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## School News

### 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

Informational meeting TODAY in Miss R's classroom at 3:45. If you missed the meeting, make sure to touch base with Miss Rosenbaum. The first practice for both teams will be December 3.

### Adult Basketball

After the A and B team practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will be hosting an adult basketball league at the Nazarene church (9004 N Country Homes Blvd, Spokane, WA 9921) Please join us from 5:30-6:30ish if you have any interest! We will start December 3 if we have enough interest. If you have children, they can play on the other half of the court while you play basketball. Bring your friends too!

### 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 tomorrow, 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

Well, after the mom fails last week, it's dad's turn! [Read here](#) for encouragement that even though we often fail, we are also forgiven by God for every fault.



### Meet Math Competition

Our students in grades 5-8 are part of the MLC Meet Math competition with other WELS schools throughout the Synod. All schools are placed in a division based on school size. Our school and the following students have placed in their division.

7th & 8th grade

St. Matthew placed 1st in our division as of 11/18. Three of our students placed in the top 31 students in our division: Kade Foxall 2nd place, Hannah Roth 8th place, and Mark West 14th place.

5th & 6th grade

St Matthew placed 3rd in our division as of 11/18. Four of our students placed in the top 34 students in our division: Conrad Most 3rd place, Camrynn Hendrickson 5th place, Kate Knechtel 10th place, and Prescott Ramsey 12th place.

Congrats to everyone!

### Holiday Recipes

We are hoping to compile everyone's favorite holiday recipes in one place! If you have a favorite recipe your family uses around the holidays, please submit them to me via email [principal@stmatthewspokane.org](mailto:principal@stmatthewspokane.org) and I will include it in the compilation! Submissions are due Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>,

## Upcoming Dates

### November

- 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

and we hope to share the book the following week. Thank you for sharing your recipes!

Side note — we have not come up with a fun name for this recipe book yet, so if you have a good suggestion, please email or text (715)402-0114 those as well! You could be the winner!

### Junior Choir

The next rehearsal will be Monday, November 25, from 3:45-4:30.

### Thanksgiving Break

I can't believe Thanksgiving is already upon us! We will have an extra short week next week, with school on Monday and Tuesday only. Enjoy your time with family thanking God for all the ways he has richly blessed your life!

### 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.

### Drama Club

Do you love to laugh? Can you tell a good joke? Can you tell a great dad level joke? Sing? Dance? Yodel? Lament? Say tongue twisters so twisty they turn triangles

Thanksgiving Break | Next Wednesday-Friday

topsy-turvy! We would love to have you join us for St Matthew Drama Club! On **December 5** there will be an informational meeting in the **First Nazarene Church gymnasium STAGE at 3:45**. Students in grades 5-8, and their parents, are invited to come to a brief introduction to Drama Club to hear about "Lighten Up!" If you are interested in acting, singing, main parts, background acting, or backstage work, we would love for you to come see what drama club will have to offer. If you have any questions, or won't be able to make the meeting but still would like to participate, please contact Fiona Metzger (734-521-7242) or Sue Zabel (941-201-7897).

### Hot Lunch

Hot lunch tomorrow is hot dogs! If you haven't signed up for hot lunch yet, please reach out to Naomi Foxall to reserve your child's food. (208)859-1456

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## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

WHAT???? Another week of Thanksgiving?? YUP!!! We sure are enjoying this Thanksgiving theme by celebrating with crafts and activities all week long!! We had an amazing time making our Turkey Table Decorations, finishing our Turkey Handprints, creating a Mayflower craft and even watercoloring a teepee!! The highlight of the entire week, though, was our Brown Day on Monday and Tuesday!!! Of course, we all wore brown and/or brought something brown to school - but, we also had fun playing hide 'n' seek with Brown triangles - even in the dark!! We sure LOVE our FUN color days!!

Our Listening Center now has the book, "Over the River - A Turkey's Tale". This is a fun book about a turkey that is going to grandma's house for Thanksgiving. We have, once again, watercolors in our Art Center. The children are able to paint beautiful Thanksgiving pictures to take home!! What a great Thanksgiving celebration in preschool!!

Come join us on Monday and Tuesday for our Thanksgiving Feasts. The children are creating the entire meal!! We will be serving Stone Soup, Cornbread, Pumpkin Bread and finishing off with Pumpkin Pudding!! There will be plenty for moms, dads, siblings and grandparents!! Of course, this will be another Kodak moment - your child gets to dress up as a Pilgrim or an Indian for this special Feast!! Priceless Day!! Join us at 10:30 am and 2:30 pm each day!!

Please continue working with your child on the recitations for our Christmas program and the songs, also. The words to our songs have been sent home. The children are working extremely hard on them in school, too!! You all have received an email with the melody for our "There's Peace in My Heart" song and also a text message with the melody for the refrain for "Holy is Your Name". Please play these for your children often so they can get used to hearing the songs and learn the hand motions. Thank you for all of your help!! Boy, I sure need it!! Our Christmas program is just around the corner!!

#### NEXT WEEK'S INFORMATION:

- \* **Christ Light Bible Story:** "God Helps David Kill Goliath"
- \* **Bible Memory Verse:** Psalm 56:11 "In God I trust"
- \* **Theme:** Thanksgiving
- \* **Letter of the Week:** Review Letters "F, G, H, I, J"
- \* **Snack Person:** NOBODY!!! We have our Thanksgiving Feast on Monday and Tuesday!!
- \* **Upcoming Events:**
  - Nov. 25, 26 Thanksgiving Feast
  - Nov. 27, 28, 29 NO SCHOOL
  - Dec. 4 8:30 am Practice at the Nazarene church
  - Dec. 5 1:30 pm Practice at the Nazarene church
  - Dec. 9 8:30 am Practice at the Nazarene church
  - Dec.13 1:30 pm Practice at the Nazarene church
  - Dec 13 5:30 pm Children's Christmas Service - Nazarene church
  - Dec. 19, 20 Preschool Christmas Parties

Have a most blessed weekend with your family!! See you next week!!

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

**Additional Memory Work-** I apologize but part of the Luke 2 verse was left off. Please help your child memorize "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'" This will be said on Monday, December 2. Thank you for understanding.

**Christmas Party-** There will be a sign up sheet on our classroom door this Friday. Please take a look and see how you are able to help. There will also be a note in your child's yellow folder about our Christmas gift exchange. If you are unable to participate please let me know.

**Lunch-** Please pack any utensils your child needs for their lunch.

**Hot lunch-** If your child is having hot lunch tomorrow all you need to pack is a snack.

**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.

**Nightly homework:**

- Read with you for 20 minutes. Fill out the Book it calendar. The November calendar is due Monday, December 2.
- Practice Memory Work. I have extra sheets if you need one.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

In ChristLight we have been learning the story of God calling Moses. In Reading we are learning about beginning word clusters with l (as in flag, clock) as well as reviewing words with the short o sound (as in box, sock). In Math we are continuing our chapter on subtraction and exploring different strategies for how to solve subtraction problems. This week has been one where we have our special classes, such as Music, Art, Spanish, P.E., and Technology. I teach the first graders Spanish and Music. In Music we are reviewing beats and meters of 2, 3, and 4. In Spanish we are making a craft called "papel picado" or picked paper, which involves folding and cutting.

If anyone would like to help out with planning or attending our Christmas party, please let me know! Decorating and party planning are not my strengths. :)

Next week we only have 2 days of school due to Thanksgiving! Our memory work for next week Tuesday is

Peace with God is Christ in glory; God is just and God is love;

Now I too must tell the story, bringing souls to God above.

and

Ephesians 2:14 He himself is our peace.

God's blessings! Have a good weekend!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

**Christlight/ Memory Work**

- No memory work until after Christmas.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Moses Leaves Egypt; God Calls Moses) with your child during the weekend.

**Homework**

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add your minutes to your November Book-It Calendar.
- No spelling until after Christmas.

**Extra Notes**

- Math - we started chapter 5, which is going to focus on subtraction. We learned about simple subtraction for two digit numbers, mental math subtraction, and regrouping tens and ones.
- Reading - The kids got to read the story "Ah, Music!" The class talked about text features from the story - headings, page number and information under the headings. Then we started talking about idioms. They will continue talking about idioms next week by reading about Amelia Bedelia. Lastly, we focused on the phonics skill of vowel groups ai and ay.
- Science - we wrapped up our unit on habitats and ecosystems. We briefly started our next unit which will focus on units of matter.
- Writing - we started discussing and identifying nouns - common and proper - in a sentence.
- Social Studies - We took a look at where our food comes from, whether it came from a farm or factory, and how it gets into the stores.
- Make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather - if there is a bit of snow on the ground, make sure to send their snow gear and a bag with them. Thanks!
- I will be gone next week Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Roberg will be subbing for me.
- Be looking for a sign-up in the classroom after the Thanksgiving break for our Christmas party on December 20. Please sign-up if you are able. Thank you in advance!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

**Christlight/Memory Work**

- 11/26 - Isaiah 41:10, Psalm 50:15 & The Address of the Lord's Prayer
- Please read this week's bible stories with your child (Pharaoh Disobeys God & The Plagues)

**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. Our next chapter will be division.
- In social studies we are talking about the South and how to read a map.
- In reading we almost finished Stone Fox.
- In science we have been talking about environmental changes. The students completed a cause and effect activity to show their understanding.
- We are working on putting together lowercase cursive letters in handwriting.

Extra Notes

- The 3rd graders are participating in a book exchange for our Christmas party on December 20th. Please buy gently used or new books (no more than \$10). Please keep the book at an appropriate reading level. We will wrap the books in school, so please bring them no later than December 16th.
- Please check the newsletter for any upcoming information about the Christmas party.
- The December calendars will be in your child's folder next Tuesday.

May the Lord bless your holiday season!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

**In the Classroom:**

**Word of God** - Through reading about Moses, we have learned some people refuse to believe in God and obey Him. We saw that this week with how Pharaoh disobeyed God and continued to harden his heart towards God. We want to go and show others the evidence of God's power and love in nature and in his Word.

**Reading** - We have begun our newest novel, an oldie, but a goodie, Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder. We are using our reading notebooks to write the answers to our focus question/s for each chapter. We are using the acronym R-A-C-E to help us remember how to answer them completely. R=Restate the question, A=Answer the question, C=Cite the evidence, and E=Explain how the evidence supports your answer.

**Math** - Multiplication concepts for the week are Multiplying 4-digit numbers, patterns in multiplication, Products: rounding to estimate, and multiplying by 2-digit numbers. Similar figures are the geometry concept of the week.

**Science** - We took our test on chapter 17 - Earth's cycles and today began chapter 18, Our Solar System.

**Social Studies** - We are taking a closer look at Lewis & Clark's expedition to the Pacific Ocean.

**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 last week 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!
- The snow is flying! Please make sure your child has a coat, gloves, and boots available to wear for recesses. Please only send snow pants only if there is enough snow to play in. We have limited space in our hallway for hanging all the outer-wear.

### 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

This week's student message comes from Marie, who says, "Do your homework, and turn it in on time." If that's not a future teacher in the making, I don't know what is!

In our classes this week, we had a test on the second half of the book of Genesis. Your children asked a lot of good questions during Christ Light so far this year, more than I can find in the Bible quickly, so we are excited to see Pastor West come on Thursday, December 5th for our first "Ask the Pastor" session of the year. If you're ever interested in joining us for one of those sessions, please reach out!

In the rest of our classes, 5th grade math is working on making sense of fractions, factors, multiples, and all of that good stuff. 6th grade just had a test on their chapter about expressions and variables. In Social Studies, we are continuing our study of Ancient Egypt, with a test on that chapter coming up next week. In English, we are still studying types of sentences and how best to combine them. In Reading, we are seeing how the main character, Esperanza, is learning that she has been shielded from having her rights threatened for a long time, but is starting to realize that her position as the daughter of a wealthy man doesn't protect her anymore once he is gone. We are using her story to have conversations about our own rights as people. We will resume Science classes next week.

It looks like we have enough participation to hold our first ever Thanksgiving Feast next week Tuesday. Mrs. Metzger has volunteered to be the parent coordinator, so please reach out to her if you would like to be involved. I would be happy to pass along her phone number or email if you do not have it already.

Remember that next week we only have two days of school. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

## 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

**Please refer to My Planbook whenever your child is absent from school. This way they can keep up with their assignments.**

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

This week in Bible class we are going through lesson 2 "God Protects Us from Misusing the Gift of Sex". The key points for this lesson are God's command to keep ourselves pure before marriage and keep ourselves pure within marriage.

The students will be taking a history test during the week. Our study was on the African culture and their way of life. Some things about Africa haven't changed in the last hundred years especially in the bush country of Africa.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> the classroom is scheduled to be decorated right after school (3:45-5:00 pm). Milk and cookies will be provided for all who attend. Tinarose Posey is coordinating this event. If you have any questions please contact her. She would like to know if your child will be staying after school to help decorate. Please let her know via text @ 509-953-6416. She has re

quested some items – few fresh Christmas ornaments to put on the tree, white wire and light Christmas lights or copper fairy lights, Christmas garland to go around the classroom.

The students have exchanged names for our annual Christmas party. They are currently writing their wish lists on the board. The gift exchange amount is between \$8-15. I have class coordinators in charge of food and drinks (Benny and Gracie), games (Maycee and Sage), and a movie (Kade) for the party. They are to have their information ready for me by December 1<sup>st</sup>. I will put a list together of food and drink items so you know what the students have volunteered to bring.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have requested to continue the Taco Bell tradition in December. I will be sending out a parental permission slip after Thanksgiving Vacation.

The kids have asked me to pass along my Christmas list – popcorn tin (the kind that has three different flavors in them), Movie gift cards, Walmart gift card, Dairy Queen gift card, John Deere stuff, I like dark chocolate, I am a MN Viking fan, great value Energy drink mix – Acai Blueberry, and Strawberry.

Mr. Z

## Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Thanksgiving

I love Thanksgiving.....I mean a lot. A typical Thanksgiving at our house looks like Kayla and I making enough food to feed the entire Union Army.....or the Confederate Army.....you choose. We typically have pulled our favorite recipes together from our childhoods to make one giant feast that gets turned into conglomerate casseroles for weeks afterwards. This feast all takes place while I watch Rocky Balboa get in the best shape of his life as he chops wood, catches chickens, punches meat, and brings entire nations together.....very inspiring! However, my willingness to sit through like 16 hours of movies I also find inspiring, so technically we are both heroes.

Where am I going with this? Not exactly sure, but the point is that I love food and I love Thanksgiving. If you love food as well, then please see the newsletter blurb about a recipe book that we are trying to put together. We are trying to gather together the best sauces, entrées, side dishes, desserts, hor d'oeuvres, and whatever other gluttonous concoctions that St. Matthew has to offer.

Our hope is to have this recipe book done before Christmas break so that you and I also can enjoy a holiday season of eating some delicious recipes! If there are any notes or tips you have for making the recipe, then please include those too along with your submission.

God's Blessings on your weekends!

## Our Time of Grace

No one can escape death. And just as certain as death is the judgment that will come after it. That can be a terrifying thought. No one likes to face judgment.

The thought of being judged at the end of our life for all the things that we have done and have not done sounds excruciatingly painful. We don't want anyone to judge our life and see the terrible things we've done or hear the awful things we've said.

The standard of judgment is not about being pretty good or mostly good. It's not about being better than others. It's not even about getting better and better as life goes on. No, God's standard of judgment is perfection. Either you are perfect, or you are not.

Since no one can live up to that standard, God made a plan. His Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world and lived perfectly. He kept every standard God set. He never failed or faltered. He is perfect. More than that, Jesus faced God's judgment for sin on the cross. His sacrifice satisfied the wrath of God for humanity's imperfection and sin.

Now, God gives people an

opportunity during their life to hear this good news called the gospel. He wants all people to believe that Jesus is their Savior and to receive the forgiveness that Christ offers. God gives each of us a time of grace to put our trust in him, acknowledging that his sacrifice is sufficient so that we can live in the assurance of sins forgiven.

Everyone who puts their faith in Jesus will not have to fear death and judgment. God will judge believers based on the works of Jesus and his perfection. When Jesus comes again, he will bring salvation to all waiting for him.

### Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you for enduring judgment in my place. Help me to trust in your finished work and eagerly wait for your second coming. Amen.

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Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

**Hebrews 9:27,28**