

Memorial Lutheran School

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NEWSLETTER – 15

December 9 – December 13, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, December 16	Jingle Bell Day
Tuesday, December 17	Twin Day (dress like a friend or sibling)
Wednesday, December 18	Red & Green Day
Wednesday, December 18	Sing at the Williamston Senior Center
Thursday, December 19	Hat & Stuffed Animal Day
Friday, December 20	Pajama Day
Friday, December 20	Hot Lunch Served
Monday, December 23 – Jan 5	Christmas Break No School
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Service – Students Sing
Monday, January 6	Classes Resume at 8:20a
Monday, January 13	PTO Meeting at 6:30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 13	Milo
December 14	Annaliese
December 15	Isla



FROM MRS. LEITZ Preschool and Kindergarten:

This week we have been learning about the many miracles that the disciples witnessed. They saw Jesus walk on the water and Peter also got to walk on the water for a few moments. We learn to always trust in Jesus and never doubt. We also learn that three disciples witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus. They see Him in His true glory as the Son of God. What an awesome sight to behold! We learn that we want to always give God glory and praise in all that we think, say, and do.

The threes have been working on the color black and drawing a straight line from left to right. The four's have been working on the concept of before and after and direction words.

We also have been working on patterns by making candy canes with beads. The Kindergarten have been working on subtraction and measuring weight in math. For super kids we are wrapping up letter F. In science we have been learning about gathering weather information and predicting the weather.

* The envelopes your children color and bring home are for our mission offering. It will be collected next Thursday at our chapel devotion with Pastor Mosher.

*Make sure to make note of the dress up days for next week.

*Don't forget about Christmas service practice this Saturday!! It makes for a very special Christmas Eve. Please consider bringing your child they are working so hard on the songs and parts in school!

Have a great weekend!

FROM MRS. DOMKE AND GRADES 1-5

This week in our study of God's Word we learned again about how Jesus wants us to treat others (if we still had any doubts!). Jesus doesn't just ask, he demands that we forgive as we have been forgiven. It is impossible without God's help. But with God's help we can and do forgive. We are so blessed that Jesus loves us enough to help us in every way to live like his children!

Please let me know if you can drive next week, December 18, when we head to the Williamston Senior Center. We will leave school about 10:25 and back to school about 11:40. So far we have only two other drivers besides myself. Please let me know if you can drive and how many you can take. Thanks.

Next week we will have our Christmas party throughout the day on December 20. If you'd like to send in a light treat for the afternoon to share that would be great. I'm going to bring some sausage and cheese. We will play some running games in the gym, our usual dice game in the lobby, and open gifts late in the day in our classroom. It's going to be so much fun! Students may bring their exchange gifts to school beginning next week. Please write on the gift "from" but not to.

Just a suggestion that some kids may need new markers and such for the New Year. They make good stocking stuffers.

GENERAL INFORMATION

More Basketball Saturday and Sunday, December 14-15, we will have another weekend of basketball games at school. We will need even more participation than we earlier anticipated. The games go into the evening both Saturday and Sunday. We know it is a lot to ask, especially right before Christmas, but if you can help for a shift or even half a shift it is GREATLY appreciated. I do know that the Sunday games will not begin until afternoon.

Dress up Week Next week Memorial students have an opportunity to dress up and show their Christmas spirit!

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Call Returned After much prayerful deliberation I have returned the call to teach at St. Paul's in Bangor Wisconsin. Please keep St. Paul's in your prayer as they continue to call to fill that position. Thank you for all the kind words and prayers for my family. – Mrs. Leitz

Cardinal for the Day On February 14 Memorial students will be heading to MLS in Saginaw for Cardinal For A Day. At this event we'll play games, visit classes, have lunch and tour the school. This will be the first time our school has attended this event. We will need drivers. Please consider helping out. It will be an all day event.

PTO Meeting The next PTO meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 13. Please plan to have at least one parent from each family attend.

Communication Parents, this little blurb is just about communication. If you need to pass along information to both Mrs. Leitz and Mrs. Domke, please either text both of us, or let us know to share the information with each other. Sometimes we go an entire day without saying much to each other because we are busy with our duties, so we don't always share texts or telephone calls. We don't want to miss important info about the kids. Thanks!

Christmas Eve Practice This is for any children who are going to be in the Memorial Christmas Eve Service! Please remember that there are two more practices, December 14 and 21, held at the church from 9:30-11:30a. We will work on recitation, songs, and logistics. Please make it a priority to attend! Speak to Mrs. Leitz or Mrs. Domke if your child will not be there. Please note that this week, December 14 there will be a luncheon served to all the kids and their families after practice is finished.

Pastor/Teacher Conference The new date for our Pastor/Teacher conference is on February 17, 2025, which is Presidents' Day. We already had that date off, so that will work just fine. **Because of the three days we already have had off for power outages, we will now have school on February 24.**

The Last Day of School in 2024 The last day of school will be Friday, December 20. The first day of school in 2025 will be on January 6.

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 text. She will also put a notice on WLNS and WILX. 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.

Christmas Eve Service Mrs. Leitz and I are still doing some planning for our Christmas Eve Service at Memorial, but you should know that it is still held at our church on Christmas Eve, beginning at 7:00 pm. All students (PreK through grade 8) are invited but not expected to take part, although we will be working on recitations and songs here at school. We will most likely have Saturday practices on December 7, 14 & 21 from 9:30-11:30. Please speak with Mrs. Leitz or Mrs. Domke if you have any questions.

Memorial Clothing please visit studioshopgifts.com. Our memorial options are located on the apparel screen. Our clothing items are on sale!

Church and School Website Memorial Lutheran School and Church newsletters are posted on our church's website. Please check out the information at www.memorialwilliamston.org. The monthly church calendar is also posted on the website. We also have separate Facebook pages for church and for the school & preschool and invite you to see those. Please click on the "like" for those pages and help spread the word about our preschool and school to your Facebook friends._

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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.

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The theme for this school year is ***Bring The Children to Jesus!*** It is based on Mark 10:14b Jesus said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."



