

St. John's Lutheran School

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DECEMBER EVENTS

- ◆ *Monday,
December 11th
Christmas
Concert
1:30 & 7:00 P.M.
School Gym*
- ◆ *Tuesday,
December 12th
5:30 P.M.
Adult & Jr. Choir
Caroling*
- ◆ *Friday,
December 22nd
1:30 P.M.
Sunday
December 24th
6:30 P.M.
Children's
Christmas Eve
Service*



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Weekly Schedule

Sun., Dec. 10	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 4-5:30 PM	DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE Bible Classes & Sunday School DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE (Jr. Choir Sings) Open Gym
Mon., Dec. 11	7:15 AM 12:05 PM 1:30 PM 3-4:30 PM 3:30-5:30 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Faculty Mtg. Hot Lunch: Village Garden Christmas Concert—School Gym B Boys BB Practice A Boys BB Practice BB @ St. Matthew's, Iron Ridge 4:00 PM—B Girls & 5:00 PM—A Girls Christmas Concert—School Gym
Tues., Dec. 12	3-4:30 PM 3:30-5:30 PM 5:30 PM	Piano Lessons B Girls BB Practice A Girls BB Practice Adult & Jr. Choir Caroling
Wed., Dec. 13	7:15 AM 8:00 AM 12:05 PM 3-4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Faculty Mtg. CHAPEL/MISSION OFFERING Hot Lunch: SubWay A&B Girls BB Practice BB Here vs. St. Matthew's, Iron Ridge 5:00 PM—B Boys & 6:00 PM—A Boys
Thurs., Dec. 14	3-4:30 PM 3:15-4:30 PM 3:30-5:30 PM 6:30 PM	B Boys BB Practice Cheer Practice A Boys BB Practice DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE
Fri., Dec. 15	5:00 PM	CEF Stamps & Band Practice BB @ St. John, Waterloo 5:00 PM—B Girls, 6:00 PM—B Boys, 7:00 PM—A Girls, & 8:00 PM—A Boys

Worship Schedule

“Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
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Thursday—6:30 P.M.
Sunday—8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Bible Class (church basement)— 9:15 A.M.
Sunday School (school)—9:15 A.M.
Youth Bible Class (school)—9:15 A.M.



From the Principal's Desk

What Time Is It?

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your LORD will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him." Matthew 24:42-44



What time is it? It is a question Jesus makes me consider. In His lesson, He uses both days and hours to make me think about His return in glory. He further emphasizes the approaching time of His return by using the suddenness of a thief breaking into a home.

The lesson is clear, and it is one I need to understand. The time is right for Jesus to return. He could come on any day or at any moment. This is why I need to know the time. Certainly my sinful flesh will question the importance of this concern. The devil will also do whatever he can to lead me to apathy. Even the world will offer its share of distractions.

In spite of the temptation to put the thought of Jesus' return on hold, now is the time to be ready. In order to be ready, I need to listen to the Lord's exhortations and encouragement. I also need to depend on His precious and saving work. He gave up His life so that I could live a life of repentance and forgiveness. He endured my shame and punishment on the cross so I could receive His glory. He rose triumphant from the grave so I could have the confidence of life with Him in heaven. When I daily depend on what Jesus has done for me, I will be ready whenever He comes.

Time has a way of slipping by. We can become busy. We can become distracted. We can simply lose track of it. In many situations, this will not be a major problem. In view of Jesus' return, time is critical. I need to take Jesus' words to heart and be ready. I need to know what time it is because the Son of Man is coming.



Prayer: O precious Savior, open my eyes to see what time it is, then prepare my heart to welcome You when You return in glory. Amen.

HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

Church Singing

Sunday, December 10, 10:30 A.M.:

Jr. Choir Sings

Sunday, December 17, 8:00 A.M.:

Jr. Choir Sings

Mission Offerings

2nd Quarter—World Missions—

Nepal

Total collected so far: **\$137.34**

Please remember that our mission offerings for our Lord are collected on Wednesday.

Children's Christmas Eve Service

The children's Christmas Eve Service will be held on the following dates:



Wednesday, December 20, 11:00 A.M.
(For Mid-Week Communion—not a complete service. Will mainly be songs.)

Friday, December 22 at 1:30 P.M.
Sunday, December 24 at 6:30 P.M.

Each child is expected to attend each service. If your child/children will not be attending, please send a note informing your child's teacher. Thank You!

Special Christmas Eve Offering

The last couple of years, we have had a special Christmas Eve collection to support our worker



training schools (Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Luther Preparatory School, & Martin Luther College). This year we would like to designate our offering for Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. A special envelope will be enclosed in your family envelope next Friday for this offering. Please use this envelope for your offering and return it to school via the family envelope on Monday, December 18th or with the children on Christmas Eve.

Winter Concert



The Jr. Choir/Band/Recorder

Concert will be held on

Monday, December 11 at 1:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. in the school gym. Third grade recorder students are asked to wear nice clothes for the Christmas concert at 7:00 P.M. The band and Jr. Choir will wear their orange shirts, black t-shirts, and black pants, capris, or skirts. The shirts will be handed out at school before the evening concert and will be returned to Mrs. Leissring after the concert. If you have any questions regarding the apparel for the evening, please contact Mr. Lober or Mrs. Leissring in the school office. Thank you!

All concert participants are to be at school by:

6:15 P.M. Band

6:30 P.M. Jr. Choir

6:45 P.M. Third Grade Recorder Students

Please bring one dozen cookies per family to share with everyone after the concert. ☺

Adult & Jr. Choir Caroling

The Adult and Jr. Choir will carol on Tuesday, December 12th, from 5:30 P.M. to approximately 7:30 P.M. Lamers Bus Lines will provide the transportation. Congregation members are also invited to come. We will have pizzas when we get back from caroling. The A girls who plan to go caroling will be allowed to leave basketball practice early on this day.

"Big Bad Musical"

An information sheet for students in grades 4-8 is enclosed in your family envelope regarding tryouts for this year's musical, Big Bad Musical. Any questions, please see Mr. Lober or Mrs. Gunst. Check it out!!



Reminder—Registration Fees

If you are paying your bill monthly, your payment is due to the school office by December 31st. Thank you.

January Lunch Orders



The January lunch orders are enclosed in your family envelope. Please fill them out and return them with your money in your family envelope by Monday, December 11th. Please do not include any other payments with your lunch order checks. Thank you.

Dodge County Toy Bank



Thank you to all who generously donated toys or a monetary donation to the Dodge County Toy Bank. Donations were delivered to the Toy Bank on Tuesday.

Warning—Special Bus Routes Monday, December 11th



As Dodge County does not have school on Monday, December 11th, the special bus routes will be run both in the morning and the afternoon. If you have any questions regarding pickup and drop off times, please contact Lamers Bus Company at 920-386-2200 ext. 11411.

Exiting the Parking Lot During Inclement Weather



Reminder: You may exit the parking lot via the driveway on the north side of school when there is snow present. Please use this route when the exit going west out of the parking lot is too slippery for vehicles to get up the hill.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be held on Friday, December 22nd, in the individual classrooms. You may bring cookies to be enjoyed by the classes in their classrooms. The cookies that are leftover will be brought to church to be enjoyed after the church service on Friday afternoon.

Campbell's Labels for Education Program Closing—Final Deadline

The Campbell's Labels for Education program will be coming to a close. Please turn in all your UPC's (labels) to school by Monday, December 18th. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Krebs or Mrs. Zellmer, our labels coordinators.



Area Christmas Concert Opportunities

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary — Sunday, December 10,
3:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
Lakeside Lutheran — Sunday, December 17, 7:00 P.M.
Luther Prep School — Sunday, December 17, 3:00 P.M.
Thursday, December 21, 10:00 A.M.



Candy Bag Donations



We are accepting donations of candy and/or money for the candy bags that are handed out to the school children on Christmas Eve. If you would like to donate candy, please bring it to either Mr. Cody or Mrs. Leissring in the school office. If you would like to donate money towards the candy bags, please put it in an envelope marked "Candy Bag Donation" and enclose it in your family envelope by **Monday, December 11th**. Thank you!

2018 Calendars Available

We have 2018 calendars available in the school office that were donated by an area funeral home.



Popcorn Day

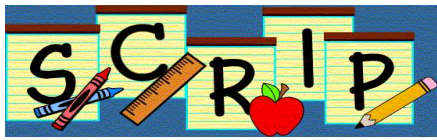
Popcorn Day will be Friday, December 15th.



Follow the Star

"We have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."
Matthew 2:2





December Dates to Remember:

- ◆ The last day to order physical SCRIP cards is Sunday, December 17th (10:30 A.M.)
- ◆ You can order SCRIP cards (gold order sheet) the first three weeks in December, place your order by 10:30 A.M. on Sunday mornings: December 10th, & 17th.
- ◆ No SCRIP sales on Sunday, December 24th.
- ◆ On Hand Sales only: Thursday, December 21st & 28th, Friday, December 22nd, and Sunday, December 31st.

Check the SCRIP website, www.glscrip.com for cards that may not be listed on the gold order form. If the retailer is listed on the website, you can order. Fill in the retailer, quantity, and denomination.

Reminder: Purchasing Scrip for your Christmas needs will add dollars to your student assistance account!

Questions about Scrip? Contact the Program Coordinator, Char Lober at 920-386-4785.



Open Gym in December

4-5:30 P.M.

Sunday: 10th

Wednesday & Thursday: 27th & 28th

Open gym is for all ages.

Concession/Scorebook Sign-up Tournament Sign-up

We are looking for people to help with our home games and tournaments. You may either sign up on SignUpGenius or on the sheets in the school office. Please go to signupgenius.com to fill any open slots for the home basketball games and tournaments. If you have not received an email with the link for Sign Up Genius, please email your email address to Mr. Colantonio (concession coordinator) at aj99c@yahoo.com. The tournament sign-up will not be on SignUpGenius, but will be in the concession stand during basketball games or in the school office during the week. Please look for them!

ATHLETICS

Basketball

Please note that games vs. Peace, Sun Prairie for all four teams were added for January 5th which will be Parents' Night. Please refer to the Schedule marked Final. A copy of this revised schedule is enclosed in your family envelope and is available in the school office.

Monday, December 11th

The boys will practice today instead of the girls.

3:30-5:30 P.M.—A Boys Practice

3-4:30 P.M.—B Boys Practice

Girls BB Games @ St. Matthew's, Iron Ridge

4:00 P.M.—B Girls

5:00 P.M.—A Girls

Tuesday, December 12th

The girls will practice today instead of the boys.

3-4:30 P.M.—B Girls Practice

3:30-5:30 P.M.—A Girls Practice

Wednesday, December 13th

3-4:30 P.M. A&B Girls Practices

Boys BB Here vs. St. Matthew's, Iron Ridge

5:00 P.M.—B Boys

6:00 P.M.—A Boys

Thursday, December 14th

3:30-5:30 P.M.—A Boys Practice

3-4:30 P.M.—B Boys Practice

3:15-4:30 P.M.—Cheer Practice

Friday, December 15th

BB at St. John, Waterloo

5:00 P. M.—B Girls, 6:00 P.M.—B Boys

7:00 P.M.—A Girls, & 8:00 P.M.—A Boys

Friday, January 5th: Parents' Night

Friday, February 2nd: Eighth Grade Night

Key Chains, Buttons & Refrigerator Magnets for Basketball Players & Cheerleaders

Digital photos have been taken of your son or daughter in their basketball uniform. Cheerleading and sibling photos have been taken. Check out the order form for more information! Please fill out the order form that was enclosed in your family envelope last Friday and return it to Mrs. Leissring in the school office via your family envelope by Monday, December 11th. Any questions, contact Mrs. Leissring.