

Memorial Lutheran School

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NEWSLETTER – 6

September 28-October 2, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed.-Fri. - October 7-9	No school – Teachers' in-service study and planning
Saturday, October 10	Tuition is due. If possible, please pay by Friday, October 9.
Wednesday, October 14	Cross Country meet at DeVries Nature Conservancy, Owosso at 5:00
Friday, October 16	Jump Rope for Heart event
Friday, October 30	End of First Quarter

No newsletter next week because of short week and no newsletter the week of October 12-16 either. Please watch for separate notes from the teachers instead those weeks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 11	Mrs. Domke
October 16	Joshua



FROM MRS. LEITZ

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The threes are working on the colors blue and orange this week. The fours have been working on the letters C and D and wrapping up the unit on *Goldilocks and The Three Bears*. We have also been reviewing the life cycle of apples.

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In math we have been reviewing the number 5, color words, and finding the most objects. For Super Kids we have wrapped up the letter G and are starting with the letter A by meeting a new Super Kid named Alf.

In science we have been working on what "work" is and will be wrapping it up with a test next week.

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FROM MRS. DOMKE AND GRADES 1-5

This week in our study of God's Word we learned about a couple of Jesus' first miracles. These miracles turned water into wine and healed a critically sick boy. Jesus used His almighty word to complete both of these miracles in an instant! He uses His almighty power in our lives, too. He gives us all we need for our bodies, He has given us faith, and He has promised us eternal life. Life as a child of God is very good!

Remember that next week is a short, two day week. We will not have spelling next week.

When you fill out reading logs remember that everyone in grades 2-5 can add twenty minutes to each daily total. I'm pleased that the kids really enjoy this time to read each day.

Thanks to the families that have sent in sanitizing wipes! We certainly appreciate the donation and use them daily.

Please remember that memory work is due on Tuesdays and Fridays (almost always), and hymn is due on Fridays. Students are encouraged to recite/sing some memory work early (maybe on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday), so not so much has to be learned for Tuesday and Friday. It is a whole lot of pressure to have so much due on one day. Not only will this be easier for your child, but it will help him/her to figure out how to help him/herself with work management. I have found that if teacher and parents explain this to students, the kids themselves will be able to manage the recitation work better and feel really good about that.

I know that next week the new mask order goes into place. Please know that we'll do our very best to make it a positive, comfortable transition. It certainly helps that the weather is cooler. We have disposable masks here if your child needs a break from whatever he/she normally wears. I guess we'll have to play around with what works for your child: cloth mask, disposable or gaiter. We take a water break every 20 minutes throughout the day and can step out the back door for a quick break, and those both help. I think after a couple days we'll ease in just fine. Let me know what I can do to make it all work easier.

Thanks for all your hard work, parents! All this work you are doing pays great benefits later, I promise! Thanks for your patience, as well, as we navigate new water!

Have a great weekend.

GENERAL INFORMATION

MISSION THANKOFFERINGS are gathered at our combined devotion the first Thursday of each month. The thankofferings collected this school year will be sent to a soon-to-be-determined mission supported by our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's (WELS) world-wide work.

Envelopes will be provided for the children to use at these devotions. Our next combined devotion will be Thursday, November 5.

NEW MASK ORDER A separate letter from Pastor Voss, after input from our faculty and our congregation's Board of Christian Education, about the governor's new order requiring masks for K-5 students in all Michigan schools that are holding classes on-line is attached to today's school newsletter.

THANK YOU! We thank God for the wonderful weather this past Saturday as the new playground was assembled! We thank those who helped with the project, especially Russ Labadie for his thorough work to lead the assembly! We thank Beck Mobile Concrete of Williamston for pouring the concrete on Monday!

Thank you to all! Parents, feel free to take a walk around the east side of the school to view the new equipment.

A LITTLE MORE VOLUNTEER HELP? In the next week or so we will order mulch to spread under the new playground equipment and around that area.

Please watch for an email from Pastor Voss about a date this month to spread the mulch that Beck Mobile Concrete will deliver. If we get enough of you to help, the work can be done in 30 minutes.

NO SCHOOL OCTOBER 7-9: The school year calendar called for those days to be **off for our students**, and to allow our teachers to attend the Michigan District Lutheran Teachers Conference. That conference has been cancelled due to restrictions on gatherings. ***But the days will remain off*** for our students. Our faculty will use those days for in-service study and for preparing for remote instruction (should that become necessary).

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER CROSS COUNTRY MEET Wednesday, October 14 at the DeVries Nature Conservancy on M-52, just north of Owosso. It will also be for students in Grades 3-8 at our area Lutheran Elementary Schools.

The races will begin at 5:00, with the youngest students running first. 3rd & 4th graders run 0.5 mile. 5th graders run 1.0 mile. Please speak to Pastor Voss if you desire more information about this event.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART Last spring's event was canceled because schools were closed. The American Heart Association has contacted us about rescheduling for this school year, and we will have a Jump Rope for Heart event **Friday, October 16.**

Mrs. Domke will have more information if students wish to raise money for the American Heart Association in connection with their participation in this event. *But it is not expected that students will participate only to raise money for the association.*

SHORTS MAY continue to be worn by our students **until October 16.** If warm weather is forecast for days after the middle of October, we will make an announcement that students may wear shorts to school on those days.

Because our students go outside for recess, and because temperatures after the middle of October are cool, students should wear long pants after mid-October. Girls may continue to wear skirts or dresses if they wish but may want to bring pants to slip on for recesses and in the gym.

PICTURES OF SCHOOL EVENTS If you have pictures of the field trip or the cross country meet, please consider sharing them with the school office so we can put them on the gallery on our school web sites and on Facebook. No names will be used. It is best to email them as an attachment to the school office at secretary.memorial@gmail.com. Please keep this in mind when future events and fun are held with the school family.

Pictures of the men assembling the playground equipment have been posted on the school web site pages in the gallery.

NO NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 6 OR 15 Because there are no classes October 7-9, there will be no newsletter that week. There will not be a newsletter the next week, either, because Pastor & Mrs. Voss will be gone.

Mrs. Leitz and Mrs. Domke will prepare printed notes or send email messages to parents those two weeks if there are reminders and school items about which parents need to be aware.

USED LAPTOP OR TABLET TO DONATE? If you have a used laptop computer or tablet at home that your family no longer uses, please speak to Pastor Voss. We are looking for an electronic device that still works well, and that has a camera, microphone, and wireless internet capability.

We could use a laptop or tablet in our computer room for virtual presentations our teachers want the students to view in that room. The laptop or tablet would not need to have any software to run word processing, spreadsheet, etc. programs. We would use it only for virtual presentations that our students would view or participate in when using the computer room.

ANOTHER REQUEST If you have a desk lamp at home that you are no longer using, we could use it in the school office. Thank you.

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

Pastor Voss	517-488-5145/655-2294 (church office)
Norm Schlicker, chairman	248-930-7735
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THE THEME FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR IS GOD'S GRACE IS ENOUGH FOR US. Our theme is based on 2 Corinthians 12:9 and it reminds us that God's undeserved love for us sinners in Christ's sacrifice to save us is the greatest blessing and most certain truth in all the world. May He ever keep all of us in the faith that trusts our Savior!



GOD'S GRACE IS ENOUGH FOR US

And he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will be glad to boast all the more in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may shelter me. 2 Corinthians 12:9

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September 30, 2020

Dear parents of Memorial Lutheran School & Preschool students,

This letter is a follow-up to the email sent this past Friday evening about Governor Whitmer's order 2020-185 that requires students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade to wear masks in their respective classrooms, starting Monday, October 5. The faculty has discussed the matter, and our Board of Christian has approved the information that follows.

We all agree that no one *likes* to wear masks – whether it's at school, at church, or at the store. Most people reading this letter don't like the order that now requires Kindergarten – 5th Grade students to join 6th – 12th Grade students in wearing masks. But it is the governor's order, and God's children through faith in Christ obey those whom God has placed over us in the home, on the job, at school, through the government. *"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God." (Romans 13:1).* Only when authorities command us to disobey God do we have the God-given demand to disobey them.

For our school to offer in-person classes this school year, we are required to abide by orders that are in place. Some of you have expressed your displeasure about the new order, but we appreciate your comments that you know we are only doing what is required by the government. The faculty and board will continue to discuss adjustments we will make to our school day due to this order. Here are several things we are considering and that we are asking of you parents.

- We may schedule an additional short period – or two – each day to step outside (not a recess) so that the children can have a five-minute break from wearing the mask.
- Our teachers may, from time to time, ask a student to take off the mask if the teaching moment requires seeing the child's whole face and/or mouth and/or tongue as words are pronounced or sentences are read.
- If your child has a medical condition that prevents your child from wearing a mask, we need to document that by having a signed note to that effect from your child's doctor.
- Perhaps most important of all, we urge you not to speak at home in a disparaging way about this new order. Children pick up quickly on cues from parents and teachers. Please join our faculty in assuring your child that everything will be okay, that God continues to be with us, and that our teachers will work with our students to make things as comfortable as possible while we comply with this order.

We thank you for your understanding that we are complying with an order that most of us do not like. Pray for God's blessings on our instruction at school and on your lives at home, asking Him to guide us lovingly during these troubling times. Let's be as positive as we can be in all of this as we trust the Lord to keep us safe, and as we live in love for Him and for one another.

We treasure the support we receive from you parents, and for how you have adjusted to everything this school year! Thank you! I stand ready to answer your questions or speak with you about any of this – or anything else.

In Christ,