**Cross Lutheran School & Early Childcare Center**

*Guiding children to learn, to love, and to live under the grace of God’s forgiveness.*

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**NEWS** for the week of **January 11, 2021**

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| Prayer Requests | * Families of the Week:
	+ DK-8th Grade: Conner McLean
	+ Preschool/Early Childcare: Liliah Reibling
	+ Staff: Mrs. McKenzie Roestel, Infant Lead
	+ Local Church/Pastor: Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, Pr. Scot Wilson
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| Childcare Center & School | * **Tues, Jan 12**- Please be advised that funeral visitation will be taking place beginning at 2 p.m., so the parking lots will be more crowded than normal at pick up. Please use extra caution.
* **Wed., Jan. 13**- 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.
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| 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.
* Due to the current COVID restrictions on indoor sports, after school basketball practices will not begin until after January 15 unless circumstances change.
* **Fri., Jan. 22:**  End of 2nd Quarter
* **Calendar Change:** Jan. 22 will be a half day of school with dismissal at 11:00.
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| 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: Letter L, review of numerals 6 & 7. Zoo Phonics capital letters with characters “A” through “E”. Stories and literacy activities are on the theme of arctic animals. Other items for this week: numeral practice, counting practice, and snowflake print painting. Bible time is about Jesus as a 12 year old in the Temple.
* Families, *please teach your child how to put on snow clothes (mostly) independently.* Remember, snow pants go on first; mittens last. Thank you!
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| 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.
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| Church Events | * You are always welcome to attend Cross Lutheran Church on Sunday mornings. Our service begins at 9:30 A.M.
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