Memorial Lutheran School BADGERS

NEWSLETTER - 12 December 2-6, 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, December 10	Tuition is due.	
Wednesday, December 11	Hat Day and bring a stuffed animal.	
	Advent worship service at 7:00; Advent supper at 6:00	
Thursday, December 12	K-5 sings at the Senior Center at noon	
Saturday, December 14	Christmas Eve practice from 9:30-11:30	
	Lunch, hosted by Sunday School staff, served for families of participating children.	
Monday, December 16	Christmas shirt or sweater day	
Tuesday, December 17	Dress like a snowman day	
Wednesday, December 18	Dress like a gift day	
	Advent worship service at 7:00; Advent supper at 6:00	
Thursday, December 19	Pajama day and Christmas party	
Friday, December 20	Red and green day	
	Hot lunch will be served	
Saturday, December 21	Christmas Eve practice from 9:30-11:30	
Sunday, December 22	One service at 10:00 today – our special choral service	
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve service at 7:00	
	Students should be at church by 6:40	
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas Day service at 10:00	
Tuesday, December 31	New Year's Eve service at 7:00	

Christmas break from December 23-January 3: Classes resume January 6 at 8:20.

Happy Birthday

December 8IsaacDecember 11Celia

School Cleaning Schedule for the week of:

December 9	Patterson
December 16	Reynolds
January 13	VanEe

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FROM MRS. LEITZ

Preschool: This week we have been learning that God helps us with our troubles just like He helped the Israelite people out of Egypt. He helped everyone by taking our biggest trouble of all by sending our Savior. We can certainly trust in Him to help us with all of our other problems in life.

The threes have been spending a lot of time working on shapes this week. The fours have been listening to our new story about a Nightingale. For math we have been working on patterns.

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Kindergarten: This week we have been learning that God helps us with our troubles just like He helped the Israelite people out of Egypt. He helped everyone by taking our biggest trouble of all by sending our Savior. We can certainly trust in Him to help us with all of our other problems in life.

In math we have been working on measuring volume, finding a few and the most, and reviewing everything with a test. For Super Kids we have been working with the letter I and finding the short i sound in the middle of a word. In science we have been continuing our study of our senses.

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FROM MRS. DOMKE AND GRADES 1-5

This week in our study of God's Word we are learning about Israel's travels to the land of Canaan. We were with them as the pillar of fire and cloud led them, when water poured out of a rock, when they beat the Amalekites and when they received the law on Mt. Sinai. God helped them in every need. God helps us in every need, too. We receive all we need for our bodies and our souls - and the best is Jesus!

Thanks very much to all who helped with food for Wednesday's meal, for all who helped set up, serve and clean up, and to all the kids who sang!

Congrats to Celia Ostrander for her second place finish in the Red Cedar Garden Club's poster contest! Celia will receive her award at a presentation in January. Way to go, Celia!

A few people still need erasers! More pencils, too. Where do they go?

We'll get Christmas party gift exchange names home this Friday. Sorry for the delay. This year our party will be on the second to the last school day in December, December 19. Please limit your gift exchange to \$5.

Next week we head to the Williamston Senior Center to sing Christmas songs on Thursday. Maybe wear red/green/white that day, if you can?! Thanks!

Thanks for everything, all who help and volunteer! Have a great and blessed weekend!

GENERAL INFORMATION

MONTHLY DEVOTION *Thursday, December 5* will be another devotion with our entire student body. Our teachers distributed envelopes Monday, December 2 for your child(ren) to use for submitting a thankoffering, should your family desire to do so.

This school year's thankofferings will be sent to Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. MLC that trains those who will serve as pastors and teachers who in churches and school of Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Teacher-track students who graduate from MLC are assigned to WELS schools to begin their work instructing our Savior's lambs. Mrs. Domke and Mrs. Leitz both graduated from the college. Pastor-track students who graduate for MLC continue their studies for four more years at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin.

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT MEMORIAL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH</u> The children who will be participating in the Christmas Eve worship service will gather at church on *Saturdays*, *December 14 and 21* from 9:30 – 11:30 those two Saturday mornings to practice their parts for the service.

Parents, for the children are to proclaim God's Word on Christmas Eve in word and song effectively, their attendance at these rehearsals are very important. Please plan now to have your children here those two mornings. If your child must miss a rehearsal, please speak with Pastor Voss ahead of time.

If travel plans will keep your child from being here Christmas Eve, please mention it to Pastor Voss as soon as you are aware of the conflict so that the necessary changes can be made in service assignments.

Our Sunday School staff will host a lunch for the children and their families after the <u>December</u> <u>14</u> rehearsal. The lunch will be ready at <u>11:30</u> that morning.



SPECIAL SERVICES:

Wednesday, December 11 - 7:00 PM - Midweek Advent Service Wednesday, December 18 - 7:00 PM - Midweek Advent Service Sunday, December 22 – **10:00** AM – Choral Worship Service Tuesday, December 24 - **7:00 PM** - Christmas Eve Service Wednesday, December 25 - **10:00** AM - Christmas Day Service Sunday, December 29 - **10:00** AM – Worship service Tuesday, December 31- **7:00 PM** - New Year's Eve Service

HOT LUNCH will be served **Friday**, **December 20**. This will be a pancake bar. If you wish to donate food for the meal and/or help with the meal, please speak to Andreaa Labadie or Pastor Voss.

OUR GRATEFUL CONGREGATION thanks the families of our students for supplying food for our Advent supper on Wednesday! Your work is deeply appreciated, parents.

<u>WATCH FOR A SPECIAL LETTER</u> from our Board of Christian Education to be sent you via email today or tomorrow.

There are **two** letters from the board attached to your printed newsletter.

<u>THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IN 2019</u> will be *Friday, December 20*. There are no classes from December 23-January 3. (The Christmas break covers the entire week of Christmas Day and the entire week of New Year's Day.) Classes will resume *Monday, January 6*.

PTO MEETING The Board of Christian Education set the date of the next PTO meeting for Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00. Please make a note of the date now.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS FOR WEATHER When road conditions become dangerous due to snow or ice, or when we have a power outage at school, Pastor Voss will try to make a decision by 6:15 AM about keeping our school closed for the day. However there may be times when a little more time is needed to make the decision, and we trust that you will understand when that happens.

When it has been decided to close school for the day, Pastor Voss will notify you by email and by text. He will also put a notice on WLNS Channel 6 and WILX Channel 10.

If you haven't received an email or text message from Pastor Voss yet this school year, please speak to him to make sure that he has your contact information.

BASKETBALL GAMES CONCESSION HELP This weekend recreation association basketball games in our school's gym begin. The PTO Fund receives the profit from concession sales. We need school parents to volunteer to work in the concession stand.

A SignUp Genius link has been set up for volunteers to use in picking the day and time they can help. Speak with Pastor Voss if you have any questions. Use this link for Sign Up Genius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4fafad2fa46-memorial. This link is also found on the drop down menu of our web sites (church, school and preschool).

AMAZON REWARD PROGRAM We remind you that Amazon has a program in which 0.5% of qualified Amazon purchases can be given to a charity of the buyer's choice. Our church and school's unified account link is: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2130250. You must use this smile Amazon link when you order to be able to have the percentage go to our church/school. Please consider this when you order from Amazon.

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
Howard Clark	517-775-8152
David Fortin, Secretary	616-481-1128

They will know we are Christians by our love.

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

The theme for this school year is They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love. It 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.

