

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

December 8th – 12th, 2025

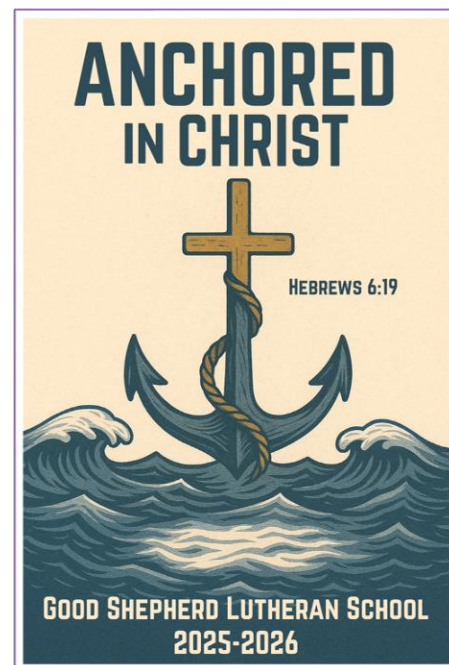


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General News and Notes

- Instead of doing classroom gift exchanges for Christmas, each year we buy gifts for children staying in local shelters who may not otherwise receive Christmas gifts. Once we receive a list from the shelter, our 6th-8th-grade class will go shopping to pick out and buy the gifts. We ask that each student please bring \$5 to school by this Friday, December 12th. Thank you!
- This year's Children's Christmas Service, entitled "Bethlehem," will be held on Thursday, December 18th, in the sanctuary at Coram Deo (8787 Pacific St.) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Students should arrive no later than 6:15 p.m., so we can be lined up and ready to walk in at exactly 6:30. A note with a map and more information will be shared towards the end of this coming week. Our students can't wait to share the good news of Jesus' birth with all of you!
- Christmas for Kids is just two weeks away – Saturday, December 20th, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Preschool-5th grade students (invite friends/family) are invited to attend this fun event - Christmas activities, Bible stories, songs, and snacks! Please see the table in the narthex for sign-up sheets and volunteer opportunities - many hands will help make this event a success! You can also register your child/ren to attend [here](#).
- As the weather gets more... interesting... a reminder that we do typically follow OPS for weather-related closings. I will always communicate any changes to our schedule via our email list and the "Remind" app (you can [click right here to sign up](#)).



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 10

Midweek Advent Service
Soup Supper @ 5 p.m.
Worship @ 6:30 p.m.

December 18

Children's Christmas Service
6:30 p.m. @ Coram Deo
(Daycare closes @ 5 p.m.)
Students need to be at Coram Deo by 6:15 p.m.

December 19

End of 1st semester
Noon dismissal – no lunch

December 20

Christmas 4 Kids
9:00-12:00 @ Good Shepherd

December 22-January 2

NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)

January 13-16

MAP Testing (1st-8th grade)

January 19

NO SCHOOL (MLK Jr. Day)

Worship Focus

THIS WEEKEND



Sunday 12/7/25

9:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Vicar Guse)

10:30 a.m. – Worship (Vicar Guse)

Theme:

“Imminent Arrival of the One Who Calls”

Readings:

- 1st Lesson – Ezekiel 3:16-21
- Psalm 24C
- 2nd Lesson – Romans 10:8b-18
- Gospel – John 1:35-42

Hymns:

- #305 - “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”
- #716 - “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve”
- #745 - “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”
- #313 - “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”

MR. LAUBER & MRS. ROBERTS’ CLASSROOM

- Thank you to everyone for your help making the soup supper a success! We were able to raise \$219 towards our spring Minnesota trip.



Playing in a Winter Wonderland

TESTS THIS WEEK

M – None

Tu – None

W – None

Th – None

F – 8th-Grade Math



All smiles in 6th-8th grade!

MISS CROWL'S CLASSROOM

Memory Work: Please see the memory work schedule that was emailed to you. Each student also has a copy in their folder as well.

Spelling:

3rd - horse, mark, storm, market, acorn, large, March, north, barking, stork, thorn, forest, chore, restore, doesn't, weren't, couldn't, they'd

4th - risky, track, topic, blank, question, pocket, money, junk, equal, ache, public, attack, struck, earthquake, picnic, banker, electric, blanket, mistake, stomach

5th - duties, earlier, loveliest, denied, ferries, sunnier, terrified, abilities, dirtier, scariest, trophies, cozier, enemies, iciest, greediest, drowsier, victories, horrified, memories, strategies

Notes & Reminders:

- We still go outside for recess even in the colder weather (within reason). Please have students bring a jacket, hats, gloves, boots, etc., to help stay warm.
- The children's Christmas service is on Thursday, December 18th.



Good Shepherd alum Weston Koontz ('22) and Gethsemane alum Natalie Brauer leading the 3rd-5th-graders in NELHS Bingo



Our Good Shepherd family Christmas tree!

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: drip, trap, drum, trip, grin, scrub
 - 2nd: night, kind, spy, child, knife, find, right, high, write, climb, sign, sigh
- **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
 - 1st: again, away, because, cold, fall, full, or, pretty
 - 2nd: almost, become, begin, high, kind, might, night, one, open, opened
- **Sound of the Week:**
 - Kindergarten: O
 - 1st: initial blends with r
 - 2nd: multi-syllabic words long i
- **Focus Skills**
 - Kindergarten: identify medial vowel sounds, isolate medial sounds, blend phonemes into words, produce rhymes, central idea, story elements
 - 1st: text features, make and confirm predictions, make connections, ideas and support
 - 2nd: characters, summarize, text features, evaluate, ideas and support
- **Power Words**
 - Kindergarten: muscles, relaxing, take care
 - 1st: arrives, avoid, bare, blanket, faces, fades, hidden, nears, pattern, seasons, shines, weather
 - 2nd: advice, architect, earned, equal, honored, interviews, lot, manager, politics, rare, relay, stoop, success, volunteers

There will be no Show and Tell in December. Show and Tell will start in January.

Please bring boots, snowpants, coats, hats, and gloves for recess.

Upcoming Dates:

December 18th – Children's Christmas Service 6:30 p.m. at Coram Deo

December 19th – ½ day of school: Christmas party (no hot lunch or aftercare)

December 20th – Christmas for Kids 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Making special Christmas manger mobiles

MEMORY WORK

Memory Work will be Christmas Service recitations. A note was sent home last week. Please let me know if you do not have it.



Creating their bingo cards

MRS. WALZ'S CLASSROOM

- In Jesus Time, this week we will learn two stories. Our first story is "God Leads the Wise Men to Jesus." In this story, we will hear how God put a star in the sky to guide believers from far away to Jesus. Our second story is "God Keeps Jesus Safe." In this story, we will hear about how God saved his son from a wicked king's rule.
- For Circle Time, this week we will talk about the letter G and all about our five senses.
- December's Family Fun Calendars and Nightly Reading Sheets are due Wednesday, December 17th.
- Our parts for the Children's Christmas Service were sent home last week. Please work with your child at home on the words for our parts. A note about the service location and times will be sent home this week.
- We will be having our classroom Christmas party on Friday, December 19th. A note was sent home last week with more information about our party. There is also a sign-up sheet in the hallway for needed items for the party.
- There is No School from the afternoon of Friday, December 19th, to Friday, January 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!



Good Shepherd alum Barrett Koontz ('22) and Gethsemane alum Madeline Clayton playing NELHS Bingo with the preschool class

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