

Wednesday

News



FIRST LUTHERAN
SCHOOL

Wednesday, October 21, 2026



<u>Principal's Message</u>	<u>This Week at a Glance, etc.</u>	
This question came up this week: "Why do we give homework?" It is a legitimate question, but also one with several facets. First of all, the term "homework" is defined as "a set of tasks assigned by teachers for students to complete outside of school hours to practice, reinforce, or prepare for classroom learning." I would assert that we don't give "homework" here at First Lutheran. Our teachers, however, will often give "assignments." How is that different? Our view of an assignment vs. homework is that an assignment is given to reinforce learning and to give feedback to the teacher about whether or not an individual student understood the concepts presented in the lesson, thus driving instruction with reliable data. Our teachers, within the confines of the school day, also budget time for students to be able to complete assignments with the express purpose of avoiding having students take work home. Certainly, there will be times, especially as students move up in grade levels, that they will not be able to complete all assignments in school, making it necessary for them to have "homework." If you ever have a question or concern about how much homework your child has, please schedule a time to talk with your child's teacher or with me. We are here to help!	Thurs., Oct. 22	<i>Madison Field Trip</i>
	Fri., Oct. 23	Chapel - 7:35 a.m. Cousins Lunch
	Sun., Oct. 25	Robotics - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
	Mon., Oct. 26	SCHOOL PICTURES Soccer & Volleyball party - 6pm
	Tues., Oct. 27	Fire Department Visit - 10:00 a.m. 🚒 Group Band @ SLHS - 7:00 p.m.
	Thur-Fri., Oct. 29-30	No School!!! Teachers' Convention
	Sun., Nov. 1	Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall Back!! All FLS students sing in church - 8:00 a.m. Reformation Service Robotics - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
	Tues., Nov. 3	Basketball Practice - 4 - 5:30 p.m. Fall Band Concert @ SLHS - 7:00 p.m.
	Wed., Nov. 4	Toddler Open Gym - 9 - 10:30 a.m.
	Thurs., Nov. 5	Basketball Practice - 4 - 5:30 p.m.
	Fri., Nov. 6	Chapel - 7:35 a.m. Grades 1 - 6 to SLHS - "Alice in Wonderland"
	Sun., Nov. 8	Robotics - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
	Mon., Nov. 9	Veterans Day Program - 12 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.
	Wed., Nov. 11	Sparks and Flames - 6 - 7 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.

<u>Wrap-Around Care</u>	<u>FRIDAY LUNCH</u>
Please contact the office should Wrap Around Care be needed.	Cousin Subs are available for lunch this Friday. A Form is coming home today and must be returned by noon on Thursday. No Late orders can be accepted. Please be sure to circle the size sub you would like, along with your meat/veggie choice. If you do not care for lettuce or tomato, please indicate that on the form. Please also circle on the form your payment method- cash/check or student account. Please make checks payable to "First Lutheran School."

<u>School News</u>		
<u>MADISON - GR.5-8</u> On Thursday grades 5-8 will travel to Madison to visit the UWM Geology Museum and the WI Veterans Museum. Students MUST wear their GREEN school t-shirt. Please be sure to pack a bag lunch and drink. <u>SCHOOL PICTURES</u> SMILE! On Monday, October 26th students will have their school picture taken. Please use the link to order pictures. All students will have their picture taken - you do not have to order pictures. <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> You're invited to join us for Sunday School every Sunday at 9:15 a.m., following the first service. We'd love to have you join us for a time of learning, fellowship, and growing together in faith!	<u>VETERANS' DAY</u> 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. All school families are welcome for the program (12:45pm ish) <u>END OF FIRST QUARTER</u> The end of the 1st quarter is 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 for a conference slot will be in the November 4th newsletter.	<u>SHORELAND OPEN HOUSE</u> You're invited to Shoreland's Fall open house on Monday, October 26th, 2026 from 5 - 7 p.m. Whether you're just starting to explore high school options or are ready to take the next step, there's no better way to get to know about SLHS than to visit in person! You can expect to meet teachers and coaches, tour the campus, learn about academics, fine arts, athletics, student life, and discover why Shoreland is ranked the #1 private high school in Kenosha County. Please visit the Shoreland website at slhs.us to register. <u>CHAPEL FRIDAYS</u> You are invited to join us for chapel this Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. We would love to have you join us!

First Lutheran Athletics

Volleyball

 This is our last week of volleyball! Thank you for a great season!

Soccer

 Thursday will be our last game. Good luck Badgers! Nice work on the WIN on Tuesday!

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 will be 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**

 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!

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. Lemke: 4K and Kindergarten

- Christ Light-Students are learning about Moses. God chose Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Even though Moses didn't think he was equipped to do it, God gave Moses three signs to show the Israelites that He had chosen Moses as their leader. Finally, He sent Moses's brother Aaron to help him. God used pillars of cloud and fire to lead his people and He used his almighty power to part the Red Sea to provide a dry passageway for his people. Then God caused the waters to drown the Egyptians.
- 4K/5K Literacy-Students are learning about the letter Ss. Students will learn a song about the letter Ss, make the letter Ss on chalkboards, with playdough, and on magnetic boards. We will continue to work on rhyming words, beginning and ending sounds, blending and segmenting compound words, counting words in a sentence, and saying the alphabet song attached to letters.
- 5K Literacy-Students are learning about the next Super Kid Sal. Sal likes to play sports. Students will learn how to write the uppercase and lowercase Ss and work on beginning sounds with the letter Ss. Students are also reviewing M, C, A. Students will continue to blend and segment sounds to read and write.
- Math-Students are working on AB patterns with linking cubes and teddy bears. They are also acting out story problems with teddy bears. They are identifying ordinal position to fourth, and covering designs with pattern blocks.
- Science/Social Studies- We are wrapping up our five senses unit. Students will do a popcorn investigation as a culminating activity.
- Art-Students are making a spider web out of shapes to go with the story, Walter's Wonderful Web.
- Music-Students continue to learn about a beat. They are using their bodies to keep a beat and marching to a beat.
- Gym-We will continue to do fun activities with a parachute.
- **Show and Tell: Nov 6-Esther-Favorite Thing**

Mrs. Szmanda: Grades 1-2

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christ Light - <u>Nicodemus</u> and <u>The Samaritan Woman at the Well</u> Jesus teaches us that he is the living water and through faith in him we receive eternal life. ● We will begin a unit on the <u>Reformation</u> and Martin Luther. ● Math - reviewing addition facts (doubles, +1, +2, +9) before moving on to doubles +1 Time to the half hour, temperature. ● Language Arts
 Grammar - types of sentences
 Reading - We are reading some short, nonfiction pages about leaves, pumpkins, and fire safety. We use these to learn about nonfiction text features to find text evidence to answer questions. We will also be reading a fictional pumpkin story, <u>Spookley, the Square Pumpkin</u>. We will review story elements, sequencing, and learn about character traits. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Science/Social Studies - Leaves, pumpkins, and fire safety. ● Field Trip - On Friday, Nov. 6, grades 2-8 will travel to Shoreland Lutheran High School in Somers, WI to see the play <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>. If you wish to accompany us, or drive, please contact me. We will return to school for lunch. See attached information form. ★ Looking Ahead:
 10/26 - school pictures
 10/27 - rescheduled Fire Dept. visit
 10/29-30 No School - State Teacher's Conference
 11/1 - Sing in Church for Reformation - 8:00 a.m.
 11/6 - Alice in Wonderland play at Shoreland ● If you have any questions, please talk to me or text me at 262-327-4561. |
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Miss Buelow: Grades 3-4

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group A will have SHARE on Friday, October 23: Emma, Penny, Liam, and John. ● We have started a new math unit about time. We are reviewing time to the hour, half, and quarter. Then working with time to the 5 min., 1 min., and elapsed time. ● In English grammar we are starting a new unit on parts of speech: nouns. ● We are finishing our overview of the 5 regions of the United States. We are focusing on the people of these regions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our rough draft of the first creative writing story of the year is due by Friday. The final copy is due Friday, November 6th. ● We are studying air masses and winds in our science weather unit. ● Memory Work skills have improved. Thank you. ● Library books are due October 26th. ● If you have any questions, you can reach me at 414-550-7304 or missbuelow@firstatthecross.com. |
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Mrs. Lahmann: Grades 5-6

Christ Light and Catechism:

We are taking a break from our normal schedule to spend time studying the *Life and Faith of Martin Luther* and how he reformed the church to show that salvation comes by faith through Jesus and not by works.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians

2:8-9

Math:

5th: Three factors and missing factors, relationship between multiplication and division, three ways to show division, and fractions of halves, fourths, and tenths.

6th: Average, line graphs, factors, prime numbers, greatest common factor, and fractions.

Spelling: List 7

5th: Using just enough letters

6th: Homophones

Science: Why is marble often swirled instead of pure white? What five requirements must a substance meet to be required to be classified as a mineral? What are some valuable minerals? We will discuss and answer these (and more) questions this week.

Grammar:

5th: Concrete, abstract, and collective nouns, helping verbs, and singular, plural, compound, and possessive nouns.

6th: Future tense, capitalization of sentence, pronouns, poetry, and irregular plural nouns.

World Geography: We are continuing our study of core concepts in geography with an emphasis in culture and are continuing to work on creating imaginary country maps.

Field trip on Thursday, Oct. 22

Wear your green school shirt and bring a lunch.

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

Mrs. Kuschel

5/6 Reading - *Holes* by Louis Sachar

We have reached Chapter 34 of *Holes* and the mystery at Camp Green Lake continues to unfold. As Stanley uncovers surprising connections between the past and present, students are eager to see how the story's many secrets come together.

5/6 Art

Our new Yarn Art project is underway! Students created their own designs and are now using yarn to add color, texture, and dimension to their artwork.

Be sure to take a look at the Student-Made Bulletin Board. It was created by the 5th & 6th graders!

Physical Education

1-4, 5-8: 2-step!

7/8 - Creative Writing

Preparation for the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest is well underway. After interviewing local veterans, students are now organizing their ideas and creating essay outlines. Thursday's field trip will offer further insight and inspiration as they explore this year's theme, "*What a Veteran Taught Me About America.*"

7/8 Art

Students are putting the finishing touches on their pointillism projects. Their hard work, patience, and attention to detail have resulted in some impressive artwork!

Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out!

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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 "Lutheranism." As we look at our own denomination of Christianity, we see how not all branches of Lutheranism hold true to Scripture, but we also find reasons to thank God for reforming the Christian Church through Martin Luther.
- This week in Math, Course 2 will explore prime and composite numbers and various operations with fractions and mixed numbers. Course 3 will examine the distributive property as well as multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers followed by adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimal numbers. Both classes have a test on Monday, October 26.
- The students in grades 5-8 will be taking a field trip tomorrow. Students were given an informational sheet earlier this week.
- This week in U.S. History we are continuing a chapter on life in the English colonies prior to the Revolutionary War. We examined how slavery grew in the colonies and also the effects of education, the Great Awakening, and the Enlightenment. The chapter will conclude with a test on Friday.
- Grammar this week in 7th grade is learning how the gerund as a verbal can function as the subject, and we will continue to look at more capitalization rules. 8th grade will examine how the infinitive is used as a subject and also the difference between phrases and clauses. Both classes will have a test on Wednesday.
- Spelling words for this week are from Unit 7. Final tests will be on Fridays. 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.