

St. John's Lutheran School

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DECEMBER EVENTS

- ♦ **Monday,
December 16th
Christmas Concert
1:30 & 7:00 P.M.
School Gym**
- ♦ **Monday
December 23rd
1:30 P.M.
Tuesday
December 24th,
6:30 P.M.
Children's
Christmas Eve
Service**
- ♦ **December 24th to
January 5th
No School—
Christmas Break**



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Weekly Schedule

Sat., Dec. 14	8:30 AM	BB Here vs. Eastside, Madison 8:30 AM—A Girls, 9:30 AM—B Boys 10:30 AM—B Girls, & 11:30 AM—A Boys DIVINE WORSHIP in Horicon
	5:00 PM	
Sun., Dec. 15	8:00 AM	DIVINE WORSHIP in Juneau
	8:30 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School in Lowell
	9:15 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School in Juneau
	9:30 AM	DIVINE WORSHIP in Lowell (Jr. Choir Sings in Lowell)
	10:30 AM	DIVINE WORSHIP in Juneau
	4-5:30 PM	Open Gym
Mon., Dec. 16	7:00 AM	Faculty Mtg.
	12:05 PM	Hot Lunch: Village Garden Breakfast
	1:30 PM	Christmas Concert at School
	3:15 PM	Faculty Mtg.
	3-4:30 PM	B Girls BB Practice
	3:00-5:15 PM	A Girls BB Practice
	7:00 PM	Christmas Concert at School
Tues., Dec. 17	8:15-9:00 AM	Piano Lessons
	3:30-5:30 PM	<i>Bible Study in Juneau</i>
	3-4:30 PM	A Boys BB Practice
		B Boys & Cheer Practices
Wed., Dec. 18	7:00 AM	Faculty Mtg.
	8:00 AM	CHAPEL/MISSION OFFERING
	11:00 AM	Children's Christmas Eve Songs for Mid-week Communion
	12:05 PM	Hot Lunch: Subway
	3:30-5:15 PM	A Girls BB Practice
	3-4:30 PM	B Girls BB Practice
Thurs., Dec. 19	3:30-5:30 PM	A Boys BB Practice
	3-4:30 PM	B Boys & Cheer Practices
	6:30 PM	DIVINE WORSHIP in Juneau
Fri., Dec. 20	5:00 PM	CEF Stamps & Scrip Sold Band & Recorder Lessons BB Here vs. St. Paul's, Ixonia 5:00 PM—B Girls & 6:00 PM—B Boys 7:00 PM—A Girls & 8:00 PM—A Boys
Sat., Dec. 21	10:30-Noon	Christmas for Kids
	5:00 PM	DIVINE WORSHIP in Horicon

Worship Schedule

**"Not by human flesh and blood, by the spirit of our God
was the Word of God made flesh, woman's offspring, pure and fresh".
CW 2 st. 2**

Saturday—5:00 P.M. Horicon Campus
Sunday—8:00 & 10:30 A.M. Juneau Campus
Sunday—9:30 A.M. Salem-Lowell Campus
Thursday—6:30 A.M. Juneau Campus



From the Principal's Desk

Hope for the Future

"[Jesus] told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." Luke 21:29-33

Today, Jesus invites us to think of budding trees. When blossoms burst forth, the message is clear: Summer will soon be here!

I know. It's December. In many places this time of year, the trees are bare and the temperature is cold. But did you know there are trees "blooming" this time of year? It's the Christmas tree! The message is clear: Christmas is drawing near!

So when Jesus talks about fig trees blooming, He's really talking about having our souls ready for the advent of His kingdom, when He comes again. The Christmas tree and its decorations can help get us ready for the same:



- The evergreen tree reminds us that Jesus is the ever-living and eternal Son of God. But He was also born into our world in human flesh so that He could die for our sins. Jesus was even nailed to a wood tree—the cross.
- The Christmas colors of green and red represent life (green) and death (red). We have life because Jesus gave His life and shed His red blood for us.
- The star on top of the Christmas tree reminds us of the star that led the Wise Men to find the baby Jesus.
- All the lights on the Christmas tree remind us that Jesus is the Light in a sin-darkened world. He illuminates our hearts and reminds us to see God's truth: that He really is our promised Savior!

So when you see a Christmas tree, remember its: "full-bloom" message: God's kingdom is coming! Jesus is Coming! What hope the message of Christmas gives us! Jesus will return to deliver you to His eternal kingdom! That's a message that not only gets us excited, but also ready to celebrate Christmas, but especially to meet Jesus!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, during this blessed and busy Christmas season, use the sight of the Christmas tree and its decorations to point our attention to You. Help us keep our focus on You so we will be prepared to meet You when You come again! Amen.

HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

Church Singing

Sunday, December 15, 9:30 A.M.: **Jr. Choir** sings in Lowell

Children's Christmas Eve Service



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

Wednesday, December 18, 11:00 A.M.

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

Monday, December 23, 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.)

Tuesday, 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!

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 Martin Luther College. 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 23rd or with the children on Christmas Eve.

Mission Offerings

2nd Quarter—Home Missions—

Trinity Lutheran School, Kaukauna, WI

Total collected for the quarter: \$135.07

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

Winter Concert



The Jr. Choir/Band/Recorder Concert will be held on Monday, December 16th, 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 with plain, no logo, black t-shirts underneath and black pants, Capris, or skirts. The shirts will be worn tucked in. Per our school handbook no leggings or tight pants. 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.

Area Christmas Concert Opportunities

Lakeside Lutheran — Sunday, December 15, 7:00 P.M.

Luther Prep School — Sunday, December 15, 3:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 19, 10:00 A.M.



Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be held on Monday, December 23rd, 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 Monday afternoon.

School Closing Reminder

In case of stormy weather, keep your radio tuned to WBEV (AM 1430), WXRO (FM 95.3), WTTN (AM 1580), WMDC (FM 98.7), WTMJ (AM 620), WISC (TV-3), WTMJ (TV-4), WITI(TV-6), or WISN (TV-12) for the closing of school or early dismissal. Since many of our students ride the bus, normally our school closes when the local public school closes. When it is announced that Dodge County is closed due to inclement weather, this means St. John's is included as part of the Dodge County announcement. Note this for early dismissals and late starts. Mrs. Leissring has compiled an email listing of all of our school families. In the event of an early release, late start, or school closing, she will send out an email using this listing. Please check with her to make sure your correct email is on this list.



Popcorn Day

Popcorn Day will be Friday, December 20th.



Special Bus Route & Transportation Home Monday, December 23rd

As Dodge County does not have school on Monday, December 23rd, the special bus route will be run to pick up the students that ride the bus to school. This will apply to the morning only. If you have questions about your pick up time, please call Lamers Bus Company at 920-386-2200, ext. 11411.

If you need transportation home for your child, please fill out the form at the end of the Eagle Claw and return it via your family envelope to the school office by Monday, December 16th. You may also email (school@stjohnsjuneau.org) or call Mrs. Leissring (920-386-4644) to let her know. Thank you!

Blue Zones—Eat Wisely Event

Kick off the new year with some healthier eating habits! Marshfield Medical Center (formerly Beaver Dam Community Hospital) and Blue Zones Project Dodge County will bring some fun nutrition lessons that will get you moving. Students will learn healthy habits they can see, feel, and taste! Parents are welcome to join the fun! The event will be held Friday, January 17th, in the school gym.

9:30-10:15 A.M.—Preschool to Grade 4

10:15-11:00 A.M.—Grade 5 to Grade 8

Family Devotions

December 18—Seventh Petition
Vicar Hartzung is publishing a weekly series of family devotion videos coming out every Wednesday. This is a great opportunity to gather around God's Word as a family. The series explores the basic truths of Scripture by working through Luther's Catechism beginning with the Lord's Prayer. The videos are available on the media tab of the St. John's App. We may share it other places too! If you don't have the App, you can download it for free from your app store or by going to <http://get.theapp.co/nx96>

Reminder—Registration Fees

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

ATHLETICS

**Open Gym—Sunday, December 15,
4-5:30 P.M.**

All students & parents are welcome
to open gym!

Basketball & Cheerleading

Practices December 16-19:

December 16 & 18—B Girls 3-4:30 P.M.

A Girls 3-5:15 P.M.

December 17 & 19—A Boys 3:30-5:30 P.M.,

B Boys 3-4:30 P.M.

Cheer 3-4:30 P.M.

Games:

Friday, December 20th, Here vs. St. Paul's, Ixonia:

5:00 P.M.—B Girls, 6:00 P.M.—B Boys,
7:00 P.M.—A Girls, & 8:00 P.M.—A Boys



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 15th (10:30 A.M.)
- ♦ You can order SCRIP cards (gold order sheet) in December, place your order by 10:30 A.M. on Sunday morning: December 15th.
- ♦ On Hand Sales only: Thursday, December 19th & Friday, December 20th, and Sundays, December 22nd & 29th.
- ♦ Don't forget to purchase your movie cards from SCRIP for the Christmas break!

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.

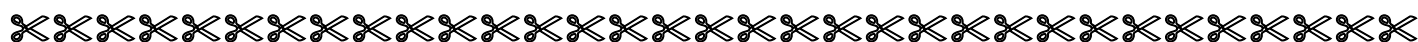
Reminder: Purchasing Scrip for your Christmas needs will add dollars to your student assistance account!

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

Thank you for using SCRIP!

Walmart

KOHL'S



Bus Transportation—December 23, 2019

_____ Yes, I need bus transportation home for my child(ren) on Monday December 23rd, after the Christmas Eve Service.

_____ Child or Family Name

Return in your family envelope by Monday, December 16, 2019