

# WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

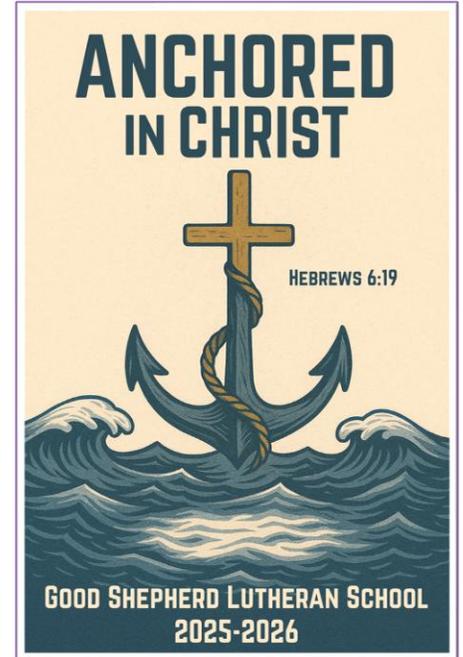


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## General News and Notes

- **Christian Education Week is here!** – The schedule is posted on the last page of this note. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved to celebrate with us!
  - **Please plan on joining us for “Breakfast with Bulldogs” this Monday morning before school from 7:45 – 8:15 a.m.**
  - There are some **volunteer and donation opportunities** for Pajama & Movie Day at [this sign-up right here](#).
  - **We still need drivers** for the Amazing Pizza Machine on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>! There is a sign-up sheet posted in the hallway.
  - Join us for a fun Pep Rally on **Thursday at 2:30 p.m.** as we wish our basketball teams God's blessings!
- *We are asking each student (K-8) to bring \$10 to offset the cost of our trip to Amazing Pizza Machine on Wednesday. Please send this with your student on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> if you haven't done so already. Thank you!*
- Thank you to those who attended Wednesday's soup supper and supported our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-graders. They raised over \$300 for their spring trip to Minnesota! There is no soup supper this week, but please plan to join us for a devotional worship service at 6:30 on Wednesday evening!
- Look for information about tuition and enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year to come in the next week or so!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 23-26

Christian Education Week

M – Sports Day

- Breakfast w/ Bulldogs @ 7:45
- Wildlife Encounters @ 9

Tu – Pajama Day

- Movies in the afternoon

W – Class Color Day

- Amazing Pizza Machine (K-8)

Th – Bulldog Spirit Day

- Pep Rally @ 2:30

### February 27-28

NELHS Basketball Tournament

(No school on Friday, 2/27)

### March 2

NO SCHOOL

### March 5

K-2 field trip to Fontenelle Forest

### March 9-13

Spring Break

### March 16

Dining Out @ Godfather's Pizza

### March 19

1-8 field trip to Luminarium

PreK-K see “Ada Twist” @ The Rose

# Worship Focus

**THIS WEEKEND**



**Sunday 2/22/26**

**9:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Vicar Guse)**

**10:30 a.m. – Worship w/ Communion & Praise Band (Pastor Jeske)**

## **Theme:**

“Exactly What I Need: Faith”

## **Readings:**

- First Lesson – Genesis 12:1-8
- Second Lesson – Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

## **Hymns:**

- “Goodness of God” – Bethel Music
- #579 - “His Mercy Is More”
- #523 - “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”
- #868 - “By Faith”
- #931 - “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

## **MR. LAUBER & MRS. ROBERTS’ CLASSROOM**

- Thank you to everyone who helped with the soup supper on Wednesday evening! I plan to have a note with our updated itinerary and cost for the MN trip this week!



“Footprints in the Snow”

## **TESTS THIS WEEK**

**M** – None

**Tu** – None

**W** – None

**Th** – None

**F** – No School



Mrs. Roberts and Mr. P discussing the merits of new Social Studies curriculum materials

## MISS CROWL'S CLASSROOM

**Memory Work:** Keep an eye on your email. Miss Kramer or I will email out the memory work on Monday.

### Spelling Words:

**3rd** - unfold, rejoin, reheat, unfair, rewrite, unwrap, painless, helpless, kindness, fearless, goodness, spotless, softness, darkness, invited, planned, drumming, changing

**4th** - poster, secret, whether, author, rocket, bushel, agree, bucket, ticket, declare, chicken, clothing, apron, whickers, degree, gather, achieve, rather, bracket, machine

**5th** - mislead, dismiss, insincere, unable, indirect, mistreat, disaster, dishonest, insecure, unknown, incomplete, unequal, unstable, miscue, disagree, informal, discover, unwise, mislaid, disgrace

### Notes & Reminders:

- This week is Christian Education week! Each day we will have a fun opportunity for the students to take a break from their everyday classes. Students are also encouraged to participate in the different dress up days as well.
- Our last basketball practice is this Tuesday, February 24th.



Miss Hemmelman, Miss Kramer, and Miss Crowl enjoying the curriculum study



Stop by and see what our students love about Good Shepherd!

### 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.

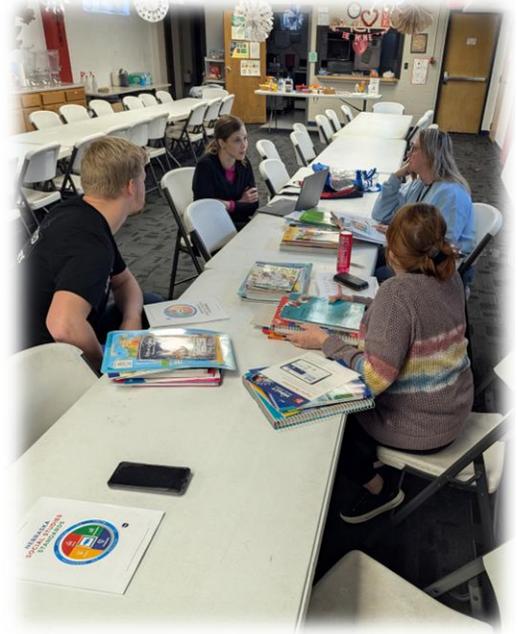
## MRS. HOPFENSPERGER'S CLASSROOM

- **Spelling Words (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade):**
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: No Spelling Test
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: No Spelling Test
- **High Frequency Words:**
  - Kindergarten: the, a, see, I, by, my, to, at, am, go, is, no, man, and, you, can, an, has, it, he, ran, she, did, in, put, me, sits, with, big, good, his, very, got, here, of, on, are, lot, not, was, but, look, up, want, for, her, him, us, help, they, too, yes, have, six, some, we
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: air, different, drink, enough, never, small, through, under
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: air, city, friend, hair, hear, learn, looked, remember, stood, street
- **Sound of the Week:**
  - Kindergarten: q and x
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: long a (ai, ay) contractions 'm,'s, n't, 'll
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: oo multisyllabic words oo
- **Focus Skills**
  - Kindergarten: isolate initial and final sounds, make inferences, theme, characters, setting, events
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: topic and central idea, synthesize, content-area words
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: central idea, create mental images, setting, ideas support
- **Power Words**
  - Kindergarten: disability, respectful and hero
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: affect, coexist, fossils, fragile, hike, interesting, poisonous, popular, report, rim, tour
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: aching, allowed, alone, briskly, dared, deserved, frigid, gripped, gushed, lend, reminding, secret, starlit, whirl

\$10 will need to be brought to Mrs. Hopfensperger by Monday, February 23rd to offset the cost of the Amazing Pizza Machine field trip this week.

### Upcoming Dates:

February 23rd- Breakfast With Bulldogs (before school)/Animal Encounters 9:00 a.m./favorite sports team  
February 24th- Movie Day/Pajama Day  
February 25th- Amazing Pizza Machine/K-2 wears red  
February 26th- Pep Rally 2:30 p.m./Bulldog gear  
February 27th-March 2nd No School



Mr. Pausma, Mrs. Brauer, Mrs. Hopfensperger, and Mrs. Nunez discussing Social Studies curriculum

### MEMORY WORK

#### Tuesday

- K – No memory work
- 1-2 – No memory work

#### Wednesday

- 2 – No memory work

#### Thursday

- 1-2 – No memory work



Fun outside with some of our big friends!

## MRS. WALZ'S CLASSROOM

- In Jesus Time, this week we will learn one story. Our story is "Jesus Blesses the Children." In this story, we will hear how Jesus taught that even little children can learn about God's Word.
- For Circle Time, this week we will talk all about the letter M and community helpers.
- There is NO Show and Tell this week.
- This week is Christian Education Week. We will be having special dress-up days and events. Please see the attachment to Mr. Lauber's email and in Bloomz for the special events and dress-up days.
- February's Family Fun Calendars and Nightly Reading Sheets are due Thursday, February 26th.
- There is No School Friday, February 27th – Monday, March 2nd.
- 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!



**Congratulations to Jeffrey Keefe on winning the EPIC Treasure Chest in our Book Blast this year!**



**The Book Blast Books have (mostly\*) arrived!**

(\*Note Scarlett's big smile, even though her full set of books was delivered to the wrong school! We promise they're on their way, Scarlett! Way to be a great sport!)

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**Miss Amber Crowl – 3-5**

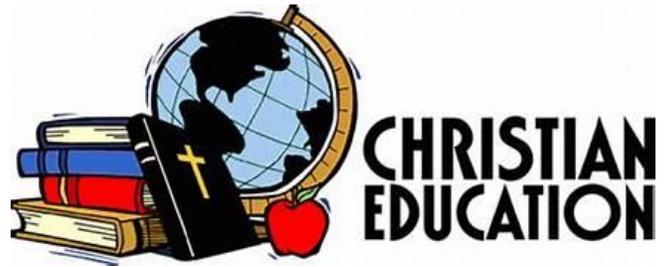
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## Christian Education Week 2025 - Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

This year, our Christian Education Week will be celebrated on **February 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**. We have some fun activities planned for the week; see the schedule below for each day. We need volunteers for activities on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please check out the school bulletin board for sign-up sheets.

*We look forward to celebrating Christian Education with you!*

### **Monday (23<sup>rd</sup>): Sports Day** (Dress up in anything that represents your favorite team or sport!)

- Breakfast with Bulldogs (Please join us for some pastries & juice before school!)
  - 7:45 - 8:15 a.m.
- Wildlife Encounters
  - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

### **Tuesday (24<sup>th</sup>): Pajama/Movie Day** (Wear your coziest pajamas!)

- Movie Day (\*\*volunteers needed\*\*)
  - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup>): Classroom Color Day** (Each classroom has a specific color to wear!)

- PreK – Green
- K-2<sup>nd</sup> – Red
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – Blue
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – Black
- Amazing Pizza Machine (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students) 11:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. (\*\*Drivers Needed\*\*)

### **Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>): Bulldog Spirit Day** (Wear your Bulldogs gear or black/red/white!)

- Pep Rally
  - 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

### **Friday (27<sup>th</sup>): NO SCHOOL (Basketball Tournament @ NELHS) – GO, BULLDOGS!**