

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to
love one another. 1John 4:11

The Flame

This Week at a Glance:

Wed (8/31):

Thurs. (9/1): Subway orders due

Fri. (9/2): No School/No Daycare

Sun. (9/4): 8:30 & 11:00 Divine Services
10:00 Bible Class

Mon. (9/5): No School/No Daycare

Tues. (9/6): Preschool 3s **begins**
8:30 Scrip order deadline
Back to School night: **6:30 & 7:15**
7:30 Adult Volleyball

Wed. (9/7): Preschool 4s **begins**
Kindergarten Enrichment **begins**
Library Day
7:00 Divine Service
7:45 Bible Study – *God's Grace in the
New Testament Begins*

*From Your
Principal*



We welcome all new and returning families to Our Savior. This promises to be a wonderful year!

Our teaching staff this year is as follows:

PS/Kdg. Enrichment	Mrs. Kurth
K:	Mrs. Tougas
1:	Mrs. Hausch
2	Mrs. Miscovich
3	Mrs. Hempel
4/5:	Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Helmreich
6/7/8:	Mr. Arnold
Resource Room:	Mrs. Schrupp
Catechesis:	Pastor Thoma
Music:	Kantor Swett
Principal:	Mrs. Johnson
School Office Administrator:	Mrs. Hornick

School Year Theme Bible Verse

The Bible verse chosen as the theme for this year is 1 John 4:11. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." You will see this verse posted in the school hallway, at the top of The Flame each week, and in other places in the building. Because of God's great love for us,

His children, we pray that God will help the students, teachers, staff, and volunteers to grow in their love for one another as we work together during this school year.

Student Drop Off & Pick Up

Safety is of utmost importance in the early morning and again in the afternoon when students are arriving and departing school. In the morning, students may be dropped off at the curb near the school entrance. They should disembark from their vehicles on the right side so that they will not cross in front of or between other vehicles. If parents need to come into the building, please park in the lot and use caution as you walk to the building.

In the afternoon, all cars should park in rows facing the building. The first row should be to the right of the light pole when facing the school entrance doors. Once students are released from the building, no cars should be moving in the parking lot. Someone will direct you where to park if you arrive as students are walking to their cars. Once all cars are loaded and doors are closed, cars will be directed to leave one row at a time. Please have patience during these first few days of school as we learn this departure procedure. Again if you need to enter the building, please park in another area of the parking lot to the left of the light pole so as not to impede the movement of vehicles that are ready to leave. Tuesday's dismissal went very smoothly for the first full day of school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Building Access

All exterior doors are locked most of the time, especially during the school day. If you come to one of the main entrances at the front of the building during the school day, please press the button on the box that you will find near the door. Someone in the office may ask you to identify yourself and then remotely unlock the door for you to enter. Once you enter the building, please stop in the school or church office to sign in and receive a visitor pass to keep with you while you are in the building. Return the pass to the office and sign out again when you leave.

Back-to-School Night will be held for Grades K-8 on Tuesday, September 6. Two sessions will be held. **Session one** will begin at **6:30**, and **session two** at **7:15**. If you only have one child attending the school you only need to attend one session. This is an opportunity to learn of the expectations for your children in each of their classrooms. Many parents consider this a very important night to receive information that will help their student begin the year in a positive way.

Preschool

Regular preschool classes begin next week. The Preschool (P3) class begins on Tuesday, September 6, with their session meeting from 8:00-11:00. The Prekindergarten (P4) class begins on Wednesday, September 7. Their session is from 8:00-12:00. Preschool licensing requires all preschool students be signed in and out each day by a parent or other adult designated to drop off or pick up.

Chapel Offerings

Offering envelopes were distributed at orientation. They may be used for your child's offering on chapel days. Please make sure that you only use the chapel offering envelopes that were given to you this year. This is very important for record keeping purposes. All students have been assigned new numbers! Also, make sure to write the amount of the offering on the outside of the envelope if you wish to be credited.

Welcome Shared Time Teachers

We are blessed to have Mrs. Karen Gebarowski returning as our computer teacher. We welcome Mr. Corey Walsh as our new physical education teacher. Both of our Shared Time teachers will be in their respective classrooms on Thursday this week. Please welcome them.

Fast Direct

By now all parents should have logged in to the Fast Direct system. Please get in the habit of communicating with the office and teachers through this system. If you are having problems, please don't hesitate to call the school office.

Absentee Reporting

When reporting your child's absence from school, please send a Fast Direct message or call the school office first thing in the morning and tell us what illness your child has (i.e.: intestinal flu, cold, ear infection, etc.) and their symptoms. We need this information for our weekly reporting to the Livingston County Health Department. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Lunches / Food

Enrollment has increased to the point that separating the students into two lunch periods is more efficient than one period as in the past few years. Students staying for Kindergarten Enrichment and those in grades 1-3 will eat lunch at 11:45 followed by recess at 12:15. Older students in grades 4-8 will have recess first at 11:45 followed by lunch at 12:15. Parents please keep this in mind when scheduling short midday appointments so that students miss as little class time as possible.

There are two microwave ovens in the cafeteria that are available for students to use at lunchtime. If you send food that needs to be heated, make sure that it is in a container that is microwavable and can be handled by your child with little or no assistance. It is important for your child to use

their time for eating and not waiting for someone to open a container and/or provide the proper dish for heating their food. Paper plates and plastic tableware are needed for the occasions when a student forgets to bring a spoon or fork and to use for heating things in the microwave.

Food Allergies

Thank you for taking time to fill out the allergy portion of the Medication Authorization form. We have been able to identify at least three students with an allergy to nuts and products containing nuts. The parents of these students have given permission to share their names. They are Faith Nelson in 1st grade, Harrison Thoma and Mason Terao in 4th grade. Please be aware of this and help us to keep these students safe by reminding your children not to trade foods with other students at lunch time, especially these students.

11:45 Dismissal on Half Days

Because most morning classes now end at 11:45, dismissal on half days will be at 11:45 this year. The Prekindergarten (P4) class will continue to dismiss at 12:00 except on days when K-8 students have a half day. On those days, Prekindergarten will also dismiss at 11:45 with the rest of the students. Please make note of this on your calendars.

Library

Our first library day will be next Wednesday, September 7. Thank you to the ladies who have volunteered to help with this activity. We could use one or two more volunteers so that each person would only be needed one Wednesday each month.

Subway Lunch

Our first Subway lunch next is Tuesday, September 6. You may choose to use the order form for one week or use it to order the same type of Subway sandwich every Tuesday for the entire month. Because of the holiday weekend, it is imperative that we receive all orders for next week **no later than Thursday, September 1**. If you choose to participate, please help by honoring this deadline. This is an optional program, and if you choose not to order a Subway sandwich, please bring a lunch from home on those days. We could still use a couple volunteers to help with this. Please contact Joanna Daniels by Fast Direct if you would like to help or need more information.

Popcorn Days

If you like popcorn and would like to have some at school, orders are taken in each classroom on **Thursday** mornings before school. Each bag is 50¢ and students may buy one or two bags each week. Students are allowed to eat popcorn in class, with teacher permission, as long as it is not a nuisance. A small portion of the money collected is used to purchase the supplies for the popcorn. The remaining portion accrues during the year and is distributed to the teaching staff to repay them for the out of pocket expenses that they incur throughout the year to enhance their lessons and make school fun for the students. If you are available Thursday mornings right after drop off, we could use a couple more volunteers to pop the popcorn and distribute to the classrooms. Please contact Joanna Daniels by Fast Direct if you would like to help or need more information.

Good news! Pizza day will begin next week Friday, September 9. Grades 6-8 will be sponsoring the Friday pizza lunch this year, and our selected vendor is Jet's Pizza. As has been the practice in the past, we will have pizza on Thursdays if Friday is either a scheduled day off or a half day. Each pizza slice will cost \$1.50, two slices for \$3.00, and upper grade students may order three slices for \$4.50. Our order will be delivered to the school, so volunteer drivers will not be needed. Remember to bring your money each Friday morning if you would like pizza for lunch. Please include your name and how many slices of the kind of pizza you are ordering on the outside of your money envelope. Cheese, pepperoni, or ham will be available.

PTL Ice Cream Social

Please join us Friday, September 9, for an evening of ice cream and fellowship! In addition to the ice cream and fellowship, PTL is making this a family movie night. The movie will be Madagascar. We are encouraging existing and new families to join together for an evening of fellowship with each other while enjoying ice cream and a movie with popcorn in the gymnasium. Be sure to bring out the family for this fun event! Volunteers are needed to make this evening a success. Volunteer points as well as house points are earned for your sign-up. We thank you for your support! Please sign up at the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49ADA622A3FE3-icecream>

Box Tops

Thank you to all of the friends and families of Our Savior who clipped and collected Box Tops last year in support of Our Savior. Box Tops is celebrating 20 years of supporting schools such as ours. Watch for special promotions in stores to get bonus Box Tops. Both Walmart and Meijer have had opportunities for extra Box Tops. Keep shopping, clipping, and collecting again this year. We would like to raise funds to purchase something special for the next school year. There is a collection location in each classroom and in the office. Please have your child give them to their teacher or drop them off in the office. There will be a bulletin board in the school hallway to track our progress this year.

Spirit Days

The first Friday of each month is designated as Spirit Day. Students are allowed to wear their Our Savior spirit clothing and clean jeans, in good repair, instead of their usual campus wear attire. The first Spirit Day this year will be next Friday, September 9. We recognize that some of our new students may not have yet had the opportunity to purchase spirit clothing. You are still allowed to wear jeans and a shirt, T-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie in our school colors of red and/or black. PTL has an assortment of extra items left from previous sales for purchase.

Baptism and Birthday Club

Please remember to turn these forms in by next Friday, September 9, 2016.

Daycare Wish List Item

Daycare is in need of a replacement microwave. If anyone has a used microwave in good condition or would like to purchase a new one to donate to the daycare, it would be appreciated very much. Please contact Amy Thompson, Daycare Director, if you can help. Thank you!

Lost & Found

There is a box in the school office for Lost and Found items. If you find something, please bring it to the school office and put it in the designated box. If you've lost something, please check the "Lost and Found" box in the school office.

Pest Control Treatment

Our congregation and school contracts with a company for pest control. This enables us to provide a healthier environment for us all. We will be notifying the families that requested to be notified (in their registration materials) via Fast Direct.

Needed

PTL is looking for corporate sponsors for the fall PTL Fun Run. If you know of a company that would possibly help sponsor our Fun Run, please contact Dawn at rnd6394@yahoo.com.

Grades 6 – 8 Camp

This fall we will take grades 6 - 8 to camp for their outdoor education unit. We will attend Camp Copneconic, north of Fenton, Monday through Wednesday, October 17-19. Parents of students in grades 6 - 8 will receive a letter containing more details in the upcoming weeks.

Medications

ALL medications sent to school must be taken to the school office and must be accompanied by a Medication Authorization form, which indicates permission, proper dosage, and time to be given. Medication is to be properly labeled and kept in the school office. Handwritten notes and verbal permission will not be accepted. Medication Authorization forms may be obtained at the office.

Blood Drive

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School will once again be hosting American Red Cross Blood Drives here in our gymnasium. Our first blood drive this year is on Friday, September 23, from 2 to 6:45 p.m. To schedule an appointment, log on to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: OurSaviorHartland or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Appointments are honored. Walk-ins are welcome. Help save lives! Schedule an appointment to give blood.

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, September 6. Orders will be accepted until 8:30 a.m. You can also order reloads through **Scrip Now!**

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Sports

Reminder: Each student is required to bring a pair of clean gym shoes to leave at school that will only be worn in the gym. All students in grades 6-8 need a solid color t-shirt and solid color shorts of dress code length for PE classes. They may be stored in the lockers in the rooms adjoining the gym. They should be taken home to be laundered as needed and then returned to school.

Volunteers Lend a Hand!



Thank You to the many parents who have signed up to volunteer at the school this year! We have had an amazing response to our requests and are so grateful for your willingness to help.

Many Helping Hands!

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

- Landon Martens, Ted Nichols and their IT helpers for installing new computers in the classrooms.
- PTL Board members and other volunteers for their hard work this summer to plan, prepare, and kick-off their activities in such a special way at orientation and the PTL reception on opening day.
- Kim Leonard and Joel Hornick for having the classrooms and hallways ready for teachers and students.
- Jason and Kellie Roesner for moving the MOPS toys and equipment to make room for a new teacher and classroom.
- Jenn McClue for being our afternoon office helper this first week of school.

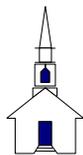
Library Day begins next Wednesday, 9/7.

Popcorn Day begins next Thursday, 9/8.

Subway Day begins Tuesday, 9/6.

Pizza Day begins Friday, 9/9.

Congregational News



Congregation Meeting

Congregational meeting Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 3:00.

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

MOPS

Mops is looking for caregivers for the upcoming year. They meet from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning September 20, 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.

LifeLight Women's Bible Study

Beginning Thursday, September 8, 2016, Lifelight Women's Bible Study will begin here 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 with a study of the Gospel of Mark. Lifelight begins at 1:30 p.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Materials will be available in the lobby of the church two weeks prior to our first meeting. 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.

"From the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!' At once the disciples looked around, but they saw only Jesus." Mark 9:7

New Testament Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, September 7, 2016, we will resume our study of Scripture. We plan to continue the New Testament with the Gospel of John and the book of Acts. If we have time, we might get into the Letters of Paul. 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.