



St. John School

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Principal's Corner - Miss Linse

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our Adopt-A-Family project, your generosity has been amazing.

Wednesday evening Advent services start next week, December 6th. Worship begins at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there.

Monday, December 11th will be another Parent Transport Day, please let me know if you have any issues getting your child(ren) to school, mlinse@stjohnberlin.org.

The PTL Cookie Walk is next Sunday, December 10th. Don't forget to bring in your 6 more dozen cookies. This is a great fundraiser for the school.

Our school Christmas program is fast approaching. It will be Friday, December 15th at 6pm at the Berlin High School Auditorium. We will be going to the high school on Thursday, Dec. 14th and Friday, Dec. 15th to practice on the stage. See the note your child brought home today for more information.

On Saturday, December 16th we will be decorating the church for Christmas, join us at 9:00am if you would like to help.

We won \$50.00 for taking 3rd place in the Christmas Parade. We will deposit the money in our field trip account so everyone can benefit from the winnings

Holiday Worship Opportunities:

Sunday mornings at 9:00am

Wed. Dec. 6th, 13th and 20th at 6:30—Advent Services

Sun. Dec. 24th at 4:00pm Sunday School Program

Sun. Dec. 24th at 6:30pm Candlelight Service

Mon. Dec. 25th at 9:00am Christmas Day Service



December 1, 2023

Weekly Edition

Upcoming Events

Dec 5— 4:30
Basketball home—all three teams (All Saint)

Dec 7—4:30
Basketball home—all three teams (All Saint)

Dec 10 — 9am
Cherub choir (3k-2nd) sings at church
Cookie Walk

Dec 11—
Parent Transport Day

Dec 12— 4:30
Basketball at St. Paul, Manawa all three teams
6pm
Board of Education Meeting

Dec 15—6pm
Christmas Sweater Day
Christmas program at Berlin High School

Chapel Offering: \$15.01 Total Offerings: \$ 90.95

Mark Your Calendars!

3K/4K
Mrs. Henke

Happy Friday and hello December! We are already into full swing of the Holiday hustle and bustle. There is a lot going on in our room this month. We are preparing for our school Christmas Program on December 15th. The children are really enjoying singing all the fun songs and can not wait to share them with you.

In math this week our curriculum switched to a new theme. We are learning all about hexagons. This shape has 6 sides and 6 corners. We made snowflakes for our calendar pieces as they resemble the hexagon shape. We can not wait to see what our pattern will be this month. The children are guessing it will be an AABB pattern again.

In language and literacy, we read the nursery rhyme, "Twinkle, Twinkle" and searched for the letters G, I, and V within the rhyme. We continue to practice recognizing rhyming words and beginning sounds as well.

During Jesus time, we heard about Solomon Building the Temple. We discussed what our church looks like and how they built it because when Solomon built the temple it took 7 years. We shared all the special things that we see in our church and compared them to the special things that were in the temple. Our second story talked about Daniel and the Lions Den. Here we are reminded again that no matter what, God is with us.

We have started working on our gifts for our families as well this week. They may be excited to tell you they have a special surprise coming. I hope everyone has a blessed weekend!

Mrs. Henke

Kindergarten
Miss Linse

During Jesus time, we talked about the angel, Gabriel, visiting Zechariah to tell him that he and his wife Elizabeth were going to have a baby. God is about to send a Savior and he sent John to prepare God's people for Jesus' arrival. We too can point others to Jesus as their Savior, just like John.

We are also having fun making presents for our parents. We are on our 58th lesson in math and learning new concepts every day.

In language arts, we are working to finish up with our eighth superkid friend Icky. He loves playing pretend and watching television shows.

We are working hard to sound out words made up of words we know.

We are also continuing to work hard on the Christmas program, and we are excited to preform for our parents. The Christmas program is on December 15th at 6pm at the Berlin High School auditorium.

Our classroom's new snack prayer for December is "Lord, we thank you", to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?". It is a repeat after me prayer and the words are, "Lord, we thank you, (repeat) for our food, (repeat) and our many blessings, (repeat). A-men, (repeat)".

1st Grade
Mrs. Wenzel

This week we finished learning about the prophets that helped prepare God's people for the Savior's coming. Next week we will begin our next religion unit "The Savior Comes." We will learn how God kept His promise to send the Savior of all people; He gives us faith to believe in and receive the promise. We will first hear about the angel visiting both Mary and Elizabeth.

During the month of December, the 1st graders will be doing a unit on Christmas Around the World. The first tradition (which came from Germany) we will learn about is the Christmas tree. This custom began in the sixteenth century. Martin Luther was the first to bring an evergreen tree indoors. He placed lighted candles on the boughs to symbolize the stars sparkling over Bethlehem.

We will also be making our own Advent wreath to help us prepare our hearts for our Savior's birth. Have a blessed weekend!

**2nd Grade
Mrs. Fritsch**

This week we finished talking about Leaders in the Old Testament. Jehoshaphat and Esther were the last leaders God used to show His power. We are also doing well on Memory. In Math, we are learning to add two digit numbers. We have to remember to put the big number on top, which will help when we start to subtract. We also learned number lines this week. In Science 1st and 2nd Grade are learning about trees. Did you know they have their own 'language?' Go outside and listen to the trees! In Superkids we are reading Chapter 5 and 6 and doing many activities. Keep up the great reading! Have a blessed weekend in the Lord. Happy Advent! Jesus is Coming!

**3rd/4th Grade
Mrs. Berry**

We have been working hard on learning the states. Next week we will be studying the Rocky Mountain Region. 4th grade learned how to fill out checks in math along with their multiplication facts. 3rd grade is working hard on their adding and subtracting facts. The Christmas program looks great; come see it December 15th!



**5th/6th Grade 7th/8th Grade
Mr. Snow Mr. Pett**

In Religion we have been discussing Creation. The 5th & 6th graders are reading *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We have gotten to the point of Aslan being sacrificed in Edmund's place (like Jesus did for our sins). Ask your child about the book. The 7th & 8th graders are reading *The Island of the Blue Dolphin*. It is the story of a girl who was stranded alone on an island when everyone else left on a ship to California. We are learning how she survived for years on her own. In Math, we are getting ready to take our 8th Math test next week. 5th graders are learning how to read a ruler, while they 6th graders are simplifying decimals. We have wrapped up chapter 2 in Science class where we were studying insects and the animal kingdom. Next chapter we will be looking at the earth and geology. Next week we will be doing Unit 12 in Spelling class. Have a great weekend. See you in church as we start the Advent season.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break. It was great to get to see my dad and brother. I also stopped at a former employer, Evergreen Acres, and picked up two cross wreathes. I have one on the inside of the classroom door if you haven't seen it already. We are now in the full swing of the CHRISTmas season. Always remember the reason for the season! The schedule will be flexible to allow for program practices as needed. We will also be caroling to a few facilities and shut ins in our congregation. This is an exciting new outreach for our students to share the Good News of Christ. Please remind your students to keep up with their work and study hard. During this time of year that can be easily forgotten. For the most part Spelling tests are a regular happening on Fridays with a unit assigned on Mondays. They should be memorizing their program lines and keep up with other assignments in between. Remember the Advent services are a great time to spend with your family. The Saint John Choir will be having its cantata on December 17th. Please join them in the culmination of the hard work they have put in to contribute to the CHRISTmas season. Jesus is the Reason for the Season,
Mr. Pett

SPORTS- BASKETBALL

The boys' teams traveled to Celebration on Tuesday. Both teams brought home their first win of the season. Congratulations Berlin!

Next week, Tuesday is our first home game. We play Valley Christian School in the new gym at All Saints. The B girls play at 4:30, the B boys play at 5:30, and the A boys play at 6:30. The cheerleaders also have their first game - they cheer at 6:30 but need to be at All Saints by 5:30.

Thursday the B girls play Trinity, Oshkosh at home at 4:30 and then the A boys play them at 5:30. The cheerleaders also cheer for the 5:30 game and need to be at All Saints by 4:30.

CHERUP CHOIR

The 3K-2nd grade choir will be singing on December 10th at the 9am service. Please have your child sit with you and they will be called forward when it is time for them to sing.

GALLON MILK JUGS NEEDED

3/4K and Kindergarten are looking for milk jugs. We do have enough milk jugs for the shut in project, but now we want to build an IGLOO in 3K/4K so keep the milk jugs coming.

WISCONSIN HERD GAME

Don't forget to sign up for the Wisconsin Herd Basketball game on Friday, January 5th. There will be fun stuff for the kids to do. Here is the QR code to order tickets:



SUNDAY SCHOOL

A reminder that Sunday School will start Christmas practice this Sunday, December 3, in church after the 9am worship service.

PTL NEWS—COOKIE WALK

A reminder that the Cookie Walk is Sunday, December 10 after the 9am worship service in the church lower level. Each family is to make 6 dozen OR MORE cookies and drop them off in the church lower level before church. Last year we ran out before everyone was served.....so we need more goodies. Thank you!!

PTL NEWS—CHURCH DECORATING

Saturday, December 16 the PTL is in charge of decorating the church. We will begin at 9am....please mark your calendars!!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The 3rd through 8th graders will be caroling at the nursing home/assisted living facilities in Berlin on Friday, December 9th. Please be at the school parking lot at 3:45pm. PTL will be providing refreshments at school following the caroling.

ADOPT -A-FAMILY

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Adopt-A-Family drive. You have been very generous and a family is going to be very blessed by our kindness.

LIBRARY

Thank you to the Schilder family for the donation of books to our school library.

Hot Lunch Next Week

Mon, Dec 4th

Sloppy Joe on wgr bun, tator tots, carrots-vegs, applesauce, milk

Tues, Dec 5th

Hamburger on wgr bun, cheese slices, parsley buttered potatoes, carrots-vegs, chilled peaches, milk

Wed, Dec 6th

Chicken nuggets, French fries, wgr bread, carrots-vegs, chilled pears, milk

Thurs, Dec 7th

Spaghetti & meatballs, breadsticks, corn, pineapple tidbits, milk

Fri, Dec 8th

Breaded chicken patty on wgr bun, cheese slices, potato puffs, carrots-vegs, mixed fruit, milk

REMEMBER, YOU CAN CHECK YOUR TUITION AND MILK BALANCES ON SYCAMORE AND THE MENU IS ON SYCAMORE UNDER "SCHOOL THEN DOCUMENTS"



Lunch & Milk Payment Form

(please send in this form with payment or label your payment with your family name)

Family Name: _____

Payment Amount: _____

Reference - Lunch /Milk prices

Lunch \$2.75 per meal for Grades 3K-5th

Lunch \$3.00 per meal for Grades 6th to 8th

Lunch \$4.65 per meal for Adults (Please pay Mrs. Wallner on the day you eat)

Milk \$0.40 per carton

St. John Mission Statement:

St. John Lutheran School exists to provide a Christ-centered education focusing on spiritual, emotional, academic, social and physical growth. We assist parents in preparing students for an active Christian life and eternal salvation. Above all, we proclaim "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." . John 3:16

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Train up a child...

