

Wednesday

News



FIRST LUTHERAN
SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 23, 2026



<u>Principal's Message</u>	<u>This Week at a Glance, etc.</u>	
This week I would like to offer up a couple of logistical items for everyone to be aware of. First, as was sent home in an email yesterday, we now have the construction project on Centralia St. in reach of our property. In fact, today the intersection of Centralia and Devendorf is closed. I have been told by both the project superintendent and the City of Elkhorn that the installation of the water main and the subsequent patching of asphalt over it will be the only items addressed this fall. In the spring, the project will resume with a complete resurfacing of Centralia to the intersection of Centralia and Devendorf. We will give updates as we are notified. The second item to be aware of is that the school doors open for student drop off at 7:15 am. Up to that time, the teachers are preparing for the school day, including a morning devotional meeting. If you need to drop off your child early, please speak with the principal or your child's teacher. Thank you!	Wed., Sept. 23	Volleyball practice - 4 - 5:15 p.m.
	Thurs., Sept. 24	Volleyball vs.St. Francis @ First,LG - 4:30 p.m.
	Fri., Sept. 25	Chapel - 7:35 am Jimmy John's lunch Soccer practice (Veterans Park) - 3:45 - 5 p.m.
	Mon., Sept. 28	NO SCHOOL - Teachers' Conference
	Tues., Sept. 29	Soccer Practice (Rotary) - 3:45 - 5 p.m.
	Wed., Sept. 30	Volleyball @ WSD - 4:00 p.m.
	Thurs., Oct. 1	Volleyball Practice - 4 - 5:15 p.m.
	Fri., Oct. 2	Chapel - 7:35 am Soccer vs. Faith - Rotary Park - 4 p.m. Volleyball vs. Faith - Elkhorn - 5:30 p.m.
	Mon., Oct. 5	Soccer @ Mt. Zion - 4:00 p.m. Volleyball @ Mt. Zion - 5:15 p.m.
	Tues., Oct. 6	Volleyball @ St. Andrews - 4:30 p.m.
	Wed., Oct. 7	Toddler Open Gym - 9-10:30 p.m.
	Thur., Oct. 8	Volleyball @ Our Redeemer - 4:30 p.m.
	Fri., Oct. 9	Chapel - 7:35 am Soccer vs St. Matthews - home - 4:30 p.m.

<u>Wrap-Around Care</u>	<u>FRIDAY LUNCH</u>
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 <u>noon</u> 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."

<u>School News</u>		
	<u>FORMS/FEEES</u> If your student is missing forms or has outstanding fees, a note is being sent home today. Please return the forms/fees by September 30th, or, if your child has appointments made, please let the office know the dates. Thank you!	

First Lutheran Athletics

Volleyball

Our volleyball teams played tough through their matches this week—great hustle and teamwork in every set!

The concession stand was open and a big hit with fans. If anyone would like to donate items for future games, please contact Beth Kuschel to help keep it stocked and running smoothly.

Soccer

Reminder that soccer practice is at Veteran's Park on Friday!

We could use a few extra hands to help run flags on the sidelines during upcoming games. If you're able to volunteer, please reach out.

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**

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!



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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 Cain and Abel and Noah's Ark. They are learning that God loves them even when they are naughty. Also, while the world turned evil, God saved Noah and his family by having Noah build an ark. Noah trusted God and God kept Noah, his family, and animals safe. God put a rainbow in the sky to promise never to send another flood to destroy the Earth.
- 4K/5K Literacy-Students are learning positional words using lines and curves. They are also learning how to manipulate the lines and curves in order to start writing letters. Students are learning about rhyming words, blending and segmenting compound words, and first and last sounds in words. Students are learning to use materials that they will use throughout the school year to write letters. The materials are chalkboards, playdough, and stamp and see boards.
- 5K Literacy-Students are on the second week of the introduction unit of SuperKids. They are learning how to cut, write, and color in their books. They are learning how to draw shapes and put shapes together to make pictures. This is the start of learning how to write letters and words.
- Math-Students are learning how to count with one to one correspondence, sort using math tools, write numbers, and learn about pictographs.
- Science/Social Studies-Students are starting to learn about their senses. This week they learned they have 5 senses and the first sense they will learn about is hearing. They will make musical instruments to play and hear the different sounds. They are also learning about how to draw a person and God made each and every one of us special and unique.
- Art-Students are making rainbows and learning about the colors in the rainbow.
- Music-Students are learning about the steady beat. Students played a steady beat on the drums and they used their bodies-clapping, stomping, and slapping their knees.
- Gym-Students are learning about different types of movement: side slide, gallop, skip, leap, hop, and jump.
- **Show and Tell: Oct 2-Luke-Favorite Thing**
- **Our first field trip is on Friday, Oct 16 from 8-2pm. We are going to Royal Oak Farm in Harvard, IL.** We will pick apples, go on a wagon ride, go to a petting zoo, and go to the playground. We will eat lunch there, so please pack a disposable lunch. If you would like to chaperone, please email me.

Mrs. Szmanda: Grades 1-2

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christ Light - Simeon and Anna, The Wisemen and King Herod. Like Simeon & Anna, we are filled with joy because of Jesus, the Savior. And like the wise men, we want to seek Jesus, worship him, and bring him our gifts.• Math - Review addition of doubles, +0 and +1. Telling time an hour ago and an hour ahead, even and odd numbers, ordinal numbers, adding +2. No homework pages yet.• Language Arts - We are reading various books and stories about the rainforest, fall, apples and Johnny Appleseed. In grammar we are working on identifying and writing subject and predicate of a sentence. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science - Animals and plants in the Amazon rainforest.• Field trip - Our class is going to Royal Oak Farm Orchard in Harvard, IL on Friday, Oct. 16 with the 4K-K students. Parents and guardians are invited to drive/accompany the class. The cost for adults is \$12.50 per person. More information will be sent home later this week.• 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, September 25th: Emma, Penny, Liam, and John.• Spelling lesson 2 test is on Friday. Lists were sent home on Monday.• We are finishing place value through the millions. We could use additional practice on rounding. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have started our first creative writing story of the year. The finished piece is due at the end of October.• We are learning about the regions of the USA. There will be a regions map test next Thursday, October 1st.• 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: Our focus this year is the New Testament. This week's lessons are 'Simeon and Anna' (Luke 2) and 'The Wise Men' (Matthew 2).

Catechism: What does this mean? In this class, we have the opportunity to dig deeper into the true teachings of the bible. Lesson 4-'Faith in God', Lesson 5-'God the Father Almighty.'

Math:

5th: Comparing whole numbers, money, writing and comparing numbers through hundred thousands, and ordinal numbers.

6th: Unknown factors in multiplication and division, order of operations, fractional parts, lines, segments, and rays.

Science: We finished our review of science tools and lab safety with a bubble lab. Ask your child which dish soap caused the largest bubbles? Dawn, Palmolive, or Gain? As we began our book, students were asked, Why should we study Earth Science?

Grammar:

5th: Simple subjects and simple predicates and reversed subjects and predicates.

6th: Identifying complete sentences, fragments, and run-on sentences

World Geography: Our lessons show how useful different types of maps are. Our class will be divided into two groups and will create a new country with different features of a map. Look for these creations in the hallway in the coming weeks.

Spelling: List 2

5th: Words with ng, nk, th

6th: Short vowels

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

Mrs. Kuschel

$\frac{5}{6}$ Reading

- We've started the novel *Holes* by Louis Sachar—students are already digging into the story and making great connections!

$\frac{5}{6}$ & $\frac{7}{8}$ Creative Writing

- Students have been describing the different seasons. 5-6: They will pick one season and describe it in a sentence. 7-8: They will write a Haiku poem.

Physical Education

- 1-4, 5-8: Volleyball

$\frac{7}{8}$ Literature

- We've begun *Letters from Rifka*—students are exploring Rifka's journey and the courage it takes to start anew.

$\frac{5}{6}$ & $\frac{7}{8}$ Art

- Be sure to take a look at our Lego Self-Portraits displayed in the hallway!

Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out!

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Mr. Knittel: Grades 7-8

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 “Islam” in which we look at the fastest growing religion in the world and how we can reach out in love to those who follow these teachings.• This week in Math we are concluding our first unit of Lessons 1-10. Both classes will have a test tomorrow followed by an investigation on Friday. We begin Unit 2 next Tuesday.• Our current focus in U.S. History is the discovery and exploration of North America by the Europeans. We will review Chapter 2 on Friday and have a test on Tuesday. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grammar this week is focusing on classifying nouns by number, gender, and proper or common. We are also looking at helping verbs and verb phrases.• Spelling words for this week are from Unit 3. 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. |
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