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## School News

### Mission Offering

As of last week, our chapel offerings total \$154.07. Our second quarter donation goal is \$1,300! It is a big goal, but church will also be helping out, and I know we can do it!!

### Meals on Wheels



Our chapel offerings this quarter are going to Meals on Wheels in Spokane. Meals on Wheels is such a blessing to the many people who need this service!

What a wonderful opportunity we have to serve God with our gifts for them!

### Small Business Appreciation

Please join us in celebrating our small businesses this Christmas! We are looking for donations so we can send out cards, flowers, and baked goods to some local restaurants. Deadline is Tuesday, December 15, and goodies will be delivered on Thursday, December 17. Please speak with Kayla Biebert (715)402-0114 if you have any questions about this opportunity.

### Dressing Up

Please have your children dress up for the recording of the Christmas service next Tuesday, December 15. Remember, K-8 service is at 10:00AM, and Pre-school is at NOON.

### Christmas for Kids AT HOME

Christmas for Kids is a free annual event here at St. Matt's! Unfortunately, we cannot host in person this year, but we have put together kits for you to use at home with your children! Pick up kits on December 19 from 11AM-1PM at St. Matthew. Register to reserve your kit [here](#).

### Baby Picture

This week's baby must look an awful lot like Miss Joslyn Reed, because she was guessed right away! Check out the next baby on page four.

### Student Interviews

Ginger is our student of the week this week. Ginger is a fifth grader! Please check out her interview on page five.

### Apparel

If you ordered any apparel from our online store, it should arrive before Christmas Break. You will be notified when it is at school!

### Jesse Tree Advent Devotion

You may have seen these little books in your child's classroom this week. Well, they are for you!!! Feel free to pick one up to use for you advent devotional this Christmas season! You can also find an online version [here](#).



### 12/11 Cleaning

Upstairs: Nixon

Downstairs: Best

### Final Week Before Christmas

Next week is the final week of school before Christmas Break! I am shocked by how quickly this semester has gone by! We pray you continue to stay healthy, and continue to work hard until at last we have a needed break!



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DAYS  
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## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Even though we are nearing Christmas break, we are still hard at work in the preschool classroom. Our focus this month still remains on Christmas and Jesus' birth. Our classroom is decorated with our easel-painted Christmas trees and our Drama Center still has our 5' felt tree with felt ornaments. The highlight of all centers, though, is the Art Center. We have green playdoh that the children are having SO much fun with. We even have to limit the time at the Art Center so that every child gets a chance to visit there!!

We had fun on Wednesday and Friday celebrating the color green and, of course, playing hide'n'seek. This time we looked for green stars! The children just LOVE our color days! We teachers do, too!! Lots of FUN!!

Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, is our BIG Christmas program taping day. Notes have already been sent home, but just a reminder that our 4's AM class is to bring a lunch with them on that day. I am asking the 4's PM, 3's AM and 3's PM to be at church no later than 11:50 AM so that we can begin the program right at 12:00 noon. Please dress in your finest Christmas attire – I promise to keep your children nice and clean!! A HUGE thank you to all of you parents for making this possible. Nothing looks the same this year, including our Christmas program. But, we'll get through this together!

Our Christmas parties will be Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your wrapped book to class for our gift exchange. I am already accumulating some under our tree. Parents, you and your other children are welcome to join us for the party, also. Even grandparents are invited!! The more, the merrier!!

Next week is "L" week. 4 year old classes, please show 'n' tell an item that starts with L.

Bible Verse: I Timothy 1:15, "Jesus came . . . to save sinners."

Have a blessed weekend with your family!! Stay safe and stay healthy!!

### K-1st Grade News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

#### Homework

#### Kindergarten

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Fill in your time on your Book it! calendar.
- Practice Christmas memory work. Please check the sheet and note the dates that Memory Work is due (it's not just on Thursdays)
- Review sight words: what, see, the, my, I, like, are, is, has, not
- Have your child read their "A Cat and a Rat" story to you.

#### First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Fill in your time on your Book it! calendar.
- Lightning Words are due tomorrow, December 11.
- Reading books will go home tomorrow. Please have your child read their stories to you once or twice over the weekend. Sign their bookmark and make sure they return it on Monday, December 14 for full credit.
- Practice Christmas memory work.
- Log in to your Xtramath account and let your child work on their math fact skills. We try to do this as much as possible in class, but over the weekend is great for more practice! I sent home a sheet about Xtramath a few weeks ago with your log in information.

#### Memory Work:

No new memory work

#### Christmas Gift Exchange

Stockings need to be returned to school by December 14. If you have them ready to go you are more than welcome to bring them earlier. Please make sure you wrap each present individually.

#### Christmas Ornaments

Please check your child's yellow folder for 2 devotions for this weekend. We have been reading these devotions in class and each day there is an ornament that goes with it. Please read the devotion and have your child color the ornament (you can even help them if you want). They need to cut out the ornaments and return them in the ziplock on Monday. Just keep them in the yellow folder so nothing gets lost. They know to write their name on the back IN PENCIL ONLY but you might need to remind them.

If you still have not returned last weekend's ornaments please bring them back to school.

**Christmas Party**

There will be a note on our classroom door tomorrow morning regarding our classroom Christmas party. If you are able, please sign up for something to bring.

**Christmas Program**

Please remember this will be recorded. I would like for all of my students to dress nice, just like they would for a live performance. Please send "play" clothes or normal school clothes for your child to change into after our performance

**2nd-4th Grade News**

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

**Word of God** - This week's lessons about the first Passover and God Leading his people through the Red Sea remind us that God fights the battles for His people and delivers them. He had delivered us from our biggest enemies of sin, death, and the devil through his son, Jesus Christ.

**Memory Work** - Please remember to follow the memory work calendar that was sent home and not the dates written in the Memory Work book for this week. We'll get back on track with the Memory Work book and the dates in there.

**Social Studies** - We are wrapping up our unit on Plymouth Colony. We have learned a lot about how things are similar and different to what they were back then. We even found out what we received from the Pilgrims. Did you know that hopscotch and manners were brought to the United States thanks to the Pilgrims?

Next week, we will be taking a look at Christmas traditions from around the world.

**Reading/Phonics** - The third and fourth graders have been reading the book, Sarah, Plain and Tall. We have finished all but the last chapter. We are finding evidence to help us predict whether or not Sarah will stay or go back home to Maine. The second graders are reading The Mitten by Jan Brett. We are working on story elements, retelling, and connecting text to self.

**English/Writing** - We are learning about verbs and working on putting away old words and using dazzling words instead.

**Spelling** - No spelling next week other than any spelling tests that need to be retaken.

**EXTRA NOTES**

Do you have a "Jesse Tree" at home yet? I am so excited and encouraged by all those families that are reading The Jesse Tree devotions at home!!! We are really enjoying reading the children edition devotions in the classroom and making the ornament to bring home. I hope more families continue to enjoy them at home also!

Please ask your child about their glue stick supply. Some of us are running low or are out. I'm trying to have them not use so much, but some think the whole backside of a paper has to be covered in glue! Yikes!

We will be recording our Christmas service on Tuesday, December 15th at 10am. Please have your child dress nicely as it will be going out to many people and we want to all be looking their best.

Next Friday is our Christmas Party! Please check out the sign up sheet by the Covid sign-in to bring something for the party! Thank you for helping in advance!

Have a blessed week and Thanksgiving in the Lord!

**5th-8th Grade News**

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Welcome to the end of another week! It is crazy to think that at the end of next week we will be at Christmas break! Please don't forget that we have three big things going on next week: Our Christmas program will be next week Tuesday. We will be filming it and distributing the video to you by the end of the week. Please have your children dress up! Also next week Tuesday will be our initial D.C. trip planning meeting after school. This meeting will be for current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Lastly, next Friday will be our Christmas party. Please make sure to bring in your child's gift for their classmate by or before then.

Here is next week's memory work:

Christmas Program Memory Work!

The seventh-eighth grade history class has been continuing to look at some other religious reformers that were forerunners of the Reformation and as well as came after Martin Luther and the Reformation.

The fifth-sixth graders have been looking at the growing pains that Egypt had as it developed into an early empire. They will be continuing to look at this topic next week.

We have been continuing to look at matter in science class. This week's specific topics had us looking at the molecular makeup of solids, liquids, gasses, and plasma. We played around with mixing food coloring with different temperatures of water to help us see what is going on with the molecules.

Thank you to Matthew and Avalyn Pugh for coming to shadow this Thursday. It was great to have you in our class and we pray we get to see a lot more of you in the future!

# GUESS THAT BABY!



JOSLYN REED



TAKE A GUESS  
AT THE NEXT  
BABY BELOW!



Take a guess as to which student this is! First person to correctly guess will win a prize!

\*Must tell Mrs. Biebert in the office to be eligible for prize\*

\*\*Students cannot guess themselves\*\*

# STUDENT INTERVIEW

**Name / Grade:** Ginger Allbee / Grade 5

**Favorite food?**

Donuts

**Favorite hobbies?**

Writing stories, building Legos, and going outside.

**If you could go anywhere, where would you go? Why?**

I would go to Japan because I love anime and their culture.

**What job will you have as an adult?**

An herbologist so I could find a natural cure for sicknesses.

**What do you love most about school?**

Math, science, and learning how to write better.

**Who do you admire? Why?**

Cathy McMorris Rodgers because she is so kind.

**What is your favorite bible passage?**

John 3:16—"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."



## Weekly Message

### Look Forward to This

If you read the Bible from start to finish, you will notice a theme that comes up many times and in many ways: “Look forward to this: The Last Day is coming!” But two thousand years after the Bible was completed, it still has not arrived.

So, is it even on your radar? Do you look forward to this? Did you lose sleep last night thinking about how Jesus will come again in glory? Did you cancel all your plans this weekend to study what the Bible says about the second coming of Christ?

Probably not. It’s just so easy to lose sight of. Life goes on, day after day, and it can be so distracting! Especially in this day and age and this time of year. There are Christmas lists to make, Christmas cookies to bake, and Christmas specials to watch.

But that’s a problem. Why should you desire the things of this world so much that you forget the world to come? It is absolutely worth looking forward to!

The heaven and earth we

live in—as amazing as they are—are ruined by sin. They will be destroyed on the Last Day. In its place, God promises to give us a new heaven and a new earth. Sin and its effects will not continue—no more sickness, obituaries, tornadoes, floods, murder, or bad news.

We have no idea how good this will be because it is beyond our experience. It is kind of like Christmas presents under the tree. You know that they will be good, but you don’t know exactly what they are. Still, it is terribly exciting to think about those presents. And it is terribly exciting to think about how wonderful the new world God will create

for his people will be.

That’s why it can be hard to wait for it. Just as it can be hard for a child to wait to open her Christmas presents. But rest assured, the wait will be worth it!

#### Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving me something so wonderful to look forward to. Amen.

That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

**2 Peter 3:12,13**