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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 **Sunday, December 10th** is "Sampson." The treat will be provided by **Anderson**.

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 **\$44.28**. Our total for the quarter is **\$207.55**.

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those that served hot lunch last week, everything was great! Our menu this coming Wednesday is will include **hot dogs, corn, apple slices and cookies**. Our workers are scheduled to be **Neveau, Nitz, and Powers**.

BETHEL PRESENTS CAMERON ZVARA: Start planning ahead. As part of Lutheran Schools Week, we have scheduled a special performance of an **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.

MLS GIRLS' TOURNAMENT: Our girls still have the MLS tournament to play in this coming weekend on **December 8th and 9th**. Please see other announcements in this newsletter.

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 place this service on your list of things you won't want to miss!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Please don't forget that this year's Children's Christmas Service will take place on **Sunday, December 24th at 10:00 AM** replacing our normal Sunday morning service.

CLOTHING ORDER: Sometime this week you will be sent home information about ordering Bethel clothing. To order you will visit a website. You will have about a week to place your order. Please make sure you check in with your child for the informational flyer. Tentative plans are to have it open from late this week through next week.

REGISTRATION DAY BILLS: Statements were sent out recently to those who haven't paid their book fees from Registration Day in full. The BOE requests that all bills be paid in full before the end of the current calendar year or those with open accounts be on an agreed upon payment schedule. As of **January 1, 2018** interest will be charged monthly at the rate of 1%.

CHRISTMAS VACATION: There will be no school from **December 23rd through January 7th** as our school has its annual Christmas break.

NO SCHOOL THIS COMING FRIDAY: 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!

BOWLING: The first event in our week long celebration of Lutheran Schools will take place on **Monday, January 22nd**. There will be a special early pizza lunch and then we will head off to Alert Lanes for an afternoon of bowling. **Sign up information is being sent home today.** Please read the information sheet carefully, offer to volunteer as much as possible, save the top part of the form for the information it provides, and fill out and return the bottom portion - **WITH MONEY FOR THE EVENT** (right away if possible) but no later than **Friday, December 15th**.

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!

CLASSROOM WISH LISTS: Your staff has been asked to provide classroom wish lists so that anyone who would like to donate for their child's classroom can have some direction. A list will be placed on both the front and back hall bulletin boards.

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. Thooff if you are interested in a uniform. Our old uniforms are now on display in the front hall.

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 **Sunday, 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 Christmas treats are need. There is a signup sheet posted on the front hall. Please sign up to bake a dozen or so of your favorite Christmas treats for the occasion. As of this posting we need at least eight more people to sign up.

BIRTHDAYS: There are none to report for this week!

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: The preschoolers are busy preparing for Christmas. They are all working hard on their part in the Christmas service. Parents, please continue to review the recitation and song at home with your child. The more repetition the better prepared the children will be. This week the Bible lesson also begins the preparation for the arrival of the Christ Child in the manger with *God Has a Special Message for Mary*. The memory treasures are: Luke 1:31 *Give him the name Jesus* and Psalm 56:11 *In God we trust*. This week the children will begin their new theme *All Aboard!* They will be learning about trains - freight trains and passenger trains and also the people who work on a train i.e. conductor and engineer. The letter is J, number 9, color green, and star shape.

Kindergarten: In Word of God this week, we will be learning how God punished Pharaoh and led the Israelites out of Egypt. Please keep working with your child on their Christmas recitation and song. They are doing an awesome job. The children have finished Letter book I. In it they read a rebus story using the names of the Super Kids, the words "is" and "a" and pictures of people the Super Kids want to be. Please have your child read you this story. Keep practicing those word lists that I have been sending home. Our new Letter book will focus on the letter T. Our sight word for this week will be the word "it" and our color will be gray. Show and tell this week will be things that begin with the letter T or are gray. In math the children will continue to work with numbers 11-19. In science, we are exploring the lights in sky and how they are important to us. Before Thanksgiving, I sent home a note about the children exchanging Christmas gifts. If you lost it or don't know who your child is supposed to buy a present for, please talk to me as soon as possible. Book orders are due this Thursday, Dec. 7. Please note that there will be NO school on Friday, December 8 because of a basketball tournament.

Memory Work:

Tuesday, December 5 – Christmas Memory #6

Wednesday, December 6 – Christmas Memory #7

Thursday, December 7 – Rev. Christmas Memory #1-7

Friday, December 8 – No School

Monday, December 11 – none

Grades 1-2: Christmas service parts are being sent home this week. We will also begin to learn the words to the hymn verses we are singing. Verses of *Behold a Branch is Growing* will be assigned instead of our usual hymns for the next few weeks. Please place your December book orders online using code Q4X4B by December 13th to ensure delivery before Christmas. Because we don't have school on Friday, we will take our spelling tests and science quiz on next Monday. We have a social studies test on geography this Thursday. Please look for Memory Treasures and other important information about what we are learning in your child's Homework Folder.

Grades 3-5: It was a good week in the 3-5th grade classroom last week. This week is a four day week because of the MLS basketball tournament on Friday. On Wednesday the song "O Come Emmanuel" is due. On Thursday we will have our spelling unit 13 word test and workbooks will be due, along with the memory work for this week. The memory work the next few weeks will be parts of the Christmas Eve Service, so please help your child to stay on top of memorizing the parts they need. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly assignments this week. 5th grade will have a math test on Tuesday and 4-5th grade will have a social studies test over chapter 6 on Thursday. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: It's getting to crunch time. There are only three weeks of school until Christmas. A lot of work needs to be done to get ready for the Children's service. Please help out at home! The second part of memory work related to the service will be due on Wednesday or Thursday. We are finishing chapters in science and social studies this week. There will likely be tests on Wednesday and Thursday. Please keep an eye on **Engrade**. All students have selected a book to read for the 2nd quarter. Please make sure your child is reading on a regular basis. Last week I asked parents to send in paper plates, napkins, and tissues for use in our classroom. Very few did so. Thanks to those that did. Hopefully more of you will remember this week. We are still in need!

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 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. A schedule is attached to this newsletter.

Practices:

- Tuesday 12/5 3:00 to 5:00**
- Tuesday 12/12 3:00 to 5:00
- Thursday 12/14 3:00 to 5:00
- Tuesday 12/19 3:00 to 5:00
- Thursday 12/21 3:00 to 5:00

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:

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| 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 to 8 Sing
- Chili Cook off

COMING UP:

- 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