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The Timber Times
October 31st, 2024

School News

BookIt!

Please return your October calendars to your teachers, and be on the lookout for November calendars as well. Thank you!

Tent or Treat

A huge thank you to everyone who offered their time to help with a booth, decorate, man the tent, donate candy, or help in any other way! This is an event that takes a lot of man power to run smoothly, and each year I am so grateful and appreciative of all the parent support we receive! You guys rock—THANK YOU!

Are You Thinking of Christmas Yet?

Christmas is right around the corner, and what better way to get in the spirit than by getting together for a paint night to create your own nativity scene?! Our next fundraiser for the school is on November 23rd at 4PM. Mrs. Most along with St. Matthew is hosting a paint night in the church, and all ages are welcomed — what a fun way to celebrate the season with friends and family! More details can be found on the next page.

Preschool Sings — Thank You!

Thank you preschool parents and kids for being at our church service last Sunday! What a great addition it is to our worship service!

Report Card Envelopes

Please make sure you return your child's report card envelopes to his/her teacher if you have not yet done so. Thanks!

5-8 Soccer

Uniforms need to be washed and returned as soon as possible. Miss Rosenbaum would like all the uniforms returned by November 5. The soccer party is taking place on November 5. It will be a player vs. parent scrimmage. Pizza will be provided after the scrimmage, so please let Miss R know how many people from your family will be attending. Thanks!

Basketball

Is your child interested in playing bas-

ketball? Sign-ups are in the grades 5-8 classroom. Make sure your child signs up if they are wanting to play. Are you interested in helping with basketball? Please reach out to Miss Rosenbaum if you would like to help. Thank you!

Veterans Day Service

You are invited to our Veterans Day Service. Please join us on November 7 at 8:45 am in the church building. There will be light refreshments for Veterans and their families following the service. What a wonderful way we can thank those for their service to our country! Students are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue. If you signed up to bring a breakfast item for the refreshment time after, please bring it to your child's classroom by November 5. Thank you!

Pokemon Club

Our next meeting will be, tomorrow, Friday, November 1st from 3:45-5:00PM in the church basement. Please pick your child up using the entrance to the basement on the basketball courts.

DC Hot Lunch

Please bring in money for hot lunch tomorrow if you haven't yet done so! Thank you!

Doorbells

We have installed doorbells by Mr. Zabel's door as well as Miss Taasaas' door. If you need to be let into the building at any time, please ring either bell and someone will come to meet you. Thank you!

Junior Choir

The next rehearsal will be Monday, November 4, from 3:45-4:30.

Last Call for Christmas Wreaths

Jax's hockey team is selling beautiful Christmas wreaths to raise money for the season. The wreaths can last from Nov-Mar and are locally made. They will be delivered by Jax, or shipped directly to your home if you aren't local. **Ordering closes November 2nd**, and will be delivered later in the month! Make sure and select player Jax Corr at check out. [Here](#) is a link to order a

Upcoming Dates

October

31 Early Release — NOON

November

- 1 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 4 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM — Mrs. Most's Room
- 5 5-8 Soccer Party 4:00-5:00PM — Linwood Park
- 7 Veterans Day Chapel Service 8:45AM — Light Refreshments to Follow
- 8 No School — Teacher In-Service
- 11 No School — Veterans Day
- 15 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 16 Everyone Outreach 9:30AM-3:30PM
- 18 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM — Mrs. Most's Room
- 21 Basketball Info Meeting 3:45-4:15PM — Miss Rosenbaum's Room
- 23 Paint Night Fundraiser 4PM— Church Basement

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SFNAZ Family Movie Night

Please view the flyer on the page 3 for a family movie night over at SFNAZ. If you have any questions, Mrs. Roth would be happy to answer them (509)991-3488.

Seahawks Raffle — Winner Announced!

Our Seahawks raffle raised \$880 for the school! Thank you for your support! We announced the winner after chapel today — Mr. Dave Sauer is the proud new owner of 2 Seahawks tickets for the November 24th game vs. the Cardinals! Congrats Dave!!!

Get merch by clicking [here](#) or use the code! These items make AWESOME Christmas gifts...hint, hint!





Christmas

PAINTING PARTY



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD
AT 4:00 PM

Hosted by St. Matthew

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QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO
KAYLA BIEBERT (715)402-0114 OR
MICHELLE MOST (832)212-9102

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NOVEMBER 8TH AT 6:30PM

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THE SOUNDTRACK FOR THE MOVIES THAT NIGHT WILL RUMBLE THE VENUE THROUGH THE SKILLED PRESENTATION OF ONE PERSON PLAYING A MASSIVE THEATER ORGAN WITH THOUSANDS OF INSTRUMENTS JUST AS IT HAPPENED IN THE LIBERTY THEATRE IN SEATTLE IN 1914. THAT'S IT; THE MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS WILL ALL COME FROM ONE AMAZING INSTRUMENT.

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Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

If you haven't figured it out yet, preschool has something to celebrate each month!! This week, we have our Harvest Parties!! The 3-year old classes had theirs on Monday and the 4-year old classes have theirs today!! Cookies to decorate and fun foods to eat makes any party extra special!! Thanks to all of the parents that helped out with our parties and our food. You are SO appreciated!!

We also have created a new theme in preschool: Thanksgiving!! We now have two teepees in our Drama Center and cranberries floating in water in our Sensory Center!!! What FUN!!! The classes had a wonderful time making Indian headbands, painting Indian vests, and stringing colored pasta to make an Indian necklace.

Thank you to all of the families that showed up this past Sunday at church so your kiddos could sing, "Jesus Loves Me". The children worked SO hard on this song and sang SO beautifully!! Thank you!!

NEXT WEEK'S INFORMATION:

- * **Christ Light Bible Story** - "God Leads His People Through the Red Sea."
- * **Bible Memory Verse** - Psalm 50:15 "Call upon me in the day of trouble."
- * **Theme** - Thanksgiving
- * **Letter of the Week** - H
- * **Snack Person** - 3's AM Grayson 3's PM Navie 4'sAM Sydney 4's PM Hazel

Have a terrific weekend with your amazing families!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Christmas Memory Work- Continue to work with your child on their memory work. You can even get started on other verses ahead of time.

Conferences- Thank you for attending the Parent/Teacher conferences this week. Please know you can speak to me at any time about your child's progress!

Change of weather- As discussed at our conferences please make sure you work with your child on putting on their snow pants, boots, gloves and coat. The snow will be here before you know it so if you start practicing ahead of time it would be much appreciated!

Handwriting- This week we started handwriting. Our first few weeks will consist of the students understanding the different lines that make up each letters.

Calendar- Don't forget to check the school calendar and the front of the newsletter to keep up to date on any events and/or days off of school.

Book it- Please return your child's October book it calendar on Friday. Be sure to add the total number of minutes read. The November calendar will be in your child's yellow folder. This is part of your child's nightly homework.

Life skill- For our first quarter life skill we practiced folding towels, using a dust broom to clean up messes and cleaning up a big spill. The kids all did great and I'm sure they would love to help you at home!

Nightly homework:

- Read with you for 20 minutes. Fill out the Book it calendar.
- Practice Memory Work. I have extra sheets if you need one.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hello, First Grade Families!

We are putting on a Veterans' Day program on Thursday, November 7 at 8:45 a.m. You are welcome to join us in the church! If you are so inclined, we could use a little food for the light breakfast we are providing for Veterans after the service. There is a sign up sheet on our classroom door. Thank you so much for your generosity!

We are starting to learn our memory work for the Christmas Program, so I hope to make a schedule for that memory work and hand it out. Until then, I'll try to remember to send out a Remind message each week of what the verse is.

This is our memory work for next week, Nov. 7:

"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child."

Please hand in Book It calendars by Wednesday, Nov. 6 so I can get those Pizza Hut coupons out to you.

Thanks so much! Have a restful weekend! God bless you and yours.

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 11/5 - The Fourth Commandment
- 11/7 - The First Commandment
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Joseph Becomes Ruler of Egypt; Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt) with your child during the weekend.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add it to your November Book-It Calendar starting tomorrow.
- Spelling: next week, we will work on contractions. These are next week's words: I'm, don't, isn't, can't, we'll, it's, I've, didn't, you're, that's, wasn't, you've, us, them, they're, and wouldn't.

Extra Notes

- Math - we wrapped up chapter 3 on data and graphs. Next week we will start chapter 4 which will focus on adding two digit numbers.
- Reading - the kids got to read the story "How Chipmunk Got His Stripes". You should ask your child how the chipmunk did. We talked about 8 vocabulary words that went along with our story. The kids also briefly got introduced to synonyms. We worked on the phonics skill of base words +ed or +ing. This skill helped them with their spelling words for the week.
- Science - we started a new unit which will focus on habitats and ecosystems. We discussed what a habitat is and we explored some different land habitats. We will continue talking about this unit next week.
- Writing - we took a look at abbreviations. We talked about Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr., months of the year, and street signs.
- Social Studies - this week we wrapped up our unit on landforms. The kids got to make a poster that has all the notes they took throughout the unit. Take a look at it when it comes home in their orange folder next week.
- I appreciate you taking time out of your schedule to sit down and talk about your child's success in second grade.
- Report cards were handed out on Monday. If you haven't returned the envelope signed, please do so soon!
- Thank you to everyone who donated candy or helped with our booth for the tent or treat event last week. I appreciate it!
- October book it calendars are due tomorrow. November calendars will be handed out tomorrow with your child's orange folder.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 11/5 - Romans 8:28
- 11/7 - The Fourth Commandment
- Please read this week's bible stories with your child (The Second Journey of Joseph's Brothers & Joseph Makes Himself Known)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day
- Work on spelling words
- Xtramath practice
- Add minutes to the November calendar

What are we learning?

- In math we are working on subtracting large numbers. We have also been focusing a lot on rounding to the nearest 100 or \$1.00. We start multiplication next chapter.
- We are still working through the east region. Our next region will be the Midwest
- In reading we are working on genre projects. We will start our next novel next week.
- In science we have been talking about inherited and learned traits.
- We are working on lowercase cursive letters in handwriting.

Extra Notes

- Thank you to everyone who helped with Tent or Trent. It was a fun event!
- Please send October calendars with your child on Friday. Their November calendars will be in their Friday folder.
- Please join us for the Veteran's Day service on November 7th at 8:45am.

Have a great weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

In the Classroom:

Word of God - We have been working on learning about Joseph and how God used the troubles in his life to bring blessings to him and those around him and how important it is to show love and forgiveness to our family and others who have wronged us.

Reading - Our Greek gods, goddess, and myths unit has begun. Each child chose a god, goddess, or hero to research and find more information about. We have read a few myths and have discovered we can learn life lessons from them, but also how some compare to Bible lessons we have learned.

Writing - We are working on writing haiku, Japanese poetry, this month. Please stop by and read our haunted haiku, just in

time for halloween.

Math - Our test over addition and subtraction with bigger numbers and regrouping was today. Next week we will be taking a look at multiplication and multiplying 2, 3, & 4 digit numbers by one digit.

Science - Up next week we will begin learning about the universe! I can't wait! It's one of my favorite units!

Social Studies - Martin Luther and the Reformation has been a fun break from Washington state history. We have learned some amazing facts about Martin. Did you know...

... that he was named Martin because he was baptized on St. Martin's day?

...he was only 8 years old when Columbus sailed the ocean blue?

...Martin was studying to be a lawyer before becoming a monk?

...he was named an outlaw by the emperor Charles V?

...Martin then became known as Knight George?

... that most importantly he figured out that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, through scripture alone, and all through Christ alone. There is nothing we need to do other than believe in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To God be the glory!

Extras

- Thank you to those of you who donated candy or have spoken to me about pieces you have that can be added to the tent. Thank you to the 6 students that stayed after school to help me set up the tent.
- Thank you to each of you who took the time to meet with me so we could discuss your child and their progress. I gained so many new insights about your child.
- Book-it calendars are due tomorrow! Please have your child bring it with them to school. November's calendar will be sent home tomorrow.
- Please return report card envelopes as soon as possible. Thank you!
- It is getting cooler in the mornings, especially for the first recess at 10:30. I plan to send them out in whatever you sent them to school with, so please check that they have what they need to be as warm as you would like them to be.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

This week's special student message comes from Luca, who says, "Go to the bathroom and fill up your water bottle before class. 'Cuz it's just... yeah. Just to let everybody know." Thanks Luca for that practical and time-saving advice!

In Religion classes this week, we have begun studying the life of Joseph as well as the 3rd Commandment. In Math classes, 5th grade is continuing its study of division, while the 6th grade has started algebraic expressions. In Science class, we are doing some hands-on studying with chemical reactions. In English class, we are taking an assessment about the subject-verb agreement in sentences. In Reading class, the students are planning out and getting ready to write their very own Hero's Journey story!

Big thanks goes out to Mr. Billiau for coming in to the classroom to talk about the writing and planning process, and being a great sounding board for the students to share their ideas and get feedback!

Thank you also to everyone for your conferences after school this week. I'm grateful that you are so invested in your children's education.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

My Planbook link was off by one symbol, so I fixed it. This link should now work!!!!

<https://app.planbook.com?t=2011934&k=1234&v=W&y=92524834>

We have begun our Christmas memory work this week. There are narrator parts for some of the students. I do not assign those as memory work. We will practice those parts in school and they will be read at the service.

We will begin a new topic in our Christlight class titled "God's Gift of Sex". I know this is a topic that some students will feel somewhat uncomfortable about, but I feel that it is important that this topic is taught in the Light of God's Word. If you have any concerns, please let me know.

The students had a World History test this week and will begin studying for a science test which will take place early next week.

The students have finished their descriptive paragraphs this week. They did a good job on them. We will continue with grammar lesson later this week.

Thank you for your time during conferences. It is a joy to get to know you as we work together in the education of your children.

Mr. Z

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

A huge thank you to all of you for taking the time this week to stop and talk with your child's teacher(s) as we strive to better work with you and your child during their educational journey. It is a huge blessing to have parents and students like the ones we do here at St. Matthew.

I was just talking with a prospect this week who asked me about what our policy and procedure is when children flip tables or

throw chairs in anger.....sounds like the world needs a little more Jesus and a whole lot less table flipping. It is easy to take for granted the rarity of student and parent/teacher issues, but that comment by that family brought me back to reality for sure. Not only is it really quite rare on a given day that major issues do arise, but when they do, it is wonderful to see and hear the words "I'm sorry" being spoken and the "I forgive you" responses.

Our tent or treat (aka the candy boazaar-don't worry, I am the only one who liked that name) was another wonderful example of this partnership we share, as not only was it such a fun event, but so many of you gave your time to help out or attend the event. I feel very blessed that we have this community, and if a teenage boy dressed as a pregnant lady is the worst thing we encounter.....I think we are doing alright.

God bless the rest of your week and your weekend. Say a prayer for Kayla and I that our move this weekend goes well if it is His will. Prayers for Jo and Lo would be much appreciated as well, as they are simply being dragged along for this crazy ride.

Courageous Witness

The story is told that when times were dark, when persecution was intense, when the enemies of truth appeared to triumph, Martin Luther would gather his fellow reformers. He would urge them, "Come, let us sing the 46th Psalm." Eventually, Luther took the words of that psalm and composed one of the greatest hymns of the Lutheran church—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

As we seek to be courageous witnesses for Christ, where can we go when things get bad, when times get dark, when the opposition to Christ and his Word gets so bad that the enemies of truth seem to triumph? As Luther explains in his hymn, "With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected..." (Christian Worship 863:2) If it were up to us and our ability, the battle would be over before it even started. Satan and the sinful world would be able to claim victory without a fight.

"But for us fights the valiant one whom God himself elected. You ask, 'Who is this?' Jesus Christ it is, the almighty Lord, and there's no other God; he holds the field forever." (Christian

Worship 863:2) The courageous witness need not be afraid, because it's not up to us to fight for Christ. It is not up to us to preserve the gospel or the Christian church. We have One who already preserves the Word, the Church, and us—the almighty Lord who "holds the field forever."

When times get dark, when the opposition of loved ones, coworkers, or classmates gets bad, the enemies of the truth seem to triumph. Where will we find a mighty fortress that not even Satan can destroy? We look to our God who is "an ever-present help in trouble." We look to Christ, who has already won by his death on the cross and resurrection from the grave. Then we will see

every one of Satan's terrible attacks crash against that mighty fortress and disappear like so many waves. "The God of Jacob is our fortress!" (Psalm 46:11)

Prayer:

O Lord, be my rock and refuge, my mighty fortress against the old evil foe. Amen.

*Want more daily devotions?
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God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1