

# Wednesday News

Wednesday, December 20, 2023



FIRST LUTHERAN  
SCHOOL



<u>Principal's Message</u>	<u>This Week at a Glance, etc.</u>	
<p>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the Lord's blessings abound in your families. The joy that we feel at this time of year is very special. It is a continual, not a momentary, happiness. It rests deeply in our souls as a calm, profound, and durable reality regardless of our weekly ups and downs. It is internal and intense; usually involves other people, and creates a bond among those who are connected by it. This is the joy of Christmas. It extends through all the year, through all places we go, and sustains us in all circumstances. Thank you, Lord, for fulfilling all your promises.</p>	<p><b>Wed., Dec. 20</b></p>	<p>Toddler Open Gym - 9 - 10:30 a.m. Christmas Special Meal Robotics - 3 - 5 p.m. Advent Service - 6:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><b>Thurs., Dec. 21</b></p>	<p><b>NO BUS SERVICE</b> Dominos lunch Classroom Christmas Parties!</p>
	<p><b>Fri., Dec. 22 - Tues., Jan 2</b></p>	<p>Christmas Break!</p>
	<p><b>Tues., Jan. 2</b></p>	<p>OPEN GYM - 4 - 6 p.m.</p>
	<p><b>Wed., Jan. 3</b></p>	<p>Toddler Open Gym - 9 - 10:30 a.m. Cheer Practice - 4:00 p.m.</p>
	<p><b>Thurs., Jan. 4</b></p>	<p>Basketball @ home vs. St. Andrew B: 4:15 p.m. A: 5:15 p.m.</p>
	<p><b>Fri., Jan. 5</b></p>	<p>Robotics Practice - 3 - 5 p.m.</p>

<u>Wrap-Around Care</u>	<u>FRIDAY LUNCH</u>
<p><b>Director:</b> Mrs. Sandy Christian <b>Hours:</b> 6:30-7:20 a.m. and 10:45-6:00 p.m. <b>Contact:</b> 262-949-5094 or <a href="mailto:sjchristian60@gmail.com">sjchristian60@gmail.com</a> <b>WEB:</b> <a href="http://firstelkhorn.com/school">firstelkhorn.com/school</a></p> <p>***Children should bring their own water bottles daily.</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL!</p>

## School News

### CHRISTMAS SPECIAL MEAL

Thank you to everyone who helped with the special meal today.

### JANUARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

The January school calendar is being sent home today. It is also posted on our website.

### 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.

### STUDENT ACCOUNT

#### STATEMENTS

Student account statements are being sent home today. If your account needs replenishing, please do so when you return in 2024.

#### YEARBOOK

We received an award certificate for a photo in last year's yearbook. There is a photo of our soccer team running toward the camera. Credit goes to Rache Nolte for overseeing our yearbook and to Beth Kuschel for taking the picture. We plan to frame the certificate and display it in the trophy case along with an enlarged copy of the picture.

### ROBOTICS

Volunteers are needed for Shoreland Lutheran High School's robotics tournaments on January 13 and 14. This is a great opportunity to give back to Shoreland and the Federation while also getting to see some of the amazing things grade school and high school students in the federation are doing. No experience is needed for any of the volunteer roles. All volunteers receive a free T-shirt and food. Judges also receive an honorarium. To volunteer, click one of the two links below to sign up:

[Saturday, Jan 13, VRC \(high school\)](#)

[Tournament](#)

[Sunday, Jan 14, VEX IQ \(grade school\)](#)

[Tournament](#)

### SCHOOL RE-ACCREDITATION

Our school is accredited. That's quite an achievement. It is time to get re-accredited. We will be asking lots of folks to be volunteers in the new year to help with this process.


## First Lutheran Athletics


### BASKETBALL


 12/19 vs. Our Redeemer

B: 4 - 13 Nice work to Owen and Kat on scoring!

A: 20 - 37 A competitive game which included some amazing free throws from our boys! It was an invaluable experience as we continue to build on our season.


 Please note that our OPEN GYM on 12/31 has been canceled. Since there is church that evening, we want to make sure everyone has time to get ready and attend.


 Our practice on 1/2 has been changed to an **OPEN GYM** because it's still Christmas Break. We encourage all basketball players to attend as well as anyone who wants to shoot some hoops!


 For our full basketball schedule, with updates, please click here:

[2023-24 Basketball Schedule](#)

### CHEER

 Our next practice is Jan. 3 and we will be cheering at the game on Jan. 4! Come on out and cheer with us!

 We 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

 The students did such a wonderful job playing their piano pieces during the Children's Christmas Service! I'm so proud of them!

 A special thank you to Rachel Nolte for helping the students as I was unable to be there and sending the link so I could watch them perform!

 I feel so very blessed to be able to teach your children each week. They brighten up my day and are a joy to be with, so thank you, for allowing us to share our love of music with each other!

 Sarah Dobberstein - 262-903-4158


### WORDELL UPDATE

>> Keith Wordell, our band director, had surgery earlier this month to remove cancer from his liver and colon. It went very well, and there were no surprises during the procedures!


>> God has heard and answered our prayers! Please continue to reach out with words of comfort and peace as he continues to heal.

 [wordellk@slhs.us](mailto: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!

## 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



**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

- There is no school on Friday, so we will not be having Show and Tell this week.
- Thanks to all who are providing the delicious snacks for our Christmas party tomorrow!
- Have a wonderful and relaxing Christmas Break!
- In our Bible lesson this week we are learning about the visit of the Wise Men and what the precious gifts to Jesus meant:  
Gold-Our King is born!  
Frankincense-God is with us!  
Myrrh-He shed His blood to save us!

## Mrs. Kuehl: Kindergarten

- There is no school on Friday, so we will not have Show and Tell this week.
  - Thanks to those who are bringing special snacks for our Christmas party!
  - Have a wonderful and relaxing Christmas Break!
- In our Bible Lessons this week we are learning about the Wise Men's visit to the young boy Jesus. We also learned that God kept Baby Jesus safe from the wicked king who wanted to harm Him.

## Mrs. Szmanda: Grades 1-2

- Bible Lessons: This week we will have the Christmas story lessons. The Savior is Born!
  - Language Arts/Social Studies: We are finishing up Christmas around the World with a QR code scavenger hunt. Thanks to Malachi's family for sharing some Mexican Christmas breads for us to sample today!
  - Tomorrow afternoon: Christmas gift exchange and games!
- Wishing all families a Blessed Christmas! We will see you in 2024!



## Miss Buelow: Grades 3-4

- NO SCHOOL - NO SHARE
  - We will be having a spelling test on Thursday. Then we will have our classroom Christmas festivities.
- If you have any questions, you can reach me at 414-550-7304 or [missbuelow@firstatthecross.com](mailto:missbuelow@firstatthecross.com).

## Mrs. Lahmann: Grades 5-6

### Merry Christmas!



We will be finishing up our school work and then celebrate with a party on Thursday Dec. 21. A note was sent home as to what food your child should bring for the party.

May the Lord bless your families in the New Year!

- Question or concerns?
  - [mrslahmann@firstatthecross.com](mailto:mrslahmann@firstatthecross.com)
  - 262-573-6710

## Mrs. Kuschel

- **$\frac{5}{8}$  Reading:** *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli  
The students' end-of-book activity was acting out a scene from the novel. They would like to thank Mrs. Kuehl for lending us play food to use as props!
- **$\frac{5}{8}$  Creative Writing:**  
This week the students are completing their *Silly Story Starter #5* and practiced their typing skills as they wrote their stories.
- **Physical Education:**  
K-8: Knock the Stocking
- **$\frac{7}{8}$  Creative Writing:** *Biography*  
Final drafts are complete and now the students will be reading aloud their work to the class.
- **$\frac{5}{8}$  &  $\frac{7}{8}$  Art:**  
Students helped make the paper chains that decorate our hallway. Thank you students!
- ★ Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you might have.  
[mrskuschel@firstatthecross.com](mailto:mrskuschel@firstatthecross.com)  
320.522.0002

## Mr. Falk: Grades 7-8

- The Old Testament lessons tell about the time when Joseph was a ruler in Egypt, saved many lives during the great famine, and invited his family of 70 relatives to move down to Egypt and settle in Goshen.
- The English class is studying predicate nominatives, correlative conjunctions, comparison adjectives, and the uses for the comma.
- If you have questions or need to share information, you may contact me at 989-415-9421 or [mrfalk@firstatthecross.com](mailto:mrfalk@firstatthecross.com)
- We have started a new chapter in American history. It tells about the time following World War I. This includes the Harding scandals, the Jazz Age, a booming stock market, and the impact of the automobile.