

### **Principal's Corner - Miss Linse**

The second quarter ends TODAY. We are half way through the school year already! Report cards will come home next week Wednesday. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns. We collected \$150.25 in Chapel offerings for the 2nd quarter. We will be sending that money to Phil's Friends. Phil's Friends is a nonprofit organization that provides hope and care to those affected by cancer.

I hope to see all of you at our PTL meeting on Sunday. The meeting is at the school and starts at 10:30, the meeting will be followed by a potluck lunch.

We have a Parent Transport Day on Monday. Please let us know if you will have an issue getting your child to or from school that day.

We will celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week Jan. 26- Feb 1. We have a listing of all the fun activities and dress up days under the menu on page 5. Grandparents day is Wednesday, Jan. 29th. Grandparents are invited to attend Chapel with us and we will have breakfast

snacks and coffee for grandparents to enjoy while the students do their presentations in the church's lower level. Students were given invitations for their grandparents today. There is NO school on Friday, Jan. 31st but be sure to come to school in the evening for our Mother/Son event.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Father/Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 15th.



#### CALLING ALL PARENTS & TEACHERS

Join us this Sunday for a PTL meeting starting at 10:30am, Share your ideas about upcoming events.

Bring a dish to pass and enjoy a Potluck after the meeting at 11:30. Enjoy fellowship with other parents and teachers.

The meeting will take place in the school cafeteria.

January 17, 2025

Weekly Edition

# Upcoming Events

Jan 17— End of the 2nd quarter

Jan 19 -9am-Cherub Choirs at church 10:30am -PTL meeting

**Jan 20 -**Parent
Transport Day

**Jan 21 -**Girls' Basketball—VC

Jan 22 -Report cards come home

**Jan 23**— Boys' basketball at home

Jan 24 -Field Trip (PS-1st)

Jan 26-Feb 1 Lutheran Schools Week

**Jan 29 -**Grandparents'
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Mark Your Calendars!

## 3K/4K Mrs. Potratz

## Kindergarten/ 1 st Grade Miss Linse

## 2nd Grade Mrs. Fritsch

We are busy in the Preschool room. We are practicing a song for Grandparent's Day and we are practicing for our production of "The Mitten". Please practice your child's part with them.

Bible: The first story we heard was about Jesus and the Wedding in Cana. We learned that Jesus has power to help us. The second story was the Sermon on the Mount. We learned that Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins.

Literacy: We matched the upper and lower cases Ii, Jj and Kk. We are doing well.

Math: We are working to know our pattern of the month, AAB and matching numbers 1-7. We are working on writing numbers 1-5 by counting winter hats.

Upcoming Events:
January 24-Heckrodt
Nature Preserve
January 27-YMCA
February 7-The Mitten

During Jesus time we read about Jesus calling His disciples and about when Nicodemus visited Jesus. Jesus calls us through the Gospel, offering us new life now and eternally. Jesus came into the world so that all who believe will have eternal life; the Holy Spirit leads us to believe in Jesus as our Savior. Kindergarten finished our Ettabetta book and met our last Superkid friend this week. Hot Rod loves going fast and wants to grow up and be a race car driver, with him we will be working on the letter H. The games in the back of the superkid books are also a great way to practice our reading skills. First grade has jumped into our fourth unit, and we are excited to have new stories to read in our hard cover books. First grade has a new spelling list this weekend. We have finished 66 lessons in math. We are practicing spelling our numbers and working on adding by twos. We are practicing our book presentation for Grandparent's Day and we each have a sentence in our folder that we could use help learning at home. We sing in church on Sunday at 9:00am. Please keep an eye on the weather and make sure to send snow gear in when we

have snow on the

SCHOOL Monday.

ground. Reminder, we have

These are exciting days! Freezing, snowy (sometimes), and making snowflakes! In Religion we heard the story of Naaman being healed of his leprosy! The prophet Elisha told him to wash himself seven times in the Jordan River. Naaman was mad because Elisha didn't even talk to him. But Naaman's servant said, we've come all this, you have nothing to lose! At least try! So Naaman did, and God healed him through the water of the Jordan River, the same River that Jesus will be Baptized in to put on all our sins and take them to the cross.

In math we are adding two or more numbers, learning how to stack them into ones, tens, and HUNDREDS! We are learning different ways to count money, measuring to the half inch, practicing identifying congruent shapes, and drawing a dozen and half a dozen.

We are starting book reports this month. We are listening to Mr. Popper's Penguins. We have read facts about Penguins, where they live, what they eat, and who takes care of the egg! We are creating a book as our book report. We have been making our own pizza for art (and math), working with whole, half, and quarters. We are thankful that Domino's donated our boxes.

### 3rd Grade Mrs. Wenzel

Happy Friday! It's been a cold week but we were able to get outside for at least a couple of days. Because of the cold weather we have been experiencing, please remind your child to wear hats and mittens to school.

This week we learned about the baptism of Jesus and the how He began His ministry by calling 12 men to be His disciples. If you have a picture of your child's baptism, please send a copy to school on Monday. I will send the pictures home at the beginning of February.

We are continuing to spend time thinking about our own inventions we can create to either solve a problem or make something easier. The 3rd graders have had great ideas for their inventions. We will work on writing our plans as if we were to make them.

Next week in social studies we will continue to learn about Martin Luther King, Jr. Fun Fact: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birth name was Michael Luther, Jr. His parents changed his name shortly after to Martin Luther King, Jr. to honor the Christian Leader Martin Luther (he helped reform the church) from Germany.

God's blessings!

## 4th Grade Mrs. Berry

For Grandparent's Day our class is rehearsing a skit! We will be presenting it on the 29th!

The quarter ends this week, so in Science we will be ending our unit on animals and starting the next unit on Monday. We will be talking about fossils, environments, and environmental changes.

In Math we have started long division. Knowing all the multiplication facts makes this much easier, so please keep practicing these facts at home.

For Wisconsin
History we have been reading Caddy
Woodlawn. The students really seem to enjoy her adventures and her family experiences in the 1860s. We will be watching the movie to end the book.

For Art we have been making snowmen and snowflakes, hoping for more snow!

I hope to see you all at the PTL Potluck after church on Sunday!

# 5th/6th Grade 7th/8th Grade Mrs. Pick Mr. Pett

It's been a cold week with some inside recess, and it looks like it will be back next week as well. This is a good reminder to make sure students have their winter gear. We go outside if it is not below zero, and for those going to our Outdoor Education field trip in a few weeks, you must have proper winter gear because we spend a lot of the day outside doing activities. Students must have coats, snow pants, boots, hats and gloves/mittens for that field trip. Besides coats, a lot of those other items are not being used during recess here at school. I will be checking that they have those things before we leave for that field trip because they cannot attend without them.

This week ended the 2nd quarter, which means report cards will be going home next week. So, as we start the 3rd quarter, I have reminded the students that they need to use their class time wisely, remember to complete their work on time, and also make sure they are turning in quality work. Students are given a lot of work time in school, so they should not have much for homework. If they do not finish in the time given, then it turns into homework. Some students are not doing it for homework, and then it becomes a late assignment. The work we do each day is written on the board for them to put in their planner, and I remind them what could be homework if they do not finish it in class. Some students need reminders, so please check with your child and ask them if they have any work they did not finish during the school day.

It is now the middle of January as I write this. The year is going very fast. It seems like just yesterday that we started the school year.

Youth group has an event coming up on Saturday. We will be going ax throwing. It promises to be a great time. The cost is \$15 per student and \$20 for an adult. Parents are welcome to join us. It will be at 608 Ax Throwing on Highway 44 in Oshkosh at 1pm. On February 22nd, our activity will be snow related. If we have snow, we will be sledding at Zobel Hill on Highway 49 between here and Green Lake. If we don't have enough snow, we will go tubing at Nordic Mountain. If we go to Nordic Mountain, you will need to purchase your tubing ticket ahead of time online to save \$15. It is \$35 if you don't purchase ahead of time.

The students are researching different countries of Europe as well as the plants, animals, and insects of our local Wisconsin ecosystem. We are covering different verb usages in Language. We will be finishing Gifts of the Magi for Literature.

Please keep an eye on the weather as it changes frequently. Your student should be properly dressed for whatever weather they may encounter. If they have a phone, please have them use their weather widget to check it before they leave the house.

Have a great week! Serving in His Kingdom, Mr. Pett

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#### BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

This week our teams only had one game. They traveled to St. Paul, Manawa last night. The girls played hard together but unfortunately fell short of a victory. The B boys worked together but were unable to pull out a win. The A boys also played well together and fought hard but were missing a few players and were able to secure a win.

Next week the girls travel to Vally Christian in Neenah on Tuesday.

#### A/R CHALLENGE

Our 2nd-8th graders will be competing with other Lutheran Schools across the country to see who can get the most A/R points per grade. The challenge starts on Monday and runs through Feb 28th.

#### FANG READING PROGRAM

The school will once again be participating in the Wisconsin Timber Ratter's Fang reading program. The program will run from Jan. 27 to Mar. 21. A letter with more information will be coming home. This year we will NOT have a school day at stadium, instead you child will receive a voucher for a free ticket, hot dog and drink if they complete the program.

#### **MOTHER-SON EVENT**

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Mother-Son event on January 31st. More information is on Page 6 of the newsletter.

#### YOUTH GROUP

The next youth group event will be January 18th at 1:00 pm. We will be going ax throwing in Oshkosh. Waivers will be available soon and parents are welcome to join us. It promises to be a fun activity for all.

February will have an outdoor activity on the 22nd. It will depend on how much snow we have. Either sledding at Zobel Hill or snow tubing at Nordic Mountain. We would plan again for around 1:00 pm and go for 2 hours. If we buy tickets online ahead of time, they will be \$20.00. At the hill, they are \$35.00.

If you have a suggestion of something for future activities, please let me know. I am available via email tpett@stjohnberlin.org or 262-470-2152.

Mr. Pett

#### CHERUB CHOIR

The Cherub Choir (grades PS-2nd) sing in church THIS Sunday, Jan 19th. The church service is at 9:00am. The children can sit with their parents until they are called forward to sing.

## SERAPHIM CHOIR AND HANDBELLS

The Seraphim Choir (grades 3-8) and Handbells will sing/play at church on Sunday, Jan. 26th to kick off Lutheran Schools Week. Just a note, this is not our normal Sunday to play.

### WELLNESS BINGO

Thank you to everyone who has already turned in their BINGOs for prizes. We still have a few more weeks left, Each participate can get up to 4 BINGOs for prizes.

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## **Hot Lunch Next Week**

## Mon, Jan. 20th

Chicken nuggets, tator tots, wgr bread, carrotsvegs, applesauce, milk

## Tues, Jan. 21st

Spaghetti-meatballs, breadsticks, corn, chilled peaches, milk

## Wed, Jan. 22nd

Pizza, rice pilaf, carrotsvegs, pineapple tidbits, milk

### Thurs, Jan. 23rd

Chicken fajitas, cheesesalsa-lettuce, carrotsvegs, mixed fruit, dessert, milk

### Fri, Jan. 24th

Hamburger on wgr bun, cheese slices, parsley buttered potatoes, carrotsvegs, chilled pears, milk

# PLEASE JOIN US FOR





Who: All grandparents of students at St. John Lutheran School

When: Wednesday, January 29th

Where: St. John Lutheran CHURCH, 168 Mound Street in Berlin Chapel will start at 8:05am, come and join us. Following Chapel the grandparents and students will move the church's lower level where grandparents can enjoy refreshments while the students do their presentations for them.

#### 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

#### **LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK ACTIVITES**

Sun. Jan 26th— Seraphim Choir sings and handbells play at church

Mon. Jan 27th - Dress in School Colors (blue & white)

Going to the YMCA

Tues. Jan 28th - Dress in Your Future Career Day

Going Bowling

Wed. Jan 29th— Dress to Impress in am; Class Color in pm

3K/4K Yellow, 5K/1 Green, 2nd Pink, 3rd Red, 4th Orange,

5/6 Purple, 7/8 Blue

Grandparents' Day

Thurs. Jan 30th - Sports Day, Wear Jerseys/Team Apparel

Olympics in the afternoon

**B-Team Basketball Tournament** 

Fri. Jan 31— NO SCHOOL—teachers at a conference

5pm - Mother/Son Glow Crazy Event

**B-Team Basketball Tournament** 



# St. John Lutheran School <sup>2nd</sup> Annual

# Mother Son Night Let's GLOW Crazy!

Friday, January 31, 2025 5-7 pm

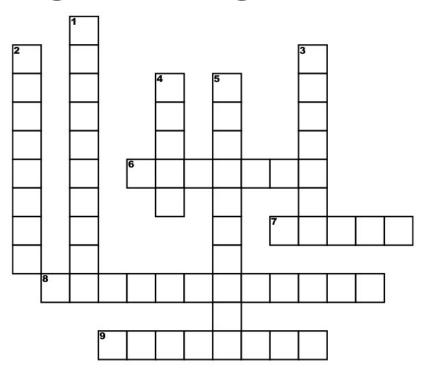
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\$20 per Mother (Son's Free Tickets at the door

Join us for a FUN filled night of Dancing Glow-tastic Games Food

All Mother + Son's welcome

## **Penguins the flightless birds**





#### <u>Across</u>

- 6. Insulates the body
- 7. Food for them
- 8. Smallest penguin
- **9.** Shedding of feathers once a year
- **10.** Huddle together in a nursery

#### Down

- 1. Coldest region in south
- 2. Have instead of wings
- 3. Largest penguin
- 4. They are pretators
- 5. use to swim and stand

## PENGUIN SUDOKU





