## NEWS for the week of January 18, 2021

### Prayer Requests
- **Families of the Week:**
  - DK-8th Grade: Clara, Oliver, and William Oeschger
  - Preschool/Early Childcare: Scarlet Reibling
  - Staff: Ms. Sarah Brooks, Childcare Director
  - Local Church/Pastor: Pigeon River Mennonite Church, Pr. Dave Maurer

### Childcare Center & School
- **Wed., Jan. 20:** Chapel, 8:15 a.m.
  - Chapel offerings this month will be used to support the Pigeon Food Pantry. Throughout the year, offerings will also support the education of Berlina, a teenage girl in Haiti.

### DK-8
- For families that pick students up in the front parking lot, if you would prefer to park in a parking spot rather than on the street during the winter to avoid your child having to walk through the snow, that is fine. If you park in a parking spot, you will need to meet your child at the sidewalk and walk them to your vehicle.
- **Basketball Practice** will take place for grades 3-8 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays after school until 4:00 for the next six weeks unless otherwise noted. Dates of games to be determined. Stay tuned!
- **Fri., Jan. 22:** End of 2nd Quarter; ½ day of school with dismissal at 11:00.

### Preschool
- Preschool Parents need to make sure that they are receiving notices from Brightwheel. If you are not please reach out to Sarah, so you are not missing out on information.
- Please note that you can reach the Preschool classroom by calling 989-550-3334. This is the best way to communicate with the staff.
- Themes this week: Letters M and N, numeral 8. Zoo Phonics capital letters with characters “F” through “J”. Stories and literacy activities are on the theme of penguins. Other items for this week: numeral practice, patterning and painting with watercolors over wax resist. Bible time is about Jesus being baptized by John.
- Families, *please teach your child how to put on snow clothes (mostly) independently.* Remember, snow pants go on first; mittens last. Thank you!

### Childcare
- With winter weather fast approaching, we are trying to get outside as much as we can. All classrooms go out. Please make sure that we have the right coat and other clothes for the weather. It will be much easier for the staff too, if you would please take a moment and label everything.
- We are starting to teach the children to use their lockers, so please start having them work on putting things in there with you also at drop off and pick up times. The Staff will be working hard to be putting everything in the locker right after they are done using it. We are hoping this will help with misplaced items.
| Church Events | You are always welcome to attend Cross Lutheran Church on Sunday mornings. Our service begins at 9:30 A.M. |