

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

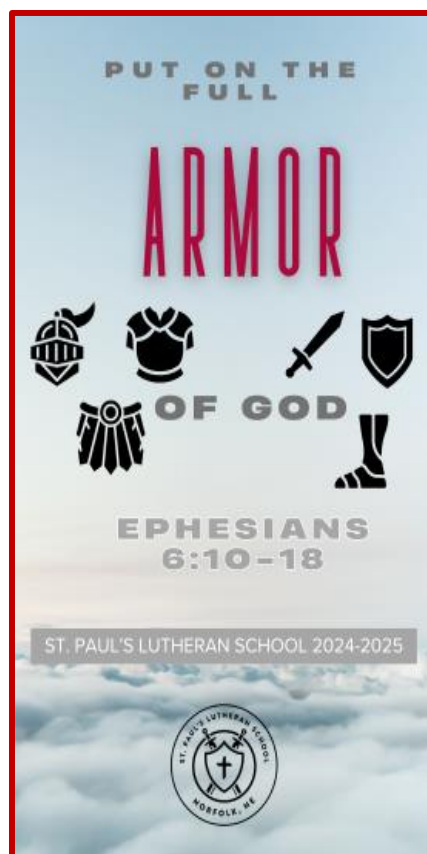
November 18th, 2024



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

General News & Notes

- We have already raised over \$1500 through the **Domino's fundraiser**! St. Paul's families are rockstars! We have until 11/25 to keep selling. Keep sharing that link and asking family members and friends!
- With the **changing temperatures**, please make sure that your child is adequately dressed/equipped for outdoor recess each day.
- **Basketball practice** begins today! Practices will be Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. The schedule will be as follows:
 - Mondays: Girls 3:30-5:00 | Boys 5:00-6:30
 - Tuesdays: Boys 3:30-5:00 | Girls 5:00-6:30
 - Thursdays: Boys 3:30-5:00 | Girls 5:00-6:30
- This week Wednesday (11/20) from 6:00-7:00 we will be having our 2nd annual **"Taste of Kindergarten"** event. Families of preschool students are encouraged to come and have some fun in our primary grade classrooms. Get to know our teachers and see what St. Paul's Kindergarten program is like! Please RSVP to the school office if you plan on attending. Invite a friend!
- **Christmas Song Night** is quickly approaching – it's coming up on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30. Keep in mind that we will be asking each school family to donate two dozen baked goods for the bake sale!
- Wednesday, December 4th will also be **Grandparents' Day!** Grandparents and "special friends" are invited to join us on that morning for chapel, goodies, classroom visits, and a performance of the Christmas Song Night. Invitations went home a couple of weeks ago... Let us know if you'd like another one!
- We will again be doing a gift collection for **Bright Horizons** this Christmas season! Rather than doing classroom gift exchanges, each classroom "adopts" a family for whom they buy some gifts, then some of our students deliver those gifts to Bright Horizons. Watch out for more info on that coming soon!
- **Book fair** is right around the corner! Displays will be set up throughout the school for you to check out. Please watch for Flyers that will be coming home with your child. Book Fair runs Dec. 1-6th.



Upcoming Events

- November 18**
Basketball Practice begins
- November 20**
Taste of Kindergarten
- November 24**
PRAISE Choir Sings in Church
- November 27-29**
NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
- December 4**
Grandparents Day/ Christmas Song Night
- December 8**
K-8th Sings
- December 12**
Winter Band Concert
- December 15**
PRAISE Choir

Weekly Chapel Offering

Pastor Hirsch just returned from his trip to Africa where he was working with the **One Africa Team** by teaching the 10 commandments to a group interested in the WELS. This semester our chapel offerings will go to help support this mission. **Chapel Offering for 11/13/2024 \$49.76 Total for semester: \$653.24**

Eat An Amazing Meal on a Mountaintop

Devotion based on Isaiah 25:6-9

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



Mountains are amazing to look at. Especially if you live in a place that doesn't have mountains and visit Colorado or Glacier National Park—just their size can be breathtaking. People love climbing mountains. They do it for the thrill, exercise, or accomplishment of it. But what do they find when they get to the top? It has an amazing view and a different type of clean, cool air. But little else. Maybe a bench, a book to sign, or a flag. But not much more.

Can you imagine climbing a high mountain and finding a huge, delicious meal waiting for you at the top? Can you imagine that it's the best meal you've ever had? Imagine being told, "Eat and drink all you want it's free!" What if the same person who said that also promised that he could take away all your problems, fears, and anxieties with a wave of his hand? Not only would your belly be full, but your heart would be calm and trouble-free. Would that be a mountain worth climbing?

Isaiah talks about a mountain where the LORD Almighty offers exactly that—a splendid feast and a scattering of fear. Where is it? How do we get there? It is a mountain that Jesus climbed. He climbed Mount Calvary with a cross on his back. He was nailed to it. He died on the top of that mountain. By his death, he gave us the rich food of forgiveness and took care of our greatest fear, the fear of death. Very near that same mountain, he came back to life. He tells us that he has provided food for our souls and rest for our hearts. But we don't need to climb a mountain. It's all there for us in God's Word. It is made ours in baptism and given to us in the Lord's Supper.

One day, Jesus will take us to his heavenly mountain and care for us forever. We'll never want for anything or experience fear or sorrow again. We'll never suffer or feel shame. Nothing will make us frown. Total happiness! In heaven, we'll join all of God's people on the mountain of the LORD to rejoice in his love and salvation forever.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for providing me with my every need. Help me to treasure all you give me and to look forward to the day when we'll feast in the joy and peace of heaven. Amen.



PIONEERS
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Mrs. Zemlicka's Preschool Classroom

This week we will be continuing to learn about bears and other winter animals... maybe we might even get a little snow???? We will continue to discuss dividing things in half and sharing, as it has been a theme in many of our stories lately.

God's word this week will be the story of David and Goliath. Young David was the youngest in his family, yet he was brave as he fought the giant, as he trusted God would help him. When troubles come our way, we trust in God and ask him to help us not be afraid.

Letter Q this week. Next week will be a review week as it is a short week.

We look forward to seeing you all at Kindergarten night this Wednesday at 6 pm. This is going to be such a fun night!

I will email out a digital copy about Grandparent's Day on December 4th, as it sounds like many copies did not make it home.

Pictures this week are from free choice time, as I must have been too involved with our story retells to remember to take pictures!!!



Mrs. Brown's Kindergarten Classroom

Christ Light:

The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace – Worshiping the true God was most important to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. We love and trust in God and want to make choices that show he is most important to us.

Memory Work: Christmas recitations – Please refer to the green paper sent home last week.

Superkids: The children will be learning with the Superkid Frits, who loves fishing.

Math: The children will practice adding and subtracting using a number line.

Writing: Last week the children will make posters reminding others of things they can do to keep our school clean and safe. They will also begin writing a review of a game, book or movie.

Unit Studies: Students will learn about wants vs. needs, spending and saving, and goods and services. This week and next, the children will also be learning about turkeys, enjoying some fun turkey learning games, and using feathers to learn about force and motion.

Reading Pockets:

Daily: Reading/ blending pages/heart word cards

Thursday: Read Christlight Bible story – The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace – Worksheet due Friday

Mrs. Spreeman's 1st Grade Classroom

Happy Monday! Did you know that we have already had 63 days of school? Time is flying by. This week we will start our new Bible books. We will do four short lessons this week. The first two lessons will emphasize the power of prayer, and the second two will show the opposite ways people respond to Jesus. In math we will be working with counting dimes and pennies and in Superkids we will keep working on adding endings to words. If we want a vowel to say its short and lazy sound we need to have two consonants between vowels so that the “mama e” or the “babysitter vowel” cannot make the first vowel say its name. We have been writing stories about how we would celebrate our Desk Pet’s birthday. This week we will be doing some experiments with cranberries to go with our book Cranberry Thanksgiving. We’ve been learning about life as a Pilgrim child, which is very interesting to imagine. We are also working on some things for our Christmas Song Night/Grandparent Day.

Show and tell is Something that means Thanksgiving to you.

Spelling lists and fluency sheets are in folders tonight.

We will have a tea party on Friday hosted by Waverly. Thank you, Jacot family!

Homework

Monday: read lesson 1A / journal / Proverbs 3:5

Tuesday: read lesson 1B / journal

Wednesday: reading wksht

Thursday: math

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Nelson's 2nd Grade Classroom

This week in Christlight we'll hear the lessons: The Faith of the Captain, and The Gentile Woman's Faith. In these lessons we will hear how Jesus teaches about love, care, and faith. Your child will bring home their Christlight Journal on Monday and Thursday.

In SUPERKIDS we are learning about /oo/ words, writing with quotation marks, and starting a new chapter book, Zapato Power.

We are talking about the history of Thanksgiving this week.

Have a blessed week, Mrs. Nelson

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

Song Night/Open House: It is right around the corner! :) Each day this week we have parts to work on and memorize. **If anyone has some reindeer antlers, we could use 8 pairs.

Book Reports: Dioramas for grades 3-6 are due on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd. **There is a direction sheet for the shoebox scene.

Special Art: Grades 3-8 will be working on some special art projects; please send the needed ingredients on Monday, Dec. 2nd

Nov. 26th is our French party. :) Students may dress up if they like.

In reading we have started the novel, Stone Fox. Ask how Searchlight got her name and why grandpa won't get out of bed.

"Our citizenship is in heaven."



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

5-6 ChristLight -- Our stories this week are Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant and Jesus Heals the Canaanite Woman's Daughter. In both of these stories we focus on the theme: Through the gift of faith, believers are able to trust Jesus completely. We learn that when God tests our faith, we trust him completely and continue to pray to him. ***Memory Treasures: Proverbs 3:5, Hebrews 11:1**

Social Studies Classes: Grades 3/4— We will start our new chapter about the first community settled by Spanish Europeans. It's in Florida...St. Augustine! **Grades 5/6**— Next, we are learning about all the countries in Europe, their capitals, and we will familiarize ourselves with the bodies of water and landforms of this continent as well. **Grades 7/8**— The students did a great job participating in our New England Town Hall debate! The Tories won. They voted to NOT break away from Britain! ☺ Next, we start a new Government/civics unit. We'll be learning about the importance of our constitution and how our government works.



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.

Have a blessed week! †

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

I am in Kansas City for a leadership training on Monday and Tuesday this week – Mrs. Markgraf will be covering my classes for me! Students have a math test today (Monday) for which they should be well-prepared. We are in-between science units right now, having finished our unit on collisions. We have started to watch *The Chosen* in our Bible study class. Students are completing some study guide sheets on each episode and we will be taking some time to discuss the things we see in each episode as well. You are more than welcome to watch along with us from home (we just finished episode 1 on Friday 😊)! We will be spending some time in the next week and a half recording our video for Christmas Song Night... Students may be asked to bring in some Christmas apparel/decorations to help with that!

7th & 8th Grade ELA - In English this week we will continue learning types of verbs. In Reading we will continue our study on genres. We started new novels for our book clubs. Ask your student which book they are reading and if it is historical or realistic fiction.

5th & 6th Grade Science - We have finished our cloud project - look for those to come home this week. We will continue our study on Weather by looking at weather patterns.

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