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Ed. #15 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER December 18, 2017

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

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday school lesson for **Sunday, January 7, 2018** is "Jesus Is Born." The treat will be provided by Fuhrman. There will be no Sunday school on **Sunday, December 24th**, and **Sunday, December 31st**.

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 **\$36.00**. Our total for the quarter is **\$278.00**.

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those that served hot lunch last week, everything was great! Our menu this coming Wednesday is a special holiday meal and will include **turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, and pumpkin pie**. Our workers are scheduled to be **Seifferly, Shaw, and Szostek**.

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.

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. Please have your child at church no later than 9:30 so each room can have a short final practice. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT 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!

CHRISTMAS CANDY BAGS: The BOE invites you to help pack children's Christmas candy bags on **Saturday, December 23rd**. Work will begin in the gym at 3:15 PM. Thanks!

CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS PARTIES: All classrooms will have their annual Christmas parties on **Friday, December 22nd**, following the last children's Christmas Service practice. Things should get started around 10:00 AM. Room parties will include student gift exchanges. Please do not send your child's gift to school until the morning of **December 22nd**. If your help is needed in supplying anything for the room party, you will be contacted by your child's teacher or a room mother. Please stand ready to help out. Thanks!

BOWLING: This past Friday was the deadline for submission of forms and money for bowling on **Monday, January 22nd**.

REGISTRATION DAY BILLS: *One final statement for 2017 was placed in the mail today. Your next statement will be sent home the first of January. It will include interest.* 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%.**

BOYS' BASEKTBALL GAME CHANGE: Due to availability of a gym, St. Luke's Vassar has rescheduled its home game with us. The previously scheduled date has been changed from **Tuesday, January 16 to Monday, January 15th**. This will be an A only game with a start time of 6:30. The site is **Immanuel, Frankentrost.**

2018-19 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: It is already time to start thinking about next year. Please be advised that Bethel Lutheran Preschool will start accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year on Monday, January 15, 2018. Enrollments are on a first come, first served basis. Enrollment information will be placed in member church boxes very soon. You may also get forms from Mrs. Virant after the first of the year.

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

CLOTHING ORDER: The clothing order deadline was this past **Sunday, December 17th**. The website is now closed. You will be notified when your order comes in.

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. There are still some children who haven't turned in their information. Please do so tomorrow!

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!

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to:

Aiden Jones	12/31	Pre.
Emma Figley	1/3	Gr. 4
Taylor Thunberg	1/5	K
Heidi Dahn	1/5	Gr. 5
Olivia Lopez	1/7	Gr. 8

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: The Bible lesson this week is *God Leads the Wise Men to Jesus*. The children will learn God put a special star in the sky to lead the wise men to Jesus and the wise men worshiped Jesus as their Savior and King. The memory treasures are: Luke 11:28 *Hear the word of God* and Matthew 4:10: *Worship the Lord your God*. This week the children will talk about Christmas and things associated with the holiday. The letter is L, the number 10, color green, and the star shape. Friday will be the final practice for the Children's Christmas service, and then Sunday morning the children will share the news of our Savior's birth in the Children's Christmas service. The children

participating in the Christmas service are to meet in the classroom **by 9:30 am**. This will give them time to go through the song, recitation, and get lined up for going in to church. The children will be sitting in the reserved pews at the front of the church during the service. Following the service please pick your child up **in the classroom**. *The children are participating in a worship service and therefore no flash photography or videotaping is requested.* Wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and blessed New Year.

Kindergarten: This week we will be very busy practicing for our Christmas Eve service and finishing all of the units we have been working on. In Word of God we will be learning how the Children of Israel sinned against God by worshipping a golden calf. Letterbook T will be coming home this week. Please look it over and have your child read the story "Tag" to you. We have started on our Letter book F and I hope we can have it finished before break. Please make sure that your child does some reading practice over break. In math, the children will be finishing their chapter on numbers 11-19. We have also been reviewing our 5 senses by making a Christmas Senses book. Please check to see if your child needs glue sticks or a new box of crayons. I know some of the children have been running out. Don't forget to work on those December Book-It trees over Christmas break. January 8 will be the last day to turn in the slips. The morning of the Children's Christmas service we will meet in the Kdg classroom at 9:40am. Please have your child use the restroom before you drop your child off. After the service is over, the children will be waiting for you in the classroom. I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas!

Grades 1-2: We will continue to work on Christmas service parts this week. This week please make sure your child knows the hymn verses listed on your child's Homework Guide, in addition the recitation parts and verses previously assigned. We have a busy week. We will be playing catch up from our snow day last week as well as wrapping up our science unit on matter with a test on Tuesday. We will continue math and reading as normal this week. If all goes as planned, both first and second grade will test on Chapter 6 on Friday. We will be caroling at the nursing homes across the street on Wednesday afternoon. Thursday afternoon we will have our December STEM challenge with the third through fifth graders. On Friday we will have our classroom Christmas party. Please remember to have your child bring a gift for the gift exchange. Thanks to our moms who are organizing the party! I wish all of you a blessed Christmas season with your families as you celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Grades 3-5: It was a good week in the 3-5th grade classroom last week. This is the last week before Christmas break! We will have several Christmas service practices this week. On Wednesday we have two hymn verses due. On Thursday spelling unit 15 is

due and we will take the word test. Friday memory work is due. Please be looking for a note about our Christmas party, the note will be sent home today. Students may bring in their secret Santa classmate gift this week, please bring them in after Wednesday. Please remember to turn in any Christmas caroling or bowling permission slips. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work as we finish out the last week before Christmas strong! Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: It's a week before Christmas and I hope to get everything wrapped up before we go on vacation. If everything goes well this week most students will have no homework over the holidays. Of course that depends on if they work hard and keep up this week. During the week we will have to work in up to three more Children's service practices, caroling, and a room party. The week should be interesting as well as busy. This past Friday your child was given a letter from Michelle Neveau regarding things that are needed for our room party this weekend. If you haven't seen it, please ask your child for it. Students are not to bring in their exchange gifts until Friday. There will be chapter end tests this week in social studies and science. We will not start new chapters until we get back from vacation. I am not sure if we will be able to finish chapters in math. We will see what the week brings. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those that remember me and my family this holiday season with greetings, cards, and gifts. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. God's blessings as you celebrate the birth of our Savior. Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

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
- 3/4 Jr. Choir
- 3/11 Pre & K
- 3/18 Grades 3-5
- 3/25 Jr. Choir
- 3/30 Grades 1-8

BOYS' BASKETBALL:

Practices:

- 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
- 1/15 vs. St. Luke's@Frankentrost 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:

- 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:

- 12/20 - Caroling at Brookdale, New Hope, & Hampton Manor @ 1:00 PM**
- 12/22 - Last Day before Christmas Vacation
½ day, Room Christmas Parties**
- 12/23 - Bag Candy @ 3:15 PM**
- 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
- 1/28 - Lutheran Schools Sunday
Chili Cook-off
- 2/2 - Faculty In Service ½ Day
- 2/5 - **No School** – Pastor/Teacher Conference
- 2/14 - Ash Wednesday

YOUR FACULTY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO REMEMBERD US WITH GREETINGS, CARDS, AND GIFTS AT THIS SPECIAL TIME OF THE YEAR. YOUR KINDESS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

**GOD'S BLESSINGS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!
SEE YOU IN 2018 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!**