

The Warrior Weekly



December 11, 2009

Upcoming Events

- ▶ Fri., Dec. 11 BB Games AT Bethany; Girls B @ **6:00**, Girls' A @ **7:00**, **NO** Boys' game
- ▶ Sat., Dec. 12 Sunday School Christmas Practice (K-7th) 10:00-11:30
- ▶ Sat., Dec. 12 KML Christmas Chorale Concert, 7:00
- ▶ Sun., Dec. 13 Christmas Caroling/Chili Supper, 4:00
- ▶ Mon., Dec. 14 Girls' BB Practice, 3:30-5:30
- ▶ Mon., Dec. 14 KML Freshman Registration, 6:30-8:00
- ▶ **TUES., DEC. 15 NO BAND LESSONS TODAY**
- ▶ Tues., Dec. 15 Boys' BB Practice, 3:15-5:00
- ▶ Tues., Dec. 15 "A" Girls' BB Practice, 5:30-7:30
- ▶ Wed., Dec. 16 Advent Services, 3:30 & 7:00
- ▶ Wed., Dec. 16 Girls' BB Practice, **4:45-6:15**
- ▶ Thurs., Dec. 17 Boys' BB Practice, 3:15-5:00
- ▶ **Fri., Dec. 18 EARLY DISMISSAL AT 11:30 A.M.**
- ▶ Fri., Dec. 18 BB Games HOME vs. St. John's; Girls' B @5:00, Girls' A @ 6:00, Boys' A/B @ 7:00
- ▶ Sat, Dec. 19 Sunday School Christmas Eve Practice (PreK-7th) 10:00-11:30
- ▶ Sun. Dec. 20 Christmas Sing-a-long, 9:15
- ▶ Sun., Dec. 20 Children's Christmas Service, 4:00
- ▶ **Mon., 12/21/09-Sun., 1/3/10 NO SCHOOL**
- ▶ Thurs., Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday School Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 Candlelight Song Service, 8:00
- ▶ Fri., Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY Festival Worship 9:00
- ▶ Thurs., Dec. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Worship service with communion, 7:00
- ▶ Mon., Jan. 4 Classes resume

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE



Our students are hard at work, practicing for the special Children's Christmas Service which will be held in our Family Life Center on Sunday, December 20th,

at 4:00 p.m. This year the service is entitled, "Come, Lord Jesus." We eagerly look forward to telling once again the story of our Lord's birth. We hope our Family Life Center will be filled to capacity with friends and loved ones! (If you need more invitations, please let us know.)

Please note: All students should meet in their classrooms no later than 3:45 p.m. 5th-8th graders will all meet in the 7/8 classroom. Teachers will stay with the children and bring them up to the church for the processional.

SNOW CLOSINGS

When weather conditions make it necessary to close school, an announcement will be made over the following TV stations: 4 (WTMJ), 6 (FOX) & 12 (WISN). "Our Savior Lutheran School" will be listed by itself. However, since in most instances school is called off by the local school district, watch for "all Grafton Schools" and/or "all Port Washington/Saukville Schools," also. If either or both of these school districts close, we also close.

EARLY DISMISSAL - DECEMBER 18

We will have **early dismissal on Friday, December 18th at 11:30 a.m.** Our Children's Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, December 20, at 4:00 p.m. Christmas vacation runs from Monday, December 21 through Sunday, January 3rd. Classes resume on Monday, January 4th.

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Christian Faith - Christian Service - Christian Witness - Academic Readiness

UPCOMING BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

Information will be coming home after Christmas break with particulars regarding the following basketball tournaments:

- Girls’ “B” - Trinity Invitational B-Team Tournament
Saturday, January 9
- Girls’ “A” - at St. Paul’s, Grftn, Sunday, January 17
- Girls’ “A” and Boys’ - at St. John’s, Newburg, Saturday,
January 23
- Girls’ “A” and Boys’ teams - at KML, Friday, Saturday,
and Sunday, February 19-21.

4th GRADE WINTER BAND RECRUITMENT

On Monday, Dec. 14, Mr. Kevin Ehlke, the director of the KML Elementary School Band program, will be here to speak with our 4th graders about becoming involved with music and the band program. The goal is to get students and their families thinking about having their child in the band program before he comes again after the Easter break for the instrumental presentation and registration.

PTF CORNER

CALENDARS: We still have a limited supply of calendars and pocket calendars available for sale (\$6 each). Contact the school office if you would like some. They are also located in the back of church.

PICK ‘N SAVE “WE CARE” PROGRAM: We recently received a check for \$280.61! This is a great way to earn money for unbudgeted items for our school. If you have not already done so, please register our number (584400) at the Courtesy Counter, and then use your Advantage Plus Card when you check out. We receive 1% back from your total grocery receipts at any Pick ‘n Save throughout the state. It really adds up!

SCRIP: The next scrip ordering deadline is Monday, Jan. 25th. Orders will be in on Thursday, Jan. 28th.

3rd QUARTER MISSIONS PROJECT

Our Wednesday chapel offerings for the months of January through March will be directed to the WELS Mission Partners Project in Mexico. KML graduate, Phil Gurgel (a nephew of congregation members of Our Savior) was an EFL teacher, working in Mexico with this project last year. Missionaries work with

the Mexican Lutheran Church, officially known as the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mexico. This sister synod of WELS operates throughout Mexico and consists of 27 congregations serving over 600 souls throughout the country, 7 pastors, seminary students and a seminary. Different forms of outreach take place as missionaries and the Mexican Lutheran Church work to reach more souls with the Gospel. For example, English classes are held in various locations to provide a service for the communities and contribute to an active church.

This also provides an opportunity to meet people and invite them to church.

HEALTHY EATING CORNER

Healthy Holiday Eating



The holidays from October through December are filled with candy, meats, gravies, stuffing, and pies. Don't deprive your children because of anything you read here, but do teach them to enjoy the holidays without indulg-

ing in the opportunities to overeat that are so readily available. Your children are exposed to goodies at every turn during the holidays. The well-intentioned teacher has a jar of candy on his desk, the bus driver passes out candy as your kids board her bus, and even the parents of your children's friends are distributing calories and cholesterol. The good news is that most people don't gain as much weight as they think they do during the holidays. The bad news is that the weight people do gain then is not likely to be lost during the new year. You and your children can sample the goodies available during the holidays, but teach your children to limit themselves to small portions rather than eating a whole platter of pastries. In addition to encouraging your kids to practice moderation, make sure to keep their activity levels high. This can range from unorganized play outside to a family trip to the ice skating rink

CHILDREN’S OFFERING ENVELOPES

The little white boxes of 2010 offering envelopes went home on Thursday with students who are members of Our Savior Lutheran Church. All children ages 3 and up receive them. 8th grade students may use these envelopes until they get confirmed. They will then receive adult envelopes. One half of the offerings received go to the quarterly mission projects selected by the school staff, and the other half goes to the general treasury.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

- Advent Worship - Wed., Dec. 16, at 3:30 & 7:00 p.m. (*Thursday evening services will be suspended during the Advent season. They will resume Jan. 7.*)
- Children’s Christmas Service
Sunday, Dec. 20, 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday School Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, Dec. 24, 6:00 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Song Service
Thursday, Dec. 24, 8:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day Festival Worship
Friday, Dec. 25, 9:00 a.m.
- New Year’s Eve Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday, Dec. 31, 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE



Our Sunday School children will present the joyous news of Jesus’ birth during their special Christmas Eve Service on Thursday evening, December 24th, at 6:00. Practices will be held on the following Saturday

mornings, from 10:00-11:30:

Sat., Dec. 12 (Kind.-Gr. 7)

Sat., Dec. 19 (PreKindergarten-Gr. 7)

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COOKBOOKS

A display of Christmas cards, and cookbooks are in the back of the church. Prices are listed on the display. Payment for the cards and cookbooks should go into the red box labeled Ruth Guild.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

•CHRISTMAS CAROLING/CHILI SUPPER

Sunday, Dec. 13 - Meet at church at 4:00 p.m. After caroling, gather in the Fellowship Hall for a chili supper. Please bring a quart of chili and a half dozen Christmas cookies or bars.



•ADULT & TEEN CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

Join us at 9:15 between services on Sunday, Dec. 20 in the Fellowship Hall for Christmas caroling, refreshments and fellowship.

KML NEWS

•Christmas Chorale Concert

Saturday, Dec. 12, 7:00 p.m.

•**Freshman Registration Nights:** Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School will hold registration for incoming freshmen on Monday, December 14, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. All incoming freshmen are urged and encouraged to attend this registration night.

•Grade School Nights

KML is once again hosting “Grade School Nights” at two of their Charger basketball games. They invite you to come and cheer for the Charger Girls’ teams on Tuesday, January 21, and for the Charger Boys on Thursday, January 28. On these nights, admission is free for grade school students. Freshman/Junior Varsity games are at 6:00 p.m. and Varsity games at 7:30 p.m. The annual Hot Shot contests will also be held on these evenings (girls - Jan. 21, boys - Jan. 28).

7TH AND 8TH GRADE NEWS

“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.’” (Luke 2:13-14)

What excitement there must have been for the angels to proclaim that wonderful message to the shepherds that night! The shepherds, we know, were initially frightened by what they saw, but when they heard the message of a Savior born for them, their fear turned to joy. They were assured of peace that only their Savior could bring to them, and they were eager to tell others.

During this time of year it is very easy to see the excitement in students, and in the 7th & 8th grade class it is no different. They have heard the Christmas story many times, and have participated in telling it to others in our children’s Christmas service as well. As we spend time in learning music, narrations, and recitations from God’s Word, we are reminded of how great God’s love for us is, and how important it is to let it show in our daily lives. It is my prayer that they will hold on to that joy and peace and not be afraid to share it with others as they go through life with their Savior at their side.

Already, 8th grade students are thinking about, or are in the process of, registering for ninth grade classes next year. Most of them will have this completed in the next week or so. Some will be completing it in the next month. This, too, brings some excitement and maybe some fear as they are thinking about their first year in high school. It is a joy for me to be able to encourage them, and guide them to see how God has blessed them with gifts to be able to take that next step in their lives.

May God’s richest blessings of joy and peace this Christmas season be on you and your families as you celebrate our Lord and Savior’s birth.

The 7th & 8th Grade Class

PHOTO OF GRADES 7 AND 8