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## School News

### Mission Offering

Mr. Biebert got in touch with Pastor Unke from Shepherd of the Hills in Las Vegas, NV. The church there is so thrilled to be communicating with St. Matthew to share their latest news and also bounce ideas off us! What a blessing it will be to see another WELS church in action!

So far this year, we have given \$38.55 in chapel offerings. We pray that you continue to display loving, generous hearts!

### Outreach Event Update

We had such a wonderful time sharing St. Matthew with the community at the Northtown Mall this past Friday! It was a great opportunity to share with Spokane what a blessing this church and school is to us! We met over 100 people, gave away awesome St. Matthew's merch, and handed out flyers for our Trunk or Treat coming up!

### Background Checks

I sent out reminder emails to those of you who had done background checks in the past: if your background check is more than two years old, please submit another application to have an updated

background check done if you wish to volunteer at school! If you have never had a background check done for St. Matthew, but would like to volunteer in the classroom or as a chaperone for field trips, please fill out an online application! It is free of cost to you! It helps ensure our kids are in safe hands! It is overall just a great idea! Go to our website [www.stmatthewspokane.org](http://www.stmatthewspokane.org). If it takes you to the church's site, click the "School" tab, then find the application under the "Get Involved" tab. If you have questions about where to find the app, talk with Mrs. Biebert (715)402-0114.

### Car Insurance

Another task to complete: copying your current car insurance info! If you plan to help out with field trips by driving children (other than your own) we ask that you provide a copy of up to date car insurance. Please also note that insurance needs to be renewed each year, so even if we received yours last year, we need a current copy. Thanks!

### Singing

PreK-Grade 8 will be singing together in church on Sunday, September 30! What an awesome Sunday it will be to see the whole school together singing praises to God! The church ser-

## Upcoming Dates

### September

#### 17-21 MAP Testing Week

- 19 Soccer @ Southside 3:30
- 24 Soccer v. PCA 3:30
- 26 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 27 HALF DAY—Release at 12:00
- 28 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 30 PreK-8 Sing 10:00AM

vice will be at 10:00AM. Can't wait to see you there!

### Scrip

We are participating in the Scrip program once again this year. For those of you not familiar, Scrip is a rebate program. Shop your favorite stores with Scrip gift cards and earn money back for your tuition and St. Matthew! For more information, please contact Mrs. Biebert (715)402-0114, and visit the website at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

### Remind

Make sure you stay up to date by signing up for Remind messages! If you haven't done so yet, or are confused as to how to sign up, please see your child's teacher, and they would be happy to help!

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PREK—GRADE 8 SING  
NEXT SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 30  
10:00AM

## General School News – Continued

Remind is the fastest way to get updates about last minute school closings, and any other important notes the teachers need to share with you!

### Half Day

**Next Thursday, September 27**, will be another early release day! Please mark your calendars so you are prepared! Children will be released at noon.

### Piano Lessons

We are looking for students who would like to tickle the ivories this year! Talk with your children, and if piano lessons are something they would like to take part in, please let Mrs. Biebert know! We have limited availability this year—only 12-13 students. The teacher does lessons for 2nd grade on up. Lessons will tentatively be starting in October!

### Donna Lindsay Benefit Night

Donna's Benefit is just over a week away! Don't forget: if you plan to make a basket, it needs to be dropped off no later than Thursday, September 27 at St. Matthew!

There has been some trouble with the online registration. If you register in person, please give your \$15/adult and/ or \$10/child registration to Miss Taa-saas. Please also include how much adults and children will be in attendance.

Questions? Contact Kayla Biebert (715) 402-0114 or Holly Roberg (509)991-7411.

### Dutch Bros. Cards

We have more Dutch Bros. cards in stock, so make sure to grab one for yourself! If you are not a coffee drinker, they make great gifts as well!!!

### 9/21 Cleaning

**Upstairs:** Rushing  
**Downstairs:** Rushing

### Primary

We are participating in a new fundraiser for our school! Primary is an online shopping site for children's clothing. All the clothing is free of logos and emblems and comes in many different colors. For each purchase you make through Primary, St. Matthew gets 10% back! First grade mom Alix Fernandez has experience purchasing clothing for her child through Primary and has had wonderful experiences. Attached to this week's newsletter is a flyer for Primary and step by step instructions on how to order. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Biebert in the office or at (715) 402-0114.

## Donna Lindsay Benefit Fundraiser

Please join us for this catered, fund-raising event that is intended to garner prayer, service and financial support for Donna Lindsay's battle with cancer!

- ★ Catered BBQ dinner
- ★ Free childcare
- ★ Silent auction
- ★ Live music
- ★ Team Lindsay Merchandise booth

### Event Details:

- ★ Friday, September 28, 2018 6:00-8:30 PM
- ★ Spokane First Church of the Nazarene GYM
- ★ 9004 N. Country Homes Boulevard Spokane, WA 99208



*God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
Psalm 46:1*

Get event updates by following the Donna Lindsay Benefit Fundraiser Facebook Page



Special Thanks



(SPOKANE FIRSTNAZ)



We need your help! If you would like to volunteer for this event please email [Holly.Roberg](mailto:Holly.Roberg) or call/text 509-991-7411

### Online Registration open!

- ★ Click here to [Register](#) through Spokane First Church of the Nazarene's website.
- ★ Use the "Other" Row
  - ★ \*\*Other Donation row MUST include Donna Lindsay and the number of Attendees.
- ★ Suggested donations are \$15 per adult and \$10 per child

1. Already created a profile? - "Log In" as Returning Member

2. To make recurring donation - Click "Create Profile"

3. To make a one-time donation and also have the ability to track your donation history?

4. To make a one-time donation without tracking your donation history - Complete to

Tithing/offerings:	\$ 0.00
Fund-Number:	\$ 0.00
Specialty & Specialty (MSB):	\$ 0.00
<b>Other:</b>	<b>85.00 - Donna Lindsay B</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>85.00</b>

Note: Day of the event walk-ins are welcome on a first come first serve basis. Donation amounts are flexible, as we do NOT want the event cost to prevent you from showing your love and support for Donna!

# CLARA CARRELL

# JAMES HOLLANDER



GRADE: PreK-3 PM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Play and Jump.

SUPER POWER:

I would be invisible. It would make play time more fun.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

A horse—Horses are strong.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Playing.

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

Jump

YOUR FAMILY:

James, Mommy, and Daddy. We enjoy playing in our living room.

GRADE: PreK-4 PM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Build trains and tracks, build block towers and train bridges, play with Thomas the Train.

SUPER POWER:

I would be like Gekko and Owlette (PJ Masks) so I could stick to walls, climb, and fly.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

I would be a dog named Sweetie because dogs drink water and I like water and dogs, and she has a cool race car.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

I like playing with Miss Lindsay's trains.

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

I would do work and construction, then I would sleep and go to a park.

YOUR FAMILY:

My family is good. It's me, Mommy, Sadie, and Daddy. We like playing Thomas the Train.

# Classroom News

## Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

What a beautiful second week of our Apples Theme. On Monday, we went on our Fall Walk with the 3-year olds. Thank you to all of the parents that joined our walk. YOU made it amazing and fun for the children!!

This week was full of exciting experiences. We learned that if you cut an apple horizontally, that you find seeds AND a star in the middle of an apple! God put that star in the middle of each and every apple! You will need to try this one at home. We also easel-painted red apples that you will find hanging in our classroom. What fun we had tasting apples this week, too, and seeing what our classroom favorites were. We tasted red, yellow and green apples. Come and check out "Our Favorite Apple" graph. Our Thursday morning preschool class was able to attend chapel this week. How fun to be able to walk with the "big kids" to chapel. And the preschoolers were able to sit with their chapel "families" during chapel time. What a great new experience for them.

Just a reminder to parents, please complete the background check information required before our next field trip. We will be going to Hidden Acres in early October and I would love for all of you to join us. We will also need a copy of your car insurance information for our files. We have some time to get this all completed, but please don't wait too long. Thank you.

And, just a simple request from me. When we go on field trips, I would love copies of ANY pictures that YOU take during these events. I can't capture every moment, but would love those that you capture. Please text them to me, or email them to me. This would save me a ton of time searching out those Kodak moments when making the Memory Books at the end of the year. Thank you so much!!

I am seeing SO much growth in your children already - even this early in the school year. They are learning how to share, play with others, follow school rules, and showing how to be a great friend. Your children are so amazing and so loving towards others - a fruit of the Spirit we are talking about this month - LOVE. Thank you for being a great example to them!! Keep up that good work!!

Have a wonderful weekend with your family. Treasure your time together!

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## K-1st Grade News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

### Homework

#### Kindergarten

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day.
- Focus letters for the week: Pp, Rr, Vv. Review these letters with your child. What words begin with each letter? Have them point them out on signs, in books and around the house. What sound do they make? Have your child practice writing the letters.



#### First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day.
- Lightning Words due September 21  
We will not have Lightning Words for the next 2 weeks.
- Over the weekend your child needs to read their 3 reading stories to you. Please sign their bookmark and make sure your child brings the Reading book and the bookmark back to school on Monday morning.

#### Memory Work for Thursday, September 27:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

#### Sub on Friday

I will be out of town on Friday, September 21 so Mrs. Barton will be subbing for me. She is a trained teacher and has experience in First grade as well as preschool. The kids met her on Tuesday. Parents, please introduce yourself to her at the beginning and end of the day and make her feel welcome.

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## 2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

Yesterday was our first Regions Test! If you haven't already, ask your child how they did! The test will go home in our Monday Folder next week. I am so proud of how hard the students have been working on learning their states and capitals. They are ready to move on to our next Region - the Southeast. This has more than double the states than the Southwest, so it is sure to be more challenging. I will give each student a study guide and flashcards which can be used at home to study with if you are looking for ways to assist your child.

Mrs. O'Haver's Classroom News  
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We are finishing up our MAP testing this week. I usually go through the results of MAP tests at our parent teacher conference in October. If you want to know your child's results earlier, please let me know.

Because of the business of this week with MAP tests, we will be officially starting daily Writing and English classes next week. This will take away some of the work time your child has been getting at school in the afternoons. If you see a slight increase in homework - don't be worried! The students will be adjusting to a full schedule and will need to work on time management. That is a big part of being a successful student in a multi-grade classroom, and the skill will improve with practice and time.

Blessings on your week!

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## 5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Ahhh! You did it. The first official full week of school is in the books, and you made it!!!! This week saw us taking our MAP tests. I will be analyzing the results and seeing where your children are struggling and where they are succeeding. We will be sharing this information with you in the near future.

I tried to make this week a lighter one in regards to work that was assigned. I know that testing can often times be stressful for the students. On account of some of the children needing more time than expected, we weren't able to get as far in some of our classes as expected. There was no science test this week. The plan will be to take this test next Tuesday. Please look for the study guide that I will pass out on Thursday.

The 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders dug into our country's government this week. Every day we recite the pledge of allegiance and say "and to the republic for which it stands", yet what is a republic? Why are people like you and I the most important in our government? These are all questions that your children should be able to answer along with the different branches of the federal government. We studied what each branch does and how all of them check on each other.

The 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders have been looking at how mountains and volcanoes in Washington have influenced the people who live here. We stopped to focus on Mt. St. Helens and its eruption. The students will be conducting an interview with someone who was around at the time of the eruption. If you have more questions about this, then please don't hesitate to ask.

Well, I think fall is officially in the air. Might this be a perfect weekend to make sure you are all stocked up on your fall scents? Perhaps making various ciders would be the proper way to spend this lovely weekend. God's Blessings on however you decide to spend your weekend.

## Weekly Message

### Faith is not Selfish

Our sinful human nature has an inborn tendency which James illustrates for us today: selfishness can raise its ugly head even among brothers and sisters in Christ. Interestingly, the two illustrations James uses have to do with how we interact with others who have much, or those who have little or nothing.

Selfish. Isn't that what showing favoritism to the wealthy amounts to? Why would I show special attention to a man wearing fine clothes and a gold ring? It could be out of respect for the gifts and skills he has developed, for his hard work, and for a job well done. More likely, however, this special attention is sinful favoritism which is angling toward something for me. What can I get? How can I benefit? How can this work—or how can I work this—to my advantage? Such favoritism is selfish.

The same is true of empty words. Why would I tell people without clothes and food to be warm and well fed, but do nothing to address their physical needs? It could be because some circumstance got in the way, making it impossible to carry out what I fully intended to do. More likely, however, it is my sinful concern for my own comfort and ease—not wanting to be inconvenienced or have my routine disrupted. That too is selfish.

Both situations betray a sinful focus on me, and James calls me out on both accounts: “If you show favoritism, you sin ...” and “faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

The answer to a sinful focus on self is to look to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. He is glorious because he was and is perfectly unselfish—in his coming, in his interaction with those who had much and those who had little or nothing, in his sacrifice of himself, and in his ongoing work as our Prophet, Priest, and King. Jesus is gloriously, unselfishly perfect.

As you navigate life's opportunities and challenges, remember that God has chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the king-

dom he promised to those who love him. Then say thank you; show your faith by deeds that are rich in love toward others.

#### Prayer:

O Lord, forgive my sinful selfishness. Help me overcome the temptations to show favoritism or speak empty words. Enable me, in Christ, to be rich in love toward all. Amen.

My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here's a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ... If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right.

But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ... What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.