

NOTES and NEWS

First German Ev. Lutheran School

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Christian Parent Organization (CPO)

This week we are having our Veteran's Day Celebration between services. We are also going to be having a Social Studies Fair in the gymnasium. With these two things going on there probably won't be a lot of time for CPO. Instead we will have a great opportunity to see the works our children have put so much time into, have fellowship with each other, and celebrate the day.

Next time we will begin our third study in which deals with RELATIONSHIPS.

Food for November:

15th : Wendt, Ronski

22nd : Strzyzewski, Bellin

29th : Knutson, Lindemann

VETERANS' DAY PRESENTATION

Don't forget about our Celebration to the Veterans on Sunday it will be right after the first service. If you don't plan on attending the first service, we do ask that you have your children at church by 9:10 a.m. at the latest. A teacher will be waiting for them at the back of church.

At this service we will be singing some patriotic songs and acknowledging the members in our congregation who are veterans. Your children are an important part in this service, please make it a priority to attend.

After the short service, the children can get a snack and head off to Sunday School. The adults will be invited to stroll through the gym to see the Social Studies displays.



VETERANS' DAY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

On Wednesday, there was a group of Veterans that did a presentation in the gymnasium to remind us of what a veteran is and why we celebrate Veteran's Day. It was a great reminder for all of us of how special our Veterans are to us. Mrs. Korte thanked them with a presentation of a gift that the children had made. The veterans were very thankful for that response.

MISSION STATEMENT

The staff and the Board for Lutheran Schools is working on a Mission Statement for First German Lutheran Schools. The purpose of this mission statement is to guide all those associated with the school an understanding of what our purpose and goals are. The mission statement would be publicized so anyone interested in our school would immediately know what we are all about. As you will see the most important aspect of our school is the Christ-centered focus. Of course where this is publicized there will also be academic points that show how well our students score nationally and their success after their First German years.

This is something the staff and BLS have put together and presented to both the Parish Planning Committee and the Voters of the church. If you have any thoughts about it please feel free to let Mr. Leckwee, the staff, or a board member know your thoughts.

Mission of First German Lutheran School

Our purpose is to reach out equally to both members and nonmembers with the good news that "God in Christ Jesus has forgiven your sins," and to help children appreciate the joy of living for God now and with him forever in heaven.

Again, this is something that is a bit different than our current enrollment policies (ie opening our enrollment to non-members) which will require some adjustments to the current handbook. It isn't a major adjustment, but it is a change none the less. If you are unfamiliar with the current wording, you can see it in the handbook under the Enrollment Policies section. All of this needs to go before the Board for Lutheran School, PPC, and voters assembly. Our purpose is to get input on it so everyone is aware and can voice their thoughts.



THANK YOU STUDENTS

Thank you students for all of your extra work this week. Your singing, ringing and playing at the Rahr West Museum on Wednesday went very well. Your extra time learning our patriotic songs for the veterans was very much appreciated. You have let the light of Jesus's love show through clearly. Well done, students.

SOCIAL STUDIES & BOOK DISPLAY

This Sunday between services come and see the work our students have done reviewing our culture and history. Students have prepared display boards, artwork, and other projects for you to see. The Read Apple will also have a display of books, games, and artwork that would make excellent gifts for Christmas. We hope to see you downstairs after the Veterans Appreciation presentation in church.

THRIVENT MATCHING GIFTS

FG needs you!!! If you are a Thrivent member, please stop in and talk to Mr. Leckwee about how to best go about using the Thrivent Giving-Plus program. We are still facing serious financial issues and every dollar that we can get matched will help continue our ministry here at First German. This is going to be the last year for this program. The format of the program is going to change, but I don't know how at this time. So if you haven't used your matching funds yet, try to do it before December ends.



MLHS HOT LUNCH

Our congregation is in charge of preparing and serving hot lunch at MLHS on Tuesday, November 17th. The time is from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you can help out for any amount of time on this day, please call Sara Spencer at 682-0674. Also, if you have a student attending Lutheran High, please send a 9 x 13 cake, cut into 20 pieces, along with him/her that day.

CPO CRAFT & BAKE SALE

A sign-up sheet has been sent home today. Please fill it out and return it to the school library by Wednesday, November 25th. The success of this event depend on everyone's help. The money raised will be put into the CPO fund to be used later.

BAND AND INSTRUMENT LESSONS

There will not be lessons on Thursday, November 12th. Mrs. Schmill has given the kids plenty to work on in the meantime. There will still be SATURDAY BAND on November 14th. She will provide subs for that.

HOOPS & JUMP ROPE RESULTS

Our 1st through 4th grades participated in Jump Rope for Heart. They collected a total of \$488. Alex Koeppel was our top participant for the group with \$168. He received 2 free certificates to Subway. Congratulations Alex.



Our 5th through 8th grades participated in Hoops for Heart. They collected a total of \$303. Tresa Koeppel was our top participant for the group with \$173. She received 2 free certificates to Subway. Congratulations Elizabeth.

Overall we had a total \$791 to send to the American Heart Association. I would like to thank the parents that came down to help. It was really appreciated. Thank you to all the students and teachers for their efforts to make this event possible.

ANNUAL COOKIE BAKE-OFF

On Saturday, November 21st, the Lutheran Pioneers will be having their Annual Cookie Bake-off. The activities will take place here at First German beginning at 9:00 a.m. for the older children and 1:00 p.m. for the younger children. Adult help would be greatly appreciated.

Donations of chocolate chips, coconut flakes, Hershey kisses or dipping chocolates, flour, sugar and butter would also be greatly appreciated. We would like all of the items dropped off at church by Sunday, November 15th. Please call the Schwarks (684-5892) for more information or to offer your assistance. Anyone who would like to make cookies at home may do so and bring them to the kitchen that morning.

All cookies are donated to Calvary Academy home office in Milwaukee. The Ladies Auxiliary sells them and proceeds go to Calvary Academy in Florida. Calvary offers a Christ-centered ministry of assistance to families whose children are experiencing behavioral difficulties.

LUTHERAN PIONEERS

Monday, November 16th - Regular Meeting Night - Sunbeam/ Buckaroo will be working on their Christmas gifts and greeting cards. Lutheran Girl Pioneers will make cookie dough to be used at the cookie bake-off benefitting Calvary Academy; Boy Pioneers will be working on a Reindeer Cardholder as their Christmas project.

Friday, November 20th - Lock in Cookie Bake-off for the Lutheran Girl Pioneers begins at 4:00 p.m. Grades 3 and up.

Saturday, November 21st - Great Annual Cookie Bake-off begins at 1:00 p.m. Sunbeams / Buckaroos and the Lutheran Girl Pioneers will decorate Christmas cookies which are donated to Calvary Academy's huge bake sale. Anyone wishing to make additional cookies or candies to donate, would help this fund raising effort by Calvary. If you want more information, contact the Schwarks. Lunch will be provided for all helpers. Boy Pioneers will be working on the float from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25th - Lakeshore Holiday Parade. All children should meet at school by 5:45 p.m.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS

At the end of December we will be sending in a shipment of Campbell's Soup labels. If we send in a total of 2500 labels, we will receive 2500 labels as a bonus. As of now, we are 1000 labels short of that total. If you have any labels waiting to be dropped off at church or school, please do so soon so we can receive our bonus labels. Remember, we do need the entire label.



PIONEER COSTUME PARTY RESULTS

Thanks to all of the parents who helped make our Annual Pioneer Costume Party a great success. It is true that many hands make the load lighter. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. Here is a list of the winners at the Costume Party:

Baby Honorable Mentions

Bethel Leckwee, Ruth Schaefer

Pre-school & Kindergarten

Katherine Braasch – Esmirelda, Sam Kolar – angel, Kaden Peitersen – pirate, Katie Ungemach – lion

1st - 2nd Grade

Kendal Peitersen – princess, Emma Jeffers – tiger, Olivia Kolar – bee bopper, Destiny Haupt – cheerleader

3rd - 4th Grade

Emily Schaller – vampire, Alexa Malley – Grandma Moses, Clara Leckwee – fairy, Abby Liermann – witch

5th - 8th Grade

Paige Pekarske – spider queen, Lani Braasch – black bride, Gina Strzyzewski – woopie cushion

Adults

Marilyn Siegler – artist, Jackie Bellin – witch, Aundrea Jeffers – I scare myself!

Pumpkin Decorating

Emma Jeffers, Hallie Van de Grift, Kendal Peitersen, Jeremiah Ronski, Tyler Jeffers, Levi Van de Grift

BOXTOP CONTESTS

A new game sheet has been sent home today. Attach one Boxtop to each square. When it is full, return it to the library for a prize and another game sheet. Play as often as you like.

Remember these sheets also count towards the **Principal For A Day** contest. For every 3 sheets (30 boxtops) you turn in, gets you one entry for the drawing.

STILL SAVING

Just a reminder that we are still collecting milk caps from Golden Guernsey, Morning Glory, Kemps and Kwik Trip (also Bag tops). The entire label from Campbell products. Pull tabs from aluminum cans. Used toner and ink cartridges. Any of these items can be dropped off in the collection containers in the church lobby, school entry or in the school library.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE CHANGE

This is only for the girls basketball A-team. We changed the schedule from what it was last year. You probably got a note about this information a day or so ago, but, I wanted to remind you that A-team will practice from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. It was incorrectly noted on the calendar. So ignore the time on the gold calendar that you have and stick with this information. We are sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

MLHS Parents, Grandparents, & Friends Day – Tuesday, November 10th. Join your MLHS student for a pancake breakfast from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$3 per person, and you are invited to visit classes, chapel, and lunch throughout the day. MLHS will treat you to a hot lunch from 12:20 - 12:50 p.m. as well. RSVP by calling the school office at 682-0215, ext 100.

“The Canterbury Tales.”– MLHS students will be presenting this classic November 13th - 15th. Tickets are just \$3 at the door. Show times are 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Fine Arts Work Day – The MLHS Fine Arts Department (Music, Drama, & Art) needs some helping hands to re-locate and organize costumes, stage sets, art equipment, materials, etc. Many hands make light work, and this is a great way to join together in helping MLHS make the best use of the equipment it has been blessed with. Mark the date of November 21st from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Tue., 11/3** -MLHS Board of Control Meeting
(6:30 p.m.)
- Fri., 11/6** - MLHS Volleyball State Semi-Final
@ Resch Center, Green Bay (10:00
a.m.)
- Tue., 11/10** -MLHS Parents, Grandparents and
Friends Day
- 11/13-14** -MLHS Student Drama Production
"The Canterbury Tales". (7:00 p.m.)
- Sat., 11/14** -MLHS Federation Meeting
(9:00 a.m.)
- Sun., 11/15** -MLHS Student Drama Production
"The Canterbury Tales". (2:00 p.m.)



CLASSROOM NEWS

Sonshine Preschool Notes from Mrs. Schaller

Our Bible story for the week will be "God Calls Moses." The 3's will continue with Thanksgiving and the 4's will be working with rectangles and squares. Thank you ahead of time for all who bring their children to sing on Sunday. The more voices we have the better it will sound.

Kindergarten Notes from Mrs. Fischer

Jesus has promised that he is always with us. So Jesus is with us while we live and when we die. And Jesus has also given us another promise. He said, "*Because I live, you also will live.*" We do not need be afraid to die, because we know we will live in heaven with Jesus forever.

The children started new math centers. In one center they are practicing the number words by making a book and in another center they are showing that they understand the number concepts. In the other math center they are using number stencils. For the math computer game they have to keep adding ladder parts until they reach a certain number.

The Letter Book S was introduced on Wednesday so the writing and art center are focused on the sound of S. In the writing center they learn facts about spiders. They have to choose a fact that they learned and write about it. In the art center they are making fuzzy baby spiders for the bulletin board so the mamma spider won't be lonely. In the reading center they are putting together 2 piece rhyming word puzzles. In the listening center they are hearing the book *The Lonely Scarecrow*. And in the computer center they are finding missing initial sounds.

Letter S reinforcement for the weekend — The

children will receive two pieces of sandpaper with the letter S traced on them. Cut out the S's. Have them feel the shape of the S. Glue the letters to the construction paper. Print words around them that begin with S. You might want to look at environmental print. Take a walk or drive and see how many words your child can find that begin with S. Thank you. *Mrs. Fischer*

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sun., 11/8 -The children will participate in the Veterans' Day presentation between services (9:00 a.m.) It will be held in church. After that, go down to the gym to view Social Studies displays.

Mon., 11/16 -We will be visiting the Manitowoc Fire Department at 11:00 a.m. I will need one driver. The children will need their car seats at school on that day.

1st and 2nd Grade Notes from Mrs. Korte

Here we are in November already. The time is flying by..... Just a reminder! We did start the "Reading Program" and I encourage you to write down the minutes for your child on the November sheet. Please keep them reading. I hope you have seen the improvements your child has made already in the past two months. It's awesome!

On Wednesday, we had a program from an Honor Guard of Veterans. There were five of them who shared with us some of their experiences as they served in our armed services during World War II. What better way to remember our veterans as we approach Veterans' Day.

We will be singing for the Veterans Program on Sunday. (This Sunday!) It should start at about 9:00 a.m. in the church. If you are coming after the service or have been at the early service, have your child come up to the front of church. All the children will be sitting there for the presentation. The First and Second grade students will be handing out a small token to the Veterans who are present on Sunday. There will also be displays and refreshments in the gym following the program.

You should have gotten your child's report card. It was sent home today. Please take time to talk over their progress with them. *Mrs. Korte*

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Mon., 11/2** -Reading Program starts
- Sun., 11/8** -Veteran's Day Program
- Fri., 11/13** -Spelling Test

3rd and 4th Grade Notes from Miss Wordell

All of the school children will be participating in our **Veterans Recognition held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday**. Following the early church service, students should come up to the front of church and follow teachers' instructions

for seating etc. Following the program, there will be refreshments served. Please take time to view the Social Studies Fair displays in the gym. The 3rd and 4th grade students have some bright neon colored posters on display. They have taken the information of the past from the interview they did and compared that information to their own lives today. The other classes will also have displays in the gym. If you are interested in looking at children's books and games, please look over the sales tables that will be set up. Mrs. Pam Duveneck of *The Read Apple Bookstore* will have some of her stock available for purchase. I'm sure you could find some Christmas gifts on her tables.

Students should try and recite the **New Testament Books of the Bible by November 25th**. We have been reciting them quite often at school. Please find the list in the home study folder, and have your child try to recite this list from memory. You might need to plan on a little more study time for your child to brush up on this memory assignment.

Next week Friday, look for new **book report** information to be sent home. As always, thank you for monitoring your child's reading log minutes. Help them plan when they will be getting their reading sessions in each week. Many parents have seen their children reading quite a bit beyond the minimum requirements. What a great thing it is when a child discovers the joy of reading!! Remember those reading log minutes can include the 4 Seasons Reading Challenge, as well as reading for book reports.

Please sign the bottom portion of your child's **report card**, and send that section back to school on Monday. Thank you!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sun., 11/8	-K-8 Sing @ 9:00 a.m. -Veterans Day Program
Mon., 11/9	-Return Reading Log #9
Fri., 11/13	-Spelling Test #8
Wed., 11/25	-Deadline: Recite the New Testament Bible Books

5th and 6th Grade Notes from Mr. Siegler

On Friday the 13th, we will be going to MLHS on a Future Lancer Field Trip. We have two drivers so far who will be able to squeeze in the kids. One more driver would make the drive to and from MLHS more comfortable. We will be leaving First German about 8:40 a.m. and we should be ready to load up to go back at 11:00 a.m. Ideally, we will be coming back with as full a load as we left with. Parents, if you want something else to "happen", just let me know.

Don't forget the Veterans presentation this Sunday at 9ish.

Tests and quizzes for 11 - 9 to 11 - 13

Mon.	Social studies test chpt 6 Reading quiz Spelling test
Tue.	Catechism quiz Q 56 Science test chpt 5
Wed.	No tests
Thur.	Spelling pretest
Fri.	Catechism quiz Q 57 - 59

HANDBELL CHOIR

The handbell choir plays on Thanksgiving Day. Students will be accompanying the choir on one of their pieces. Each child needs to be there so please put it on your calendar. Thank you.

GRADES 5-8 SING — 11/15 and 11/22

This is just a reminder that grades 5-8 sing in the early service on the 15th and in both services on the 22nd. The handbell choir will also play on the 22nd. Thank you for having your children there to share what they have learned.

BAND STUDENTS

Band music for Thanksgiving was given out this weekend. If your 6th - 8th grade or high school student didn't receive any, please let Mr. Menk know. Thank you for your cooperation in playing.

7th & 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Menk

We have returned to our anthology books in **literature**. Our stories of nature include snakes, plants, creation, and poems about many other of God's creations. Reading and writing assignments are assigned each day. Please check that stories are being read.

This month's animal **book reports** are due on the 23rd. December's mystery book will be due on the 21st.

Thank you to our donors for some extra art supplies. Your generous gifts made the purchase of special ink pads and craft paper possible. One of the results of these supplies is displayed in our class hallway. Other projects will make use of these supplies as well. We are very grateful for your gifts.

7th & 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Leckwee

It has been an interesting few weeks. With the short week last week and then this week our Wednesday was a bit of a shuffle. It will be nice to get back on track in the upcoming weeks. The children are improving with getting their work done on time, and the quality of work continues to increase as well. All very good things to see. Keep it up.

Tests next week

Tue., 11/10	-Social Studies Test of Ch. 5
Fri., 11/13	-Science Ch. 6 Test