

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

October 5th – 9th, 2026

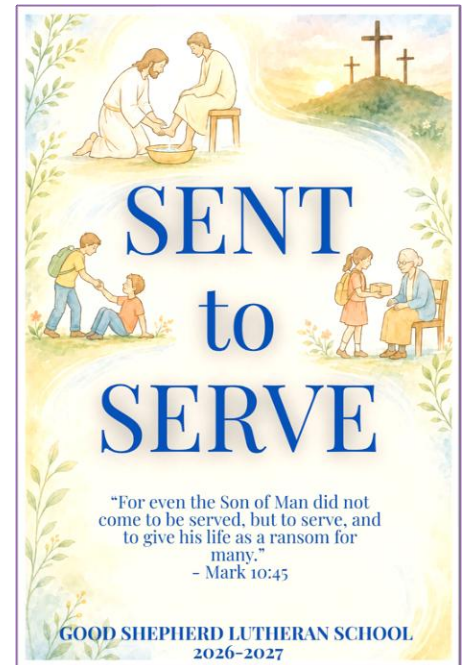


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General News and Notes

- Our preschool through 5th-grade students will be heading to Vala's Pumpkin Patch this Tuesday for their rescheduled field trip! They'll take a bus, leaving at 8:40 a.m. and returning around 2:00 p.m. Please make sure to send a sack lunch that can be thrown away when they're finished!
- A reminder that there is NO SCHOOL next week, as we enjoy our fall break. The teachers will spend the first part of the week in Colorado at the Nebraska & Dakota-Montana Districts Teachers' Conference. We pray for safe travels and God's blessings on their professional development!
- Living History Night is seven weeks away! This year, we'll be focusing on U.S. History. A note with more information is attached to the Weekly Note email.
- 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!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6

Field Trip to Vala's Pumpkin Patch
(Preschool - 5th 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

October 30

Field Trip to Henry Doorly Zoo
(Preschool – 8th grade)

November 7

NELHS Academic & Fine Arts Fair

November 16

Black Violin @ Holland Center (1-8)
Skating @ Skate City in Bellevue

November 18

Goodnight Stories

Worship Focus

THIS WEEKEND



Sunday 10/4/26

9:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Pastor Otto)

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

Theme:

“Real Repentance Looks Different”

Readings:

- 1st Lesson – Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32
- Choir – Psalm 25
- 2nd Lesson – Philippians 2:1-11
- Gospel – Matthew 21:23-32

Hymns:

- #73 – “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”
- #655 – “Before You, God, the Judge of All”
- #393 – “Savior, When in Dust to You”
- Choir – “Go in Peace”

MR. LAUBER & MRS. ROBERTS’ CLASSROOM

- I will be in New Ulm, Minnesota this Wednesday afternoon through Friday evening for meetings of the Governing Board of Martin Luther College. Thank you to Mrs. Roberts for covering on Thursday and to Mr. Seaberg for covering on Friday morning!



TESTS THIS WEEK

M – None
Tu – 6th - Math
W – 7&8 – U.S. History
Th – None
F – None



Post-flooding clean up! Way to take the opportunity to serve, Bulldogs!

MISS CROWL'S CLASSROOM

Memory Work: A new memory work calendar for October and November was sent home last week. The students have Luke 11:28 for Wednesday and Romans 3:23 for Friday.

Spelling:

3rd - splash, strange, scratch, squeeze, squeak, squeal, screen, split, splat, sprain, sprint, strip, strap, scrap, easy, eighteen, elbow, program

4th - bloom, cookbook, tool, shampoo, put, wool, stool, proof, prove, group, brook, foolish, bush, crooked, booth, raccoon, hook, groom, roof, soup

5th - earth, peer, swirl, burnt, smear, further, appear, worthwhile, nerve, pier, squirm, weary, alert, murmur, thirsty, reverse, worship, career, research, volunteer

Notes & Reminders:

- I will be out of town this Monday, October 5th. Mrs. Seaberg will be here for the day. If you have any questions, please send me an email. Thanks!
- The Vala's Pumpkin Patch field trip has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 6th. Students will need a sack lunch to bring with them.
- Fall Festival is Saturday, October 10th. Please come and join us!
- Fall Break is quickly approaching - there is no school October 12th-16th.



These young men took it upon themselves to clean up after the flooding this week, without being asked to. Way to live out our school theme for this year, Bulldogs!

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.



Ready to learn in our STEM Lab!

MRS. HOPFENSPERGER'S CLASSROOM

- **Spelling Words (1st & 2nd Grade):**
 - 1st: up, bug, mud, nut, hug, tub
 - 2nd: space, globe, grade, swim, place, last, test, skin, drag, glide, just, stove
- **High Frequency Words:**
 - 1st: about, eat, how, make, out, put, takes, who
 - 2nd: baby, bird, blue, bring, fly, her, little, place, she, this
- **Sound of the Week:**
 - 1st: consonants w, j, y, v, short u
 - 2nd: initial blends with l, r, s
- **Focus Skills**
 - 1st: setting, ask and answer questions, text organization, content area words
 - 2nd: central idea, ask and answer questions, elements of drama
- **Power Words**
 - 1st: against, churn, close, docked, drive, harbor, heal, pointing, spoon, stock, unload
 - 2nd: ace, agency, business, confidently, eagerly, located, mossy, mystery, outstretched, pavement, scoop, seeps, underside

Upcoming Dates:

October 6th- Field Trip to Vala's (bring sack lunch)

October 10th- Fall Festival 4-7 p.m.

October 12th-16th- Fall Break



Observing the monarch caterpillar munching on our rose bushes. In a few weeks, it will join the other butterflies in enjoying the flowers!



MEMORY WORK

Tuesday:

1st – Mark 16:16

2nd – Mark 16:16

Wednesday:

2nd – 3rd Commandment

Thursday:

1st – 3rd Commandment

2nd – 3rd Commandment

mrs. otto's classroom

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Word of God: Jesus changes water into wine

Math: Compare numbers 1-5 assessment, reading and writing numbers 6 and 7

Writing: Labeling a picture with a beginning sounds and more letters

Reading: There's Only One Me, problem and solution, author and illustrator

Structured Literacy: short vowel i, blending and segmenting, building and chaining words

Science: Leaves

Social Studies: Fairness and equality, responsibility

A NOTE

This is our last week before Fall break...crazy!! We are celebrating with Pumpkin Week! We'll be learning all about pumpkins and enjoying lots of fun pumpkin themed activities throughout the week.

On Friday, students can bring a blanket for a "Cozy Flashlight Friday"! It will be a fun way to wrap up our week before Fall break!

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/6- Vala's Fieldtrip
(rescheduled)

10/10- Fall Festival

10/12-10/16- Fall Break

10/23- end of 1st quarter

10/26- no school



In writing, we are learning how to label our illustrations! So we started by "labeling the teacher"!



Started learning about leaves in science. We went on a leaf scavenger hunt!

MRS. WALZ'S CLASSROOM

- In Jesus Time, this week we will learn two stories. Our first story is "God Leads His People Through the Red Sea." In this story, we will hear how God led his people out of Egypt and helped them across the sea. Our second story is "God Gives the Ten Commandments." In this story, we will hear about how God gave us his laws that tell us how to live.
- For Circle Time, this week we will talk all about the theme All About Apples and the letter E.
- We will be going on a field trip to Vala's Pumpkin Patch THIS Tuesday, October 6th. We will be staying for lunch and returning to school around 2:00 pm. Please see the orange note that was sent home last week with more information.
- There is NO Show and Tell this week.
- There is No School from Monday, October 12th through Friday, October 16th for Teacher Conference and Fall Break.
- 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!



Drawing and coloring pictures



Sorting "The Color Monster" emotions!

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