

# Memorial Lutheran School

## BADGERS

### ***NEWSLETTER - 30***

***May 8-12, 2017***

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

May 12	Friday	Last hot lunch is served. Last day to check out library books. <b>Books must be returned by May 26.</b>
May 18	Thursday	School plays at <b>9:30 AM and 6:30 PM</b>
May 19	Friday	Lutheran Small Schools Track Meet in Saginaw
May 21	Sunday	Students in K-5 sing at 10:30 service
May 23	Tuesday	Jump Rope for Heart event at school for grades K-5
May 24	Wednesday	Field trip to Mackinaw and U.P. for grades 3-5 Possible field trip for preschool-grade 2
May 25	Thursday	<b>Ascension Day</b> – Worship service at 7:00 PM Field trip to Michigan State Police and the MSP K-9 unit
May 26	Friday	Rescheduled vision screening by ICHD
May 28	Sunday	Summer worship schedule starts. One service at 9:00. Thursday evening service at 7:00 PM.
May 29	Monday	No School – Memorial Day
May 31	Wednesday	Last day of preschool for 2016-17 school year
June 1	Thursday	School year closing service at church at 7:00 PM K-5 students sing for service Kindergarten graduation after service Fifth grade recognition too
June 2	Friday	Last day of classes for grades K-5. Dismiss at noon.

#### **School Cleaning Schedule for the week of:**

May 15	Labadie
May 22	Labadie



#### **FROM MRS. LEITZ**

**Preschool:** This week we have been learning about how Jesus strengthened the disciples' faith with a miracle to encourage them to continue to study God's Word and grow their faith. We talked about how we take care of our bodies with exercise and healthy food to keep it strong. In the same way we need to exercise our faith and feed it with God's Word every day. We can do this by reading the Bible, doing devotions at home, going to church and Sunday school, and listening to the Bible lessons here at school.

The three year olds have been working on the diamond shape this week and the letter M. The four year olds have been working with the color pink and reviewing all of the letters of the alphabet with their new book. For math they have been learning the number 8 this week.

\*Parents please bring in the costumes Monday!!! Any amount of practice with costumes ahead of time is greatly appreciated!! Text, call, e-mail or ask if there any questions at all!! Thank you!

\*Also, please let me know if you think you will be in attendance for the field trip, May 24th, and if any siblings will be coming as well. Thank you!!!

\*One more important announcement! Preschool has their last day on Wednesday May 31st! The students will have a small graduation/recognition presentation. Parents are encouraged to attend if available. The 3s will receive recognition for attendance and 4s will receive graduation certificates. They will also display their knowledge with some songs. Afterwards there will be some refreshments and games for the parents and students to enjoy outside (weather permitting).

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Please let me know if you have any questions!! May the Lord bless your weekend. Have a happy Mother's Day!!

**Kindergarten:** This week we have been learning about how Jesus strengthened the disciples' faith with a miracle to encourage them to continue to study God's Word and grow their faith. We talked about how we take care of our bodies with exercise and healthy food to keep it strong. In the same way we need to exercise our faith and feed it with God's Word every day. We can do this by reading the Bible, doing devotions at home, going to church and Sunday school, and listening to the Bible lessons here at school.

For Super Kids we have started the last Super Kids book with the letter X. In science we have been studying bugs and are working on reports that they will be presenting to the class when all have completed it. They will be on display for the last day of school hopefully, so everyone can see all of their hard work!!

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\*Also, please let me know if you think you will be in attendance for the field trip, May 24th, and if any siblings will be coming as well. Thank you!!!

\*Please dress your child appropriately for the track meet on Friday. We will be going rain or shine. Dress in layers as it is usually cool in the morning and warms up as the day goes on. Send sunscreen along as well.

\*Keep an eye on all of the events coming up this month and don't hesitate to ask questions thank you!!!

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### **FROM MRS. DOMKE and grades 1-5**

This week as we studied God's Word we looked at what happened at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and gave them the ability and understanding to preach and teach, not only with authority, but in different languages! The many who were preaching were able to explain to the travelers in Jerusalem for the festival that Jesus was the promised Messiah, and that they and all believers could have eternal life in His name. What a wonderful message for us, too. So often Pentecost is not made clear to people. God made sure that his early church was ready to share the lifesaving news of Jesus. God makes sure that we have that message, too. We have the truth! Let's share it!

Please have play costumes here on Monday! Also, the sunglasses I had here are not going to make it - they keep breaking and are beyond repair. To ensure your child has a pair, you may want to stop off at a dollar store and get a pair.

Please go through play parts with your kids over the weekend, paying special attention to the parts before and after. Thanks.

We'll have more details next week about our field trips coming up the week after the plays.

It sounds like we will have enough students present to sing not only for the May 21 church service at Memorial, but also at the Thursday evening, May 25 Ascension service at Memorial. That service begins at 7:00. Please also keep in mind that our closing service is on Thursday evening, June 1. We strongly urge everyone to be there for the service. The kids sing, and we also have kindergarten and grade 5 graduation. Thank you for making time for these services.

Have a great weekend!

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**HOT LUNCH** - The last hot lunch for this school year will be **Friday, May 12**. The menu will include grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, baked beans, fruit, chips and cookies.

**TUITION** The last tuition payment was due **Wednesday, May 10**. Please send in your payment as soon as possible.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SING** Grades K-5 have opportunity to sing again a couple times in May. We will sing at our usual place on May 21. The students will also sing at our Ascension service on May 25, and then again at our closing service the evening of June 1.

**SCHOOL PLAYS** Thank you, parents, for the items you brought and other preparations you made for our plays to be performed next **Thursday, May 19 at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM**. Our special thanks to Mrs. Leitz and Mrs. Domke and especially to the students for all their work to practice and perform the plays!

Please invite family and friends to come. We like to have lots of people in the audience after all our hard work in preparing for the plays!

Make-up and costumes will start being assembled at 5:30 PM that evening. We always appreciate helpers for make-up and stage set up. Please let the teachers know that you are willing to help.

**WE THANK** Denis & Nancy Hart for organizing hot lunch meals this year, as well as the other members of our congregation who have helped by bringing and/or serving food one Friday each month!

*We are looking for volunteers from our parents to take over next school year* for Denis & Nancy, who are willing to provide guidance (but, due to distance from their residence in Chelsea, would rather not add an extra trip to Williamston each month). *If you are interested in doing this next year, please speak to Pastor Voss.*

**LUTHERAN SMALL SCHOOLS TRACK MEET** We are invited to participate in the WELS Small School Track Meet at the track facility of Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw on **Friday, May 19**. The event is for Grades K-8, so all our students will participate, and that will be our school for the day.

The meet begins at **9:00**, so we'll be leaving our school at **7:30 AM** that day. **Pastor Voss has sent a text message to all our parents about travel that day. If you can take your own child(ren), please let him know. Also, if you can take another student or two, please inform Pastor Voss of that, too.**

Registration was due this past Sunday. Our students have been entered in the events they've chosen. If you would like a reminder of which events your child(ren) chose, please ask Pastor Voss.

The event should conclude by 2:00, allowing us to be back at school by the normal end of the school day. Those attending should pack a lunch, or bring money to buy items from the concession stand. Remember to

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART** Students from grades K-5 will have a special event on **May 23** when they will do activities representative of good heart health. More information will be given as the date gets closer.

**ASCENSION DAY** is **Thursday, May 25**. We will have a worship service remembering how Jesus ascended back to heaven and thanking God for preparing a place in heaven for us. That service begins at 7:00 PM.

**FIELD TRIP** We are planning a field trip for grades K-5 to learn more about the Michigan State Police and the MSP K-9 unit. The date is **Thursday, May 25**. We will leave school no later than 9:00, and be back some time that afternoon.

Details are still being worked out, and we'll provide more information when everything is set. Thanks to a special gift, lunch will be provided.

**VISION SCREENING:** The Ingham County Health Department had to reschedule the vision screening for our students. That will now be done on **Friday, May 26**.

**SCHOOL LIBRARY** – The school library will be open until the end of the school year but check-outs will stop as of Friday, May 12. That will allow for students to read their books and get them **returned to the library by May 26**. Please check your home for library books and classroom books that should be returned. Books that are lost or damaged will have to be replaced by the students. Thank you.

**SCHOOL YEAR CLOSING SERVICE** We end each school year the way we begin it—with a worship service. The end of the school year service is held the night before the last day of school. The worship service will be held in our church at **7 PM on Thursday, June 1**. The children of our school will sing for the service. We will acknowledge the work done by our graduating student, 5<sup>th</sup> Grader James Dawley.

**KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION** After that Thursday evening service, there will be a brief ceremony marking the graduation of our kindergarten student. Parents, you may want to bring your camera.

**STUDENT RECOGNITION** The last day of school is used to recognize our students' accomplishments during the year. The Student Recognition will be **Friday morning, June 2 about 9:00**. Watch for more information.

**INTENT TO RE-ENROLL** This month Mrs. Domke, Mrs. Leitz, or Pastor Voss will speak to the parents of each student about the family's intent to enroll their child(ren) in our school for the 2017-2018 school year. Please remember that our congregation's Board of Christian Education has decided to keep the tuition for next year the same as it is for this year.

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** We thank you for collecting and turning in Boxtops this year. Please continue to do so throughout the summer and turn them in at church, at VBS, or when school resumes. Ink cartridges are also very valuable for us when we recycle them and get rewards at the store to get items for our offices and school.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Our congregation's Vacation Bible School will be held one month earlier than usual this summer. The dates have been set: **Monday, June 26 – Thursday, June 29**. Sessions will be held at our school each of those four mornings from 9:00 – 11:30.

If you desire more information about VBS, please speak to Pastor Voss. We'd love to have your child(ren) join us that week!

**PASTOR VOSS** will be out of the state all next week, as he & Mrs. Voss attend the special services at which two of their sons will receive assignments to their first fields of service as pastors in our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, and the service at which their youngest son graduates from the Seminary.

If you need to contact Pastor Voss, please text or call his cell phone ([517-488-5145](tel:517-488-5145)). When he has a chance he will reply to your text or return your call.

Pastor & Mrs. Voss and our faculty will work together to get next week's school newsletter sent out **by email** (it may not be possible for it to be printed). Please watch for an email message from the church and school secretary next Wednesday night or very early Thursday morning. It will also be posted on the school and preschool website.

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

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