

# NOTES and NEWS

First German Ev. Lutheran School

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## Christian Parent Organization -

Thank you so much for everyone who shared their thoughts about the school time change. There is more discussion to come at a later date. This week Mr. Leckwee will be absent, but Mr. Siegler will lead the group and show the movie "Fireproof" that deals directly with our discussion on relationships.

Food for November:

22<sup>nd</sup> : Strzyzewski, Bellin

29<sup>th</sup> : Knutson, Lindemann

## PARISH ASSISTANCE

Just a reminder that you should have received a shortened version of the entire 84 page report. If you haven't gotten one then please contact Linda in the office or one of the teachers to get you one. Please take the time to read through the information, it is very important for everyone to be on board through this process. Our meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> does have a lunch included so please sign up ahead of time. The sign up sheet is located in the entry way to church near the bathrooms.

## THRIVENT MATCHING GIFTS

First German 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 that 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.



## 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 25<sup>th</sup>. *The success of this event depend on everyone's help.* The money raised will be put into the CPO fund to be used later.

## CHRISTMAS LETTER

Next week the annual Christmas letter will be sent home. Each family should receive one. In the letter you will find all of the Advent and Christmas preparations that are taking place here at First German. You will also find a list of all the service times. If your family doesn't receive one, please contact Mr. Leckwee and he will get one to you.

## THANKSGIVING DINNER

A sign up register for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving dinner is on the table by the water fountain in the church lobby. Please let us know if you are able to attend, can donate a dessert, are able to help prepare, serve or clean up after the dinner. Please do so by Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your cooperation.

## LUTHERAN PIONEERS

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

*Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> - Great Annual Cookie Bake-off* begins at 9:00 a.m. Girl Pioneers and any interested adults will be making and making cookies and candies. The Sunbeams and Buckaroos will come at 1:00 p.m. to frost and decorate the cut out sugar cookies. All the cookies are donated to Calvary Academy's huge bake sale. Anyone wishing to make additional cookies or candies at home can bring them Friday evening or anytime on Saturday. All help for the Calvary Academy fund is greatly appreciated. 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 25<sup>th</sup> - 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 of at church or school, please do so soon so we can receive our bonus labels. Remember, we do need the entire label.



## 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. Used greeting cards and cancelled stamps are also collected. Any of these items can be dropped off in the collection containers in the church lobby, school entry or in the school library.

## BASKETBALL DATE ADJUSTMENTS

There is no basketball practice for the boys next Wednesday, November 25th.

### Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Newtonburg

Games start at 5:00 p.m. (GB, BB, GA, BA)

### Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ Howards Grove

Game at 5:00 p.m. (Boys C, 7<sup>th</sup> A Boys)

### Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> @ Sturgeon Bay

Games start at 1:00 p.m. ( GA, BB, BA)

## MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

**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 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Sat., 11/21** -Fine Arts Work Day  
(10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)  
**Wed., 11/25** -Manitowoc Holiday Parade  
**Sat., 11/28** -Two Rivers Holiday Parade



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## **CLASSROOM NEWS**

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### Sonshine Preschool Notes from Mrs. Schaller

November 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> our Bible Story will be

“The 10 Commandments.” Both the 3’s and the 4’s will be doing Thanksgiving related projects. November 30<sup>th</sup> - December 4<sup>th</sup> our Bible Story will be “God’s Special Message for Mary.” We will begin Advent and Christmas projects. In addition, the 4’s will be working on the numbers from 1 through 5. (Does that mean I can start them on “The Twelve Days of Christmas” or would you rather I not?) On a personal note, thank you all for your understanding this last week while I was out sick. I’d much rather have been in the classroom with your children.

Mrs. Schaller

### Kindergarten Notes from Mrs. Fischer

The children reviewed a memory treasure for this week. It was “*Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it.*” God sent John the Baptist to show King Herod that he had sinned. God wanted Herod to listen, tell God he had sinned, and trust in Jesus to forgive his sin. But Herod would not listen to God’s Word or obey it. We know that God wants all people to hear his Word and believe it. When you believe God’s Word, you show love and thankfulness to him by trying to obey his commands and by asking for forgiveness when you do not.

Math centers included four new activities. The children made a pilgrim turkey title *Count Your Blessings*. On the turkey’s tail, they had to count up to 30 by 2’s. They practiced telling time to the hour with a crocodile by using the game *Clock-O-Dial*. They had to stamp pennies to reach a certain amount of money. And on the computer, they were sorting items.

The children finished letter *L* reading centers on Wednesday. The new letter book is *I*. The centers will use *I*, but the theme will be Thanksgiving. In the Reading Center, they will make Indian headbands. In the Art Center, they will make a Thanksgiving scene using Indian and Pilgrim stickers. In the Writing Center, they will use this sentence pattern: I give thanks to God for \_\_\_\_\_.

I wish you all a very blessed Thanksgiving Day with your families. Remember, Thanksgiving is thanks living!

Mrs. Fischer

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Notes from Mrs. Korte

What.....Thanksgiving Day is next week? How can this be? After the Thanksgiving break we will start our Christmas Service memorizations. There may be an adjustment to the memory work as

we get into the weeks of December. I will send a note to let you know.

Here is just a reminder to the students and parents that our Four Seasons Reading Log pages need to be in by Tuesday, December 1, 2009. Please keep reading.

We will not have a spelling word list for next week, because we only have the three days of school.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! God surely has blessed each and every one of us. Thank you Lord.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Thurs., 11/26** -Thanksgiving Day Service (9:00 a.m.)
- Fri., 11/27** -No School
- Mon., 11/30** -Yes, we have school!
- Fri., 12/4** -Parish Assistance Assembly at 6:30 p.m. (baby sitting will be provided)
- Sat., 12/5** -Parish Assistance Assembly at 8:30 a.m. with registration, starting at 9:00 a.m. going until 2:30 p.m. A noon lunch will be provided. A sign up sheet will be coming home, so we know how to prepare for the day.

Mrs. Korte

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Notes from Miss Wordell**



This week the students in our room have been very industriously working on over 100 place mats for the Thanksgiving dinner to be held at church. There will be some very colorful cornucopia pictures gracing the dinner tables at First German!

The students used eggs and salt water in Science class. Have your child tell you about the Science experiment.

A few parents have noted that the **book report** selections were rather easy this time. That is true. Often, when the students at this age try reading longer biographies, they are baffled by too much historical information. Hopefully, they can comprehend the information in their book choice, and be able to come up with a short speech without tons of historical explanations from parents. Parents, please help your child rehearse their speech, and your help will be needed with cutting out face & arm holes on the poster board. Thank you for helping your child follow the direction sheets as well.

Remember those book report reading minutes and reading log minutes can be included the **4 Seasons Reading Challenge** log sheet. Minutes spent reading for book reports can also be included on the weekly reading log.

All of the students have recited the **New Testament Books of the Bible**. Well done!!!

If any of you have **metal lids** that are still used on some frozen juice concentrate cans, please save them for me. At anytime, you could drop them off in my classroom or leave them in the lobby with my name on the container. Thank you!!



Finally, when the children sing on December 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be meeting up in the balcony as we did last time. **Please make every effort to have your child at these services.** It is hard to sing when students are missing. I believe

Mr. Menk is trying to arrange a singing date at Grace for the older students on December 13<sup>th</sup>. That does not excuse the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders from singing at First German on the same morning. Thank you for your cooperation and efforts!!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

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- Mon., 11/23** -Return Reading Log #11
  - Thur., 11/26** -**Thanksgiving Worship (9:00 a.m.)**
  - Fri., 11/27** -No School
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- Mon., 11/30** -No Reading Log Due
  - Tues., 12/1** -4 Seasons Reading Deadline
  - Fri., 12/4** -Spelling Test #10
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- Sun., 12/6** -**Grades 3 & 4 SING IN CHURCH (8:00 a.m.)**
  - Mon., 12/7** -Return Reading Log #12
  - Fri., 12/11** -**Book Report Deadline**
  - Fri., 12/11** -Spelling Test #11
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- Sun., 12/13** -**Grades 3 & 4 SING IN CHURCH (10:30 a.m.)**
  - Mon., 12/14** -Return Reading Log #13
  - Fri., 12/18** -Spelling Test #12

## 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Notes from Mr. Siegler

Have a blessed Thanksgiving vacation. Come back refreshed.

### Tests and quizzes for 11 - 23 to 11 - 27

<b>Mon.</b>	Spelling pretest
<b>Tue.</b>	No tests
<b>Wed.</b>	Reading quiz Spelling test Social studies test chpt 8 English test unit 3 Math test
<b>Thur.</b>	See you in church
<b>Fri.</b>	Calendar quiz

### Grades 5-8 - Sing This Sunday & Thanksgiving Day

Students in grades 5-8 sing this weekend in **both services**. We will sit in the balcony throughout the 8:00 a.m. service. Right after the service, we will briefly practice our Thanksgiving piece with the Mixed Choir. We will again sing in the 10:30 a.m. service in between the readings. Afterwards, students will be excused to sit with their families or to leave if as they already attended the early service.

On Thanksgiving Day we sing only one anthem with the Mixed Choir so students can sit with their families. We will be singing in front, so please dress accordingly.

### Handbell Choir Plays This Sunday & Thanksgiving Day

This Sunday, handbell students need to be at church by 7:30 a.m. to rehearse their piece. I know it's early, but it's the only chance we get to set up the bells, review the piece, and become more confident for the service. Your help is greatly appreciated. The handbell choir will play during the offering of the 8:00 a.m. service and as pre-service before the 10:30 a.m. service. The handbell choir also plays in the Thanksgiving service with the choir anthem. Thanks for your help in making all of this possible.

### Thanksgiving Day Band Members

We will rehearse at 8:30 a.m. in the balcony of church on Thanksgiving Day. Please be on time as we have many hymns to review. Thank you for your cooperation and for your playing.



## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Notes from Mr. Menk

**Book reports** are due on Monday. Completed cards should be handed in by first recess. Students may want to start the December book report over the Thanksgiving vacation as the month is going to be very busy. December's book report type is a mystery. (No, Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew do not count ..... sorry.)

We **will** have a **spelling** unit this week. Therefore, we will have a test on Tuesday and Wednesday.

We will be singing at **Grace Lutheran** on December 13<sup>th</sup> in their 10:30 a.m. service. Thank you to everyone for your willingness to play and sing there. More information will be in the next notes and news.

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Notes from Mr. Leckwee

The kids are working on a "Road to the Revolution" project. They need to have their research for their topic done by Monday and the entire project put together by Wednesday. Give a gentle reminder to them this weekend to make sure they are where they need to be.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

<b>Mon., 11/23</b>	-History Quiz
<b>Tue., 11/24</b>	-none
<b>Wed., 11/25</b>	-History Test

*The faculty and staff of First German wish each and everyone a blessed Thanksgiving. May we all remember God has given us many blessings in our lives. The greatest gift is his Son for the redemption of our sins so we may have eternal life. Let us remember to thank him daily.*

