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In Christ Alone: by Grace alone, by Faith alone, by Scripture alone

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday school lesson for this coming Sunday, November 5th is "The 12 Spies." The treat will be provided by **Luetzow**.

CHAPEL: During the first quarter of the school year our chapel offerings will be given to our local chapter of **Lutherans for Life**. This group works to prevent abortions in our community. Our chapel offering this past week was **\$30.86**. Our total for this quarter is **\$239.78**.

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those that served hot lunch last week, everything was great! This coming Wednesday's hot lunch menu will include **chicken nuggets, tater tots, carrot sticks, celery and peanut butter, and cupcakes**. Our workers are scheduled to be **Dahn, Dean, and Figley**.

NEW STUDENT/FAMILY: This week the sixth grade class will grow by one student. Billie Irvine will join our school family. Billie and his parents, Billie and Deborah Irvine also intend to join our church. When you have the occasion, please make sure to greet them, welcome them, and make them feel at home.

END OF QUARTER: The first quarter of the school year will end on **Friday, November 3rd**.

PICTURE RETAKE / MAKEUP: I have learned from Photo Factory that there is a makeup/retake date scheduled in our area. If you would like your child's picture retaken or if you weren't able to be present for the first take, please **Bush Elementary School on Wednesday, November 15th at 8:45 AM**. Identify yourself to the photographer so that you are separated from Bush's student body.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations are in order for Mike and Amanda Herrera and their family. Early Sunday morning their family increased by one. Baby boy Chase was born. God blessings!

CLOTHING ORDER: You will soon be offered an opportunity to buy a variety of school clothing items. This year everything will be ordered on line. You will be given a time frame in which to order and a website on which to order. As soon as all the details are finalized you will receive a notification as to when you can place your order. It should be soon!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS: Daylight Saving Time will end on **Sunday morning on November 5th**. Remember to set your clocks back one hour!

REPORT CARDS: Report cards for the first quarter will be sent home on **Monday, November 6th**. Enclosed you will also find your child's mission contribution form and a sign up form for your consultation. Please return the consultation form and the envelope on **Tuesday, November 7th**.

NEW GIRLS' BB UNIFORMS / OLD ARE YOURS FOR A DONATION: Our girls will now have new basketball uniforms which they wore for the first time last Friday. This purchase was made from the extracurricular fees that we collect each year on Registration Day. Our old uniforms are no longer needed. **For a donation you may have an old uniform**. The money you donate for an old uniform will be put back into the extracurricular fund to be used for future purchases. This will help us keep that fee reasonable going forward. Please contact Mr. Thooft if you are interested in a uniform. Thanks!

GRANDPARENTS' DAY: Grandparents Day is **Wednesday, November 8th**. Grandparents are invited to visit school in the morning and then stay for a short program and lunch. Invitations were sent home with

each student. Please remember to return your form right away so that planning can continue.

FUNDRAISER: All students were provided with materials for this year's fundraiser. The money collected will be placed in the treasury of the Christian Education Association. The CEA uses its funds to support unfunded needs of the school. The CEA is currently supporting additional improvements to our technology and the replacement of school desks. Thanks for your support! The deadline to return your money and materials is **Monday, November 6th**.

MLS PLAY: Students in grades 1 to 8 will be attending the MLS play on **Friday, November 17th**. An informational letter and sign up form has been sent home. Please return your form and entry fee right away. Many drivers will be needed!

OPEN ACCOUNTS: Another open account notice was sent out last week to those who haven't finished paying their registration fees. Please remember to make regular payments. It is hoped that all bills are paid before the first of the year. If you have special circumstances please talk to me right away. Interest will be charged starting **January 1, 2018**.

FACULTY IN SERVICE: Your faculty will have an in service on the morning of **Monday, November 13th**. The afternoon will be used for parent consultations. There will be **no school** for the entire day of **Monday, November 13th**.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS: Parent Consultation day is **Monday, November 13th**. There will be no school on this day since your faculty will use the morning for meetings. Consultations will be set up for the afternoon and early evening. A sign up form will be sent home with your child's report card on **Monday, November 6th**. Please fill out the form and return it on **Tuesday, November 7th**. Your faculty will meet after school on Tuesday to set up our appointment schedules.

PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE: I will be attending a principals' conference on **Friday, November 3rd**, from late morning through the afternoon. Thanks to Mrs. Drayer for serving as my sub.

JUNIOR CHOIR REMINDER: All Jr. Choir members participating in the Joint Reformation service at the Dow Event Center on Sunday are reminded to be at the Dow for a practice at **3:00 pm**.

COSTUME DAY: Costume day is coming up. Our school will celebrate on **Tuesday, October 31st** in the PM. Students are **not** to wear their costumes to school. After lunch they will be given an opportunity to change. You are asked to make appropriate choices for your child's costume. Being a Christian school, nothing should be worn that does not support our

values. No paints are allowed. If you have any questions about your costume choice, please discuss your concern with your child's classroom teacher.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK SPONSORS: We are already working on this year's Lutheran Schools Week which will be held from **January 22 to 26**. A number of big events are being planned including an evening entertainment event for the congregation. **I am looking for a few sponsors for the congregational entertainment event.** Please come and talk to me if you are interested and I can give you more details.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to:

Aslynn VanMullekom	10/30	Pre.
Benjamin Greenwood	10/31	Pre.
Charleigh Lobodzinski	11/1	Pre.

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: The new theme for this week is *Sing and Dance*. The children will be learning what a musician is, how to use their voice for singing, and some musical instruments. The color is brown, the number 7, and the rectangle shape. The four year olds will study the Bible lesson *God Gives His People Food*. They will learn God gave his people manna and quail. The memory treasure is The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer: *Give us today our daily bread*. They are also busy preparing for Grandparents Day on November 8 and are looking forward to having their grandparents visit the classroom. The three year olds will study the Bible lesson *Joseph Becomes a Ruler in a Faraway Land*. They will learn God made Joseph a ruler in Egypt. The memory treasure is Romans 8:28: *God works for the good of those who love him*. Scholastic Book orders are coming home this week are due on Wednesday, November 8. The children will be singing in church this Sunday, November 5. Please bring your child to the preschool classroom by 9:45 a.m. so they children can rehearse their song. Following the singing of their song, the children will sit with their parents. I am asking that you please sit close to the center aisle of the church and as the children walk out we will dismiss them to you. *The children are singing in a worship service and therefore no flash photography or videotaping is requested.*

Kindergarten: This is going to be a busy week. On Tuesday we have our "Pajama Day" and on Friday the firefighters will be bringing the "smoke" house for us to tour and learn about fire safety. We will also be practicing our song that we will be singing with the preschool this Sunday. Please meet in the preschool room at 9:45am on Sunday so that we can warm up. In Word of God the children will learn how God made Joseph ruler in Egypt. This week we will be finishing up our unit on the letter D. The children have begun to blend letter sounds together to form simple words. They are also learning how to differentiate between the beginning and ending sound in a word. In math, the

children continue to explore numbers. So far they have learned how to write the numbers 0-10 in number and word form. They have also learned how to count backwards and identify number order. This week, our sight word will be "said" and our color will be brown. Show-n-Tell will be things that are brown. If you have not done so, you can still turn in your October Book-It slips until Wednesday. A new Book-It slip for November will be sent home on Wednesday. This time the children will be making turkeys. The children need to read six books for the month to get their certificate, so keep reading.

Memory Work for the Week:

Tuesday, October 31 – 10A Romans 8:28
 Wednesday, November 1 - none
 Thursday, November 2 - none
 Friday, November 3 – 10B Matthew 19:26
 Monday, November 6 - none

Grades 1-2: Thank you to everyone who participated in the family pumpkin project this month. The students have enjoyed watching everyone's projects coming in! No two pumpkins look alike! Please return your October reading logs this week. Look for November logs to come home as well. We will have our costume day Oct 31. Your child may bring a costume to school to wear later that afternoon. We will have treats and play some games. Remember to keep costumes appropriate- no masks, nothing scary, no weapons, etc. Second grade will take a math test on subtraction strategies on Tuesday. First grade will take a math test on subtraction concepts on Friday. Please check your child's homework folder for Memory Treasures and spelling words.

Grades 3-5 It was a good week in the 3-5th grade classroom last week. Thank you to MLS for coming out and speaking to the students; the students really enjoyed the Seminary Cardinal! Tuesday marks the end of the month and the last day for students to log their reading minutes for October. Please have your child show you their individual reading log, sign it and have them return it to school to receive their Book-It coupon for the month. Each student will receive a new reading log for November. This week will be another full week of classes. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work. On Wednesday hymn #551 is due, on Thursday spelling unit 8 is due and we will have the word test, and Friday we will have memory work due. 5th grade will have a math test over chapter 3 on Tuesday and 3rd grade will have a test over chapter 3 on Thursday. Each class will have a language arts test over chapter 2 (4th grade on Tuesday, 3rd grade on Thursday and 5th grade on Friday). The end of the quarter is this Friday and report cards will be handed out next Monday. Please remember to bring in field trip forms/money for the MLS play and Grandparents Day forms to school. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: This is the final week of before the quarter ends. I am happy to report that all book reports are in. It's not too early to start on a book for the second quarter. This week will be very busy. We will be finishing chapters in science, social studies, and English. Tomorrow our room will be having a costume party. Thanks to my room mothers for organizing the event and taking care of the details. Parents received a letter early last week asking for contributions for the party. Hopefully you have seen the letter brought home by your student, if not, please ask to see it as everyone is to bring something. There is a new student in my sixth grade. Billie Irvine was supposed to attend school for his first day today, but he became ill over the weekend. Hopefully he will be able to start tomorrow. I know everyone will make him feel right at home. Make sure you welcome and get to know his parents Bill and Deborah. The girls keep rolling along. They won this past Friday evening and have an away game this Friday at St. John's. The girls also wore their new uniforms for the first time on Friday. They look pretty cool. Thanks to Mr. Thooft for taking care of the ordering details. Go, Bobcats!

SINGING SCHEDULE:

**11/5 Preschool & Kindergarten
 Jr. Choir @ Dow Events Center**
 11/19 Jr. Choir
 11/22 1-8 (Thanksgiving Eve)
 12/24 Pre-8 Children's Christmas Service
 1/28 Pre-8 Lutheran Ed. Sunday

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

Practices: All practices are from 3:10 to 5:00

10/30
11/02
 11/06
 11/09
 11/13
 11/16

Games:

11/3 vs. St. John's BC @ St. John's BC @ 6:30
 11/10 vs. Trinity @ Trinity @ 6:30
 11/14 vs. Hemlock @ Bethel @ 5:30
11/17-18 BALL Tournament @ St. John's BC
12/8-9 MLS Large School Tournament @ MLS
 12/8 vs. St. John's BC @ MLS @ 9:00 AM
 vs. Lansing @ MLS @ 1:40 PM
 12/9 vs. Vassar. @ MLS @ 12:20 PM

COMING UP:

10/31 School Costume Day in PM
**11/3 End First Quarter
 Principals' conference in PM
 Smoke House**
 11/5 Daylight Savings Ends
 Joint Reformation Service at Dow Center
 11/6 Report Cards Due Out
 11/8 Grandparents' Day
 11/11 Veterans' Day

11/13 Faculty In Service in AM & Parent Consults in PM – **No School**
 11/16 MLS Musical -
 11/22-24 – Thanksgiving Vacation – **No School**
 12/1-2 - MLS Small School Girls' Tourney
 12/3 - Decorate Church for Christmas
 12/8-9 - MLS Large School Girls' Tourney
 12/10 - Congregational Caroling @ 5:00 PM
 12/22 - Last Day before Christmas Vacation
 ½ day, Room Christmas Parties
 12-23 to 1/8 – Christmas Vacation – No School
 1/8 - Classes resume after Christmas
 1/12 - Principals' Conference in PM
 1/14 - MLS Concert Choir at Bethel
 1/15 - 2018-19 Preschool enrollment begins
 1/19 - End 2nd Quarter
 Faculty In Service ½ day
 BALL League Meeting in AM
 1/22-26 - Lutheran Schools Week
 1/24 - BLS Presents - Cameron Zavara

information call 989-793-7511 or visit
<https://app.donorview.com/OVG1>.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

MLS FALL MUSICAL: This year's musical is "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat". This modern musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber tells the Biblical account of Joseph and his brothers and Joseph's time in Egypt. It tells how the brother's jealousy over Joseph's special treatment and the coat leads them to sell their brother into slavery. The story is told by different characters singing different genres of music throughout the whole show. The dates for the musical are **November 17, 18, and 19**. Tickets go on sale online only on October 16th. Hope to see you there!

LIGHT UP A STUDENT'S LIFE: During the months of November and December, the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Foundation sponsors a special "Light Up A Student's Life" program that allows donors to make a gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person. Such gifts will be recognized by the lighting of a large Christmas tree that will be located in the commons. For each \$10.00 contribution, a white light will be illuminated on the Christmas tree in the name of the individual being remembered or honored. A special Christmas tree card will be sent to the family or honoree recognizing your caring gift to MLS and its students. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the MLS Foundation has committed to providing \$100,000.00 to support the significant need for student financial assistance at MLS. The gifts given to the Light Up a Student's Life program are directed to the MLS Foundation's Student Need Fund. This fund provides ongoing financial assistance to the students who attend MLS now and in the future. Please consider this opportunity to Light Up a Student's Life through Christ-centered education. Your generosity is the heart and spirit on the MLS Foundation. Your gifts will allow us to assist another generation of students to follow our Savior's directive to "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." For more