

Memorial Lutheran School

BADGERS

NEWSLETTER – 11

November 27 – December 1, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, December 2	Christmas Eve practice 9:30a-11:30a
Monday, December 4	Ingham County Health Department vision screening.
Thursday, December 7	Ingham County Health Department hearing screening.
Saturday, December 9	Christmas Eve practice 9:30a-11:30a
Sunday, December 10	Tuition is Due
Wednesday, December 13	K-5 Singing at Williamston Senior Center
Friday, December 15	Hot Lunch Served
December 25 - January 7	Christmas Break – No School

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 2 Tyler Ranes



FROM MRS. LEITZ

Preschool and Kindergarten This week we have been learning about how the Israelites were finally led out of Egypt, through the Red Sea, and out into the desert. We learn that the Israelite people were so grateful and thankful to God when they were finally free from their slavery, but they quickly turned to complaining at the first sign of alarm. We can really relate to Israelites in the complaining area, can't we? We must admit that we take the many basic things that God gives us so regularly and in such great abundance for granted. We forget that all these things are gifts from God and probably sometimes forget to even say thank you to Him for these

daily blessings. So, join us in trying our very best to give thanks to God every day for all of the basic ordinary things and perhaps we can grumble and complain a little less every day. We also learn that God has taught us to pray for our needs to be met every day in the Lord's prayer. It's a good reminder that everything we need is met and addressed by God unceasingly every day.

The threes are working on cutting and the letter L this week. The fours are working on patterns and direction words.

The Kinders are working on the letter F this week. In math, we are working on fewest and most, number 9, days of the week, and volume. In science, we are wrapping up our Living/Nonliving unit.

*Thank you for having appropriate clothing for outside since we have snow early. Way to be on top of it Moms and Dads!!

*We will be having our Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 21st. I will send home more info in a week or so. We will be having special dress up days during the week of the party and fun activities to celebrate Jesus' Birthday!!

Have a great weekend!

FROM MRS. DOMKE AND GRADES 1-5

This week in our study of God's Word we learned more about the Israelites traveling from Egypt to the promised land. In these stories, we continue to hear about God's abounding mercy. God rescued his people from the Egyptian attack, fed them in the harsh desert, and helped them defeat the Amalekites in their first hand-to-hand combat. God's mercy extends to us, too. He gives us what we need for body and soul. He helps us when we have troubles. He forgives our sins and promises heaven eternally.

We're keeping the December 13 Williamston Senior Center singing event in mind. We have one driver other than Mrs. Leitz and myself. Our preparations have begun for this fun day.

Our Christmas celebration and party day will be December 22, our last day of school before break. At this point, I'm planning a pajama day, games and fun throughout the day, and gifts and snacks near the end of the day. I'll bring cheese and crackers. If anyone would like to bring something to add that'd be great. We will draw names for a gift exchange this week. We suggest spending around \$5-\$6 on an exchange gift. We try to keep that all a secret... we'll see how that goes! We will also have some other dress-up days that week so stay tuned!

Grades K-5 will sing at Memorial at the beginning of the 10:30 service on December 17. All are invited.

Thanks to all who are sending in water bottles daily, as well as needed necessities for lunch. All those little details matter, and we are grateful for them.

Next week on Wednesday I will be gone for part of the morning. Mrs. Kathy Fedewa will be filling in for me. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Next week we will also have vision and hearing testing. Nothing to worry about.

God bless your weekend!

GENERAL INFORMATION

The next all-school devotion will be set soon. The pastor who will be serving the vacancy at Memorial will be contacted about his availability to conduct that devotion.

School Pictures We are working on organizing a picture day for our students. Stay tuned for more details.

Parent-Teacher Conferences At the conferences, many people asked about ways they could help around the school. We have some “chores” ready to go if anyone would like to help. Some examples are light cleaning, bulletin board changes, checking playground balls, and tasks like that. Check with Mrs. Domke or Mrs. Leitz if you’d like more on your busy plate!!

Williamston Senior Center Students in grades K-5 will be going to the Williamston Senior Center to sing some Christmas songs on Wednesday, December 13. If anyone would like to drive, please see Mrs. Leitz or Mrs. Domke. We’ll leave school around 10:15 and return around 11:45.

Hearing & Vision Screening Next week the health department will conduct hearing and vision testing for most students. Please make sure that students with glasses are wearing them!

Christmas Eve at Memorial By now you have either received a note from school or by mail an invitation to participate in a Christmas Eve service at Memorial on December 24. Practices for this will be on December 2,9,16 and (maybe) 23. We will meet from 9:30a-11:30. Please know you are all invited to be part of this, but it is certainly not mandatory. Please see Mrs. Leitz or Mrs. Domke if you have any questions.

School Closings for Weather When Road conditions become dangerous due to snow or ice, or when we have a power outage at school, Mrs. Domke will try to decide 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 assess, and we trust that you will understand when that happens.

When it has been decided to close school for the day, Mrs. Domke will notify you by email and by text. She will also put a notice on WLNS channel 6 and WILX channel 10.

Because parents and grandparents provide transportation for all our students, closing school in the middle of the day is a particular hardship for our school families. For that reason, we usually close school for the entire day if travel is fine in the morning but predicted to become difficult by the afternoon.

PTO Meeting in January on Monday, January 15 we will have a PTO meeting at school beginning at 6:30pm. We will try to keep it to about an hour. Please try to have someone from each family attend. The gym will be open for students to play while we meet. See Mrs. Domke if you have any questions.

Submit Pictures If you have pictures of the students at school and/or at special events (field trips, cross country, etc.), and don’t mind sharing. Please submit them to Stephanie Miller at secretary.memorial@gmail.com.

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

Norm Schlicker, chairman	248-930-7735
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The theme for this school year is ***Put Your Hope in God!*** It is based on Psalm 42:2&11. “My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior, and my God.”

