

Wednesday News

Wednesday, December 13, 2023



FIRST LUTHERAN
SCHOOL



<u>Principal's Message</u>	<u>This Week at a Glance, etc.</u>	
<p>What great news that the Call for a principal was accepted on our first attempt! The Holy Spirit indeed has His eye on our little school.</p> <p>I knew Dave Knittel in Michigan for nearly 20 years because his faculty from Ohio attended our teachers' conference each year. One year he was the chairman of the conference and my school was hosting the 200 teachers in Bay City. It was great to work with Dave.</p> <p>He is a capable leader and a humble servant. FLS will be in very good human hands in the future. And, of course, we are always in the Lord's hands.</p>	Wed., Dec. 13	Robotics: 3 - 5 p.m. Advent Service - 6:30 p.m. Gr. 4K - 4 sing/bells-meet in 4K/K classroom at 6:14pm
	Thurs., Dec. 14	Basketball Practice: 4 - 5:30 p.m.
	Sat., Dec. 16	Children's Christmas Service Practice - 9-10:30 a.m. <i>*Piano students: Bring your music*</i>
	Sun., Dec. 17	Children's Christmas Service - 9:00 a.m.
	Mon., Dec. 18	Basketball Practice: 4 - 5:30 p.m.
	Tues., Dec. 19	Basketball @ Our Redeemer B: 4:15 p.m. A: 5:15 p.m.
	Wed., Dec. 20	Toddler Open Gym - 9 - 10:30 a.m. Christmas Special Meal Robotics - 3 - 5 p.m. Advent Service - 6:30 p.m.
	Thurs., Dec. 21	Classroom Christmas Parties!

<u>Wrap-Around Care</u>	<u>FRIDAY LUNCH</u>
<p>Director: Mrs. Sandy Christian</p> <p>Hours: 6:30-7:20 a.m. and 10:45-6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Contact: 262-949-5094 or sjchristian60@gmail.com</p> <p>WEB: firstelkhorn.com/school</p> <p>Parents: Invoices sent Mon. 12/11 are due this week Fri. 12/15. Thank you.</p> <p>***Children should bring their own water bottles daily.</p>	<p>Cousins Subs are available for lunch this Friday. A form is coming home today and must be returned by noon on Thursday. No late orders can be accepted. Please be sure to circle the size sub you would like, along with your meat/veggie choice. If you do not care for lettuce or tomato, please indicate that on the form. Please also circle on the form your payment method - cash/check or student account. Please make checks payable to "First Lutheran School."</p>

School News

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL MEAL

The Christmas special meal will be held on Wednesday, December 20th. If you are willing to help, please contact the office.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event of snow or cold emergencies, First Lutheran will always follow the call of the Elkhorn Area School District. Milwaukee area TV and radio stations will spread the word. Watch for our Facebook posts as well. Remember, if school is closed for the day, or closes early, after school activities are also canceled.

ADVENT SINGING

Grades 4K-4 will be singing TONIGHT, December 13th in the 6:30 pm service.

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES

Member children of First Lutheran Church are bringing home their giving envelopes today.

CHRISTMAS PRACTICES


This Saturday, December 16th, we will again be holding our Children's Christmas Service practice from 9 - 10:30 a.m. Piano students playing preservice on Sunday will stay after practice on Saturday to practice their pieces with Mrs. Nolte.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE


First Lutheran's Children's Christmas Service is this Sunday, December 17th. Please meet in your classroom by 8:42 a.m. Those piano students playing preservice music should meet up with Mrs. Nolte in the narthex by 8:40 a.m.

First Lutheran Athletics

BASKETBALL


 *12/7 vs. WSD*


B: **10-12** We had the boys play the first half and the girls play the second half of this game, per the WSD's request. It was a close game, but they managed one more bucket than us.

 *12/11 vs. St. Andrew*


B: **10-15** A tough game from the get-go because our team sustained a few injuries during the game which eliminated multiple players. We pray that our Great Physician grants swift healing!


A: **26-19** With every player contributing, the A-team was able to secure their first win. Way to go boys!


 Please note that the game on *12/14* has been canceled. We will have practice instead from 4-5:30pm.

 For our full basketball schedule, with updates, please click here: [2023-24 Basketball Schedule](#)

CHEER

 The cheerleaders are looking forward to the new year when they will show you the dance routine they choreographed!

 They are also starting to plan the Pep Rally! Watch for our Spirit Week Dress-up Days...

 Text [Rachel Nolte: 920-242-1916](#) or [Leah Bongard: 414-322-2169](#), with any questions.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

The school athletic calendar is a Google Calendar. You can access up to date information through our website - click on school - athletics. Or, if you already use a Google calendar on your phone or computer, you can access the information by syncing the calendar *FLS Athletics* to yours. If you have questions, please contact the office.

Look cool and show off your school!

Order your First Lutheran School Gear and athletic Badger logo from MyLocker. We receive a commission on sales.


<https://www.spiritshop.com/school/wisconsin/elkhorn/first-lutheran-school>


Another option available is if you have a specific item(s) you would like embroidered, our school logo is available at a local embroidery shop.


Please contact the office with questions.


EXTRA- CURRICULARS

PIANO

 All of the piano students will each be performing one Christmas song on Sunday, Dec. 17th at the Christmas service.

 Most of them will be playing a prelude before the service starts, and a few will play during the offering.

 Please have your child remember to bring their piano music that day, and warm-up playing before they come to church.

 Thank you so much for encouraging your kids to practice! 🎵 Sarah Dobberstein - 262-903-4158


WORDELL UPDATE

>> Keith Wordell, our band director, had his surgery to remove cancerous liver lesions and cancerous lymph nodes in his colon moved up to *Wed., Dec. 13th* due to his tumor aggressively growing. His hope is to be back home for Christmas.


>> Let us lift him up in prayers, love, and with encouraging messages! Please feel free to reach out with words of comfort and peace during this difficult time.


: wordellk@slhs.us

ROBOTICS

 Did you know the Robotics Kids get to make up their own team name?

- "The Normal People" 415E: Noah, Emilie, & Joshua
- "Fortnite M.E.K." 415C: Michael, Emma, & Kayden
- "Mouseketeers" 415D: Ashley, Olivia, & Bailey

 Be sure to send an after-school snack along with your student!

 Please contact Rachel Nolte with any questions about Robotics.

How Can I Help My School?

To help with non-budgeted expenses, First Lutheran School participates in a couple of ways to raise funds:

**Scan your receipts using the app!
Or, have it done in the office!**



Shop with Scrip is now



by ShopWithScrip

Many cards are available in the office, you can place an order through the office or online. Please contact the office for our Enrollment code.

Please contact the office with questions.

Your support is appreciated!

Classroom News

Mrs. Kuehl: 4K

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For Show and Tell on Friday, please bring something that reminds you of Christ in Christmas.• We will be singing the “First Song of Isaiah” for our midweek Advent service tonight at 6:30 pm!! Please meet in our classroom at 6:14 after having used the restroom here at church. After we sing, we will return to sit with our parents for the remainder of the service.• REMINDER: Our final Christmas rehearsal is this Saturday from 9 - 10:30 a.m. Please hang your coats on your hooks, use the restroom, and find your chair in the front of the church.• We are working on songs and recitations for our special Children’s Christmas Service which will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 9 am. Last week you found a packet with words of the recitations and songs we have been learning in school. Please just read through each recitation and song each day, having your child say it along with you as best as possible one time. This will greatly aid our learning! | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any 4K student who has signed up to join us for the special meal on Wed., Dec. 20th is invited to stay until noon on that day. If your child is not signed up for it, pick up will be at the regular time.• If anyone would be interested in sending a special Christmas treat for snack time for our Christmas party on Dec. 21st, please talk to Mrs. Kuehl. So far we have fruit and trail mix coming!• In our Bible lesson this week we are rejoicing to learn about the birth of our Savior and what that means for us in this world and for eternity! We are also enjoying reenacting the Christmas Nativity from Luke chapter 2 with costumes and props!• We have exchanged names for our classroom Gift Exchange. The amount spent on the gift should be about \$5.00. Please identify each gift with the name of the “TO” person on the outside and the “FROM” person on the inside. Gifts should be brought to school on Monday, Dec. 18th. The gift opening will be part of our classroom party on Thurs, Dec. 21st. |
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4K and K children are invited to remember our very faithful and dedicated room volunteer helpers this Christmas!

If you would like to thank them in a special way, here are the names and days of service of these very special people in our lives:

Mondays: Grandma Vickie

Tuesdays: Mrs. Schwark

Wednesdays: Miss Maddie

Thursdays: Mrs. Nolte

Fridays: Grandma B.

Mrs. Kuehl: Kindergarten

- For Show and Tell on Friday, please bring something that reminds you of Christ in Christmas!
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- We are working on music and recitations for our Children's Christmas Service to be held on Sunday December 17th at 9am. Last week you found a special packet of the recitations and songs in your child's folder. Please read through these one time each day, having your child say as much as possible with you to aid in preparation for our service. This Sunday! Thank you!
- If anyone is interested in sending a special treat for our Christmas party on Dec. 21st, please talk to Mrs. Kuehl. So far we have fruit and trail mix coming!
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- In our Bible Lessons and devotions this week we are contemplating the joy and wonder of what Christmas really means for us! God's love came to us in Jesus! We are decorating our Christmas trees by adding symbols each day to remind us of our great and lasting heritage in the Lord!

Mrs. Szmanda: Grades 1-2

- Bible Lessons: This week we will finish the Israelites' exodus from Egypt with The Passover and Crossing the Red Sea. God has saved us from sin, death, and the power of the devil with the blood of the Lamb - His perfect son, Jesus.
- Next week we will have the Christmas story lessons - our Lamb was born!
- Language Arts/Social Studies: Thank you to our two guests, Ms. Tejeda and Mrs. Rote for coming to our class and telling how Christmas is celebrated in Peru and the Philippines! It was very interesting and we learned a lot! This week we are learning how the countries Germany, Canada, Mexico, and Russia celebrate Christmas!
- Next Tuesday: Grinch Day! Wear green or dress like a resident of Whoville! If you have a copy of the book How the Grinch Stole Christmas! that you could share with the class, please send it on Friday or Monday. Thank you!



- Spelling this week: Ways to spell long /u/ with oo and ew.
- A reminder that our Christmas party and gift exchange is Thursday, December 21. The amount spent on the gift should be about \$6-\$7. Gifts may be brought to school December 19-20.
- We are busily learning our recitation and songs for the Christmas service. A copy has been sent home in your child's folder. Please practice the passages with him/her a few times each evening. Thank you for your help!
- **Church participation dates:**
 - ★ **Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. Advent Service**
4K-4th grade will sing and 1-2 will play handbells in church..
 - ★ **Sunday, Dec. 17 at 9:00 a.m.**
The all-school Christmas service is Sunday Dec. 17. All students participate with songs and Christmas recitation.
 - ★ Please meet in the classroom 15-20 minutes before each of these services.

Miss Buelow: Grades 3-4

- Fourth grade has SHARE on Friday.
- Classroom Christmas gifts may be brought to school. Gift opening will be part of our classroom party on Thursday, December 21st. Usually gifts range from \$5 to \$10.
- If anyone is interested in sending a treat (veggie, cheese, sausage, cookie) for our Christmas party on December 21st, please let me know. Thank you to those who have volunteered fruit and juices.
- If you have any questions, you can reach me at 414-550-7304 or missbuelow@firstatthecross.com.
- Memory work will be from the Christmas service. Some students have already completed most, if not all, of their memory work.

Mrs. Lahmann: Grades 5-6

- **Christ Light/Catechism:** *Joseph Tests His Brothers and Joseph' Makes Himself Known*
We will continue our study of the 7th Commandment.
- **5th Math:** Fractions, decimals, and percents, investigation and a test
- **6th Math:** LCM, reciprocals, investigation and a test.
- **Science:** We will review for our test.
- **History:** We will continue our study on ancient Judaism and review for our test.
- **Memory Work:** Christmas Service
- **7 & 8 Science:** We are reviewing and preparing for a Chapter 5 test.
- **Your child has picked a name for our classroom gift exchange with a \$10 limit. Please send in wrapped gifts by Wednesday, Dec. 20.**
- Question or concerns?
 - mrslahmann@firstatthecross.com
 - 262-573-6710

Mrs. Kuschel

- **5/8 Reading:** *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
The students finished reading the novel this week! We will do a Kahoot! review, quiz, then an end of book activity.
- **5/8 Creative Writing:**
This week the students will complete their *Silly Story Starter #4*. They have been doing a nice job of standing in front of class to read their stories aloud.
- **5/8 Art:**
Students will be working on making a Christmas Tree out of Christmas Trees! Look for this festive decoration in the hallway.
- **Physical Education:**
 - K-2: Merry Fitness! & Roccer
 - 3-6: Merry Fitness! & Speedball
 - 3-8: Merry Fitness! & Activity of Choice
- **7/8 Creative Writing:** *Biography*
The first round of edits have been done! This week the students will use these edits to get their second draft ready for print.
- **7/8 Art:**
Students will be working on making a Christmas Tree out of Christmas Trees! Look for this festive decoration in the hallway.
- **7/8 Literature:** *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare
Daniel has met Jesus again and all his desires and motives are put into question. *"For each one of you are precious in His sight."* Even the Romans?
- ★ Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you might have.
 - mrskuschel@firstatthecross.com
 - 320.522.0002

Mr. Falk: Grades 7-8

- In our math classes the students are studying a variety of concepts. They are finding the area and circumference of circles, learning about the angles of triangles and of intersecting lines, and figuring out how to solve an equation with a variable on both sides.
- The English classes are learning how to diagram sentences with indirect objects and prepositional phrases as well as when to use all sorts of abbreviations.
- For our Christmas party, we exchanged names this week. The students should spend in the neighborhood of \$10- \$15 for the gift. They may bring the gift during the week of December 18-21.
- If you have questions or need to share information, you may contact me at 989-415-9421 or mrfalk@firstatthecross.com