Wednesday News

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 11 , 2026

Principal's Message

I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in our annual Veterans' Day presentation. The faculty received numerous compliments on the students' performance as well as the respect they showed to all the veterans who were present.

Thank you –

To Mr. Tom Stech and his crew for the wonderful meal they prepared and served.

To the teachers and the many hours they spent teaching songs and preparing decorations and gifts for the veterans.

To the students for their participation and enthusiasm as well as understanding the importance of this event.

To the members of our local VFW post commanded by Tim Gudge for being here. Mrs. Gwen Gajewski also was instrumental in scheduling and working with our Patriots' Pen essay project.

Finally, to all our veterans from the VFW, our school families, and our own congregation, THANK YOU! We would not have this wonderful country without your sacrifice!

This Week at a Glance, etc.

Thurs., Nov. 12	Basketball Practice - 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 13	Jimmy John's Lunch Chapel - 7:35 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 15	Robotics - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 16	NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tues., Nov. 17	Basketball Practice - 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 18	Toddler Open Gym - 9 - 10:30 a.m. Cheer Practice - 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Thur., Nov. 19	Basketball Practice - 4 - 5:30 p.m. Cheer Practice - 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 20	Chapel - 7:35 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 22	Robotics - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Mon., Nov 23	Turkey Walk - Gr. 4K/5K and 7/8 10:30am - 12pm
Tues., Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Special Meal Cheer Practice - 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 25 - Fri., Nov. 27	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
Wed., Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Eve Service - 6:30 p.m. Pie Fellowship to follow
Sun., Nov. 29	Robotics - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 30	No Bus Service
Tues,. Dec. 1	Basketball @ First, Elkhorn B Team - 4:30 p.m. A Team - 5:30 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 2	Toddler Open Gym - 9 - 10:30 a.m. 4K-8 sings in 6:30 p.m. Advent service
Thur., Dec. 3	Basketball Practice - 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Wrap-Around Care	FRIDAY LUNCH
Please contact the office should Wrap Around Care be needed.	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.

School News

FEED THE TURKEY

First Lutheran School is collecting non-perishable food items now through Nov. 20. 4K and Kindergarten will donate all collected items to the food pantry during their "Turkey Walk". Please place items in the Turkey box that is in the hallway. What a joy it is to give to others in need!

THANK YOU VETERANS

Thank you to all of the veterans who joined us for our luncheon and program. We are honored by your service and grateful you celebrated with us.

Thank you also to our students for their wonderful singing and thoughtful essay readings, which made the program especially meaningful.

Congratulations to our Patriots Pen Essay winners: *Noah K., who earned 2nd Place, and Chloe O., who earned 1st Place!*

SPECIAL MEALS

A form was sent home last week regarding signing up for Special Meals. If you have not returned the form and are interested in participating in the special meals, please do so by this Friday. If you would be interested in helping with the Special Meals, please contact the office. The first meal is Tuesday, November 24th.Thank you.

2027-2028 SLHS APPLICATION OPEN

If you are interested in having your student attend Shoreland Lutheran High School during the 2027-2028 school year, you can now apply! The application can be found on our website slhs.us under the admissions tab, or you can go directly to https://mytads.com/a/shoreland

Spots are filling up fast so apply early to secure your child's spot as a Shoreland Pacer!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Report cards for the 1st quarter will be sent home on Friday. Please return the envelope, signed, when you come in for your conference on Monday, November 16th. The link to sign up for a conference time is

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48A9AF2DA7F4CF8-52823781-november/200283357#/

NO BUS SERVICE

EASD does not have school on Monday, November 30th, so bus service will not be available. Thank you.

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BEST OF WALWORTH VOTING

Voting for Best of Walworth runs until November 15. Please vote for us! contests.gazetteextra.com

PRIVATE SCHOOL

First Lutheran Church & School - Elkhorn

FESTIVAL/EVENT

First Lutheran Soccer Camp

Please take the time every day, on every device to vote!

First Lutheran Athletics

Basketball

🏀Uniforms will be passed out within the next week. Please wear shorts, have clean gym shoes, and bring a water bottle to practices.

Cheerleading

📣Cheerleading practices began yesterday. If you are still interested in joining, please contact the office.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

You can access up to date information through our Athletic Google Calendar. On 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.

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

EXTRACURRICULARS

PIANO

🎹 Lessons are on Tuesdays - don't forget your music!
🎹We will be using Piano Adventure books along with Disney, hymns, jazz/blues, etc. throughout the year.
🎹 All of the students will perform at Christmas time, Spring recital in May and before or during a church service sometime between Feb-May.
🎹 If you have any questions at all, please email, call or text.
🎶***Sarah Dobberstein- syakes19@gmail.com - 262-903-4158***

BAND/ORCHESTRA

🎼 Band lessons are held on Tuesdays. Don't forget your instruments and music!
🎼 Please feel free to contact him with any questions regarding music, instruments, lessons, or anything regarding the grade school band program via email, text, or phone.
📧 ***Keith Wordell - wordellk@slhs.us - (612)805-3829***

🤖**ROBOTICS**

We have our robotics teams!
262X – Middle School: Joshua, Lucas, and Oliver.
262Y – Elementary: Will and Nolan.
262Z – Middle School: Chloe, Presley, and Aliya.

The teams will get to pick their own team names. We meet every Sunday from 5:30–7:30 PM.

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!

Many cards are available in the office, or 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. Lemke: 4K and Kindergarten

- Christ Light-Students are learning about Joshua and how God brought the walls of Jericho tumbling down. Students are also learning about Samuel and how God blessed Samuel.
- 4K/5K Literacy-This week students are focusing on the letter Oo. They are also reviewing all the letters they learned so far. We sing songs and say letter names/sounds to all the letters also. We will continue to work on rhyming words, beginning and ending sounds, blending and segmenting syllables to make words, saying the alphabet song attached to letters, and learning nursery rhymes. Students continue to work on writing their names.
- 5K Literacy-Students are focusing on the letter Oo. They are also learning sight words. The words they are working on are: a, the, and, on, to. They are reading books that they can sound out and with the high frequency words they are learning. They are also making words that end in -am, -at, -it, -in, -op, -ot.
- Math-Students are learning about ordering events, patterns, identifying and counting pennies, matching numbers to a set of objects, and using attributes to name shapes.
- Science/Social Studies- Students are learning about land and dirt.
- Art- Students are going to sponge paint a turkey.
- Music-Students are learning the difference between a steady beat and a rhythmic beat. Students started practicing songs for the Christmas program and advent worship service.
- Gym-We are learning about movement through ribbons.
- **Show and Tell: Nov 20-Madeline-bring anything**

Mrs. Szmanda: Grades 1-2

- **Christ Light** - Jesus Calms the Storm and Jesus Heals a Man Who Couldn't Walk - Jesus knows the needs of our bodies and souls and uses his almighty power to help us.
- **Math** - tallying, fractions
  Addition facts: sums of 8 and 9
- **Language Arts**
  Reading - Thanksgiving themes
  Persuasive writing
  Grammar - nouns
  Spelling - VCe words; changing CVC words to VCe words
- **Science/Social Studies** - National symbols



It's Disguise a Turkey time! Please return disguised turkeys by this Friday (11/13) or next Tuesday (11/17). Feel free to talk to me or text me with any questions.

- If you have any questions, please talk to me or text me at 262-327-4561.

Miss Buelow: Grades 3-4

- Group A will have SHARE on Friday.
- In math we are moving into a unit on addition and subtraction. Please review addition and subtraction facts at home.
- We are starting our study of the Northeast region of the United States. Our map quiz will be on November 19th.
- .We are finishing our weather unit in science and will be moving on to Earth, rocks and minerals.
- Our first creative writing stories have been completed. We will be starting our second quarter pieces and non-fiction writing.
- If you have any questions, you can reach me at 414-550-7304 or missbuelow@firstatthecross.com.

Mrs. Lahmann: Grades 5-6

Christ Light:

This week's lessons are 'Jesus Heals the Official's Son (John 4) and 'Jesus and Nicodemus' (John 3).

Catechism:

Lesson 12- 'Jesus Christ, True Man and Lesson 13-'The Two Natures of Christ.'

Math:

5th: Division Algorithm, reading scales, and measuring time and elapsed time.

6th: Adding and subtracting mixed numbers, measure of a circle, and angles.

Spelling:

5th: Short Vowels a, i, o, u

6th: One Consonant or Two?

Science: We are studying plate tectonics and its effects on earth including earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis.

Grammar:

5th: Capitalization with sentence, the pronoun I, and poetry, and irregular plural nouns

6th: Irregular plural nouns, irregular verbs: to be, have, and the,four principal parts of verbs

World Geography: We began studying North America; we will look at the United States, Canada, and Mexico. We are picking up the pace in geography so students may need to bring work home that isn't finished in school.

Questions or concerns? mrslahmann@firstatthecross.com, 262-573-6710

Mrs. Kuschel

⅝ **Reading** - *Holes* by Louis Sachar
We're on the final chapter of *Holes*! Over the next week the students will review the novel, take the test, and then enjoy watching the movie.

⅝ **Art**
Our Yarn Art projects are almost finished! Students have done a wonderful job bringing their designs to life with colorful yarn, texture, and creativity, and the finished pieces will soon be displayed in the hallway for everyone to enjoy.

⅝ **Creative Writing**
Students have now begun typing their Season Paragraphs, using details to describe their favorite season. This activity helps students practice writing clear, organized paragraphs.

Physical Education
1-4: Basketball
5-8: Speedball

⅞ **Literature**
In *The Ranger's Apprentice*, Will has discovered that he will become a Ranger. Students are enjoying RATS (Reading Around the School) as they continue following Will's adventures.

⅞ **Creative Writing**
Thank you to all of the students who participated in the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. They put a great deal of hard work into their writing, and the veterans who attended Monday's program were very appreciative of their efforts.

Congratulations to our winners: *Noah K., who earned 2nd Place, and Chloe O., who earned 1st Place!* We are proud of all of our students for a job well done.

Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out!
📧 mrskuschel@firstelkhorn.com
📞 320.522.0002

Mr. Knittel: Grades 7-8

- Our first Christ-Light study this year is "World Religions." We will look at the major religions of our world to see how they compare with the inerrant Word of God. Our current unit is "New Age Movement." Crystals, meditation, higher consciousness. What does God say about these things
- This week in Math, Course 2 will explore common denominators and rounding. Course 3 will look at repeating decimals. Both classes will have a test on Wednesday followed by an investigation on Thursday.
- Spelling words for this week are from Unit 10. Because of the field trip, our final test will be on Thursday. Lists for the entire year are available on Google Classroom.
- In U.S. History we are continuing a unit on the English colonies as relations with Great Britain began to strain. This week we wrap up a chapter on how relations with Great Britain began to strain. The students will review on Wednesday and have a test on Thursday.
- Grammar this week in 7th grade is learning the difference between phrases and clauses, and direct objects. 8th grade will examine transitive and intransitive verbs and choosing between active or passive voice. The students had a test on Thursday.
- If you have questions or need to share information, you may contact me at 614-448-8959 or mrknittel@firstelkhorn.com.