

Memorial Lutheran School

BADGERS

NEWSLETTER - 31

May 7-11, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, May 10	Ascension Day worship service at 7:00 PM Last <u>tuition payment</u> is due. All tuition balances should be paid in full.
Friday, May 11	Preschool and Kindergarten field trip to Potter Park
<u>Wednesday, May 16</u>	Hot lunch served
Thursday, May 17	School plays at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM
Friday, May 18	Small schools track meet at MLS, Saginaw at 9:00 AM (for K-5)
Sunday, May 20	K-5 sings at 10:30 worship service
Tuesday, May 22	All library books must be returned.
<u>Thursday, May 24</u>	Summer worship service at 7:00 PM (each Thursday through Labor Day)
Sunday, May 27	Summer service schedule starts; one service at 9:00 – no Bible Hour in the summer
Monday, May 28	No School – Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 30	Last day of preschool; class dismisses at 11:30
Thursday, May 31	School year <u>closing service</u> at 7:00 PM; K-5 sings. Kindergarten graduation after service; Fifth grade recognition as well.
Friday, June 1	Last day of school year; classes dismiss at noon .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 14 Lizzy

School Cleaning Schedule for the week of:

May 14	Nichols
May 21	Nosis
May 28	Ostrander



FROM MRS. LEITZ

Preschool: This week we learned that even though God had given King Solomon the gift of wisdom he didn't always use it. God punished Solomon for worshiping other false gods rather than Him. We also want to be careful not to sin by putting other things first in our lives above God. We learn that if our leaders are not following God's will that we should learn to tell the difference and not follow in their sinful path. God is higher than the President, Pastor, teacher, and parents.

The threes and fours are plugging away at our last units of letters and numbers.

*Our play practices have been going well. Please make sure to bring your child's costume next week Monday. Also, we will have Preschool Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday next week!

*For the last Preschool day (the 30th) we will be just having a short graduation presentation, some refreshments after, and then you may take your child home. You can drop your child off at the regular time and then come back around 9:30 for the graduation and refreshments. Let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great weekend!

Kindergarten: This week we learned that even though God had given King Solomon the gift of wisdom he didn't always use it. God punished Solomon for worshiping other false gods rather than Him. We also want to be careful not to sin by putting other things first in our lives above God. We learn that if our leaders are not following God's will that we should learn to tell the difference and not follow in their sinful path. God is higher than the President, Pastor, teacher, and parents. We also started learning about King Ahab and that he worshiped other gods. God used Elijah to show that there really is only the one true God. We learn again to only worship the one true God.

The Kinders have been doing so well plowing through the end of the year work! They only have three more letters left! They are almost done with their math lessons too!

*Our play practices have been going well. Please make sure to bring your child's costume next week Monday.

*Please make sure to let me know if your child is coming to the track meet and if they need a ride or you will be taking them. Thank you!!

Have a great weekend!

FROM MRS. DOMKE AND GRADES 1-5

This week in our study of God's Word we have been learning about the challenging times for God's people during the time of the Assyrian and Babylonian empires. The leaders of these people we learned about were Sennacherib, Nebuchadnezzar and Xerxes. Despite the fact that these men were all unbelievers, God used them in His grand design to shape the world for the purpose of bringing a Savior to a damned world. Even though so many of God's people were carried into captivity, it is amazing to see how God preserved a group of the faithful to come back to the promised land and rebuild the nation. We are so blessed through those people, too. We have the truth of our Savior, Jesus. Let's never take that blessing for granted.

Thanks for helping your children learn their lines for our play. Most kids have them ready to go. Others need to work a bit more. Shorts and T-shirts will be fine for costumes, because the action in our play takes place in a school. I would like the students to bring costumes that are to be used just for the play on Monday, May 14. We will keep the costumes here. Next week Thursday students should be at school the regular time. That will give us ample time to get ready for the 9:30 performance. The evening performance begins at 6:30. Students should be here between 5:30-6:00.

Grades 3-5 will be working on a post reading activity for our study of *Ramona Quimby - Age 8*. We should be able to finish all of that work in school.

Sorry this is short this week. All is good - lots going on!

Have a great weekend and a fantastic Mother's Day!

GENERAL INFORMATION

THIS SCHOOL YEAR'S MISSION OFFERINGS are being sent to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's (WELS) Christian Aid and Relief. Every dollar will be used by our church body to repair damaged property or to purchase supplies needed by people who have suffered devastating losses in natural disasters. Together we gathered \$243.00 for this mission project. We thank the Lord for this opportunity to serve in this way.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SING: Grades K-5 have opportunity to sing again a couple times in May. We will sing at our usual place on Sunday, **May 20**. We will also sing at our closing service at 7:00 PM the evening of **May 31**.

ASCENSION DAY: We will have a worship service on this special day **May 10** at 7:00 PM. Worship our Lord who ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us!

THE LAST TUITION PAYMENT was due Thursday, May 10. Please send in your payment as soon as possible.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK due to the plays and field trip. Keep an eye on this week's newsletter for the events coming up or check the school activities calendar.

HOT LUNCH will be served **Wednesday, May 16** because of conflicts with Friday schedules. The menu will include grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, a veggie tray, chips and ice cream sandwiches. Milk will be served too.

SCHOOL PLAYS Next week Thursday, **May 17**, students should be at school the regular time. That will give us ample time to get ready for the 9:30 performance. The evening performance begins at 6:30. Students should be here between 5:30-6:00.

If you would be willing to help set out and serve the snacks for that day, please speak to Mrs. Domke. Snacks will already have been purchased.

Thank you, parents, for the items you brought and other preparations you made for our plays to be performed. Our special thanks to Mrs. Leitz and Mrs. Domke and especially to the students for all their work to practice and perform the plays!

LUTHERAN SMALL SCHOOLS TRACK MEET We are again invited to participate in the WELS Small School Track Meet at the track facility of Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw on **Friday, May 18**. 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 **7:00 AM** that day. Travel will be arranged in the days to come. Parents and grandparents, if you will be traveling directly to the meet from your home, please let us know!

Our school is hosting the meet, so we need to be there earlier this year and we will need more parent help.

Registration is due Friday, May 11. Pastor Voss will speak to students to find out the three events in which each student desires to participate.

The event should conclude by 2:00, allowing us to be back at school by the normal end of the school day. If you have questions, please speak to Pastor Voss. Cost for participation at the track meet (\$1 per student for ribbons) will be covered by our PTO. Those attending should pack a lunch, or bring money to buy items from the concession stand.

Remember to check the weather to dress appropriately and send sunscreen along if necessary.

SCHOOL LIBRARY The school library will be open until the end of the school year but the last day to check out new books was this past Tuesday. All books should be returned by Tuesday, May 22.

Please check your home for library books and classroom books that should be returned. If a book is lost or damaged it will have to be replaced by the beginning of the next school year. 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 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 31. The children of our school will sing for the service.

After the service we will acknowledge the work done by our graduating student, fifth grader Satressa Dawley.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION After that Thursday evening service, there will be a brief ceremony marking the graduation of our kindergarten students. 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 1 about 9:00. School dismisses for the year at noon that day.

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 2018-2019 school year.

The decision has been made to adopt the proposed tuition rate for next school year as previously announced in a letter from Pastor Voss and our congregation's Board of Christian Education. Either refer to that letter or speak to Pastor Voss if you have questions about tuition for next school year. A half sheet with the approved tuition rates is coming home this week with your printed newsletter.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO COLLECT Boxtops and empty ink cartridges throughout the summer. You can turn them in at church, at VBS, or when school resumes.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Our congregation's Vacation Bible School will be held at our school Monday, July 23 – Thursday, July 26. Sessions will be held each of those four mornings from 9:00 – 11:30. We invite children age 3 years old through those entering eighth grade to study God's Word with us.

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

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

Pastor Voss	517-488-5145/655-2294
Howard Clark, Chairman	517-655-6768
Norm Schlicker, President of PTO	248-930-7735
David Fortin, Secretary	616-481-1128



Our 2017-2018 school year theme:

WE RETURN TO GRACE!

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9