

Memorial Lutheran School

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NEWSLETTER - 13

December 10-14, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, December 15	Christmas Eve rehearsal from 9:30-11:30 Lunch served after practice for those participating.
Sunday, December 16	Worship services at 8:00 and 10:30; Bible Hour at 9:15 K-5 sings at 10:30 service.
Wednesday, December 19	Advent service at 7:00 PM; supper prior to service at 6:00
Friday, December 21	Special Christmas devotion with Pastor
Monday-Friday, Dec. 17-21	Special days week, pancake meal, hot lunch and party (see calendar)
Saturday, December 22	Christmas Eve rehearsal from 9:30-11:30
Sunday, December 23	Special Choral service at 10:00; no Bible Hour this Sunday
Monday, December 24	Christmas Eve worship service at 7:00
Tuesday, December 25	Christmas Day service at 10:00
Friday, December 28	Home for the Holidays potluck at school
Sunday, December 30	One service only this Sunday at 10:00; no Bible Hour
Monday, December 31	New Year's Eve service at 7:00

Christmas break from December 24-January 4; Classes resume January 7.

There are so many wonderful opportunities to worship this month and give thanks to God for our Savior, Jesus!

Happy Birthday

December 19 Abigail

School Cleaning Schedule for the week of:

December 17	Patterson
January 7	Reynolds
January 14	Schlicker



FROM MRS. LEITZ

Preschool: We have been focusing more on Jesus' birth by having Advent devotions every day. We also have been learning about a woman that showed us that we want to show love to Jesus by our actions and that when we sin and feel bad we can have comfort in knowing that we have forgiveness of sins.

For math we have been making patterns with bows. The fours have learned letters I, J, and K. The threes have been working on letter C and number 5. We have also been busy making fun Christmas ornaments and gifts for mom and dad.

*Don't forget we have some fun dress up days coming up next week! Also, your child can bring their present for their person starting Monday. Thank you!

Have a great weekend.

Kindergarten: We have been focusing more on Jesus' birth by having Advent devotions every day. We also have been learning about a woman that showed us that we want to show love to Jesus by our actions and that when we sin and feel bad we can have comfort in knowing that we have forgiveness of sins. We also have been learning about Jesus teaching the disciples to trust in Him with the miracle of feeding more than 5000. We also can trust Him to take care of all of our daily needs especially the forgiveness of sin.

In math we are working on adding and writing number sentences. For Super Kids we have started the letter T. In science we have been having fun investigating rocks.

*Don't forget we have some fun dress up days coming up next week! Also, your child can bring their present for their person starting Monday.

*If you have not given a \$1 for our pancake meal please make sure to have that in by next Wednesday at the latest Thank you!

*Just a reminder that your children have the opportunity to sing at our church this Sunday. We meet at 10:15 to practice in the basement of church. I look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you!

Have a great weekend.

FROM MRS. DOMKE AND GRADES 1-5

This week in our Bible lessons we learned about Jesus' Transfiguration, Peter's confession of faith, and The Good Samaritan. These three lessons may not seem to be connected, but they all show Jesus' power as true God, as a masterful teacher, and as someone who cares deeply about each and every person on this earth. Jesus showed the disciples a bit of His heavenly glory so that later, when people were unsure, those same disciples could share the truth. As the masterful teacher Jesus showed both old time people and us the way to live as a loving neighbor. Even if you have heard these Bible lessons a dozen times, take the time to look at them again and see what your Savior has prepared for you to learn.

Remember that we sing this Sunday, Dec. 16, at the beginning of the 10:30 service. All are welcome!

Also remember that next week we have fun theme days planned! Monday is stuffed animal day. Students may begin bringing in their exchange gifts next week. Lunch will be served both Thursday and Friday next week. See me if you have any questions.

I'm sorry about ducking out early several days this week and for having to reschedule our trip to the Senior Center. This cold I have has really dragged me down.

Have a great weekend.



GENERAL INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS DEVOTION Next Friday, **December 21** we will have an Advent / Christmas devotion with our entire student body, faculty, and any parents who are at school at 8:35. We will focus on the real Christmas: why it's necessary, who it involves, what it means, and where it takes us. *We won't distribute envelopes for a thankoffering. But some of the students still have theirs from earlier this month and are encouraged to use them next Friday.*

This school year our once-a-month thankofferings are going to our Wisconsin Synod's World Missions for use in Vietnam, where the Lord of the Church has opened for us a door to bring His saving message of salvation by His grace alone, through faith in Him alone, as revealed in Holy Scripture alone.

SINGING FOR WORSHIP Students in K-5 will sing at the beginning of our 10:30 worship service **Sunday, December 16**. And then Preschool – Grade 5 (along with our Sunday School students through eighth grade) will sing and proclaim about our newborn Savior in the Christmas Eve service at 7:00 **December 24**.

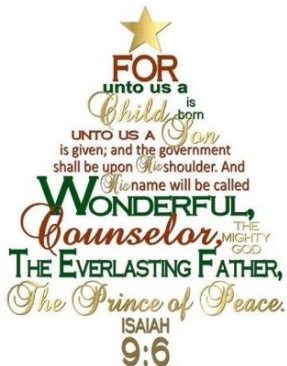
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT MEMORIAL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH The children who will be participating in the Christmas Eve worship service will gather at church on **Saturdays, December 15 and 22** from 9:30 – 11:30 those two Saturday mornings to practice their parts for the service.

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 participating in the service and their families after the December 15 rehearsal. The lunch will be ready at 11:30 that morning.

The children should be in the church fellowship hall **by 6:40** on Christmas Eve. Have you tried on those Christmas clothes? We ask that children wear nice church clothes for the service and we know how fast they grow.



SPECIAL SERVICES:

Wednesday, December 19 - 7:00 PM - Midweek Advent Service
Sunday, December 23 – **10:00 AM** – Choral Worship Service – one service only
Monday, December 24 - **7:00 PM** - Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 25 - **10:00 AM** - Christmas Day Service
Sunday, December 30- **10:00 AM** – Worship service – one service only
Monday, December 31- **7:00 PM** - New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion

A SUPPER will precede each of our midweek Advent services. The meals will begin at 6:00. Our hosts Dec. 19 are members of the Board of Evangelism & Stewardship

A free will offering to help with meal expenses will be received each evening.

By having a supper before the service, we hope that more members and school families will come for a meal and then to be fed with God's Word as we prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth.

THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS we will have some fun with special theme days at school.

December 17 – Monday – Stuffed animal day
December 18 – Tuesday – “I’m a Christmas gift” day
December 19 - Wednesday – Green and red day
December 20 – Thursday – Sweats day and our pancake meal
December 21 – Friday - Pajama day, hot lunch, and our Christmas party

These are listed on the activities calendar as well. Join the fun!

HOT LUNCH will be served Friday, December 21. The menu includes pizza, breadstick, veggies, apples and sugar cookies.

THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IN 2018 will be **Friday, December 21**. The Christmas break covers the entire week of Christmas Day and the entire week of New Year's Day. Classes will **resume Monday, January 7**.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS A special event is being planned for *Friday, December 28 5:00 – 9:00 in our school gym*. It will be a chance to you to get together with friends from our church and school family. The event will include a potluck meal.

More details are listed on the upper level bulletin board at our church. If you have questions, please speak with Kathy Fedewa or Linda Janecke. They are asking people to sign up so that they know how many to expect. You can also email your RSVP to the school address: secretary.memorial@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT MEETING! Though only a few families have told Pastor Voss they will attend a PTO meeting *January 14, 2019 at 7 PM*, our Board of Christian Education decided this week that there will be a meeting that evening.

An important item to be discussed is the possibility of adding 6th grade for next school year. Please understand that the board has had only very preliminary discussions about this, and a lot of questions need to be answered to see if it's even feasible.

A very important consideration is whether or not the parents of our current students would enroll their 6th grade children at Memorial should we offer 6th grade instruction, as well as what kind of tuition parents would be able to pay for such instruction.

Please plan now to join us for the PTO meeting that evening. If you have any questions between now and the meeting date, please speak to one of the Board of Christian Education listed below or to Pastor Voss.

GO TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE! Parents, if you can't hand your monthly tuition payment directly to Mrs. Voss or Pastor Voss, we kindly ask you to slip the check and/or envelope under the door of the principal's office (just north of the school office). Pastor Voss will see it the next morning.

Following this procedure will relieve Mrs. Domke and Mrs. Leitz from having to put your payment in a secure place inside their classroom.

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

SIGNUP GENIUS There is a link to SignUp Genius on our congregation's web site. It is the last item on the menu under the church's name on the main page: www.memorialwilliamston.org.

If you can help in the concession stand for weekend basketball games, please use that link to see what dates and times are still open.

If you have questions about this, please speak to Pastor Voss.

AMAZON REWARD PROGRAM 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 Amazon link when you order to be able to have the percentage go to our church. 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
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Norm Schlicker, President of PTO	248-930-7735
David Fortin, Secretary	616-481-1128

THE THEME FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR IS *Lift High the Cross!*

Our theme is based on 1 Corinthians 2:2, and it reminds us daily that Jesus entered our world to be our only Savior by His atoning sacrifice.

“For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”

