Wednesday News

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 4 , 2026

Principal's Message

This week we get to exercise one of the greatest privileges we have as Americans. We get to have a voice in who our leaders will be. Hopefully, that is not a responsibility that you take lightly. I don't either. Don't worry, this is not meant to be a political discussion or an endorsement of any candidate. Rather, it is an encouragement to help your children understand the election process and why this is such a great privilege for us not only as Americans, but also as Christians. In our church body, our pastors do a great job of keeping politics and worship as separate and distinct activities. However, as individual Christians, we need to understand that the choices we make in the voting booth can ultimately have a very real effect on our church. Please help your children to understand this. Also, please realize that your children will very often adopt your political views and often will not hesitate to repeat conversations and share your political viewpoints. The ensuing conversations at school can be educational as long as children are ready to listen respectfully to the views and opinions of others. Please join me in giving thanks to God for our country, flawed though it may be, and all the blessings He gives us through it!

This Week at a Glance, etc.

Wed., Nov. 4	Toddler Open Gym - 9 - 10:30 a.m.
Thurs., Nov. 5	Chapel 7:35am Basketball Practice - 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 6	Domino's lunch SLHS Day: Gr. 1 - 6 - "Alice in Wonderland" Gr. 7 - 8 - "Pacer for a Day"
Sun., Nov. 8	Robotics - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 9	**Veterans Day Program** **(lunch at noon, program at 12:45 p.m.)** Robotics - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 10	Basketball Practice - 4 - 5:30 p.m. Cheer - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 12	Basketball Practice - 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 13	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 4:30 p.m.
Thur., Nov. 19	Basketball Practice 4 - 5:30 p.m. Cheer Practice 4:30 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**
Wed., Nov. 25 - Fri., Nov. 27	**NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break**
Wed., Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Eve Service - 6:30 p.m. Pie Fellowship to follow

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

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!

VETERANS' DAY

We are observing Veterans' Day on Monday, November 9th. Veterans are invited to a special lunch with the 5-8th graders. A program of recognition and honor will follow the meal (12:45pm ish). Please invite family and friends who are veterans to join us for the meal and program. If a veteran is joining us for lunch, please rsvp to the office. All school families are welcome for the program (12:45pm ish)

END OF FIRST QUARTER

The end of the 1st quarter is this Friday, November 6th. Report Cards will be sent home on November 13th. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 16th. The online link to sign up will be in next week's newsletter.

SPECIAL MEALS

The last page of this newsletter includes information about our Special Meals. A form is coming home to sign up for the special meals. If your child is interested in Special Meals, please fill out the form and return by next Wednesday, November 11th.

BEST OF WALWORTH VOTING

Voting for Best of Walworth starts November 2- 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

🏀Practice starts on Thursday! Please wear clean gym shoes and bring a water bottle.

Cheerleading

📣Cheerleading practices will begin November 10th. Please see the handout that went home to all 3rd–8th grade girls.

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 will meet every Sunday from 5:30–7:30 PM. Our first League Night is Monday, November 9. We are excited to get started and see what these teams can accomplish!

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 how God gave the Israelites food while they were wandering in the wilderness. God gave them manna in the morning and quail in the evening. God takes care of them and he takes care of us too. We will also learn about how God gives Moses and the Israelites the 10 commandments.
- 4K/5K Literacy-This week students are focusing on the letter Tt. 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 Tt. They are also learning sight words. The words they are working on are: a, the, and, on. 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.
- Math-Students are learning about sorting, ordering numbers 1-10, finding the missing number, counting backwards, ordinal numbers to fourth.
- Science/Social Studies- Students are learning how God made Earth with air, land, and water on it. We will do a science project to talk about gravity.
- Art-Students are making decorations for the Veteran's Day program.
- Music-Students are practicing their songs for Veteran's Day and reviewing what they know about beats.
- Gym-We are reviewing our movement skills.
- **Show and Tell: Nov 13-Ruby-Favorite Thing**
- On Friday, November 6, while the rest of the school is gone, we will make Rice Krispie Treats, play with balloons in the gym and do a STEM project. There won't be chapel that day and Grandma B will not come in to sing songs with us.

Mrs. Szmanda: Grades 1-2

- **Christ Light** - The Huge Catch of Fish and Jesus Calls Matthew - Like his disciples, Jesus calls us to follow him and share the Gospel with others.
- **Math** - Bar graphs, tallying, fractions
  Addition facts: sums of 8 and 9
- **Language Arts**
  Reading - Fall, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving themes
  Grammar - types of sentences
  Spelling - this week: closed syllable, consonant blend words; test on Friday
  -next week VCe words
- **Science/Social Studies** - National symbols



It's Disguise a Turkey time! Look for a letter and info to come home on Friday!

- **Field Trip** - On Friday, Nov. 6, grades 1-8 will travel to Shoreland Lutheran High School in Somers, WI to see the play *Alice in Wonderland.* If you wish to accompany us, or drive, please contact me. We will return to school for lunch. See the information form sent home last week.

★ **Looking Ahead**: 11/6 - Alice in Wonderland play at SLHS
11/9 - Veteran's Day program

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

Miss Buelow: Grades 3-4

- Group B will have SHARE on Friday.
- Please review elapsed time.
- We are finishing our overview of the regions of the United States. We are focusing on the levels of government, branches of government and what it means to be a citizen.
- The first creative writing story of the year is due this Friday, November 6th.
- Reminder: We are going on a field trip to Shoreland Lutheran High School on Friday, November 6th. Information was sent home.
- 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 Changes Water Into Wine' (John 2) and 'The Temptation of Jesus' (Matthew 4)

Catechism:

We are reviewing Luther on Monday and then back to our regular schedule. Lesson 11- 'Jesus Christ, True God', and Lesson 12- 'Jesus Christ, True Man.

Math:

5th: Recognizing halves, parentheses and the associative property, listing the factors of whole numbers, and division algorithm.

6th: Ratio, rate, adding and subtracting fractions with common denominators, writing division answers as mixed numbers, reducing fractions, and adding and subtracting mixed numbers.

Spelling:

5th: Short e and Long e

6th: Unexpected Consonant Spellings

Science: We are reviewing our unit on layers of the earth, the rock cycle, and minerals. There will be a test on Thursday.

Grammar:

5th: Future tense, and capitalization with sentence, the pronoun I, and poetry.

6th: Irregular plural nouns, irregular verbs: to be, have, and do.

World Geography: We will be finishing our study of core concepts in geography and our imaginary country maps. Students will have a world continents quiz at the beginning of next week.

***Field trip on Friday, November 6 to ***
watch *Alice in Wonderland*

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

Mrs. Kuschel

⅝ Reading - *Holes* by Louis Sachar
Stanley and Zero return to Camp Green Lake and begin searching for the buried treasure, only to uncover a suitcase and come face-to-face with the Warden. These chapters highlight friendship, courage, and how all the pieces of the story are finally coming together.

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
Students have started reading *The Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan* and are meeting the main characters. As the story begins, students are learning about Will and the world of Araluen while making predictions about the adventures ahead.

⅞ Creative Writing
Students are working on creating their own constellations and writing legends to explain how they came to be. Rough drafts are due Thursday and then they will begin typing them out.

⅞ Art
A special Veterans Day gift is being created to honor and thank those who have served our country. Through this project, children are expressing gratitude and appreciation through their creativity and artwork.

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 "The Pentecostal and Charismatic Movement." Revivals and camp meetings stirred up a desire for Christians to become "more holy" in the late 1800s and early 1900s. These events became what we now refer to as the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements. We will answer the question: "How does God give gifts to his church?"
- This week in Math, Course 2 will explore multiples, averages, common denominators, and rounding. Course 3 will examine exponents, scientific notation, ratio, and repeating decimals.
- The students in grades 7-8 will be taking a field trip to SLHS to participate in Pacer for a Day this Friday, Nov. 6. An informational sheet was sent home with students.
- In U.S. History we are continuing a unit on the English colonies as relations with Great Britain began to strain. This week we start to look at how colonists viewed taxes and other political acts by Parliament as a breach of trust.
- Grammar this week in 7th grade is learning the linking verbs, the infinitive as a subject, the difference between phrases and clauses, and direct objects. 8th grade will examine more on capitalization, descriptive and proper adjectives, limiting adjectives and how to diagram adjectives.
- Spelling words for this week are from Unit 9. Because of the field trip, our final test will be on Thursday. Lists for the entire year are available on Google Classroom.
- If you have questions or need to share information, you may contact me at 614-448-8959 or mrknittel@firstelkhorn.com.

SPECIAL MEALS

Volunteer parents prepare 4 special hot meals throughout the school year - Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and the End of Year Picnic. The menu is listed below for each of the meals. Families have TWO options:

1. If your child would like to partake in ALL of the special meals, the cost is $18.00 for the first child. For additional children per family that would like all the meals, the cost is $15.00 each.
2. If a student would like to partake of one, two, or three of the meals, the cost for each individual meal is $6.00 each, per child/family, with no discount for additional children.

A form is coming home with each student to mark either ALL meals, or the individual meals desired. Please do not put multiple students on forms. Please also indicate on the form if your child has any food allergies or special dietary restrictions. Forms (one per child) and payment (can be combined) for meals are due in the office by Wednesday, November 11th. So we can plan accordingly, this will be the only time to sign up for meals.

- If you do not have a student account, cash or checks are accepted - please make checks payable to First Lutheran School.
- If you wish to pay using your student account, please indicate the amount to be taken from the account on the Special Meals sign up form.
- If your child would like to participate in the meals, but the family is financially unable to, please contact Mr. Knittel or the office.

The Wednesday News will have information and dates of each of the meals when they are coming up. We are always looking for help with the meals – please watch the newsletter for contact information if you care to help! Please contact the office with any questions.

MEALS OFFERED:

THANKSGIVING – Tuesday, Nov. 24th - **Traditional Thanksgiving Meal** – Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Stuffing, Vegetable, Rolls & Butter, Fruit, Dessert

CHRISTMAS – Monday, Dec. 21st - **Tacos** – Taco Bar – Hard and/or soft shell tacos with choice of toppings, Dessert

EASTER – Wednesday, March 24th - **Easter Dinner** – Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Vegetable, Rolls & Butter, Fruit, Dessert

END OF YEAR PICNIC – Friday, May 28th – **Picnic** - Hot Dogs/Hamburgers, Chips, Vegetable, Ice cream