

Wednesday

News



FIRST LUTHERAN
SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 16, 2026



Principal's Message

You may have noticed that I haven't been at school yet this week. I am serving as part of the site visit team for accreditation at St. John's Lutheran School in Burlington on Monday through Wednesday of this week. This is the same process that our school went through in the spring of 2025. Actually, the principal of St. John's, Mr. Tim Schubkegel, served on the site visit team for our accreditation. This process is extremely important for our WELS schools as it helps us to celebrate the things we are doing well and also identify areas that we need to improve. One of those areas is to keep the main thing the main thing. I was visiting a classroom and the teacher asked the students, "Was Jesus just a good teacher?" One little kindergartener replied with confidence: "No! He is the promised Savior!" As far as I was concerned, we could have stopped the visit right there. When the Holy Spirit uses our schools to create faith like that in our students, we know we are keeping the main thing as the main thing. Certainly, schedules and curriculum and policies have their place, but we teach students to know their Savior! That's the main thing!

This Week at a Glance, etc.

Wed., Sept. 16	Volleyball practice - 4 - 5:15 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 17	Volleyball vs. OR @ First, LG - 4:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 18	Chapel - 7:35 am Domino's lunch Soccer practice (Veterans Park) - 3:45 - 5 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 20	Sunday School - 9:15 am Teen Bible Study - 9:30 am All students sing in 10:30 am service BACK TO SCHOOL PIZZA AND KARAOKE AFTER 2ND SERVICE 🍕 🎤
Mon., Sept. 21	Volleyball vs. WSD @ First, Elkhorn - 5:30 pm
Tues., Sept. 22	Soccer practice (Rotary) - 3:45 - 5 p.m.
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 Soccer practice (Veterans Park) - 3:45 - 5 p.m.
Sun., Sept 27	Sunday School - 9:15 am First Lutheran Youth Rally Recap Sunday!
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	Soccer vs. Mt. Zion - home - 4 p.m. Volleyball vs. Mt. Zion - Elkhorn - 5:30 p.m.

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

<u>School News</u>		
<u>CHURCH SINGING</u> Grades 4K-8 are singing <i>this</i> Sunday in the 10:30am service. Please meet in Miss B's classroom at 10:17am. Students in grades 1-8 will sit together with their classmates for the entire service. Students in 4K-K will start the service by sitting with their classmates and then return to their parents after singing.	<u>BACK TO SCHOOL PIZZA & KARAOKE!</u> Warm up your voices, bring your favorite pizza, and help us kick off another school year with our 3 rd annual Back to School Pizza Potluck & Karaoke Celebration on Sunday, September 20th. All members of our church and school are welcome to join in the festivities. Sunday School begins at 9:15 am, church begins at 10:30 am (grades 4k-8 sing in this service). After the service we will start with The pizza potluck (please bring a pizza of your choosing - dessert, veggie, or regular for all to share). We will then start the karaoke portion. Bring your song requests, come ready to sing, or just come to be entertained as we welcome the start of a new school year with this annual event. <i>We hope to see everyone there!</i>	<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> Students (4k-6th) are warmly invited to join us for Sunday School each week at First Lutheran Church! Classes begin at 9:15 a.m. and offer a fun, faith-filled time to learn, sing, and grow together. We look forward to seeing our students and families as we start another exciting year of learning about God's Word! <u>TEEN BIBLE STUDY</u> Grades 7–12 (and beyond!) are invited to join us for Teen Bible Study every 1st and 3rd Sunday. Come connect, grow in faith, and enjoy great discussion and fellowship together!

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

Our players gave it their all on the field this week—great effort and teamwork all around!

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 started yesterday.

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

Please watch your email for a note from Mr. Wordell when band practices will begin.

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Singing</u>- We are singing this Sunday, Sept 20 in the 10:30am service. Please make sure your child is in the 3-4th grade classroom at 10:17am. Students will sit with their class until they sing. Then they will return to sit with their families after singing. You are welcome to stay for pizza and karaoke to enjoy fellowship with other school families!• <u>Christ Light</u>-Students will learn how God created Adam and Eve and the fall into sin. They will learn about how we need a Savior and God's promise of a Savior.• <u>4K/5K Literacy</u>-Students are becoming familiar with the wood pieces that they will use to make all the letters. They are learning how to spell and write their name. We are reading Chicka Chicka Boom Boom and doing lots of activities with the book. Students also continue to work on their fine motor skills through the use of stickers, play dough, dry erase markers, and crayons. They are learning how to draw all types of lines.• <u>5K Literacy</u>-Students started SuperKids this week. They are doing the warm up unit and learning that listening is a big part of learning to read. Students are reviewing their letters and sounds. Please practice letters and sounds with your Kindergartener. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Math</u>-Students are learning to write numbers and are getting acclimated to the math tools.• <u>Science</u>-Students are learning about living and non-living things. They will sort items and look at ducks vs rubber ducks, worms vs gummy worms.• <u>Art</u>-We are celebrating Dot Day. Students are making dots with different types of lines and painting the lines with watercolors. Students will also use Bingo daubers and stickers to make a dot picture.• <u>Music</u>-Students are learning about the steady beat. They are also practicing their song for Sept. 20• <u>Gym</u>-Students are learning about different types of movement: side slide, gallop, skip, leap, hop, and jump.• Show and Tell: Sept 25-Gabe-Favorite Thing |
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Mrs. Szmanda: Grades 1-2

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christ Light - This week we began our New Testament studies with 4 lessons, one each day, and a review after chapel on Friday. They are The Annunciation and Birth of John, and the Annunciation, Birth, and Presentation of Jesus. How happy we are to see how God kept his promise to send the Savior!• Math - We've been working on addition of doubles, along with review. Now we are beginning +0 and +1. Working on these facts occasionally at home will help students learn them. Next week we will start bringing a homework page to do every day and return. Students may need some help reading the directions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science - Animals and plants in the Amazon rainforest.• Language Arts - We've added grammar and handwriting to our daily routine. We are reading various books and stories about the rainforest.• *****<i>Students sing in church on September 20th at the 10:30 service. Meet in Miss B's room by 10:20 to practice. Students will sit together for the entire service. Join us following the service for back to school pizza and karaoke</i>*****• 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 B will have SHARE on Friday, September 18th: Kinsley, Phoebe, Evelyn.• Spelling lesson 1 test is on Friday. Lists were sent home on Monday.• There will be a North America map quiz next Tuesday, September 22.• Third grade math is working on place value through the thousands. Fourth grade is working all the way through the millions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are working on types of sentences, parts of sentences and writing sentences in grammar.• We are practicing skills needed to conduct experiments in science.• 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 'The Birth of John the Baptist' (Luke 1) and 'The Birth of Jesus' (Luke 2).

Catechism: What does this mean? In this class, we have the opportunity to dig deeper into the true teachings of the bible. Lesson 2-'The Only True God', Lesson 3-'The Bible Describes God.'

Math: On Monday, we began our first lessons. Sequences, digits, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing money are some of the concepts we'll be studying.

Science: This year, 5-8 grade will be studying Earth and space science. Before we get into the book, we will be reviewing science tools and lab safety.

Grammar: We are beginning the year with a review of nouns and verbs.

World Geography: Last week, students presented to the class "What did you do this past summer?" This week we began studying the core concepts of geography and will start mapping the world.

******Students sing in church on **September 20th** at the **10:30 service**. Join us following the service for back to school pizza and karaoke******

Questions or concerns?

- mrsalahmann@firstatthecross.com
- 262-573-6710

Mrs. Kuschel

$\frac{5}{8}$ Reading

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

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

- Students have been working on making their Creative Writing Binder cover.

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.

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

- Lego Self-Portraits

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 next 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 covering a review of basic operations (addition, subtraction, division, and multiplication). These topics are largely review.
- We are wrapping up our first chapter of the beginnings of US History. Students will review content on Wednesday with a Kahoot review and then have their first test on Thursday. A huge thanks to Mrs. Kuehl for covering Monday through Wednesday!!
- Grammar this week does a deep dive into nouns and verbs along with the beginning steps of diagramming.
- Spelling words for this week are from Unit 2. Final tests will be on Fridays. Lists for the entire year are available on Google Classroom.
- Our first scheduled singing for church is Sunday, September 20, in the 10:30 service. The students will be singing selected verses of Hymn 570 “God Loved the World So That He Gave.” All families are encouraged to attend and also to join us for “Pizza and Karaoke” to follow!
- If you have questions or need to share information, you may contact me at 614-448-8959 or mrknittel@firstelkhorn.com.