

Wednesday News

Wednesday, November 29, 2023



FIRST LUTHERAN
SCHOOL



<u>Principal's Message</u>	<u>This Week at a Glance, etc.</u>	
<p>Did you make any preparations for Thanksgiving? It seems we are often preparing for something in the future; the advent service in a week, the parade Saturday, the weather, a unit plan for science, the children's Christmas service, etc. Here is something to remember: We want to keep the Lord in mind no matter what the preparation. We can also learn something from the story of Mary and Martha. Jesus was certainly pleased with Martha's housework, but He was especially pleased by Mary's choice to focus on His Word.</p>	Thurs., Nov. 30	Basketball Practice- A & B: 4-5:30pm Elkhorn Gym Cheer Practice - 4:00 p.m. - Narthex
	Fri., Dec. 1	Dominos lunch
	Sat., Dec. 2	Elkhorn Christmas Parade - 1:30 p.m.
	Mon., Dec. 4	NO BUS SERVICE Basketball @ Home (Elkhorn) vs. Delavan Christian A* - 4:00pm B - 5:00pm
	Tues., Dec. 5	Basketball Practice - 4-5:30 p.m.
	Wed., Dec. 6	Toddler Open Gym - 9 - 10:30 a.m. 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.

<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>PARENTS: Invoices sent this Mon. 11/27 are due this week Fri. 12/1. Thank you.</p> <p>***Children should bring their own water bottles daily.</p>	<p>This week Friday we will be offering Dominos pizza for lunch. Order forms are coming home today and are due back to your child's teacher by 2:45 p.m. on Thursday. Late orders cannot be accepted. Please do not combine orders on forms - each student is to have their own form filled out. Each slice of a large pizza is \$1.50. 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

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL MEAL

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the special meal. Many thanks to Steve Adamson for coordinating the meal.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL MEAL

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

DECEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

The December school calendar is coming home today for each family. It is also posted on our website and on the school bulletin board.

2024-2025 SLHS Application

Shoreland's admission application is open. There are less than 50 spots available for incoming freshman. The application can be found on their website, slhs.us, under the Admissions tab or by visiting <https://mytads.com/a/shoreland>

*The next Shoreland Lutheran High School Open House will be **Monday, December 4 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Families and students will have the opportunity to take a guided tour and learn more about Shoreland's curriculum, STEM Academy, activities and meet teachers. [Click here to register and schedule your tour!](#)*

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.

ADVENT SINGING


Grades 5-8 will be singing next week Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30pm. Grades 4K-4 will be singing the following week, December 13th at the 6:30 pm service.

4K & K CLASSROOM "FED THE TURKEY!"


Thank you to everyone who fed the turkey! We delivered 5 wagons full of food to the Elkhorn Food Pantry!


First Lutheran Athletics


BASKETBALL

 11/28 vs. St. Francis

Great job to our B-team on their first win of the season! Way to go team! We would like to give a shout out to the A-team boys for helping at the scorer's table. Thank you boys!


 Please note that on 12/4 the A-team plays first at 4pm.

 Be sure to stop by our Concessions Stand at home games. All proceeds go towards getting new uniforms!


 Contact Mrs. Kuschel with any questions: 320-522-0002


CHEER

 Our cheerleaders did a great job last night!

 Watch & cheer along with our cheerleaders on 12/4 & 12/14.

 The next practices will be on 11/30 & 1/3.

 There is plenty of space on the sideline for more cheerleaders! We'd love to see a few more smiling faces!

 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

Piano Lessons are on Tuesdays. Students should remember to bring their books.

WORDELL UPDATE

Keith Wordell, our band director, has now received his 3rd chemo infusion. He also still needs weekly blood transfusions. Please keep him in your prayer and feel free to reach out with words of encouragement during this difficult time.

✉: wordellk@slhs.us

ROBOTICS

🤖 All three of our Robotics teams are doing an amazing job building their robots! We have two robots finished (the third almost done!) and ready to start practicing for competition.

🤖 Next practices: 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, from 3-5pm.

🤖 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



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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 on Friday, please bring an item of your choice.
- 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.
- In our Bible lesson this week we learned how God sent a special angel to Zacheriah and also to Mary with special news of coming babies-John, who would point the way to the Messiah, and also JESUS, the promised Savior of the world!
- 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. Please watch folders for additional information that may be coming regarding this special service and rehearsals for it.
- 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, December 18th. The gift opening will be part of our classroom party on Thurs, Dec. 21st. Your child has chosen _____ for the gift exchange.
- At Christmas we would like to thank those who volunteer in our classroom on a regular basis. If you would like to remember them in a special way, here are those people who are very dear to us:
 - On Mondays-Grandma Vickie
 - On Tuesdays-Mrs. Schwark
 - On Wednesdays-Miss Maddie
 - On Thursdays-Mrs. Nolte
 - On Fridays-Grandma B.

Mrs. Kuehl: Kindergarten

- For Show and Tell on Friday, please bring an item of your choice!
- In our Bible Lessons this week, we learned of the special ways that God announced the coming births of two very special baby boys-John the Baptist and our Savior, JESUS!
- We are working on music and recitations for our Children's Christmas Service to be held on Sunday December 17th at 9am. Please watch folders for additional information that may be coming regarding this special service and rehearsals for it.
- 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 will next use only dimes to shop for items costing up to \$1.00 counting by 10's. We will save other combinations of coins until we have more fully mastered these first.

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SPECIAL THANKS to Isaac, Zander, Henry and Owen for walking along with our wagon train to the Elkhorn Food Pantry last week! We enjoyed their help and company and had lots of fun! We also thank Grandma B. for working on dating all of the items and organizing the wagons with just the right amount of products for us to pull conveniently! And thanks to all of you who donated items to this special community project! There is an ongoing need for Food Pantry items, and there is a special barrel under the steps in the narthex for donations if anyone would like to contribute at any time during the year.

Mrs. Szmanda: Grades 1-2

- Bible Lessons: We have three lessons this week on the early life of Moses. God has a plan for our lives. We trust in him and ask him to guide our choices.
- Language Arts/Social Studies: We are finishing our persuasive writing piece about our disguised turkeys and our research paragraph about National Symbols. Next week we will begin learning about how different countries around the world celebrate Christmas!
- **Church participation dates:**
 - ★ **Wednesday, Dec. 11, 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 /i/ with iCe and igh; VCe (vowel consonant e) review.
- A letter will be sent home in your child's folder on 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. Gifts may be brought to school December 18-19. The gift opening will be part of our classroom party on Thursday, December 21.

Miss Buelow: Grades 3-4

- Fourth grade has SHARE on Friday.
 - In English book reports are due this Friday, December 1st.
 - We will exchange names for our classroom Christmas party. 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 you have any questions, you can reach me at 414-550-7304 or missbuelow@firstatthecross.com.
 - Starting next week, memory work will be from the Christmas service.

Mrs. Lahmann: Grades 5-6

- **Christ Light/Catechism:** *Joseph Sold by his Brothers* and *Joseph in Egypt*. We will also continue our discussion on the sixth commandment.
- **5th Math:** Parentheses and Associative Property, factors.
- **6th Math:** Ratio, adding and subtracting fractions, and multiples.
- **Science:** Minerals, and how rocks are classified.
- **History:** We will begin 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

- **5/8 Reading:** *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
The students have now completed *Part 2* of *Maniac Magee*. We will have a Kahoot Review this week, then a quiz before moving into the next section.
- **5/8 Creative Writing:** *An Ideal Friend*
Our new project is working on telling, then *showing*, in a story. Students will tell what makes an ideal friend then show it by being vivid with more descriptive language.
- **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
- **7/8 Creative Writing:** Biography
The students are now going over a checklist to see what else needs to be added to their rough draft. Typing will soon commence!
- **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.
- **7/8 Literature:** *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare
Daniel, our main character, has now encountered Jesus twice. Why is he not like the Zealots? Why won't Jesus fight the Romans? Pop Quiz today on chapter 5!
- ★ 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 Old Testament classes we are reading about the 12 sons of Jacob, Joseph who was sold as a slave and became a ruler in Egypt, and of the famine in all the land.
- The history class is focused on the Spanish American War, Panama Canal, and presidencies of Teddy Roosevelt, Howard Taft, and Woodrow Wilson.
- If you have questions or need to share information, you may contact me at 989-415-9421 or mrfalk@firstatthecross.com
- 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.
- For our Christmas party, we will exchange names later 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.