



# Wednesday

## News



FIRST LUTHERAN  
SCHOOL

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

2020-2021 School Theme:

*"Rejoice, be Glad, this is the day the LORD has made." Psalm 118:24*

<u>Principal's Message</u>	<u>This Week at a Glance</u>
<p>Don't you just love the music during the Christmas season? There is so much of it that there is hardly enough time to listen to it all. Some of the greatest music of all time, stretching back to the time of the classics, is about the birth of Christ. It started when a heavenly host of angels appeared in the sky above the shepherds. It continues with us. Many started listening to Christmas music already back in early November. May the music of Christmas touch your heart with joy for today and hope for the future.</p>	<p><b>Wed., Dec. 9:</b> Advent Service - 6:30 p.m. ~grades 5-6 play hand bells</p> <p><b>Fri., Dec. 11:</b> Dominos pizza lunch</p> <p><b>Tues., Dec. 15:</b> <b>Grinch Day!</b></p> <p><b>Wed., Dec. 16:</b> Advent Service - 6:30 p.m. - gr. 3-4 play hand bells</p> <p><b>Thurs., Dec. 17:</b> Christmas Special Meal</p> <p><b>Fri., Dec. 18:</b> Class Christmas Parties</p> <p><b>Sat., Dec. 19:</b> Children's Christmas Service Practice - 9-10:30 a.m.</p>

### School News

#### CHRISTMAS SPECIAL MEAL

The Christmas Special Meal will be held on Thursday, December 17th. If you would be willing and able to help, please contact the office. Prep will begin at 10:00 a.m. with service starting at 11:00.

#### GRINCH DAY

On Tuesday, December 15 we will have a school-wide **Grinch Day!** Students are invited to dress up in green, or as a Whoville resident. At the end of the story, the Grinch realizes "Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas means a little bit more." As Christians, we know this to be true. "Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ, the Lord." This is the true meaning of Christmas! Classrooms will engage in various green and "Grinchy" activities during the day.

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Please mark your calendars for December 20th at 10:30 a.m. for the Children's Christmas Service to be held in the gym for families of students participating, **ONLY!** (parents, siblings, and grandparents) The service will be streamed as well. **Please see the last page of this newsletter for a special note which needs to be returned to the office by next Wednesday, December 16th.** Thank you!

#### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event of a snow or cold emergency, First Lutheran will always follow the call of the Elkhorn Area School District. Milwaukee area radio and television stations will spread the word and watch for our Facebook posts as well. Remember, if school is closed for the day (or closes early), after school activities are also cancelled.

#### DECEMBER COIN DROP

As we enter this season of giving, we would like to help those in need in our community. First Lutheran School is holding a coin drop through December 17th for "Christmas for the Kids", a group that works with Walworth County Health and Human Services by collecting and organizing needs and gifts for those less fortunate. All the collected coins will be used to purchase gas and grocery store gift cards to be given to families. Please note that this should not take away from your Friday chapel gifts for mission work. If you can spare some change to help families in need, it would be appreciated. The coin drop container will be located near the office. Thank you for helping others!

## **First Lutheran Athletics**

### **Winter Sports**

This is just a reminder that we will **not** have basketball this year. Consequently, there will be no Cheer team this year as well.

### **SCHOOL T-SHIRTS**

We have extra school t-shirts available. Please contact the office if interested - hopefully we have your size! The cost of a shirt is \$10.

Look cool and show off your school! Order your First Lutheran School Gear and athletic Badger logo from MyLocker. We receive a commission on sales.

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

Also available - if you have a specific item(s) you would like embroidered, our school logo is available at a local embroidery shop. Contact the office if you are interested in this option.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULARS**

### **PIANO**

The students are working on Advent and Christmas pieces of music to play for church.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Trista Heuer at 920-222-1510 or [tsheuer@gmail.com](mailto:tsheuer@gmail.com)

## **How Can I Help My School?**

*To help with non-budgeted expenses, First Lutheran School participates in a variety of ways to raise funds:*

Same Amazon items - but we get a percentage!

  
You shop. Amazon gives.

Shop through this link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1135363>



**Frank's**  
piggy wiggy.

Receipts - we are collecting 4th qtr. 2020 through January 12th!

Scan your receipts using the app! Or, send your receipts to the office!



**ShopWithScrip®**

Many cards are available in the office, you can place an order through the office or online. Our Enrollment code is 6AB68DC923349



Donate your points to First Lutheran School for us to qualify for grants!

Please contact the office with questions.  
*Your support is appreciated!*

## **Wrap-Around Care**

**Director:** Mrs. Sandy Christian

**Hours:** 6:30-7:20 a.m. and 10:45-6:00 p.m.

**Contact:** 262-949-5094 or [sjchristian60@gmail.com](mailto:sjchristian60@gmail.com)

**Please note!**

- A reminder to send an extra after-school snack/juice drink along for your child if they would like one.

## **FRIDAY LUNCH**

This week Friday we will be offering Dominos pizza for lunch. Order forms are coming home today and are due 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 \$1.00. Please indicate on the bottom of the form your payment method - cash/check or student account. Please make checks payable to "First Lutheran School."

# Classroom News

## Mrs. Kuehl: 4K

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● For Show N' Tell this week, please bring a square and/or rectangular shaped Christmas item for the Mystery Box.</li><li>● We have exchanged names for our classroom Gift Exchange. Your child's name for the exchange was sent home in last week's Wednesday Newsletter. The amount spent on the gift should be about \$5.00. Please identify each gift with the name of the "TO" person on the outside and the "FROM" person on the inside. Gifts may be brought to school the week of December 14th. The gift opening will be part of our classroom party on Friday, December 18th.</li><li>● 4K Children may be picked up at noon (if they are not attending Wrap-Around Care) after the special meal next Thursday.</li><li>● Special thanks to Mrs. Nolte for coming to help us with Christmas projects!</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● As the weather turns colder, please remember to send the appropriate outerwear for outside fun! Headwear and mittens are a must! Boots and snowpants will be required once it snows!</li><li>● Thank you for your prayers and support. If you have any questions or concerns, the best way to reach me is to text 262-374-9254. Please leave your name and a short message. I will get back to you as soon as I am able. (It will likely not be during school hours.)</li><li>● Words to the songs and recitations for the Children's Christmas Service coming up on Sunday, December 20th were sent home. We are working on them in school, and encourage you to go through them at home as well.</li><li>● If anyone is interested in sending a special snack for our Christmas Party, please speak to me. We will celebrate Friday, Dec. 18th in the morning. There will be a total of 13 people at our party.</li></ul> |
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## Mrs. Kuehl: Kindergarten

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● For Show N' Tell this week, please bring a square or rectangular Christmas shaped item for the Mystery Box.</li><li>● We are putting together a little toy store to practice buying items with "simple" coins.</li><li>● We are having fun working on various Christmas related projects as we look forward to celebrating our Savior's birth once again!</li><li>● If anyone is interested in sending a special snack for our Christmas Party, please speak to me. We will celebrate Friday, Dec. 18th in the morning. There will be a total of 13 people at our party.</li><li>● Words to the songs and recitations for the Children's Christmas Service coming up on Sunday, December 20th were sent home. We are working on them in school, and encourage you to go through them at home as well.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● We have exchanged names for our classroom Gift Exchange. The amount spent on the gift should be about \$5.00. Please identify each gift with the name of the "TO" person on the outside and the "FROM" person on the inside. Gifts may be brought to school the week of December 14th. The gift opening will be part of our classroom party on Friday, December 18th.</li><li>● Thank you for your prayers and support. If you have questions or concerns, the best way to reach me is to text 262-374-9254. Leave your name and a short message, and I will get back to you as soon as possible. (It will likely not be during school hours)</li><li>● As the weather turns colder, please remember to send the appropriate outerwear for outdoor fun! Mittens and hats are a must! Boots and snowpants will be required once it snows!</li></ul> |
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## Mrs. Szmanda: Grades 1-2

- This week our Christ Light lessons focus on prayer. Through faith we trust in Jesus, believe in his power to help, and come to him in prayer in times of trouble. We are shown examples of this as we hear about The Faith of the Captain and The Gentile Woman.
- Your child has chosen the name their Secret Christmas Friend. The amount spent on the gift should be about \$5.00. Gifts may be brought to school December 16-17. The gift opening will be part of our classroom party on Friday, Dec. 18th.
- Next Tuesday, December 15 will be Grinch Day! Students are invited to dress in green, or as a Whoville resident. Our focus will be on the book version of the story. If you have a Dr. Seuss book How the Grinch Stole Christmas that our class could borrow, please send it with your child. Please make sure your name is in the book!
- In Language Arts, we are reading and comparing versions of the Gingerbread Man. We are also finding Christmas nouns.

## Miss Buelow: Grades 3-4

- Group D has SHARE this week.
- In math, 3rd grade is reviewing all multiplication facts, then they are starting division. The 4th grade will be dividing larger numbers.
- Some of the 3&4 graders have volunteered to play handbells in next Wednesday's Advent service. We will practice during the school day.
- The December book report is due Friday, Dec. 18th.
- Christmas gifts for our December 18th party may be brought to school the week of December 14th. Usually gifts are about \$5.
- If you have any questions, I can be reached at 414-550-7304 or [missbuelow@firstatthecross.com](mailto:missbuelow@firstatthecross.com)

## Mr. Glodowski: Grades 5-6

- Handbells tonight!\*\*
- Memory Work has shifted away from the memory treasures used in Christ Light and the Parts of the Catechism. We will be studying parts of the Christmas service until Dec. 18th.
- Scholastic Book order flyers came home last week. If you would like to order anything, go to the website: [scholastic.com/readingclub](http://scholastic.com/readingclub) and place your order online. Our class activation code is LJ6FM.
- For our Christmas party, we will not do a gift exchange. We will instead be stuffing stockings. A small gift for each stocking can take many forms including candy, pencils, or small ornaments.
- We will finish Roll of Thunder today and take the test on the book tomorrow.
- If you need anything, please contact me using text, call, or email. (608) 712-7759  
[mrglodowski@firstatthecross.com](mailto:mrglodowski@firstatthecross.com)

## Mr. Falk: Grades 7-8

- In math the students have had lessons dealing with prime numbers, greatest common factors, rational numbers, and simplifying fractions.
- With only four students in our classroom, our gift exchange will be stuffing stockings. A small gift for each stocking can take many forms including candy, pencils, small ornaments, etc.
- Using our Junior Scholastic magazine the students are working with a collection of maps for each of the continents; learning about capitals, rivers, countries, landforms, etc.
- The students are learning to spell words ending in -ity, -ty, and -tion in grades 7; and words with Latin roots in grade 8.

Dear Families,

In an effort to better provide distancing for the people attending the Children's Christmas service this year, we are asking that only the family of the participating children attend that service. Keeping in mind the number of chairs we have, as well as social distancing, we recommend no more than 6 people from each family. However we also recognize some families might need one or two more based on their individual situations. So that we have enough chairs set up and have an idea how many to expect, please let us know how many from your family are planning to be in attendance. This number would *not* include the participating children. We ask that this form be returned to the church/school office no later than **Wednesday, December 16**. Thank you for your help.

Pastor Heuer

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_