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School News

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.

[Reserve your spot here!](#)



Christmas Service Practices

Please take note of the following practice dates for the Christmas service

- December 4—8:30AM
- December 5—1:30PM
- December 9—8:30AM
- December 13—1:30PM

Our Christmas service will be held on Friday, December 13 at 5:30PM. For these practices, we ask that you drop off or pick up (depending on AM or PM) at the Naz gym (9004 N Country Homes Blvd). More details to come soon. If you are new and this sounds unfamiliar and confusing, please reach out to your child's teacher—they are happy to give more explanation!

Basketball

Mark your calendars! There will be an informational meeting next week on Thursday, November 21 at 3:45 in Miss Rosenbaum's room. We will be having an A (7-8 grade) and a B team (5-6 grade). Please bring the athletic fee of \$30 on Nov. 21. Forms will also be signed at the meeting. Please wait outside Miss R's classroom until she is done dismissing her students. Thank you!

Can You Help with Snow Removal?

Wanted: School parents who are able to come 10-30 minutes prior to school on days we wake up to snow. Call/text Mark Gaulke if/what days you can help out! (715)389-9808

Pokemon Club

Our next meeting will be, Friday, November 22 from 3:45-5:00 in the church basement. If there are any 2-8 grade students that would still like to join, we have room! Please speak with Mrs. Most before joining us at the next club meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Parent Conversations

After a brief hiatus from these articles, I thought it would be great to continue this series of sharing parenting related articles. [This one](#), especially, hit home to me — around the holidays can be a busy, stressful time, and for me that can often translate into impatience and, I have to admit, yelling and frustration from me. This was a great reminder for my mom heart, and I hope it can help you, too. :)



Junior Choir

The next rehearsal will be Monday, November 18, from 3:45-4:30.

Thanksgiving Worship

We have an extra opportunity to worship and thank our good and gracious Savior this Thanksgiving at 9AM. If you are looking for a place to worship, please join us! Additionally, if you are not traveling or hosting this Thanksgiving, consider bringing a dish to pass and coming to the church potluck at noon! We would love to have you! Speak with Pastor West if you have any questions (509)217-9617.

Upcoming Dates

November

- 15 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 16 Everyone Outreach 9:30AM-3:30PM
- 17 Youth Group — Pattison's North 6-8PM
- 18 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM — Mrs. Most's Room
- 21 Basketball Info Meeting 3:45-4:15PM — Miss Rosenbaum's Room
- 22 DC Hot Lunch — Hot Dogs
- 23 Paint Night Fundraiser 4PM— Church Basement
- 25 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM — Mrs. Most's Room
- 27-29 No School — Thanksgiving Break
- 28 Thanksgiving Worship — 9AM / NOON Potluck

Drama Club

Save the Date! December 4th at 3:45PM. Please look in the newsletter next week for information about the upcoming St Matthew Drama Club.

Hot Lunch

DC kids are serving up hot dogs for lunch on November 22nd. Hot lunch forms will be sent home today. Please return to your child's teacher by next Wednesday, November 20th.

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

CHURCH BASEMENT
6917 N COUNTRY HOMES BLVD
ALL AGES WELCOME

RESERVE YOUR SEAT BY NOVEMBER 16TH

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

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Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

What an amazing short week this was . . . and still SO much more Thanksgiving is happening in preschool!! This week, the children were able to cut out and decorate their Pilgrim collars, finish their handprint turkeys by adding eyes, a beak and feet to them, make their pilgrim hats and start on their Thanksgiving table name tags. Everything for our Thanksgiving Feast in two weeks!! Next week, we will be able to share the entire Pilgrim/Indian experience with them and take our Thanksgiving theme to a whole new level!! SO EXCITING!!!!!!

We still have our Thanksgiving Theme in our classroom - but we have changed some of our centers!! Our Art Center has some fun laminated pictures that the children can color, trace and even circle some numbers on. Wipe them off and they are ready for our next friends!! Our Science Center has a shadow matching game. The children have fun matching a colored Thanksgiving picture to its shadow. YES - we still have our floating cranberries in our Sensory Center and our teepees in our Drama Center!! AND . . . Miss Karen built a Rope Table for the children. The kids are able to make knots, braid and twist the ropes together!! What a crazy cool new Center the children can play with!! Thanks, Miss Karen!! You are AMAZING!!!! The children are having a blast in all of these Centers!!

We now have a signup sheet on our red cabinet for our Thanksgiving Feast. Please put your name down for an item that you could bring in order to help us celebrate this special day!! Thank You!!

Please continue working with your child on our recitations for the Christmas Program. That information went home last week. I am working with them during school time, also. I will be sending home the words to our songs for the program and their melodies this week. Please work with them on this, also!! This Christmas Program is going to sneak up on us SO quickly!! AHHHHH!!!!

NEXT WEEK'S INFORMATION:

- * **Christ Light Bible Story:** "God Gives the Ten Commandments"
- * **Bible Memory Verse:** I John 5:3 "This is love for God . . . to obey His commands."
- * **Theme:** Thanksgiving
- * **Letter of the Week:** "Jj"
- * **Snack Person:** 3's AM Ruby 3's PM Wayne 4's AM & PM Bauer
- * **Upcoming Events:** Nov. 18, 19 Brown Day
Nov. 25, 26 Thanksgiving Feast
Nov. 27, 28, 29 NO SCHOOL

Have a fantabulous and blessed weekend with your family!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Christmas practice- We are starting to use some class time to practice for our Christmas program. Please review the memory work with your child. The Luke 2 passage is a little long so I broke it up but please work on the flow of the verse with your child.

Paint night- We have a great fundraiser coming up. Make sure to check out the information on the front of the newsletter for more information.

Coats/Jackets- Students need to bring a jacket to school at least for first recess. Please make sure your child is prepared for the chilly mornings.

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 make sure you are reading to your child. They need to hear what a fluent reader sounds like. Some students are able to read already which is FANTASTIC but they still need to be read to.

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)

Hi First Grade Families!

In Christ Light we have finished the story of Joseph and are starting the story of Moses. In Reading we are learning about words that start with a consonant and then the letter r (R blends) such as crow, bread, print, etc. This is a class of very advanced readers!

In Math we are continuing our chapter on subtraction. In Writing we are learning about singular and plural nouns. In Science we are learning about our sense of hearing, and in Social Studies we are learning about family and friends and getting along.

Our Memory Work for next week is

"In Psalm twenty-nine eleven, David tells us that the peace we have as God's children is a blessing for us to enjoy. 'The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.'"

"Colossians three fifteen, 'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And

be thankful.' "

God bless you and your family! Have a great weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 11/19 - Jeremiah 29:11
- 11/21 - Luke 11:28
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Jacob Brings His Family to Egypt; Baby Moses) with your child during the weekend.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add your minutes to your November Book-It Calendar.
- Spelling: next week, we will work on ai and ay. These are next week's words: pay, wait, paint, train, pail, clay, tray, plain, stain, hay, gray, away. Test will be on Friday, November 23.

Extra Notes

- Math - we worked on rewriting two-digit addition, adding three numbers, and more addition practice with regrouping. The kids have been doing a nice job on this concept.
- Reading - the kids got to read the story, "Click, Clack, Moo". We also worked on adding -s and -es to words to make them plural. We talked about the conclusion of a story as well. Lastly, we briefly introduced the prefixes pre- and mis-.
- Science - The kids got to do an activity to show how fish breathe underwater. They also started to create their water habitat on a paper plate just like they did with their land habitat a few weeks ago.
- Writing - we are continuing to talk about the different parts of a sentence, different kinds of sentences, and subject and verb agreement. We have been working on using the words subject and predicate when discussing the sentences.
- Social Studies - We started unit 3, which is going to focus on our working world. Our first lesson talked about what goods and services are.
- We can always use more paper plates and plastic utensils for our classroom. If you are able to donate some for our class, we would greatly appreciate it! Thank you!
- Just a heads up... I will be gone on November 25-26. Mrs. Roberg will be subbing for me.
- We have started practicing the Christmas program in the classroom. The kids have already learned a song and a few recitations. They are working hard on these!
- Thank you for your prayers during the past few weeks as I was deliberating a call to Minnesota. After several different conversations and guidance from friends and family, I have returned the call and will be continuing my ministry here at St. Matthew.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 11/19 - Psalm 14:1a
- 11/21- Christmas Recitations
- 11/22 - A Portion of the Conclusion to the Ten Commandments
- Please read this week's bible stories with your child (Moses Escapes to Midian & God Calls Moses to Lead Israel)

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 multiplication. The students have been working on flashcards to practice.
- In social studies we are learning about the Midwest. The students get to see what the Midwest is like and what it has to offer.
- In reading we have started our new book Stone Fox
- In science we have been talking about animals and their survival skills.
- We are working on putting together lowercase cursive letters in handwriting.

Have a great weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

In the Classroom:

Word of God - Through reading about Moses, we have learned that we need to remember to use God's Word as guidance in our lives instead of our own sinful ways, and we need to trust in His guidance and help with our tasks.

Reading - Wrapping up our unit on the Greek myths and allusions. We will conclude by sharing the information from our trifold

about a character from Greek mythology.

Math - Multiplication concepts for the week are front-end estimation, regrouping, multiplying 3-digit numbers, and multiplying money. Triangles are the geometry concept of the week (acute, right, obtuse, isosceles, scalene, or equilateral).

Science - Last week we learned about patterns in our sky such as the Moon and its phases, lunar and solar eclipses, and constellations. To go along with learning about constellations, we each made our Star finder, which can be used anytime of year to find the constellations in the nighttime sky. If you get a chance, please consider going to SFCC, one of the special kids shows on Saturdays at 4:00 or 5:30. Each 1-hour presentation includes a night sky talk highlighting stars, planets and constellations visible in tonight's sky along with a full-dome movie.

Extras

- The fun has begun! Over the next few weeks, we will be spending some extra time from our regular class subjects to work on our recitations and songs for the Children's Christmas service on Friday, December 13 @ 5:30pm. A blue sheet of paper was sent home today that has the recitations for memory work and the dates and times we will be practicing at St. Matthew or the Nazarene gym. Please take note of these. 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)

Our student message is from _____ who says _____.

There is no student message because Mr. Metzger forgot to write his newsletter until the afternoon :((Who has two thumbs and needs to pull himself together? *(This guy!)*)

Thankfully, Mr. Metzger didn't forget to plan class this week, and those have been going well! In Religion classes, we are coming to the end of Genesis, and will be getting ready for a test next week. In Math classes, the 5th graders are getting ready to learn about fractions by studying prime and composite numbers, and their factors. The 6th graders are learning about balancing equations of different operations. In Science class, students wrapped up their final project of our study of chemical reactions by designing a way to accelerate the reaction, either making it faster or slower. In English class, we are continuing our modification of sentences to make them flow better. In Reading class, we are starting our new book, "Esperanza Rising," while focusing on topics surrounding human rights. Finally, in Social Studies, we are learning about the ancient Egyptian civilizations, including making connections to the lessons we have been learning about in the Bible.

Two special notes: First, we have a field trip next week on Thursday, Nov. 21st, to Northwest Connect. We will be helping with their preparation for Tom's Turkey Drive. All parents are welcomed to attend and volunteer alongside their children.

Second, our class has shown interest in having a classroom Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 26th. If there are any parents who would like to help coordinate that event, please reach out to me and we can start working on it!

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>

The first lesson in the new Christlight book went very well. The students had a lot of questions that were easily answered. We will continue working through the book and keeping it in the light of God's Word.

The students have most of their Christmas memory work ready to go. They have two songs and parts of a prayer and benediction to learn. It should be a well-presented service.

I plan to have the students exchange names this week as well as sign up for food, snacks, and drinks for the classroom party. There is a parent that is willing to decorate the classroom. Students are welcome to decorate under her supervision. I will get a date out to everyone through the remind app. My understanding is that the amount of money spent on gifts is between 8-15 dollars.

I will have the students write their wish list on the board in the classroom so everyone knows what they can get their person.

Mr. Z

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :) A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Invitation

With many different holidays coming up (Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, New Year's), I sometimes forget that not every church has special worship services during these holidays. We will try to do our best to give you all accurate dates and times for these special services in the newsletters, as well as have these service times available on our Google Calendar.

One of the lines in our Children's Christmas Program practice today struck me about how weird it is that around Christmas we are often the most uneasy, when this should be a time of the most peace. However, this could be every holiday, as we often put most of our time and effort into the perfect meal, perfect gifts, or the perfect decorations, rather than just slowing down to grow in a relationship with an amazing God who so desperately wants to have a deep and intimate relationship with us.

I pray that your church has lots of extra opportunities to worship during these upcoming holidays, but if not, don't ever forget

that you are always welcome to hear God's Word at any service that St. Matthew holds. What better way to celebrate a holiday than to grow spiritually in our knowledge of the giver of all good and perfect gifts.

P.S. I can never unhear that one child decided to name themselves "Oiled up Santa" on a Kahoot quiz they recently took..... perhaps this is the reason for so much restless during the holidays. I for sure lost at least a year of my life picturing an oiled up Santa.....come soon Lord Jesus!

Startling Generosity

A few days before Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross for the sins of the world, he was sitting in the temple courts, watching people put their money into the temple treasury. He was studying their giving habits.

He saw many rich people give lavishly because they had much to offer. But then, a poor widow gave “two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents” (Mark 12:42). She did not have much to give. In fact, without a husband to provide for her, her prospects were bleak.

And that is what made her generosity so startling. The rich gave much, and they still had much left over. But she gave “everything—all she had to live on.” She sacrificed her security to support God’s work at the temple. How could she do that? Only because she knew that even when she didn’t have any money, she still had a Lord who would take care of her.

That’s why Jesus pointed her out to his disciples. Like them, we tend to think that generous giving is all about the size of the gift. The widow, however, demonstrates that startling generosity is all about the

attitude of your heart. Trust in God shows itself in sacrificial giving.

So, do you trust God? You have every reason too! With all the sin on your record, your prospects were bleak. But God spared no expense to save you. He paid something worth far more than gold or silver—he sacrificed his Son on the cross to make you his own.

Being a recipient of such startling generosity changes you. Whenever you feel limited by your circumstances or tempted to rationalize superficial giving, remember what God has given you and rejoice to give it back to him.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for your great sacrifice for me. Thank you for giving me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Help me to trust you for everything that I need and empower me to sacrificially give to you. Amen.

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Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Mark 12:43,44