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The Timber Times  
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## School News

### Mission Offering

We are still studying the topic "forbearance," which is another name for patience. We pray God continues to bless our chapels as we dig deeper into what God's word says about patience. As of last week, we have collected a total of \$147.89.

### Christmas Programs

**THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 at 2:30PM & 4:00PM** are our Pre-school and Elementary Christmas Programs. Please join us in celebrating our Savior's birth! The children have been preparing, memorizing, and reciting for these services for more than a month, and are very excited to show the congregation all their hard work!

### Meal Trains

Thank you to everyone who took the time to bring a meal for Mr. and Mrs. Sauer. Mrs. Sauer let me know that not having to worry about cooking for the last couple of weeks has really helped relieve some stress during this time.

As the Sauer's meal train is wrapping up, we also have another St. Matthew family member who is in need of some meals. Julie Laehn (Mrs. O'Haver's mom) is having shoulder surgery this Thursday, and we have a meal train set up for her

as well! If you would like to sign up for a meal, please use this link: <https://mealtrain.com/y3gml1>

### Giving Tree

Please remember: your gifts for Shepherd of the Hills Preschool are due back at school **TOMORROW!** Thank you!

### Snowy Weather

Earlier this week we had some snow, so I figured this week would be a good time to remind everyone—please be sure your child has the appropriate snow gear (hats, gloves, boots, jacket, snowpants) to play outside! Cold weather does not stop us; we still play out in the snow!

### Remind

Along with poor weather comes school delays and cancellations. The quickest, easiest way to stay informed is to make sure you are signed up for the Remind App for St. Matthew. If inclement weather would cause us to cancel or delay school, Mr. Biebert will send out a text so you know right away through the app.

### Christmas for Kids

Christmas for Kids at St. Matthew was held this past Saturday! We had

## Upcoming Dates

### December

- 13 Basketball Practice 4:00PM-5:00PM
  - 14 Public Reading of *Finding Scrooge*—St. Matthew 6:00PM
  - 14 **Giving Tree Gifts Due!!!**
  - 16 Preschool Christmas Program 2:30PM
  - 16 Grade School Christmas Program 4:00PM
  - 16 D.C. Trip Bake Sale—11:00AM (after church) 1:30PM (before PreK Christmas Program) 5:00PM (after Grade School Christmas Program)
  - 18 McLaughlin's Providing Hot Lunch 12:00PM
  - 18 Basketball Practice 4:00PM-5:00PM
  - 19 McLaughlin's Providing Hot Lunch 12:00PM
  - 20 PreK 4 Christmas Parties
  - 20 Basketball Practice 4:00PM-5:00PM
  - 21 PreK 3 Christmas Parties
  - 22 Grade School Christmas Parties PM
- December 24-January 4  
NO SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS BREAK**

### January

- 7 Classes Resume

a good turnout and everyone had so much fun at the Christmas-themed morning with crafts, games, a bible story, and song! Thank you to all who attended and volunteered! Without you this event could not have happened, so THANK YOU!

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# CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

## THIS SUNDAY!!!

PRESCHOOL 2:30PM

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4:00PM



**12/14 Cleaning**

Upstairs: Velikanov

Downstairs: Hallauer

**General School News – Continued****Mighty Timber**

Last Thursday Lily and Maxwell were the first kids to locate Mighty Timber!!! Congratulations! You can look at the picture below to see where he was! A new clue for this week can also be found below as well!

**D.C. Trip Bake Sale**

The upper graders who are planning on going to Washington D.C. next year are holding a bake sale this Sunday, December 16 in order to help raise money for the trip! They will have their items for sale after church on Sunday at about 11:00AM, again before the Preschool Christmas Program at 1:30PM, and once more after the Grade School Christmas Program at about 5:00PM. This sale will be in our church basement, which you can access

through the door by the basketball court.

**Scrip**

Christmas is coming up, and Scrip is a great gift to give your friends and family! If you would like to know which gift cards we have on hand, please speak with Mrs. Biebert at (715)402-0114.

**Available Cleaning Date**

January 11 is available for cleaning. If you wish to take that date, please let Mrs. Biebert know (715)402-0114. Once you clean, \$50 will be credited toward your TADS account.

**Book Reading**

Jason McDonald will be reading his sequel to *A Christmas Carol* called *Finding Scrooge*, on **Friday, December 14 at 6:00PM**. This event is open to the public. We look forward to seeing you there!



Lily and Maxwell Rowland found Mighty Timber at McDonald's on Monroe Street!!

This week MT says,  
"Went to go rock out with Dane and Travis!"

# MILA OTHMER

# KHLOE VANHOUTEN



GRADE: PreK-4 PM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Play outside, ride my bike, go skiing.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

I want to fly and go super fast, so I could get to places really fast.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

A dog because I love dogs.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Seeing my friends and playing with Legos.

IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?

Go on a walk to the park and play on the swings.

YOUR FAMILY:

Mommy, Daddy, brother, Papa, Grandma, Lilly, Grandma Nancy. We like to go skiing.

GRADE: PreK-3 AM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Go outside and play, play tag, color, and help my mom cook.

SUPER POWER:

I would fly because it looks fun!

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

A unicorn because I love them.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Circle time with Miss Lindsay.

IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?

Give everyone ice cream.

YOUR FAMILY:

Dad, Mom, brothers Shaden and Bryson, and sister Hailey. We like to play and have fun play dates with my friend Clara.

# Classroom News

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## Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Another exciting week in preschool! Our focus still remains on Christmas - Jesus and His birth. Some of our centers have changed and some have remained the same. We now have some uppercase/lower case letter matching in our Reading Center. Fun to match up the gingerbread men to their houses. Our Art Center has some tracing pages that are Christmas-related. Our Sensory Center has split green peas in a bin with some hidden Christmas treasures. We have been finishing up on our parent gifts, made candy cane ornaments for our trees at home, and painted ornaments on our easel-painted trees for the classroom.

We had our BIG program practice this past Wednesday. This truly gave me and my aides an idea of what to expect on Sunday. These children are so unpredictable!! Thank you for the great attendance of parents, grandparents and the grade school. What a beautiful audience to perform in front of. Please come join us at 2:30 p.m. this Sunday for a program you will never forget: the Christmas story told by 3, 4 and 5 year olds. What a beautiful performance this will be!!

Thank you so much, parents, for working extra hard this past week on the program with your children. I needed the help and so did your kids. THANK YOU!!

Next week we will be working on Letter L and having our Christmas Party/Gift Exchange on Thursday and Friday.

Have a very blessed weekend!! See you Sunday!!

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## K-1st Grade News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

### Homework

#### Kindergarten

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar.
- Our new Word family is the -ag family.
- New sight word: what. We are continuing to learn more and more sight words each week. It is important you review these with your child.

#### First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar.
- Reading books will not be sent home tomorrow.
- Lightning words are due tomorrow, December 14. There will not be any Lightning words for next week.
- Spelling test tomorrow, December 14. We will not have a new spelling list next week.



### Christmas Gift Exchange

This year the students will be exchanging books. Kindergarteners will exchange with students from their grade level and First graders will exchange with students from their grade level. Please bring a NEW Christmas/winter themed book wrapped with a tag that says "To: ??? From: (your child's name)" We will exchange gifts during our Christmas party on Friday, December 21. Please keep the cost of the book at \$8 or less. Bring the wrapped book to school no later than Wednesday, December 19. If you already have your book and you want to put it under our tree feel free to bring it in.

### Christmas Party

Next Friday is our Christmas Party. There will be a sign-up sheet on our classroom door with a list of things that we need. Please take a look at it and see if there are one or two things you would be willing to bring in.

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## 2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

Feel free to bring in your present for our classroom gift exchange anytime! Make sure you wrap it and only write who it is from, not who it is for. It will be so fun to see all of the gifts under the tree!

The kids have been working so hard on their Christmas Program. We are so excited to share the joy of Jesus' birth with you this Sunday, at 4 pm. Please plan on arriving early so that we can start promptly at 4 pm! I am looking forward to seeing all of my students dressed up in their Sunday best.

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Please make sure you are sending warm mittens, a hat, snow pants, and a jacket with your child every day! Recess is cold and I want the kids to stay warm. Please also send boots and slippers. They need to wear something different in the classroom than what they wear outside.

Blessings on your week!

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### 5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

We get done with all the craziness just in time for....well, just in time for break! We were able to get to good stopping points in all our classes so that we can pick it up and roll in January.

Here is next week's memory work: **Monday(12/17): John 1:1,14;John 1:17;John 17:3;John 20:31; Wednesday(12/19): 1<sup>st</sup> Article; Thursday(12/20)Hymn 76:1,3,5;Friday(12/21):John 1:29b;John 3:16-17;John 15:5**

We have started a new study in Christ Light where we are looking at the Gospel of John to see who exactly Jesus is. We will be spending quite a few weeks in this Gospel.

Let's plan on having a science test on Thursday 12/20. This test will be on work, energy, power, machines, and efficiency of machines. We will pick it up after break by looking at specific simple machines and how they help us with work.

We are planning on having our Christmas party next Friday. All of your children have drawn a name for a gift exchange. These gifts should be between \$5-\$10. We will be ordering pizza for lunch on this day. There is no cost to your children. If they don't like pizza they can certainly bring their own lunch. Please do bring a snack, vegetable, or drink to share with the class on this day. This will help us have a well-rounded meal.

I hope to see all of you at our Christmas service on Sunday. The students have been working very hard in preparation to tell the Christmas story. Please do make sure your child has the opportunity to share this good news with others. Thank you in advance for your child's attendance. I pray you have a blessed weekend and see you soon.

## Weekly Message

### What is God's Means of Grace?

God's means of grace are the gospel in the word and in the sacraments. The gospel in the word is the good news of forgiveness and God's grace. If we do not know of these things we will not receive the gift of salvation. In the parable of the great banquet, Luke 14:15-20, Jesus tells a story of people who reject an invitation to a heavenly banquet and never receive it. It is the same as rejecting God's word and never going to heaven.

The gospel in the sacraments, Baptism and Holy Communion, is the forgiveness we receive through the sacraments. Titus 3:5 says, He saved us not because of righteous things we have done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. The washing refers to Baptism and as this passage states that we receive the gift of God's mercy through Baptism. Matthew 26:28 says "This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." In this passage Jesus tells us that we take Holy Communion for the forgiveness of sins. Of course as it says in later verses that we should not receive Holy Communion in an unworthy manner.

### What Do Gods Means of Grace Mean to Me?

The means of grace mean to me that I am saved and brought to the knowledge of the truth through the gospel in God's Word and the Sacraments.

Matthew 26:28 says, "This is my blood of the covenant poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." For many implies that Holy Communion was meant not only for the disciples but every person on the planet. For the forgiveness of sins implies that we are forgiven through Holy Communion. This also applies to Baptism. When we are baptized, the Holy Spirit comes upon us and brings us faith and salvation.

Romans 10:17 says, Conse-

quently, faith comes from believe hearing the message and the message is heard through the word about Christ. The word about Christ is the gospel, and faith is the key to salvation. So, if faith comes to us from the gospel in God's Word, we are saved if we read and believe.

## Means of Grace (M.O.G.)

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