

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

November 4th, 2024



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

General News & Notes

- This Wednesday will be a **half-day** of school. Students will be dismissed at noon. No hot lunch!
- Our **accreditation** visit is this week – Wednesday through Friday! A team of educators will be on campus during these three days evaluating our school based on the self-study that our faculty completed over the past year. They may be around to ask you some brief questions during drop-off or pick-up times.
- This Saturday is the **NELHS Academic and Fine Arts Fair**. Several of our 3rd-8th graders are going to compete in instrumental, art, declamation, spelling, and quiz bowl! A schedule for that is being sent home today.
- Thanks for all your hard work on the **Puffins** fundraiser! We ended up selling enough to earn \$6,000-\$7,000 for our school. As we did last year, half of what you earned will be credited to your tuition next year.
- **K-4 sings in church** this Sunday! Please meet in the church nursery by 8:50. They will sing at the front of church, then your child will come to sit with you.
- **Bingo Night** is next Friday, November 15th! Everyone is welcome to join us in the gym at 6:30. Bingo cards are only \$1/piece and there are lots of prizes to win!
- With the **changing temperatures**, please make sure your child is adequately dressed/equipped for outdoor recess every day!
- **Basketball** will begin on Monday, November 18th. A practice schedule was emailed out to all 5th-8th grade parents last week.
- **Pastor Hirsch** is in Liberia! He is spending the next several days working with a congregation looking to join fellowship with our church body. Keep him in your prayers!



Upcoming Events

November 6-8
Accreditation Visit

November 9
NELHS Academic & Fine Arts Fair

November 10
K-4 Sing in Church

November 15
Bingo Night

November 18
1st Basketball Practice

November 24
PRAISE Choir

November 27-29
NO SCHOOL –
Thanksgiving Break

Weekly Chapel Offering

The Lutheran Synod in Uganda requested assistance in creating new songs with Christ-centered lyrics. Some members from One Africa Team traveled to Uganda to help. The group produced 68 new songs over the course of five days! This is just one example of the One Africa Team's ministry.

Chapel Offering for 11/04/2024 \$33.25

Total for semester:\$561.59

Can You Be Someone's Angel?

Devotion based on Revelation 14:6,7

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People think and say many things about angels. Some of them aren't what the Bible says about angels. We don't become angels when we die. Angels don't get wings when a bell rings. But angels are important and powerful. They are special spirit beings who have only one purpose: to serve and glorify the Lord, their creator. God promises to send them to serve and protect his people.

But angels have another very important purpose that we sometimes forget about. They are messengers. That's what the word angel means. The Lord has used his angels throughout history to speak his Word to people. They announced Jesus' birth. They told the disciples of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. They spoke of Jesus' return. In a vision that Jesus' apostle John was given, he saw an angel flying in the air. And that angel had an important message to share. He had the eternal gospel to proclaim. He had the good news of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection to share with everybody in this world. He had a message that would save them from sin's judgment and grant eternal life.

Sometimes, we read this little section of Revelation the day we celebrate the Lutheran Reformation. We remember the way God used a messenger named Martin Luther to proclaim the eternal gospel to all who would hear. After living in fear of his failure to live as God wanted him to, he read about the love that God showed to our sinful world by sending his Son as the Savior of sinners. He was captured by that good news. He preached and taught it. He wrote about it in papers, pamphlets, letters, and books. The eternal gospel he proclaimed brought people back to focus on God's Word and promises instead of things that weren't true.

Can you be someone's angel? We sometimes use that kind of speaking to talk about doing something nice for somebody else. But through this revelation, God reminds us of the nicest thing we could ever do for somebody else. We can speak of God's love to them in the good news of Jesus. It is the thing that can free them from guilt and shame, from anxiety and fear. Many live in confusion and delusion because they don't yet know and believe God's eternal gospel. So, can you be someone's angel today?

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving us your eternal gospel. Help us to speak it to others that they might know your love and forgiveness. Amen.



Mrs. Zemlicka's Preschool Classroom

Bible: Pharoah finally lets the Israelites go, but soon regrets letting them go and chases after them. Moses leads them across the sea on dry land that God has opened up for them. What an amazing way God has answered the prayers of his people. Sometimes God answers our prayers immediately, but sometimes we have to wait for God's timing.

On Monday we will talk a little bit about voting, and get the opportunity to vote for a few things throughout the day. The rest of the week we will read the story "Going on a Bear Hunt," and do activities related to this story. This story provides some fun adjectives to discuss. The next two weeks we will explore what different animals do to get ready for winter.

Letter C.

Thanks for providing your child with a light jacket as the weather seems to finally be changing.

I enjoyed getting to meet with all of you for conferences the past two weeks. If you still would like a conference please email me.

Last week the kids made some delicious treats and explored spiders and their webs in a few different activities.

Mrs. Brown's Kindergarten Classroom

Christ Light: God Gives the Ten Commandments and God Gives His People Jericho – God gives us his Word as a guide for our lives. He helps us do many things and we give glory to Him in all we do!

Memory Work: A paper with the children's Christmas recitations will be coming home later this week. We will be working on those for the next several weeks.

Superkids: The children will continue learning with Icky. They will also learn about insects and the difference between fiction and nonfiction texts.

Math: The children will finish their work with their part-part-whole mats this week.

Writing: The students will continue working on their "How-to" writing pieces. We are especially focusing on using correct spacing between letters and words.

Unit Studies: Students will learn about some of the first people to explore and settle in America.

Reading Pockets:

Daily: Reading/blending pages, **practice saying your address**

Tuesday: Read Christlight Bible story – God Gives the Ten Commandments (no worksheet)

Thursday: Read Christlight Bible story – God Gives His People Jericho – Worksheet due Friday

Fire Safety: Thanks for your work on the fire safety homework. We still have several children who don't know their address. Please continue to work on this at home. I will be checking in again next Friday. Thanks!

Mrs. Spreeman's 1st Grade Classroom

Happy Monday, and Happy November! This week we will be learning about some more miracles of Jesus. He is our best, best friend and we can always put our full trust in him. We will be writing about spiders and learning about how the election process works. We will vote on Tuesday. In math we are subtracting one, counting by tens and twos, and telling time to the hour. Our new phonics patterns are the other two sounds that ed can make at the end of a word—/d/ and /t/.

Show and tell this week is to bring something from another country.

Please bring back the October BookIt! sheet.

Spelling words and fluency sheets are in folders tonight. Thank you for your work with these at home.

HOMEWORK

Monday: read lesson 11B / journal / review Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Tuesday: supershort and wksht on the back

Wednesday: math facts and super kid reading

Thursday: read lesson 12 A / journal

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Nelson's 2nd Grade Classroom

This week in Christlight we'll hear the lessons: Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter and The Young Man from Nain. In these lessons we will hear how Jesus shows his power over death. Your child will bring home their Christlight Journal on Monday and Thursday. Bible memory recitation will begin this week. Please look for the and practice the memory treasure that is taped into your child's folder. They will recite the verse to me on Friday mornings.

In Superkids we are studying /aw/ spelling words, commas in a series, writing an informational paragraph, and finishing our Stink Book Club novel.

We are talking about Election Day in Social Sciences.

A Scholastic book order was sent home today. All orders are now online. My classroom code is: DZ3VV. If you order books that are meant for Christmas please let me know and I will send them home discreetly:).

Grandparents Day is Wednesday, December 4th in the morning. Our classroom is hosting this event and we will need some parent volunteers to help with setting up the gym. More details will be coming about the morning as the date approaches.

Have a blessed week! Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Rixe's 3rd/4th Grade Classroom

The Reformation service was wonderful! Thank you to all that participated. Ask us why Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the church door.

We are wrapping up our language unit on expressive writing. Our "big" quiz is scheduled for Friday. Ask us the difference between simile and metaphor.

The Academic Fair is this Saturday; there are a number of cool ways to participate. :)

Soon we'll be starting some special Christmas art projects in grades 3-8. Please keep your eye open for some notes in the near future.

"...keep on loving each other as brothers..."



Mr. Brown's 5th/6th Grade Classroom

5-6 ChristLight -- Our stories this week are The Daughter of Jairus and The Young Man from Nain. In both of these stories we focus on the theme: Jesus shows his power over death. In our lessons for this week we are reminded that Jesus does have power over what seems to be the end...death. But we Christians can confidently trust that we too will be raised from the dead to live eternally in heaven.

*Memory Treasures: The Lord's Prayer (memorized)

Social Studies Classes: Grades 3/4— In the next couple of weeks we are learning about early native communities that lived in North America. We are also learning how different tribes shared culture traits that lived in the same region. **Grades 5/6**—In our Revolutions Unit, we continue learning about the French Revolution. **Grades 7/8**— Students present colonial unit projects this week. We are also learning more about the time period in the colonies at the time of the American Revolution by playing an online simulation: For Crown or Colony.

Music Classes: Grades 5/6—We will start learning a hand chimes song for Song Fun Night! **Grades 7-8**—We continue studying brass instruments and music.

Mr. Markgraf & Mrs. Markgraf 7th/8th Grade

We are nearing the end of our first Bible Study unit of the year! Two lessons to go – Biblical Prophecy and Poetic Parallelism. Then, we will start watching *The Chosen!* We have a math test scheduled for Thursday this week. Study guides will be assigned on Tuesday. We are also beginning to wrap up our first unit of science in the next couple of weeks. Students will be bringing some ideas home for your feedback soon! Our technology assignment for the week is to use Canva to create a thank-you card for a teacher. – Mr. Markgraf

7th and 8th ELA—In English this week, we are returning to grammar. We have finished our Compare-and-Contrast Essay and will move on to different kinds of verbs and diagramming sentences. In Reading, we will finish our study of Poetry (Quiz on Wednesday). Some students will practice their declamation pieces while others will practice reading with inflection and emotion.

5th and 6th Science—In Science this week, we are continuing our study of Weather. We will have a quiz later this week to review the topics we have learned about so far (atmosphere, winds, etc.). – Mrs. Markgraf

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