



Santa is Coming!

By Elizabeth Heeter

Anyone ready for Santa Claus? Well, I know I am! Christmas is only a few weeks away! Hopefully no one gets a stocking full of coal! You'll get toys, presents and gifts. But the important thing is that Mary gave birth to a Savior named Jesus, and that's when he started his life to save us from sin. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Hot Lunch – If you haven't ordered Hot Lunch tickets yet, you can get them in the office. Prices are at \$3.25, per lunch. A listing of next month's menu is attached.



Wednesday (Dec. 12th) – Baked French Toast

Thursday (Dec. 13th) – Grilled Cheese and Chicken Noodle or Tomato Soup

Friday (Dec. 14th) – Meatballs and Mashed Potatoes

Monday (Dec. 17th) – Hot Dogs and Chips

Tuesday (Dec. 18th) – Sweet & Sour Chicken & Egg Rolls



School Wishlist – During the year there are items that come up that were not originally budgeted. We put these on the "School Wishlist." If you wish to donate to any of these, please contact the office or the teacher associated with the item:

Soccer Ball Rack - \$409

School Basketball Uniforms - \$1000 Left.... – (\$2500 raised this year from FFL activities! Thank you!)

Projector Screen (for school chapel) - \$100

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Illnesses -If your child is going to be late for any reason in the morning, please call the school office before 8:15am. We need to know if we should count your child for lunch. Also, if you are requesting work for your absent child, please call early enough to give the teachers ample time to get the work ready.

We would also like to remind all families about our illness policy. If your child is ill, please don't send them back to school until they have been fever free, throw-up free and if prescribed, on an antibiotic for 24 hours.

Please Save - All of our collections are ongoing and blue collection bins for each item may be found in the hallway outside the main office. Please save Box Tops for Education and Kwik Trip beverage caps and labels. Please sort all items into separate baggies so that students may drop them in the proper bin. Mothers' Club uses the proceeds for unexpected school needs such as desks, uniforms, etc. We also have an account with the Shoparoo app. This is the easiest way to earn money for our school. Just download the app to your phone and take pictures of your receipts! There is a box located in the school lobby for those who do not have a smart phone or would rather not download the app. Drop your receipts in the box and we will take care of the rest.



Shoparoo receipts need to be downloaded within 2 weeks of the purchase so don't delay in turning them in to the school drop off box or downloading them yourself.

Please remember that we have a can kennel for aluminum cans. It is located by the white garage at the back of our parking lot. Proceeds go to the school wish list.

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Wildcat Weekly

www.firstlacrosse.org

608-784-1050



- Dec 11** - Basketball Practice 3:30-5 p.m.
- Dec 12** - YMCA Basketball Practice (3rd & 4th) 3:30-4:30pm
- Cheerleading Practice 3:30-5pm
- Dec 13** - Chapel 8:15 am
- Basketball Practice 3:30-5 p.m.
- Christmas Caroling
- Dec 14** - Basketball Game FLS @ Lewiston

(B-girls 5:00, B-boys 6:00, A-girls 7:00)
- Dec 15** - FLS Diorama Weekend (5-10pm)
- Dec 16** - FLS Diorama Weekend (5-9pm)
- Dec 19** - K-8 Sing advent Service 6:30pm
- Dec 20** - Chapel 8:15am
- Dec 21** - Early Dismissal 11:30am
- Dec 24** - K-8 Christmas Service 5pm
- Dec 24-Jan 2** - No School



3K/4K Christmas Service – This coming Sunday, Dec. 16th, during the 10:15 AM service our 3K & 4k Students will have their Christmas Program. The title is "Christmas, Christmas, What Do You See?" and we hope you come to enjoy it!



Rotary Lights Diorama – First Lutheran Church and School is up on Dec. 15th-16th for helping with the Diorama. If you are not familiar, the diorama, or living nativity, is the section at the rotary lights where we dress up as people in the Christmas story. We have lots of costumes and meet here at school at 4:00 pm to dress up and then take a bus down to Riverside to begin at 5 PM. There is a warming house with great food and drink, so you don't need to be outside to long. With lots of help, we can share the message of Christ's love at Christmas to all who come to the Rotary Lights. **Sign up sheets in the lobby and online through our website.**

Fiona's Christmas Box ONE WEEK LEFT!!! – *If you would like to participate, there will be a drop off box in the school lobby where you can drop off NEW sets of markers, crayons, coloring books, more mature activity/drawing books, small puzzles, arts or crafts, or small toys. Donations will be accepted until Tuesday, Dec. 18th.*



Classroom Corner

3K Preschool - Excitement is building in the 3K room as we get closer to Christmas! We are very eager to share the Christmas story with you at church this Sunday, December 16th at 10:15. Please plan to join us in this special service! In our Bible lesson we are learning about the shepherds visiting Baby Jesus at the stable and then telling their friends and family about Jesus' birth. We are having fun reading stories about The Gingerbread Man. We will be making our own book about the Gingerbread Man as well as baking and decorating gingerbread cookies this week! Blessings on your week!

4k Preschool -Mrs. Lehman's PreK class is learning about the meaning of Christmas this week and hearing the Bible story about Jesus' birth. We are learning the M sound and doing some color sorting and counting with M and M's. We have magnets in the sensory table. We are looking forward to this coming Sunday when we have our Christmas service in the 10:15 service.

Kindergarten - Mrs. Handy's Campers are in the Christmas spirit. Last week all students made a gift for out shut ins. Now we are working on a gift for our parents. All students in K-8 sing for the Advent service Dec 19th @ 6:30pm. Our class along with 1st grade will play our bells during the service too. Christmas blessings.

1st Grade - This week our ChristLight lessons are two of Jesus' miracles—feeding the 5000 and walking on water. In science, we are learning about rocks. We are learning about long vowels and silent "e" in reading. We are also working hard on our Christmas Eve service songs and recitations.

2nd Grade - We're getting excited about Christmas coming and are learning our memory treasures for the Christmas Eve service. We've been looking at how Christmas is really about the birth of our Savior and not about presents. We are also learning other things as well. We're learning all about polygons in math. We're learning about different habitats in science. And we're learning about where and why people settled in different areas in the United States.

3rd & 4th Grade - We were joined by a guest artist last week as we built and decorated wooden advent stars. This week, our guest artist will be back working with our students to create another beautiful project! Our Southern US Map Test is scheduled for a week from tomorrow (Wednesday, December 19). If you need a link to the online practice pages, please let me know.

5th & 6th Grade - Congratulations to Ava Adams, Synclair Byus, Eli Holub, Hayden Manthey, and David Ries! They were all Students of the Week. These students have shown incredible patience this first semester and improve in their work every day. Keep up the great work!

We are currently playing a game called "Homework Survivor." Like the TV show "Survivor" the students must be able to "stay on the island" as long as possible. If they do not get done with their homework assignment, they are voted off the island. Those on the island on Dec. 20th will be getting a special "survivor" award! So far, everyone is still on!

What was the name of the city in which Mr. Meitner first taught out of college? Be the first student in the school to answer and receive something from Mr. Meitner.

7th & 8th Grade - This week 7th and 8th grade will be preparing for our Christmas Service on Christmas Eve. Due to the schedule being interrupted by rehearsals, I have tried to minimize homework and reduce the number of classes during the day. We will not be conducting Spanish, music or science until we return from break. In English we will be working with modifiers, more specifically adverbs. We will finish our unit seven in English before we go on break. Math and Christlight will be the only two classes to remain consistent throughout the next week and a half. For History we will be studying the Crusades, and will be completing this unit before break. I sent home a Christmas Service check list for each student, equipped with due dates and details concerning memory work. Blessings on your week.

Christmas Caroling! – You are invited to join our crew on Thursday, Dec. 13th for Christmas Caroling. We will meet at school for a pizza dinner at 5 PM and we will leave at 5:45 PM. All are invited!



Sports – There is lots of Basketball going on this weekend! Our school plays at St. John's, Lewiston on Friday, Dec. 14th. Games as follows:

5:00 PM – B- Girls

6:00 PM – B-Boys

7:00 PM – A Girls



YMCA/WILDCAT SPORTS – Here is a look at the games for **Saturday, Dec. 15th**:

1st/2nd Grade Girls BBall – 8 AM @ La Crosse YMCA (Court B)

1st/2nd Grade Boys BBall – 10 AM @ La Crosse YMCA (Court B)

3rd/4th Grade Girls BBall – 2 PM @ Onalaska YMCA (Court C)

3rd/4th Grade Boys BBall – TEAM #1 (#7 on schedule) – 1 PM @ Onalaska YMCA (Court B)

TEAM #2 (#8 on schedule) - Noon @ Onalaska YMCA (Court C)

YMCA Wildcat Teams WILL NOT have basketball or cheerleading practice during the week leading up to Christmas. They will have practice next on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd. There is no school that day, but here is an order of the practices if your child can make it.

Jan. 2nd, 10 AM-11 AM – 3rd & 4th Grade Boys

Jan. 2nd, 3 PM – 4 PM – 1st & 2nd / 3rd & 4th grade girls

Jan. 2nd, 4 PM- 5 PM – 3rd & 4th Grade Boys



SCRIP! – Do you know that you can start paying off your child's future tuition at Luther High School without spending any more than you do? You, your family, your friends, can all earn money for your future "Knight" by purchasing gift cards through the SCRIP program! See www.luther.k12.wi.us/advancement/scrip.



Bring your scrip order in to School, write a check to "Friends of Luther" and drop it off in the office. A parent helper will run the orders up to Luther on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Delivery the same day!

Mission Offering – Our 2nd quarter mission project is going toward Thai Village. This mission field uses proceeds from arts and crafts made from the Thai people to go toward mission work in Thailand! Last we gathered \$10.32 for a total of \$ 63.08 for the 2nd Quarter. Check out the downstairs bulletin board for more info!



Lockdown Drill – Our school will be holding a lockdown drill on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, in order to be in compliance of a Wisconsin Department of Justice mandate to hold one by Jan. 1st. It will be at 9 AM.

Sunday School – No Sunday School until after New Years.

Aftercare Changes – Effective Jan. 1st, 2019 - **Three late pickups during a semester will result in a one-week suspension from the aftercare program. Three suspensions in a semester will result in disqualification from using the aftercare program until the next semester.**

Christmas Break & Service Times – First Lutheran will have an early dismissal on Dec. 21st at 11:30 AM (No hot lunch). Christmas Break will run until Jan. 2nd and school will resume on Jan. 3rd. Our Christmas services will run as following: 3K/4K Christmas Program (Dec. 16th @ 10:15 AM); Children's Christmas Eve Service (Dec. 24th @ 5 PM); Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Dec. 24th @ 9 PM); Christmas Day Service (Dec. 25th @ 9 AM).

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