

Memorial Lutheran School

BADGERS

NEWSLETTER - 2
September 9-13, 2019



IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, September 15	Church services at 8:00 and 10:30 and Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:15
Friday, September 20	Hot lunch will be served
Sunday, September 22	Church services at 8:00 and 10:30 and Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:15
Wednesday, September 25	Field trip to Country Mill for all students
Sunday, September 29	Church services 8:00/10:30 and Bible Hour 9:15
Wed.-Fri. - October 9-11	No school – Michigan District Teachers' Conference

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 17	Evalyn
September 20	Pastor Voss

School Cleaning Schedule for the week of:

September 16	Arnett
September 23	Cardona
September 30	Chaffee

Our volunteer program for cleaning school will be discussed at our Family Fun and Fact Night. (You may come on any day of the week you are scheduled and only need to clean once that week.) Depending on the number of your family members that clean, it takes about an hour or so to do the work. The cleaning we are asking you to do is that which our custodian is not able to do within the number of hours he may work. We are praying that each family willingly serves in this way. If possible, we ask that you come and clean near the end of the school day or immediately after school. If you cannot come at that time, please call one of the teachers or Pastor Voss to make arrangements to get into school when you are able to come.

There is a cleaning list in the custodial closet just across from the school office. Supplies should be in there as well. If you have any questions, please ask a teacher or Mrs. Voss. As a school family, everyone is grateful for the work you do. If you cannot do the cleaning the week you are assigned, please call another family and see if they will switch with you. Then, please let the school office know of any changes.

With gratitude, Memorial Lutheran Board of Trustees

FROM MRS. LEITZ

Preschool: This week we have been learning about how God showed love to Noah and his family by saving them from the flooding of the entire world. Just as God showed love to them, He shows us this same love daily and not only that, He sent His Son to die and rise for us so we may go to heaven with Him some day.

The threes have continued to work on their names and cutting. We also worked on how to draw a person this week.

The fours have been working on their letters A and B. We have finished our Little Red Riding Hood unit and will be starting a new story at the very end of this week.

We will start learning all about apples as we prepare for our field trip to The Country Mill orchard.

*Parents, please make sure that you have received the note about the field trip. If you haven't let me know!!

Have a great weekend!

Kindergarten: This week we have been learning about how God showed love to Noah and his family by saving them from the flooding of the entire world. Just as God showed love to them, He shows us this same love daily and not only that, He sent His Son to die and rise for us so we may go to heaven with Him some day.

For math this week we have been working on the words before and after, inside and outside, right and left, and writing numbers 1 and 2.

In Super Kids we have been learning to write the upper and lowercase letter C. We have also been learning the sound of letter C by recognizing words that begin with the sound.

In science we have been discussing what animals would make good pets or not according to their bodies, their habitats, and what they eat.

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Have a great weekend!

FROM MRS. DOMKE AND GRADES 1-5

This week in our study of God's Word we learned about Cain and Abel and the flood. In both we see people making sinful choices and God making merciful choices. How wonderful that God forgives and loves us no matter what. There is warning in these lessons, however. For those that reject God's mercy, there is no bright future. So, parents, my encouragement to you is to remember the only thing you can give your children that they can take out of this life is what they believe. Feed the faith in Jesus that these children have!

We are settling into our routine but still have bugs to work out. I realize that everyone is coming home tired. Bear with us as we get into a groove. Encourage your child to make the best use of time at school. Set a bedtime and get those kids to bed so they are rested. Help them remember to put work in folders and folders into backpacks so work is not forgotten at home. Pray for your children, too!

If your child has tie shoes and can't tie yet please work on this at home! It is important for kids to be responsible for their own shoes as soon as possible. We take off and put on shoes three or four times a day!

Students will be bringing home reading books to practice at home. Please make sure they get back into the backpacks so we can use them the next day.

Thanks for all you do, parents! Your hard work will pay off, I guarantee!

Have a great weekend.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This week's and next week's newsletters will be emailed and posted on our web site pages. Since Pastor and Mrs. Voss will be out of state those weeks, there will be no printed copies sent home.

MISSION OFFERINGS: Mission thankofferings will be collected at the monthly, joint devotion that Pastor will lead *the first Wednesday* of each month. (We have changed the day this year so that the preschool children can also attend. Preschool students do not attend Fridays this year.) These thankofferings are just that—offerings given in thanks to the Lord for His salvation and from the desire to support His kingdom's work where we ourselves are unable to go. The students have been supplied with envelopes if they wish to contribute a thankoffering for one of our church body's missions. The mission project for the school year will be determined in the next few weeks.

The next combined devotion will be *Wednesday, October 2*.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: We resumed our two-worship schedule Sunday, September 8. Services are at 8:00 and 10:30. Sunday School and Bible Class is between the services; those sessions begin at 9:15.

Regular worship is essential for feeding our faith. The Holy Spirit does that through the good news about the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. Our Savior says, *"My sheep listen My voice"* (John 10:27).

TUITION PAYMENT REMINDER: This newsletter will have a reminder each month about when the tuition payment is due. Tuition payments are always due the 10th of each month.

If you ever have questions about your balance or payment, please contact Pastor Voss or the office secretary.

COMPUTER LAB TIME: Pastor Voss supervises computer lab time in the mornings before school classes begin. The faculty has discussed what schedule will work best for grades K-5. Pastor hopes to begin the week of September 23.

FAMILY NIGHT / PTO MEETING Our thanks to our PTO for the food purchased for the meal, and to the parents of our students for attending the meeting this past Monday. Special thanks to Mrs. Domke and Mrs. Leitz for the after-school activities that entertained the students, to Mrs. Voss for her help with the meal, and to all who helped after the meal.

We are thrilled that so many families in our school and preschool was represented. Thank you so much for taking the time to attend, parents, and for the encouraging support and discussion!

LUNCHES: Please remember to send everything your child needs to eat his/her lunch: napkins, plates, cutlery, etc. We do not supply those items.

HOT LUNCH will be served usually the third Friday of each month to K-5 students. We thank our parents and volunteers who will prepare and serve these meals.

The first hot lunch will be served *Friday, September 20*. The menu will be: chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, veggies and apples, juice and dessert.

There is no cost for these hot lunches. PTO funds will pay for costs that are over that which people donate.

If you would like to help with these lunches, please speak with Mrs. Labadie or our faculty.

TEACHERS' CONFERENCE: The annual Michigan District Teachers' Conference will be held October 9-11 in Jenera, OH. As was noted on the 2019-2020 school year calendar, there will be no classes that Wednesday- Friday as our teachers attend the conference.

FACUTLY CONTACT INFORMATION: Mrs. Voss is in the school many afternoons, but not every afternoon, each week. There is a school land line phone in Mrs. Domke's classroom. But if you call the school office during the morning, and no one answers, you can call or text the cell phone of Mrs. Domke, Mrs. Leitz, or Pastor Voss. If fact, you can call or text any of these numbers any time:

Mrs. Domke 517-488-6517

Mrs. Leitz 920-203-4172

Pastor Voss 517-488-5145

School office 517-655-1402

SCHOOL LIBRARY: Our school library will open with a regular schedule for the students September 16. We thank our volunteer librarians for serving this year. The library is for everyone, of all ages, to use and to check out books. Please ask one of our librarians for help if you or someone from your family would like to check out a book.

There will be a post-it note in each book as to when it needs to be returned. Library rules and policies were in your registration packet and are posted in the library.

PICTURE GALLERY: We ask that if you take pictures of school events that you please consider sharing them with the office secretary. Pictures of school events will be posted on our web site and also a few of those pictures on the school's Facebook page. www.memorialwilliamston.org. If you have questions about how to share them, please speak with Laurie Voss.

RECYCLING INK and TONER CARTRIDGES: We receive credit for empty ink, laser, and toner cartridges. Please place your empty cartridges in the office or in the entryway of church. If you could, please ask your place of business to save their empty cartridges for us too.

With the credit we receive at stores where we recycle, we are able to get copy paper and needed supplies for school and church. Thank you all for your help!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: This year Boxtops for Education has started a new way to collect these credits for our school! They hope this program will be easier for families. ***Please refer to the informational sheets given to you at registration about how to set this up for you and our school. For each one we collect we receive \$.10*** which we can use for our school in any way. Go to **BTFE.COM** to learn more about these changes. The information is also posted on the lobby bulletin board or you can ask in the office for the sheets if you have misplaced yours.

If you still have Boxtop labels, please send them in to school by **OCTOBER 15** so we can send those in and get credit. We thank Dianne Steiner for being our coordinator for the boxtops program.

ANOTHER NEW PROGRAM we want to participate in earns no money for school but does greatly help the environment. ***Crayola ColorCycle*** is the name of this program. Through this initiative, students in K-12 schools across the continental United States and parts of Canada can collect and repurpose used markers.

Crayola ColorCycle will accept all brands of plastic markers, not just Crayola markers. That includes dry erase markers and highlighters and daubers! ColorCycle will eliminate placing hundreds of tons of markers into landfills.

Bring your used and dried up markers to school. Place them in the box marked Crayola ColorCycle in Mrs. Domke's classroom or on the shelf in the narthex at church. We will send them in to be recycled. Crayola pays for the shipping so there is no charge to us and we help protect the environment.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL WEB SITE: Our church and school newsletters are posted on our church's web site. Please check out the information at www.memorialwilliamston.org. The monthly church calendar is also posted on the web site. We also have separate Facebook pages for church and school and preschool and invite you to watch those. Please click on the "Like" for those pages and help spread the word about our preschool and school to your Facebook friends.

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IT IS VERY IMPORTANT to read the newsletter that is sent each Friday. Please read it before the weekend is over. Many times there is information needed for Monday classes. Any changes to the school or extra-curricular calendar will also be noted in this newsletter.

If you ever have any questions about school, we encourage you to talk to the teachers, Pastor Voss, or call the school office.

If you ever have changes to any contact information for your child, please let the office know. It is important to keep the student's contact information current.

This school newsletter will be emailed to you, a printed copy will be sent home with the oldest child in the family, and it will also be posted on the school and preschool site on our website.

Here is the contact information for the men on our congregation's Board of Christian Education.

Pastor Voss 517-488-5145/655-2294

Norm Schlicker 248-930-7735

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David Fortin, Secretary 616-481-1128

THE THEME FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR IS *They'll Know We're Christians By Our Love*. Our theme is based on 1 John 4:19, and it reminds us that God's love for us sinners in Christ's sacrifice to save us moves us to love Him and others.



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We love because He first loved us. John 4:19