

Wednesday News

Wednesday, December 6, 2023



FIRST LUTHERAN
SCHOOL



<u>Principal's Message</u>	<u>This Week at a Glance, etc.</u>	
<p>Don't you just love the music during the Christmas season? There is so much of it that there is hardly enough time to listen to it all. Some of the greatest music of all time, stretching back to the time of the classics, is about the birth of Christ. It started when a heavenly host of angels appeared in the sky above the shepherds. It continues with us. Many started listening to Christmas music already back in early November. May the music of Christmas touch your heart with joy for today and hope for the future.</p>	Wed., Dec. 6	Toddler Open Gym - 9 - 10:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Progress Reports sent home Robotics: 3 - 5 p.m. Grades 5 - 8 sing/bells for 6:30 p.m. Advent Service
	Thurs., Dec. 7	Basketball @ Home (Elkhorn) vs. WSD *Only B-team- 4:00 p.m.
	Sat., Dec. 9	Children's Christmas Service Practice - 9-10:30 a.m.
	Mon., Dec. 11	Basketball @ St. Andrew's, Delavan B- 4:15 p.m. A- 5:15 p.m.
	Tues., Dec. 12	Basketball Practice: 4 - 5:30 p.m.
	Wed., Dec. 13	Robotics: 3 - 5 p.m. Advent Service - Gr. 4K - 4 sing/bells
	Thurs., Dec. 14	* <u>CANCELED</u> * Basketball game vs. Mt. Zion Basketball Practice: 4 - 5:30 p.m.
	Sat., Dec. 16	Children's Christmas Service Practice - 9-10:30 a.m.

<u>Wrap-Around Care</u>	<u>FRIDAY LUNCH</u>
<p>Director: Mrs. Sandy Christian Hours: 6:30-7:20 a.m. and 10:45-6:00 p.m. Contact: 262-949-5094 or sjchristian60@gmail.com WEB: firstelkhorn.com/school</p> <p>***Children should bring their own water bottles daily.</p>	<p>This week Friday will be a Subway lunch day. Forms are coming home today with each student. Completed forms (and money if you do not have a student account) are due by 2:40 p.m. (end of school) on Thursday. Please indicate on the bottom of the form your payment method - cash/check or student account. Please make checks payable to "First Lutheran School." Please note that late orders cannot be accepted.</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 5-8 will be singing tonight Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30pm. Grades 4K-4 will be singing the next week, December 13th at the 6:30 pm service.

PROGRESS REPORTS


Today grades 3-8 receive their mid-term progress reports. Please remind your child to show it to you.

CHRISTMAS PRACTICES

Two Saturdays will again be used to prepare Sunday School and First Lutheran Elementary School students for the December 17, Children's Christmas service. From 9:00-10:30 on December 9 and 16 we will meet in church to rehearse their songs and recitations. Parents, please mark it on your calendars.


First Lutheran Athletics


BASKETBALL

 12/4 vs. St. Francis


A: **26-32** The A-team played hard and kept the game close. Just a few more baskets and we would have gotten them! Next time!


B: **25-23** The B-team came back from a 10+ deficit to win the game! What a nail biter! Congrats to coaches and players!


 Please note that the game on 12/14 has been canceled.

 Our Concession Stand has been a big hit! If you would like to make a cash donation for snack purchases please contact Mrs. Kuschel: 320-522-0002

CHEER

 The cheerleaders are doing a great job with their sideline cheers, floor cheers, and pyramids!

 Their choreographed routine is ready- so watch for them at the Dec. 7th game. (Girls, please arrive @ 3:30pm)

 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

Be sure to join us on Dec. 17 to hear the piano students play in the Christmas Program!

 Each will play one song as a prelude or during the offering. 🎵


WORDELL UPDATE


Keith Wordell, our band director, is having his lymphoma chemo treatments paused so that he can have surgery to remove the cancerous tumors on his colon and liver.

Please keep him in your prayers and feel free to reach out with words of encouragement during this difficult time.

: wordellk@slhs.us

ROBOTICS

 Practices are on Wednesdays: 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, from 3-5pm.

 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 about Christmas.● REMINDER: There is a special rehearsal 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.● Cold weather is here! Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Boots or a change of shoes are now needed for outdoor play so we do not track unwanted dirt, mud, or snow into our classroom.● 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● In our Bible lesson this week we learned that God kept His promise to send the Messiah to the world by sending Jesus to be born of the Virgin Mary!● 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. Today you will find a listing 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!● We will be singing the "First Song of Isaiah" for our midweek Advent service next Wednesday at 6:30 pm!!● 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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Mrs. Kuehl: Kindergarten

- For Show and Tell on Friday, please bring an item that reminds you of Christmas!
- REMINDER: There is a special rehearsal 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.
- In our Bible Lessons this week, we learned of the wondrous arrival of God's Son as He came to earth at Christmas to begin His earthly preparation for His ministry and His work of saving us from our sins!
- We are working on music and recitations for our Children's Christmas Service to be held on Sunday December 17th at 9am. Today you will find 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. Thank you!
- If anyone is interested in sending a special treat for our Christmas party on Dec. 21st, please talk to Mrs. Kuehl.
- Cold weather is here!! Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Boots or a change of shoes are now needed for outdoor play in order to keep our classroom free of dirt, mud, and snow!
- We are enjoying "shopping" for toys in our Christmas Toy Store for Math. So far we have used one nickel and pennies up to 12 cents to shop for just one item at a time, and used only nickels to practice buying items up to 50 cents counting by 5's. We have used only dimes to shop for items costing up to \$1.00 counting by 10's, and have just started using nickels and dimes to buy items divisible by 5's and 10's
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- We will sing the "First Song of Isaiah" in church next Wed. at 6:30 for our midweek Advent service!

Mrs. Szmanda: Grades 1-2

- Bible Lessons: The Ten Plagues. Faith leads people to obey God gladly.
 - Language Arts/Social Studies: This week we are learning how the countries Australia, Sweden, Peru, and Philippines celebrate Christmas. We even have some guests from a few of these countries coming in to talk about their experiences growing up!
 - **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.
- All students are expected to be at these services, however, if for some reason your child will not be there, please let me know by next Wednesday, Dec. 10. Thank you!
- Spelling this week: Ways to spell long /o/ with oa and ow.
 - Math: We are working with measurement. Last week we used thermometers and measured temperature. The next two weeks we will use rulers and other units for linear measurement.
 - Since we didn't have all our students last week, a letter will be sent home in your child's folder **this** Friday with details about our classroom Christmas Gift Exchange. Each child will choose the name of a class friend, and bring a gift for that person. We want to keep our Secret Christmas Friend a secret, though, until the gift exchange! The amount spent on the gift should be about \$6-\$7. Gifts may be brought to school December 19-20. The gift opening will be part of our classroom party on Thursday, December 21.
 - We are busily learning our recitation and songs for the Christmas service. A copy will be sent home in your child's folder. Please practice the passages with him/her a few times each evening. Thank you for your help!

Miss Buelow: Grades 3-4

- Third grade has SHARE on Friday.
 - Classroom Christmas gifts may be brought to school the week of December 11th. 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 (fruit, veggie, cheese, sausage, cookie, juice) for our Christmas party on December 21st, please let me know.
- 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.
 - We have finished studying invertebrates in science and will be moving on to vertebrates.
 - Both 3rd and 4th graders are studying time in math.

Mrs. Lahmann: Grades 5-6

- **Christ Light/Catechism:** *Joseph Becomes Ruler of Egypt and Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt.* We will begin our study of the 7th Commandment.
- **5th Math:** Dividing, reading scales, and time.
- **6th Math:** Adding and subtracting mixed numbers, circles, and angles.
- **Science:** How rocks are classified and review for a test.
- **History:** We will continue our study on ancient Judaism.
- **Music:** Tempo, rhythm, and the woodwind family of instruments.
- **Collaboration:** Bucket Towers
- **Memory Work:**
 - Christmas Service
- **7 & 8 Science:** We have begun a new chapter on earthquakes.
- Next week we will be providing a system of hanging pouches for student cell phones. Instead of leaving them in the book bags, students are to keep them in their numbered pouches until the end of the day.
- Question or concerns?
 - mrsalahmann@firstatthecross.com
 - 262-573-6710

Mrs. Kuschel

- **$\frac{5}{8}$ Reading:** *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
Maniac Magee had experienced the best of West End and now is living in the worst. How will he survive in this cockroach infested home?
- **$\frac{5}{8}$ Creative Writing:** *Tell & Show*
The students are continuing to work on taking a sentence that *tells* and adding more to it so that it *shows* you instead.
- **$\frac{5}{8}$ Art:** *Digital Christmas Cards*
“*The best way to spread our Christmas cheer is making cards for friends far and near.*” Students will be creating their own digital Christmas cards which we will print off and send to our friend Mr. G and his class in AZ!
- **Physical Education:**
 - K-2: Review of Locomotor Skills
 - 3-8: Speedball
- **$\frac{7}{8}$ Creative Writing:** *Biography*
The students are taking all their notes from their rough draft and have begun typing! With permission, students should be working on their biographies in their free time.
- **$\frac{7}{8}$ Art:** *Digital Christmas Cards*
“*The best way to spread our Christmas cheer is making cards for friends far and near.*” Students will also be making digital cards which we will share with local nursing homes.
- **$\frac{7}{8}$ Literature:** *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare
In this last chapter, we discover why Daniel hates the Romans so much. Students will get a Kahoot! review at the end of the week.
- ★ 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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In our Old Testament class we are discussing the way God was with Joseph after he was sold as a slave in Egypt and then thrown into prison.• The history class is starting their study of World War I. The world situation that fueled the war, the weapons and trenches, the events that dragged America into the conflict, and the efforts on the homefront. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 |
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