call Julie in the school office at (248)887-3836 or Georgine in the church office at (248)887-4300.

## 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)

## Ash Wednesday (March 1)

From Pastor's email message on 2-14-2017: Ash Wednesday will soon be upon us. When it arrives, the mood of the Christian church changes. The nave is adorned in black. The lights are dimmed. She begins a more somber, a more penitential reflection upon the mercies of God given through the indescribably horrific sacrifice of His Son on the cross. She readies herself for a right perspective of Good Friday, and what follows is the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord in its proper brightness and glory. The Church begins this Lenten journey through Ash Wednesday, and she marks its beginning by way of the rite and ceremony of the Imposition of Ashes. As it happens, each person is marked on the forehead with an ashen cross made from the crushed embers of the palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration while the pastor or assistant speaks clearly, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." These words alone take us back in time. We remember the fall into sin. And yet we set our hearts and minds toward the cross at Calvary—the place where Christ completed the work for setting all things right.

Many churches are jettisoning the Imposition of Ashes. Not here. And so I encourage you to share this fact with your friends. If they miss it, want to be in and among those who cherish it as a worthwhile practice for faith, encourage them to come to church with you on March 1.

If for some reason you cannot make it to the evening service at 7:00 PM, know that we'll be participating in the rite that morning with our day school children at 8:10 AM. Feel free to join us.

Lastly, if you have leftover palm branches from last year, now's the time to bring them by the church and leave them in my office. I'll be burning them on Friday, February 24, in preparation for the service.

## Save the Date—Vacation Bible School

This summer's Vacation Bible School at Our Savior is scheduled for June 19-23. mark your calendars! Plan now to attend. Our theme is "A Mighty Fortress" the VBS curriculum from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).

## 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 February 21, They meet from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. 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.

# Youth News

## Chili Cook-off

The youth will be sponsoring a chili cook-off on February 25. If you would like to enter your chili in the cook-off, either email [bill\\_mrozek@yahoo.com](mailto:bill_mrozek@yahoo.com) or call (248) 255-5659 Bill Mrozek and he will get you signed up!

## 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.