

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

September 21st – 25th, 2026

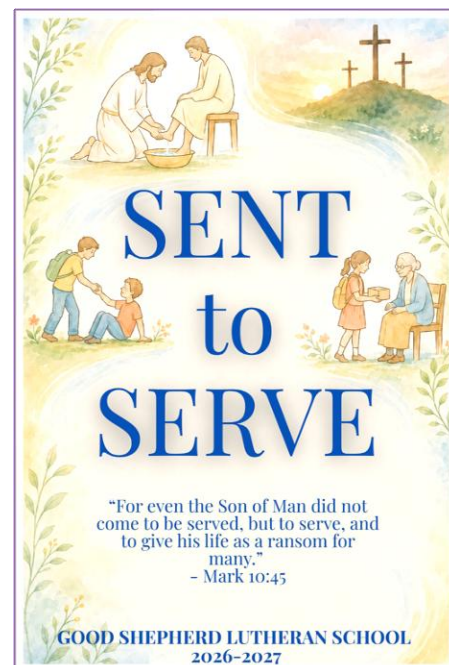


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General News and Notes

- **Thank you** to everyone who shopped at our **Scholastic Book Fair** this year, and a special **THANK YOU** to **Monae Johnson & Becky Koontz** for coordinating and running it! In addition, thank you to those who participated in our **HundredX fundraiser**, and a big **THANK YOU** to **Maryah Mason** for running it! We are grateful for all the support shown to our school and will share the totals raised, soon!
- Our first-quarter **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are **this Tuesday through Thursday**. A schedule was sent home with each student on Friday and will be posted outside each classroom, as well. If you are not able to make your scheduled time, please reach out to your child's teacher to find a time that works. We look forward to seeing everyone!
- Interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches and what we teach your children from God's Word? We just started a **new Bible Information Class**! We'll meet **Thursday evenings at 6:30** for about an hour to explore the Bible, tackle some of life's biggest questions, and focus on its central message: Jesus and his saving work for us. The class is open to anyone who would like to learn more, whether you're considering church membership, want to review the basics, or simply have questions. It's also a great opportunity for parents to hear firsthand what we teach. Feel free to invite a friend or family member! If you're interested in attending, please **contact Pastor Otto at (715) 614-2190 or pastorotto@gsomaha.com** so we have a rough idea of how many to expect. Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22-24

Parent-Teacher Conferences

September 25

NELHS Day (6th-8th grade)

October 10

Fall Festival

October 12-16

NO SCHOOL (Fall Break)
(Teachers' Conference @ YMCA of the Rockies – Snow Mountain Ranch)

October 23

End of the 1st Quarter

October 24

NELHS Volleyball Tournament

November 7

NELHS Academic & Fine Arts Fair

November 18

Goodnight Stories

November 20

Living History Night

Worship Focus

THIS WEEKEND



Sunday 9/20/26

9:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Pastor Otto)

10:30 a.m. – Worship w/ Communion (Pastor Otto)

Theme:

"Grace Is Amazing"

Readings:

- 1st Lesson – Jonah 3:10-4:11
- 2nd Lesson – Romans 9:6-16
- Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16

Hymns:

- #576 – "Amazing Grace"
- #575 – "By Grace I'm Saved"
- #558 – "Salvation unto Us Has Come"
- #577 – "Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love"

MR. LAUBER & MRS. ROBERTS' CLASSROOM

- A reminder that students heading to NELHS Day this coming Friday will need to be at Good Shepherd by 7:10 a.m., as we will need to roll out at 7:15 a.m. sharp! (Younger siblings are able to attend before care free of charge on Friday.)



Singing our theme hymn on Grandfriends Day!

TESTS THIS WEEK

M – None
Tu – None
W – None
Th – None
F – None



MISS CROWL'S CLASSROOM

Memory Work: Psalm 119:105 for Wednesday. 1 Peter 5:8 for Friday.

Spelling:

3rd - math, toast, easy, socks, Friday, stuff, paid, cheese, eighteen, elbow, program, shiny, piles, sticky, slight, pilot, height, mind

4th - (Learning the definitions will be important for these homophones.) wait, weight, heard, herd, days, daze, heel, heal, peak, peek, sent, cent, scent, feet, feat, vain, vane, vein, miner, minor

5th - ounce, sprawl, launch, loyal, avoid, basketball, moist, haunt, scowl, naughty, destroy, saucer, pounce, poison, August, auction, royal, coward, awkward, encounter

Notes & Reminders:

- This week is parent-teacher conferences. I look forward to meeting with all of you!
- There will be no soccer practice this week due to conferences.
- Here are a couple of important dates coming up:
 - September 30th we are headed to Vala's Pumpkin Patch. Students will need to pack a sack lunch this day.
 - October 1st will be the day for the soccer scrimmage at Gethsemane beginning at 4:30pm. More information to come.



Grandfriends' Day craft



Shopping the Book Fair!

Mission Statement

Good Shepherd
Lutheran School exists for
students to be

FED by the Word,
FOLLOW Christ in his love,
and
FIND the lost with his Word.

MRS. HOPFENSPERGER'S CLASSROOM

- **Spelling Words (1st & 2nd Grade):**
 - 1st: in, pig, did, sit, dig, big
 - 2nd: doze, nose, use, rose, pole, close, June, woke, rule, rode, role, tune
- **High Frequency Words:**
 - 1st: and, find, for, just, many, one, she, then
 - 2nd: close, cold, come, done, fire, front, life, name, small, times
- **Sound of the Week:**
 - 1st: g, k, short a and i
 - 2nd: long o, e, u VCe words
- **Focus Skills**
 - 1st: ideas and support, text organization, retell, setting, speaking and listening
 - 2nd: author's purpose, central idea, make inferences, content area words
- **Power Words**
 - 1st: belong, gifted, help, market, mess, neighbors, persists, sell, set, sketch, smeared, toiled
 - 2nd: amount, easily, example, forms, hollow, material, petals, planet, sail, space, splashes, tasty, tender, ticklish

Upcoming Dates:

September 22nd-24th – Parent-Teacher Conferences



Engineering umbrellas that the wind won't blow over!



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MEMORY WORK

Tuesday:

1st – John 1:29

2nd – John 1:29

Wednesday:

2nd – Psalm 119:105

Thursday:

1st – Psalm 119:105

2nd – Psalm 119:105

mrs. otto's classroom

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Word of God: John the Baptist, Jesus is Baptized

Math: Read, write and make numbers 0-5 problem solve and assessment

Writing: writers can draw a person and setting and add detail, writing celebration!

Reading: There's Only One Me, story elements, plot: problem and solution

Structured Literacy: m and s, building and chaining words

Science: how trees grow and recycling

Social Studies: authority figures

A NOTE

We have a fun week coming up in science! As we continue our unit on trees, we'll get a class tree to care for and watch it grow throughout the year.

After reading Paper Chase, we'll also make our own recycled paper and learn how trees connect to the paper we use every day!

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/22-9/24- PT conferences

10/10- Fall Festival

10/12-10/16- Fall Break

10/23- end of 1st quarter

10/26- no school



So proud of how our class helps one another out and works together. In this picture everyone stopped during playtime to help a classmate clean up!



Working at "bear cafe" to fulfill lots of orders of soup, salads and ice cream sundaes!

MRS. WALZ'S CLASSROOM

- In Jesus Time, this week we will learn two stories. Our first story is "Joseph Becomes a Ruler in a Faraway Land." In this story, we will hear how God turned Joseph's sad story into one for the good of his people. Our second story is "Joseph Forgives His Brothers." In this story, we will hear about how God sent Joseph's brothers back to him and how Joseph was able to forgive them.
- For Circle Time, this week we will talk all about the theme All About Me and the letter F.
- If you have not sent me your family picture, please do so as soon as possible.
- There is NO Show and Tell this week.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are this week. A note was sent home on Friday with your date and time. If you did not receive a note, please let me know!
- If you ever have any questions, please feel free to email me, send me a message in Bloomz, send a note in your child's backpack, or talk to me in person.
- Have a great week!



Measuring with inchworm rulers!



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