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SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday school lesson for **Sunday, December 3rd** is "The Fall of Jericho." The treat will be provided by **Betzold**.

CHAPEL: For the second quarter our chapel offerings will be given to the **Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service**. Our offering for this past week was **\$36.89**. Our total for the quarter is **\$163.27**. Attached is a letter of thanks from the Pregnancy Care Center. We sent our first quarter offerings to them.

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those that served hot lunch last week, everything was great! Our menu this coming Wednesday is will include **sloppy joes, potato chips, bananas, and ice cream**. Our workers are scheduled to be **Lopez, Luetzow, and McGehee**.

BETHEL PRESENTS CAMERON ZVARA: Start planning ahead. As part of Lutheran Schools' Week, we have scheduled a special performance of and **extraordinary local talent!** Cameron Zvara will be at Bethel on **Wednesday, January 24, 2018** starting at 6:30 PM for a magic show. His show features crowd interaction and fun for all ages. All elementary children and preschool children will be offered tickets as well as their entire immediate family. \$2.00 tickets will go on sale from **January 8th to the 12th** in the school office. Additional tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis on **Sunday, January 14th** after church.

You can check out his Facebook page or follow this link <http://cameronzvara.com> to his website. More information will be coming home soon.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: The girls' participated in the BALL basketball tournament on the weekend of **November 17-18**. They took second place! Our girls still have the MLS tournament to play in on the weekend of December 8-9. Bethel had the league's best regular season record (8-1) and therefore is the regular season champ. A new engraved plate will be added to the hall league championship plaque. Congratulations to our team and their coaches. Go, Bobcats!

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING: This coming **Sunday, December 3rd**, our church is starting a new tradition. Members of the congregation are invited to stay after the service and help decorate the church for Christmas. Our decorating committee will be on hand to direct the project. Please consider staying after and lending us a hand.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE HELP: Please note that the children's Christmas service will be held on **Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 10:00 AM**, not in the evening. Your help is needed! Please help your child practice his/her part and songs on a regular basis.

CHRISTMAS CANDELIGHT SERVICE: Bethel is trying something new this year. On Sunday, **December 24th at 6:30** there will be candlelight Christmas Eve service. Please consider attending.

NEEDED: Mrs. Mayhew is looking to collect 12 of the plastic, gallon Hawaiian Punch jugs. If you have any please drop them off in the Kindergarten room. Thank you!

OLD GIRLS' BB UNIFORMS: 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 placed into our "extra-curricular 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!

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING: Everyone in the congregation is invited to participate in our annual

caroling event being planned this year for Sunday, **December 10th starting at 5:00 PM.** Arrive at school by 4:45 so that we can be at our first stop by five. We will visit shut in members as well as several nursing homes in the area. There will be a hot chocolate and cookies fellowship in the gym after we finish. The hot chocolate will be provided; please bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to pass. This event is for all members, old and young alike. I hope you bring your whole family!

CEA DECEMBER COFFEE HOUR: The CEA will be sponsoring the December 10th congregational coffee fellowship. Michelle Neveau has volunteered to head it up. She is requesting volunteer help and also needs people to volunteer to provide food for the fellowship. A total of 12 dozen treats are needed. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the front hall. Please sign up to bake a dozen or so of your favorite Christmas treats for the occasion. Thank you!

NO SCHOOL: Our girls' basketball team will participate in the MLS tournament on the weekend of **December 8th and 9th.** We play two games on Friday, December 8th, the first at 9:00 AM and the second at 3:20 PM. **Accordingly there will be a previously unscheduled day of NO SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL on December 8th.** I hope everyone comes to cheer on our team! Please see the attached tournament schedule. Go Bobcats!

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to:

Justin Krohn	11/29	K
Kaya McGinnis	12/3	Gr. 8

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: Can you believe it December begins this week and Christmas is just around the corner? The children are busy preparing for the Christmas Eve service. Please help review their part and song so we will be well prepared for Christmas Eve. The Bible lesson for the three year olds this week is *David and Goliath*. They will learn David trusted that God would help him fight Goliath. The memory treasure is Psalm 56:11 *In God I trust*. The four year olds will study *The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace*. They will learn worshiping the true God was most important to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. The memory treasure is Matthew 4:10b: *Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only*. The children will conclude the theme *I'm Thankful*. This week the letter is I, number 8, the color brown and the shape is a rectangle. They will be reviewing what it means to be thankful and also learn about preparing for winter. The December Scholastic Book order will be due **Wednesday, December 6.** You may order online using the code J6CQC or send in the form.

Kindergarten: This week in Word of God, the class will be learning how God brought His judgment on Egypt

by sending the plagues. The children will also be learning their parts for the Christmas Eve service. Please check your child's folder for the Christmas Memory sheet. We will be learning each section in class, but please go over it with your child at home. The children will be working on Unit I. In it they will be meeting a new Super Kids character named Icky who likes insects. They will also be working on reading sentences and identifying the medial sound in words. This week's sight word is "am" and the color word is "pink". In math, the children will be finishing the chapter on addition and subtraction and learning about numbers 11-20. Book-It slips for November need to be turned in by Dec. 1. Show and Tell for this week is things that begin with the letter "I" like in "inchworm" or are pink. Before break, I had the children draw names for their Christmas gift exchange. If you have any questions, please ask. Have a great week!

Memory Work:

Tuesday, November 28 - Christmas Memory #1

Wednesday, November 29 – Christmas Memory #2

Thursday, November 30 – Christmas Memory #3

Friday, December 1 – Christmas Memory #4

Monday, December 4 – Christmas Memory #5

Grades 1-2: I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving break! Today we will be exchanging names for our Christmas gift exchange that will take place on **December 22nd.** Gifts should be around \$5. December/Holiday Scholastic Book Orders will be sent home this week. If you would like to order anything for the holidays, please place your order by December 13th to ensure delivery before Christmas. We will begin working on our Christmas program this week. Please look for Memory Treasures and other important information about what we are learning in your child's Homework Folder.

Grades 3-5: Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving and the break from school! Thank you to the students who sang in our Thanksgiving Service last week! This week we pick back up with our daily and weekly school routines. We will have a new spelling unit (Unit 11) due Thursday along with the word test. Friday memory work will be due. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly assignments. All grades will have final drafts of their papers due this week and 5th grade will have a math test on Friday. Over the next few weeks the students will be working on putting the children's Christmas service together. Starting next week the students will have parts of the service as their memory work. Please help your child stay on top of their recitations and songs so they are ready to go for that service. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving vacation. The time between now and Christmas will go by very quickly and yet there is much to do. Starting today, work on the children's Christmas Eve service will begin and continue in earnest. Please note the practice schedule later in this newsletter. Also

make sure you work with your child at home. There is much to learn and students in my room have the all the narrations. They each were given copies of the service a few weeks ago. **Our room is in desperate need of tissues. If everyone brought in a box or two it would be much appreciated.** We could also use paper plates, if you are willing to donate. We are starting new units in math and social studies today and have a review unit in spelling. We are in the middle of units in English and science. Your child should have given you the name of the student s/he drew in our classroom exchange. Please make sure you purchase a gift around \$5.00. Our girls have one more tournament to play and their season will be over. The boys are about to begin. Go, Bobcats!

SINGING SCHEDULE:

12/24 Pre-8 Children's Christmas Service

1/28 Pre-8 Lutheran Ed. Sunday
 2/14 Junior Choir Ash Wednesday
 2/21 Grades 6-8

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

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

Monday 11/27

Thursday 11/30

Monday 12/4

Thursday 12/7

Games:

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

BOYS' BASKETBALL: The boys' season is just around the corner. Our coaches for this year will be Mr. LaClair, Mr. Powers, and Mr. Thooft. Thanks to these men for volunteering to coach our teams. Schedule times are yet TBD at the time of this printing.

Practices: TBD

Games:

1/5 vs. Trinity @ Bethel 6:30 PM
1/9 vs. St. John's BC @ St. John's 5:30 PM
 1/12 vs. SB/GS/St.J @ St. John's BC 6:30 PM
 1/16 vs. St. Luke's @ Franken? A only 6:30 PM
 1/19 vs. Tawas @ Bethel A only 6:30 PM
1/20 B TOURNEY @ TRINITY
 1/23 Vs. Trinity @ Trinity 5:30 PM
 1/26 vs. St. John's BC @ Bethel 6:30 PM
 1/30 vs. SB/GS/St.J @ Bethel 5:30 PM
2/2-3 MLS SMALL SCHOOL TOURNAMENT
2/9-10 MLS LARGE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT
2/23-24 BALL TOURNAMENT @ TRINITY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRACTICES:

Friday 12/7 1:00 PM (Set up)
 Monday 12/11 10:30 AM
 Thursday 12/14 10:30 AM
 Tuesday 12/19 10:30 AM

Friday 12/22 8:30 AM

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK JANUARY 22-28:

1/22-26 - Penny Challenge
 1/22 - Pizza Monday and Bowling in PM
 1/23 - Team project planning/snow activity in PM
 1/24 - Team project work
 Cameron Zvara Magic Show @ 6:30 PM
 1/25 - Game Day in PM
 1/26 - Visiting Senior Homes in PM
 1/28 - Capstone Sunday – Pre - 8 Sing
 Chili Cook off

COMING UP:

12/2 - Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chorale @ 7:00 PM
12/3 - Decorate Church for Christmas
Congregational Budget Meeting
 12/7 - Board of Ed. @ 6:30 PM
 12/8 - No School – MLS Girls' BB Tournament
 12/8-9 - MLS Large School Girls' Tourney
 12/10 - Congregational Caroling @ 5:00 PM
 12/20 - Caroling at Brookdale, New Hope, &
 Hampton Manor @ 1:00 PM
 12/22 - Last Day before Christmas Vacation
 ½ day, Room Christmas Parties
 12-23 to 1/7 – Christmas Vacation – No School
 12/24 - Children's Christmas Service @ 10:00 AM
 12/24 - Christmas Candlelight Service @ 6:30 PM
 12/25 - Christmas Day Service @ 10:00 AM
 1/8 - Classes resume after Christmas
 1/11 - Board of Education @ 6:30 PM
 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
 1/21 - Annual Congregational Meeting
 1/22-26 - Lutheran Schools' Week
 1/24 - Bethel Presents: Cameron Zvara
 1/26 - Lutheran Schools' Sunday
 Chili Cook-off
 2/2 - Faculty In Service ½ Day
 2/5 - **No School** – Pastor/Teacher Conference
 2/14 - Ash Wednesday