

Wednesday News

Wednesday, January 3, 2024



FIRST LUTHERAN
SCHOOL



<u>Principal's Message</u>	<u>This Week at a Glance, etc.</u>	
<p>Welcome back to school and Happy New Year. We are off to a slow start with just three days of school this week. It will be enjoyable for everyone to see familiar faces again. May the Lord lead the teachers and students to please and serve Him with their efforts. Doing our best with the gifts that He has given us is our goal. Doing this to His glory is actually one way we can worship Him.</p>	Wed., Jan. 3	Toddler Open Gym - 9 - 10:30 a.m. Cheer Practice - 4:00 p.m.
	Thurs., Jan. 4	Basketball @ home vs. St. Andrew B: 4:15 p.m. A: 5:15 p.m.
	Fri., Jan. 5	Jimmy John's lunch Robotics Practice - 3 - 5 p.m.
	Sun., Jan. 7	Robotics Scrimmage @ WLS, Racine 1:00 p.m.
	Tues., Jan. 9	Basketball @ St. Francis B: 4:45 p.m. A: 5:45 p.m.
	Wed., Jan. 10	Cheer practice - 4 - 5 p.m.
	Thurs., Jan. 11	* <u>NEW</u> Basketball Game @ home vs. Oakhill B: 4:30 p.m. A: 5:30 p.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 Friday, we will be offering Jimmy John's for lunch. Order forms are coming home today and are due to your child's teacher by noon on Thursday. Late orders cannot be accepted. Please review the order form coming home. Please circle the sandwich you wish to order. Please circle potato chips on the form if you would like potato chips with your sandwich. Please indicate on the bottom of the form your payment method - cash/check or student account. Please make checks payable to "First Lutheran School."</p>

School News

"MEET" OUR NEW PRINCIPAL and 7th & 8th GRADE TEACHER!

Mr. David Knittel has accepted our call for our new principal and 7th and 8th grade teacher for the beginning with our 2024-2025 school year.



Mr. Knittel, his wife, Deb, and son, Luke

THANK YOU!

The faculty and staff of First Lutheran School would like to thank everyone for the many Christmas gifts and your continued support. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

STUDENT ACCOUNT STATEMENTS

Student account statements were sent home before break. Please replenish accounts, if necessary. Thank you!

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.

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 to help with this process.

First Lutheran Athletics

BASKETBALL

🏀 Thanks to all the players and parents that came out to the OPEN GYM last night! We were able to play some fun games as well as a scrimmage.

🏀 Thursday is a home game, Tuesday is away at St. Francis. Please note that it starts later and is located at the Badger High School- Court 3. This is the soonest that they could have the court available. Please arrive by 4:30pm, but we won't be able to get on the court until 4:45pm.

🏀 Please note that we have a **NEW** home basketball game on Thursday 1/11 vs. Oakhill Christian.

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

CHEER

🎗️ Our next few practices are on Wednesdays at 4pm!
- 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, & 1/31

🎗️ Remember to bring your white tank top, white socks, and white shoes, along with your uniform & water bottle for the game on Thursday.

🎗️ 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

Lesson start again next week on Tuesday, January 9th!
Please remind your student that they should be practicing at least 10-15 minutes every day. It really makes a difference if they do!

Thank you for all that you do for your children! I hope 2024 brings you peace, love and many blessings.

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!

>> There is nothing new to report! Please continue to reach out with words of comfort and peace as he continues to heal.

✉: wordellk@slhs.us

ROBOTICS

Practice this Friday! 3-5pm >> Be sure to send an after-school snack along with your student!

Our first scrimmage is on Sunday, January 7th at WLS in Racine. Please arrive by 1pm. Contact Rachel Nolte with any questions!

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

- For Show and Tell this week, please bring one of your favorite Christmas presents to share! It's probably best not to bring a breakable one unless it is very well packaged!
- Thanks to ALL of you for your very special gifts to your teacher and helpers! We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness! We hope and pray that you had a fun and relaxing Christmas break as you celebrated the birth of our Savior! May we be reminded of all He is and has done for us as we begin 2024! HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- In our Bible lesson this week we are learning about young Jesus as He visits the temple in Jerusalem for the very first time. We see how He ended up staying behind to be about His Heavenly Father's business, but how He willingly obeyed His earthly parents when they said it was time to go home!
- We will begin another round of alphabet awareness and focus on basic geometrical shape as we begin our after Christmas studies. We will also have the fun of exploring things related to God's winter wonderland with stories, poems, projects and more!

Mrs. Kuehl: Kindergarten

- For Show and Tell this week, please bring one of your favorite Christmas presents to share with your classmates. If it happens to be breakable, please be certain that it is wrapped very well!
- Thanks to all of you for the wonderful ways you have remembered your teacher and also our daily helpers! We hope you had a fun and relaxing Christmas break as you celebrated together, especially as you remembered God's special gift to us in sending Jesus to be our Savior! May His blessings be with you as we begin another year of His grace in 2024! Happy New Year!
- In our Bible Lessons this week we are learning about 12 year old Jesus and His very first visit to the temple in Jerusalem. We see Him engaging with the teachers of the law by asking questions as well as showing understanding of the truths of God's Word. We see Him showing love and respect for the teachers as well as for His earthly parents and Heavenly Father!
- As we pick up our after Christmas studies, we will work a bit more with money as we "bake" our pretend items for the classroom Bakery. We will continue with short vowel rhyming families and continue with reading booklets and sight words found in them. We will meet a few arctic animals and will also get a taste of a child's life long ago in the United States.

Mrs. Szmanda: Grades 1-2

- Bible Lessons: This week we will hear about the visit of the Wisemen and Jesus' Escape to Egypt. Next week we return to the Israelites and the Old Testament.
- *Happy New Year!* As we reacclimate ourselves to the school day, we will be doing some New Year activities and calendar work. We will also do some experiments with the three states of matter.
- Next week we will learn about snow, snowflakes, and the work of Snowflake Bentley!



Thank
You

- Thank you so much for all the wonderful Christmas gifts! I really appreciate your generosity!

Miss Buelow: Grades 3-4

- Third grade has SHARE on Friday.
- We are finishing our math unit on measurement this week and next.
- We are studying the fur trade and exploration of Wisconsin.
- We are wrapping up our animal unit in science.
- We are almost done with our grammar unit on verb usage and will move on to nouns and pronouns.
- If you have any questions, you can reach me at 414-550-7304 or missbuelow@firstatthecross.com.

Mrs. Lahmann: Grades 5-6



Welcome back to school! Mrs. Edgington, who was going to sub, is ill. Thank you to the rest of the staff who will fill in as best they can.

- Question or concerns?
 - mrsalahmann@firstatthecross.com
 - 262-573-6710



Mrs. Kuschel

- **5/6 Reading:** *The City of Ember* By: Jeanne DuPrau
This week we will be taking a look at our new novel and discovering more about the author.

- **5/6 Art:**
This week we will be molding clay! The students will be recreating a memory from Christmas break.

- **5/6 Creative Writing:** *Silly Story #5*
Students will add final touches and mount them with their picture they created depicting a scene from their story.

- **Physical Education:**
K-8: New Year's Fitness Resolutions

- **7/8 Creative Writing:** *Biography*
Final drafts are complete and the students will finish up reading their work out loud to the class.

- **7/8 Literature:** *The Bronze Bow* By: Elizabeth George Speare
This week we will reintroduce ourselves to our novel with a review of characters and story highlights.

- **7/8 Art:**
Students will explore neurographic art!

★ *Thank you so much for all the thoughtful cards and gifts. What a blessing you all are to me!*

- ★ Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you might have.

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320.522.0002

Mr. Falk: Grades 7-8

- There will be no spelling unit this week because we just have three days of classes.
- The history chapter is leading us through the Roaring Twenties.

- If you have questions or need to share information, you may contact me at 989-415-9421 or mrfalk@firstatthecross.com

- Math students in courses 1 and 2 are scheduled to have a test tomorrow. It is "open book" as always.