## St. John's Lutheran School

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#### DECEMBER EVENTS

**Friday** December 21st 1:30 P.M. Monday. December 24th. 6:30 P.M. Children's Christmas Eve Service



Worship Schedule

Sat., Dec. 15

Sun., Dec. 16

Mon., Dec. 17

Tues., Dec. 18

Wed., Dec. 19

Thurs., Dec. 20

Fri., Dec. 21

"Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the virgin undefiled, Though by all the world disowned, Yet to be in heaven enthroned! CW 2 st. 3

Thursday—6:30 P.M.
Saturday—5:00 P.M. (Horicon Location)
Sunday—8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School & Bible Class—9:15 A.M.

6:30 PM

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7:40-8:15 AM 12:05 PM



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**Weekly Schedule** 

Christmas for Kids @ School B2 Girls BB @ TSL, Western Ave. Campus 9:00 and 11:30 AM Games 9-Noon 9:00 AM B2 Boys BB at TSL, Clark St. Campus 9:50 & 10:40 AM Games DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE (Horicon) DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE 9:50 AM 5:00 PM 8:00 AM (Jr. Choir Sings) Bible Classes & Sunday School DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE 9:15 AM 10:30 AM Faculty Mtg. Hot Lunch: Wendy's 7:15 AM 12:05 PM Faculty Mtg. A Girls BB Practice 3:15 PM 3-5:00 PM 7:00 PM Board of Education Mta. Piano Lessons B Boys BB & Cheer Practices 3-4:30 PM 3:15-5:45 PM Musical Tryouts 3:30-5:30 PM A Boys BB Practice 7:15 AM Faculty Mta CHAPEL/MISSION OFFERING 8:00 AM 11:00 AM Children's Christmas Service for Mid-Week Communion NO HOT LUNCH A Girls BB Practice Musical Tryouts 12:05 PM 3-5:00 PM 3:15-5:00 PM 5:30 PM **B Girls Game Here** vs. St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam BB @ St. John's, Jefferson 4:30 PM 4:30 PM—A Girls, 5:30 PM—B Boys &

6:30 PM—A Boys DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE

Children's Christmas Eve Service

**CEF Stamps & Scrip Sold** 

Hot Lunch: St. John's

(All Children Sing)

## From the Principal's Desk

### Real Comfort

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for.

that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. Isaiah 40:1-2

My world could use a dose of real comfort. My life is a mess. I do a good job at work. The Lord has given me a family far better than I deserve. Still, my life is a mess.

Most days I feel that I'm behind schedule. Typically, I rush my projects because there just is not enough time to do a good job. I also rush through my time with my family. I don't give them the quality time they deserve. I even rush my relationship with God, not giving Him the quality time He deserves.

The result of all this rushing and cutting corners is guilt. I know I'm not the person I should be, could be, or ought to be. I'm looking for comfort for my guilty conscience. Do you ever feel the same way?

I can find all kinds of comfort to cheer me up: "You'll do better next time." "You did the best you could." "They'll understand." "God knows you're only human."

I can find some comfort munching on an extra Christmas cookie or buying an extra toy for my child to make me feel better about neglecting her. The comfort of a good tasting Christmas cookie doesn't last long though. These comforts don't work well because none deal with the core problem. I am a sinner. I fall short of God's expectations of me. For this I deserve to be punished. But instead of the punishment I deserve, God gives me a double measure of His grace.



Punishment for my sin—for the sin of the whole world—God brought about over 2,000 years ago. God's Son was born in a stable as my stand-in. In my place, He grew up and lived a normal human life. He just never sinned. After 33 years, Jesus took His perfect human life to the cross. At that cross, He received all the punishment I deserved for my sins. By the time He was done suffering for me, my sin was completely paid for.

God holds nothing against me. There isn't a crumb of sin I must pay for on my own. When I am rightly troubled for how I have messed up, my God tenderly speaks real words of comfort to me. He doesn't offer me a Christmas cookie or suggest I can do better next time. He tells me He has forgiven my sin. He tells me to not be troubled. Christ has paid for all my sins. Every moment of every day, I live as a forgiven child of God.

Prayer: Father, comfort me that through Jesus all my sins are paid for. Thank You that no punishment is left! Double blessed by Your grace, I praise You for making me Your forgiven child. Amen.

## HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

#### **Church Singing**

Sunday, December 16, 8:00 A.M.: Jr. Choir

#### Children's Christmas Eve Service

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



#### Wednesday, December 19, 11:00 A.M.

(For Mid-Week Communion—not a complete service. Will mainly be songs.)

#### Friday, December 21 at 1:30 P.M.

(Children will start and finish at school for this service. Children can be picked up at school following the service.)

#### Monday, December 24 at 6:30 P.M.

Please have your children (Gr. K-8) come to school on December 24th before the worship service. School doors will open at 5:30 P.M. Teachers will bring the children up to church for the service. Children can be picked up in the church basement following the December 24th service.

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!

#### Young Adult Services

All high school and college-aged adults are invited to assist with special Advent Services on Sunday, December 23rd, 8 & 10:30 A.M. Young adults will participate in a special choir for the service. Practice times are: December 16: 9:15-10:15 A.M.

December 22: 9-10:30 A.M. Please contact the church office for more information at church@stjohnsjuneau.org or 920-386-3313.

#### Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be held on Friday, December 21st, 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.

#### **Mission Offerings**

#### 2nd Quarter—World Missions

India

Total collected for the quarter: \$193.82 Please remember that our mission offerings for our Lord are collected on Wednesday.

#### **Area Christmas Concert Opportunities**

Lakeside Lutheran — Sunday, December 16, 7:00 P.M Luther Prep School — Sunday, December 16, 3:00 P.M. Thursday, December 20, 10:00 A.M.

#### Mission Opportunity—Grace Hmong Outreach in Vietnam

Please see the enclosed brochure in your family envelope today concerning a unique mission opportunity in Vietnam. An offering envelope is enclosed in this brochure. If you would like to contribute, please use that envelope and return it to school via your family envelope.

#### 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 Luther Preparatory School. A special envelope is enclosed in your family envelope today for this offering. Please use this envelope for your offering and return it to school via the family envelope on Monday, December 17th or with the children on Christmas Eve.

#### School Musical—The Wizard of Oz

REMINDER: This year's musical will be "The Wizard of Oz." Audition tryouts are next week Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Tryout times for those who signed up are enclosed.



times for those who signed up are enclosed in your family envelope today. Please look for it.

### Reminder—Registration Fees

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





#### December Dates to Remember:

- The last day to order physical SCRIP cards (gold order sheet) is Sunday, December 16th (10:30 A.M.)
- On Hand Sales only: Thursday, December 20th, Friday, December 21st, and Sundays, December 23rd & 30th.

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.

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#### **Practice and Drills**

The following practices and drills were held this week or will be held next week:

Tuesday—Fire Drill Wednesday—Lockdown.

Children were sheltered in their locked classrooms.

Thursday—Administrative Hold.

Children were in their locked classrooms at their desks or tables doing their normal classroom activities.

Friday—General Hold. Children in classrooms doing their daily activities. Children were not allowed to leave the building.

Monday—Tornado Drill Tuesday—Fire Drill

Please share any questions or concerns with Mr. Cody.

### Follow the Star

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



#### **ATHLETICS**

#### **Basketball & Cheerleading**

#### Games:

**December 14:** BB @ Zion, Columbus 5:00 P.M.—B Girls, 6:00 P.M.—B Boys, 7:00 P.M.—A Girls, & 8:00 P.M.—A Boys

December 15: B2 Girls & B2 Boys BB

@ TSL, Watertown

9:00 & 11:30 A.M.—B2 Girls @ Western Ave., Campus

9:50 & 10:40 A.M.—B2 Boys @ Clark Street Campus

**December 19:** 5:30 P.M.

B Girls BB Here vs. St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam

#### Warning—December 20th Games

The A girls WILL play on December 20th. The following are the game times for the evening:

4:30 P.M.—A Girls

5:30 P.M.—B Boys

6:30 P.M.—A Boys

Parents' Night—Friday, January 25th

**Eighth Grade Night**—Friday, February 1st Please note that the A girls game is at 5:00 P.M. that night. The recognition of the eighth graders will happen before the boys game at 8:00 P.M.

"Spirit Fridays": Wear Black and Orange on Fridays through the basketball season.

#### **Basketball & Cheer Practices**

#### **December 17 & 19:**

A Girls 3:30-5:00 NO B Girls Practice

December 18:

B Boys & Cheer Practices 3-4:30 P.M. A Boys 3:30-5:30,

# Girls Basketball Practice on January 2nd

As we have games on Friday, January 4th, the girls will have practice on Wednesday January 2nd, at our normal practice times. If you have a commitment for this day they are excused, but please let the coach know. Hopefully, all can make it.

#### Open Gyms

December 26, & 28 (4-5:30 P.M.) December 27 (10-11:30 A.M.)

All Students & parents are welcome to open gym!