

Wildcat Weekly



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Upcoming

- 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
- Jan 3 - Mission Service at church 8:30am
- Basketball Practice 3:30-5pm
- Jan 4 - Basketball Game ~ Tomah @ MCG
(B Boys and A Girls only)
- Jan 5-6 - B team Bounce off Winona/Lewiston
- Jan 7 - YMCA Basketball Practice 3:30-4:30pm
- Cheerleading Practice 3:30-5pm
- Jan 8 - Basketball Practice 3:30-5pm



By Hazel Mueller

Hello, First Lutheran readers. As you might know, our K-8 Christmas Eve service is on December 24, at 5 pm. We hope you will come and hear our Savior's Christmas story! On December 21, we get out of school early at 11:30 am. Our Christmas break will last until January 3. On January 11, there will be a basketball game at Lewiston. The B-Girls will play at 5:00 pm, the B-Boys will play at 6:00 pm, and the A-Girls will play at 7:00 pm. Go Wildcats! The 5-6 Christmas party will be on December 21. You are welcome to bring a snack or treat, but it isn't required. Merry Christmas and God bless your year!



Cheerleading by Hayden Manthey

Cheerleading is fun.
Cheerleading happens after school on Monday and Wednesday in the music room.
The coach is Grace Gloede's mom.
We cheer at the home games and some of the away games.

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. 19th) – Pasta with two sauces
- Thursday (Dec. 20th) – Chicken in Gravy & Mashed Potatoes
- Friday (Dec. 21st) – ½ DAY NO HOT LUNCH FOR FIRST
- Thursday (Jan. 3rd) – Hamburger on a Bun
- Friday (Jan. 4th) – Scalloped Potatoes

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!)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

Mr. Ryan Schlicht 608-317-8428	Mr. Justin Peterson 608-799-6369	Mr. Jason Lawrence 608-386-2122
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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.

Christmas Service Week – This week our K-8 students will be working on their Christmas service that they will present on Dec. 24th. Here is a breakdown of the week:



Wednesday, Dec. 19th – Please have your K-8 children at the evening Advent service at 6:30 PM. They will be singing. They can meet at the front of church.

Friday – Dec. 21st – Dismissal at 11:30 AM – NO HOT LUNCH (there will also be a few classroom Christmas parties!)

Monday – Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve service at 5 PM (Please have you children meet in the church basement by 4:40 PM.

Christmas Eve Seating – Please know that due to the number of visitors that attend our Christmas Eve service, we will not be able to hold seats after 4:45 PM. We will fill in where there are gaps due to the numbers that will need to be seated. We are sorry for this inconvenience, but we really want everyone to be able to enjoy the program.

Just a reminder that this Friday is a half day. All students must be picked up at 11:30 AM. There will be no Aftercare.



Classroom Corner

3K Preschool - Thank you to all of the parents who brought their preschoolers to church yesterday and for everyone who came to watch the 3K/4K Christmas service. What a wonderful witness by these little children telling the story of our Savior's birth! Tomorrow we look forward to sharing our Christmas songs with residents at Hillview Nursing Care Facility. We plan to leave at 9:45 and be back to school at 11:15. This week we are looking at the candy cane. Not only is it a tasty Christmas candy, but we can use it as a visual to learn about Jesus. We are also looking forward to our Happy Birthday, Jesus party on Friday! God's richest blessings to you at Christmas and in the New Year!

4k Preschool -Mrs. Lehman's PreK class will be learning about the shepherds visiting and worshiping Baby Jesus. Just as the shepherds were excited to tell the news about their Savior, so were the children when they were the messengers this past Sunday! They did so great! We will be celebrating Jesus' birthday Friday morning with a little classroom party! Merry Christmas!

Kindergarten -Mrs. Handy's Campers have a busy week! Wednesday 3k, 4k and Kindergarten will entertain the residence at Hillview. We will leave at 9:45am. Thursday is our pajama, pillow, pizza and popcorn party day. The students will also get to take their pillow home that they made. Friday, after Christmas rehearsal, we will have a Christmas tea party. Merry Christmas from my family to yours!! May the joy of our Christ child's birth fill your heart throughout the year!

1st Grade - Our ChristLight lessons this week are about Jesus' transfiguration and how Jesus prepared his disciples for his coming suffering and death. We will be singing in church tomorrow night for the Advent service and also for the Christmas Eve service. We have been working very hard and are excited to share the Christmas message with all of you. Have a blessed Christmas!

2nd Grade - We're excited about showing you what we've been practicing for the last month: our Christmas Eve service! We'll be spending some time practicing for this at church this week. We will have some classes as well, but not all of them, of course. We're also looking forward to our Christmas party on Friday and Christmas break afterwards. We're hoping that all of you have a safe and blessed Christmas!

3rd & 4th Grade - Our 3-4 graders have a jammed packed week! With Christmas Eve Service practices in full swing, our schedule will be a little different each day. We will be taking our Southern US Map Test on Wednesday! We will also have our guest artist, Mrs. O'Connor, with us on Thursday afternoon. We will have our Christmas party after our practice on Friday morning, so come ready to rejoice in our Savior's birth!

5th & 6th Grade - Congratulations to Jacee Erickson! She was the student of the week last week. Jacee went out of her way to do her best in school, cheerleading, and service to the church last week. Keep up the great work, Jacee!

Our class will be attending Mary Popping Returns on Thursday at the 12:45 Show. One of our parents will be providing the class with Pizza, so no hot lunch is needed. We will leave school at 12:15 PM. If your child does not eat pizza, please have them bring a bagged lunch.

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! We are down to 8 people!

What was the name of the actress who played the original Mary Poppins?

7th & 8th Grade - "The class will be attending 'Mary Poppins Returns' on Thursday at 12:45 PM. There will be a pizza lunch provided in the classroom at noon and we will leave shortly afterwards. No money is needed unless they would like to purchase any extra concessions themselves. If you have any questions please call Mr. Meitner at 763-242-4446."

After Care Help – We are looking for a 1 or 2 helpers to assist with the aftercare program. The time involved would be from 3:30 until 4:30 daily. If you can help, please contact Mr. Meitner at 763-242-4446.



Sports – NO PRACTICES THIS WEEK

YMCA Wildcat Teams 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 – 1st and 2nd Grade Boys (we erroneously had 3rd & 4th here last week)



B Girls Basketball- Saturday January 19, 2019 will be the date of the annual B-Girls Tournament hosted by the La-dy Knights basketball program at Luther. Please see attachment for more information.



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/scrrip.

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!



End of December Events

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. Children's Christmas Eve Service (Dec. 24th @ 5 PM); Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Dec. 24th @ 9 PM); Christmas Day Service (Dec. 25th @ 9 AM).