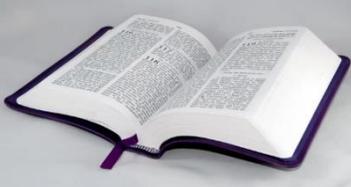


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## Pastor's Message



Wouldn't it be nice if everyone always got along? I'm not just talking about getting along with the members of your family and your coworkers and your classmates and your neighbors. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone in the whole world always got along - politicians and members of different political parties, leaders of nations and their citizens, members of different churches? Even more importantly, wouldn't it be nice if everyone got along with God?

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## Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for the peace I have in you. Now help me to live at peace with others. Amen.

## Principal's Message

Do you ever find yourself wondering, "I'd like to get involved but I just don't know how? There are several opportunities available to serve or get involved at St. John. Our PTO is a group designed for parents. They meet at 6:30pm once a month on the fourth Monday of the month. Our hot lunch crew is always looking for helpers. We serve hot lunch the last Friday of each month and the time commitment is about two hours.



**St. John**  
**LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
Ignite. Infuse. Inspire.

Our Early Childhood programs are always looking for individuals to come in and read books to the class. This opportunity falls in line with your schedule and availability. Finally, our primary graders are always looking for those who might have an hour to pop in and listen to children read. If any of these opportunities sound interesting, let us know.

## What's Happening?

### Birthdays

#### October

- 11 Brock G.
- 14 Arlen W.
- 15 Cecelia R.
- 17 Sidney B.
- 23 Hannah K.
- 29 Mrs. Bunn, Jaden H.
- 30 Braxton E.

### Upcoming Events

- 10/18- Hot Lunch
- 10/19- Trunk or Treat
- 10/24-10/25 No School
- 10/27- K-8 Sing *Mission Festival*
- 10/28- PTO Meeting
- 10/30- Silent Auction Committee Meeting

**Bible Passage:** If God is for us, who can be against us?

*Romans 8:31b*

# School News

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## **Pastor's Message- continued from front page**

You know what that would require, don't you? It would require that we meet his standard of perfection. But of course we don't. Sin is a part of our nature. And we commit sins in what we think, say, and do. And sin separates us from God.

But Jesus has reconciled us to God. That means he restored our relationship with him by taking all our sins on himself and paying the full penalty for them. Sin is no longer charged against us. We're no longer guilty. Our account has been balanced and we're now "good" with God. There's peace between us and him.

And that means that because Jesus reconciled all of us to God, we can respond by living at peace with others. When we hurt others or they hurt us, reconciliation isn't just possible, it's a privilege and delight of ours with the power that God and his good news of forgiveness give us.

The Bible says that world peace will never be achieved. In fact, increasing war and animosity are signs that the End is approaching. But we can rejoice that we have peace with God. We can rejoice that we can live at peace with those around us. And we can rejoice in the perfect peace that awaits us in heaven. In service to him and to you - Pastor Mike Gehl.

## **Calendar Events from St. John Lutheran Church**

Oct 20th (9:00a) - New Church & School Open Forum (at church)

Oct 27th (9:00a) - Presentation - Central Africa Medical Mission (at church)

Nov 2nd (7:00p) - Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus Concert (at church)

Nov 4th (1:00-6:00p) - Red Cross Blood Drive (at church)

## **News from Fox Valley Lutheran High School**

St. John Lutheran Church and School are partners in a 3K-grade 12 federation. St. John Lutheran Church operates St. John Lutheran School with their 3K-grade 8 campus here in Wrightstown and extends to our partner campus at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton for grades 9-12. To learn more about our high school go to [www.fvlschools.org](http://www.fvlschools.org) or [www.fvlhs.org](http://www.fvlhs.org).

## **STEAM Club**

Mrs. Wicks's group worked with floating and sinking this week and used what they learned to explore different art materials and their sinking/floating properties. They also made some fun and messy works of art. Mrs. Bunn's group worked with some Discovery kits that were donated. We explored the "science of stink" and I'm sure that the parents of those students will say that we were successful in creating "a stink". Although we did these activities outside, the smell seemed to follow or stick to us. The students did have lots of fun though!

## **Silent Auction News**

Our silent auction event is Sunday, November 17, 9am-2pm. We already have some great auction item donations and there are more to come! This year we will also be having a bake sale, concession stand, and kids' games at the event. We received a lot of feedback previous years in regards to finding a larger location for the event, so this year we will be having it at Wrightstown Elementary School. We could now use some prizes for the kids' games so if you have any small novelty toys, candy, etc. that you'd like to donate, purchase, or order for the event please let us know. Talk to Mrs. Bunn, Pachear Lor-Vue, or Kristy Asman for more information.

## **CAMM Missions**

Thank you to all of the families that are helping us support the Central African Medical Mission (CAMM). We're well on our way to meeting our goals. Mr. Raddatz has pledged to provide the school with an ice cream party if we can reach \$400. If we can hit a mission money total of \$600 or better, he will dye his hair! Please continue to keep CAMM in your prayers.

# Classroom News

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## Mr. Raddatz's Classroom

I wanted pass on a couple reminders as we draw very near to the end of first quarter. 1. Please remember that there is NO school next Thursday and Friday due to our state teachers conference held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 2. Please remind your child that all missing, late, or fixable work must be submitted by Monday at 3pm. 3. If you haven't had the opportunity to log in and check grades online I would encourage you to do so. If you don't have the information to log in please let me know.

I kindly encourage you to keep a few dates on your calendar as they are approaching fast. This Saturday will be Trunk or Treat from noon to 2pm. Our school will be singing for Mission Festival, October 27th, at the 10:15 service. November 17th we will be holding a tremendous event, our annual silent auction. We will have information out soon of ways you can help out in areas like food service, leading kids games, and helping out with the auction itself.

Blessings on your week.

Timothy Raddatz

## Mrs. Bunn's Classroom

The second graders just completed their first novel unit with the third graders. They were very excited to step away from their normal reading class routines to read a "Horrible Harry" book and they did a fantastic job. Everyone is very excited about chapter books and has read at least two on their own or with someone. Second grade is a great year for a mix of picture books and chapter books. There are many excellent higher level picture books for your child to enjoy. It's also fun to throw in some "brain candy" with some easier picture books that they have enjoyed in the past. Rereading books is an excellent way to build reading fluency.

Third graders bounce back and forth getting challenged with fourth grade on some reading activities and they also get to be my leaders when they partner with second grade in their reading activities.

The fourth graders would like to say that they are chapter book experts now and I'd have to agree with them based on their reading levels. This group likes to challenge themselves, so we'll be able to tackle some longer and more difficult titles this year. They have also been impressing me with how many non-fiction titles they are reading this year. They have ready "tons" of biographies, books on historical events, science topics, animals, transportation, computers, etc. Who knows how much knowledge they've absorbed from all that reading!

Our class of 14 students have already read and tested on 733 books this year. I can't wait to see our total at the end of the year. That is pretty amazing considering that many of those books are chapter books!

## Mrs. Wicks's Classroom

We have lots happening at school over the next few weeks. Trunk or Treat happens tomorrow, October 19th, at the St. John Church parking lot. Be sure to stop in and load up on candy while you check out other things happening during the town's Fall Festival. Next week will be a short week, with only three days of school. We are closed on Thursday and Friday for teachers to attend the Wisconsin Lutheran State Teacher's Conference. Wednesday will be the last school day of the week as well as the end of the quarter. Report cards will be coming out for our class by the end of the following week. Parent/Teacher Conference signups are in progress to provide a time to discuss progress that has been made thus far. You should have received an e-mail and a printed note guiding you to a SignUpGenius site with available conference times. Please plan to meet with me sometime in the afternoon or evening of Wednesday, November 13th. We will only have a half day of classes with no after school care available in order to accommodate conferences, so please plan accordingly.

Our class will also plan to have a small "Harvest Celebration" on Thursday, October 31st. Your child may wear their costumes to school as long as they are able to use the bathroom with a fair amount of independence. I ask that any weapons that would typically be included with a costume get left at home. Your family is welcome to bring a treat or group snack if you would like.

## Ms. Buss's Classroom

Greetings!

There are a few fun things that are coming up that I want to remind or let you know about. First off, we have our Truck or Treat event this coming Saturday, October 19th from 12-2. Decorate a car and/or show up for the fun... and of course, do not forget the candy!

Also along that line, the kids are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to school on October 31st. The only thing that I ask is that the costume is easy for the kiddos to get in and out of for going to the bathroom purposes. Also, if they wear some light clothes underneath the costume in case they would get to hot and would like to take their costume off that would be great as well.

I'm passing along a final quick reminder that the kids will have NO SCHOOL next week on Thursday and Friday, October 24 and 25th. School will be closed for Teacher conferences. Enjoy the long weekend!

For the past few years, on Fridays during the school year, I have had Pajama Fridays! I am going to be bringing this back! Your children are free to wear their pajamas on Fridays to school. No slippers though please as they do not make for good traction on the floors.

Next week on Tuesday, the kids have their next play date with Pastor. We are calling this one "Messy Tuesday!" It will be a great span of time for the kids to get their hands dirty with all kinds of cool sensory things! Shaving cream, pumpkin innards.... The possibilities are endless. We already warned pastor to not wear his best clothes. :) The kids this week have been working on Letter A... and with that, we have started to discuss the differences of letters and words. We had a fun event focused on the Letter F this week with students coming in Fox Valley Lutheran High School for an early readers program. For Math, we are working on spatial reasoning, sorting and patterns. We also started to work on writing the number 7. For religion this week, we were learning about how God called Moses to a big task to lead his people out of Egypt as we heard about Moses and the burning bush.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to me! Have a great few weeks as we end the month of October.

## Mrs. Foelske's Classroom

Preschool has been working hard. We are adding more and more letters to our memory and have begun to find them around the room and in books.

Our Bible stories have been about Moses and the way God helped to keep him safe and then use him to save the Israelites.

Something new in our room is the sand table that has dinosaur bones and brushes for us to practice our paleontology skills. We have explored finding many kinds of bones, footprints, and even eggs.

We have started the process of doing fall assessments. Basically I start by checking how much we remember or know with our letters, shapes, colors, and numbers. I will also assess our motor skills and social skills. This really is a base for me as a teacher to see what we know and what we need to work on. The students will be reassessed in spring with the hope that we have grown in knowledge and maturity. These assessments will be discussed and any questions answered you may have at parent-teacher conferences coming up in November.

Some new and exciting news for everyone is the crazy news that I am pregnant!!! I have just had my 20 week check up and am due on March 2nd. Not to worry though, even though I will be taking time off for maternity leave a great sub will be found to follow all the fun plans I made at the beginning of the year to help preschool continue on their fun learning journey.

As always feel free to contact me with anything,

Mrs. Alexa Foelske



## Reformation Day

*Traditionally celebrated on October 31st – on the same day as Halloween – Reformation Day is a Protestant holiday that commemorates the Reformation movement started by Martin Luther in the 16th century.*

On Halloween of 1517, a German monk named Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Church. These 95 Theses expressed his concerns over corruption found in the church. One of his primary concerns was the church selling “indulgences” to people in order to release them from having to serve penitence for their sins. An act which he considered to be people trying to buy their way into heaven. This act opened up a debate with religious scholars of the time that eventually lead to the Protestant Reformation.

Reformation Day has been observed as a holiday since the mid-16th century, but its official date of October 31st was set until about 1717. This is when it became an official German observance and the date from which it would spread on an international level.



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