

# CRY OF THE CARDINAL

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## Pastor's Message



How do you teach your children to show appreciation for the gifts they receive? If you're anything like mine, it probably started with your prompting... "And now what do you say to so-and-so?" And the automatic reply "Thank you!" comes out. And then they're off to play again. Being thankful is learned behavior. That's because the sinful nature that we're all born with is naturally UNthankful. It neither recognizes what God has done for us nor wants to give any credit to anyone else. It's selfish.

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## Prayer

Dear Lord of all, thank you! Thank you for all your blessings! Thank you for giving us more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus our Savior! Amen.

## Principal's Message

I want to personally send a thank you out to all those who helped with the silent auction this past Sunday. You were instrumental in strategic planning, manning stations, answering auction questions, serving in the concession area, set up and clean up, and so many other ways, to make this event the true success that it was.



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**LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
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Through the efforts and bidding of so many, we were able to raise nearly \$7400. The funds collected will go directly toward the replacement and upgrading of technology pieces used in our classrooms.

## What's Happening?

### Birthdays

November

- 5 Grayson R.

### Upcoming Events

- 11/24- FVL Schools Band Concert 2 p.m.
- 11/25- PTO/CES Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 11/26- Crochet Club 3 p.m.
- 11/27 Thanksgiving Worship 1 and 6:30 p.m. with Pie Social at 7:30 p.m.
- 11/28- Thanksgiving (No School)
- 11/29- No School

**Bible Passage:** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well.

*Matthew 25:33*

# School News

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

And, if we take an honest look at ourselves, we can see traces of that selfishness all over.

But God doesn't nudge or prompt us to gratitude by whispering "And now what do you say..." in our ears. He produces thankfulness in us by giving us more and more blessings. Through the gift of his Son and the working of his Holy Spirit, he changes our thankless hearts into thankful ones. His love leads us to respond with thankful praise.

And what amazing blessings we have to be thankful for! Through Jesus, we have all that we need for an eternity in heaven. And through Jesus, we have all that we need for a lifetime here on earth. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gifts!

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

Nov 27th - Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 1:00p or 6:30p with a Pie Social at 7:30p.

Dec 4th - Midweek Advent Worship at 1:00p or 6:30p with a meal at 5:00p

Dec 6th - Village of Wrightstown Tree Lighting (6:00p at the river overlook)

Dec 7th - Village of Wrightstown Christmas Parade (noon)

## **Giving Thanks**

*November is a month where we focus on giving thanks. We are especially thankful for these school volunteers. Thank you to the following volunteers:*

Scrip Coordinator- Mrs. Wicks

STEAM Club Coaches- Mrs. Bunn and Mrs. Wicks

Soccer Club- Mr. Raddatz(leader/pizza party), Ms. Buss (leader), Mrs. Foelske (leader), Mrs. Wicks (leader), Mrs. Bunn (documents/sign-up coordinator)

After School Program- Mrs. Foelske, Ms. Buss, Mr. Raddatz

Hot Lunch Coordinator- Mrs. Niki Cappelle

Crochet Club- Dr. Lois Baumgartner

PTO President- Mrs. Kristy Asman

Trunk or Treat Coordinator- Mrs. Pachear Lor-Vue

Library Book Coordinator- Mrs. Joan Zahn

K-8 School Music Coordinator- Mrs. Jennifer Bunn

*There are many others who give of their time as well!*

## **Silent Auction News**

Thank you to everyone who was involved with the Silent Auction this past Sunday. Again, the event was a huge success! We raised about \$7400 to update our school's technology. A special thank-you goes to the Silent Auction Committee for their time and hard work preparing for this event. Our committee members were Mrs. Jennifer Bunn, Mrs. Pachear Lor-Vue, Mrs. Courtney Schisel, Mrs. Kristy Asman, Mrs. Amanda Wildenberg, Mrs. Stephanie Bowers, Mr. Timothy Raddatz, and Mrs. Niki Grosheim. The committee will be meeting one last time this year to discuss what went well and what they'd like to improve in coming years. Please e-mail any ideas or feedback you may have to [mrjsjbunn@icloud.com](mailto:mrjsjbunn@icloud.com).

## **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

## Mr. Raddatz's Classroom

Mr. Raddatz had nothing new to report this week. Check back next time!

## Mrs. Bunn's Classroom

This week I'll share some photos from the first quarter of this year. I can't believe how much we've already accomplished in one quarter!



## Mrs. Wicks's Classroom

Our Bible stories in Christlight have brought us through the book of Genesis and into the Israelite's Exodus experience. We have been getting to know Moses and reviewing some of the stories and characters that we have learned about so far as we move from our first third of the series into our second third.

Math for kindergarten and first grade has involved a lot of new concepts coming quickly lately. We have been counting by tens, fives, and twos, subtracting, working with dimes, tallying, and much more. The students have been handling the quickly moving classes very well, although subtraction threw a few of us for a loop. It is helpful for kindergartners in particular to remember that they can use whatever method works best for them to figure out the problem. Using counters, fingers, and number lines are some of our favorite ways to figure things out.

Kindergartners are continuing to work through their letters. We have finished Lily's L and moved into Icky's I. This will be our third vowel and will open up a lot more words for us to read once we learn to blend it with consonants.

First graders are not learning a new sound over the next couple of weeks; rather, they are learning some of the spelling rules involved with common suffixes. Specifically, they are practicing when to double the consonant before adding an -ed or -ing to verbs. We are challenging ourselves to gain in fluency (smoothness and speed) in our repeated readings and parents may hear that we time our readings to see if we have any improvement throughout the day.

Writing has been a busy time in the afternoons. Kindergartners are now thinking about how they would spell out their journal entries on a regular basis. Soon they will be trying to write them out by themselves. First graders have been working through naming vs telling parts of a sentence, nouns, action verbs, and linking verbs.

Art has us practicing details in drawing as we play Pictionary and copy images from our favorite books. I'm sure many parents have heard that our music time is now focused on Christmas songs-- I know that the class regularly sings our song during their play time at school.

In science, we have been working with beams and fulcrums to balance materials. We have had to change a weight, change the position of items on the beam, and change the position of the fulcrum in order to make the two sides balance. This is a bit challenging for the students as the beam doesn't usually want to stay where they first put it on their fulcrum.

Thank you to all of the dads and grandpas who came out for Donuts With Dads-- it made our students feel very loved and there were several tears when we had to say goodbye. I hope that your Thanksgiving provides you with more special time to connect with your family. Enjoy your break!

## Ms. Buss's Classroom

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of November here! I hope that you all have a great Thanksgiving holiday coming up! School will not be in session on Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the few days off and I hope that you all get some rest!

The kids this week have been working on the letter I. We continue to find letters in print. In the next few weeks, the kids and I will be looking at the difference between letters, words, and sentences. We will also be finding sight words in print. Math wise, we have been working on copying patterns, coins, graphs, and we pulled out the geoboards! Our religion lesson this week was about Jonah. We discussed how God wants everybody to know about him. The kids have started to work on their Christmas songs for our upcoming Christmas Service the kids will partake in! They are learning their songs really well!

The kids have enjoyed a few days with Pastor this month. We did one day with an Outer Space theme. This week we celebrated Thanksgiving with pastor.

Finally, the class will do a Christmas gift exchange. The presents will have a \$5 limit. We will not be exchanging names but I would like girls to bring a present for another girl and boys to bring a present for another boy. When it comes time to wrap and put the To/From tag on the gift, all you will need to do is fill out the FROM section with your Child's name.

Please watch your child's folder closely within the next few weeks as notes will be going home regarding Christmas information (service, gift exchange, party etc.) Thank you so much!

As always, let me know if you have any questions or you need anything!

Thankful  
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Blessed

# Mrs. Foelske's Classroom

Preschool is gearing up for the holidays! We have our Thanksgiving themed play date with Pastor today. We enjoyed some books, games, crafts, and play time all with Thanksgiving in mind. Keeping the holiday theme going we have started to work on our Christmas program. The program is on Wednesday Dec. 18th at 6pm. We will be having our class Christmas Party on Friday Dec, 20th. If your child does not normally attend on Fridays feel free to still come and enjoy some Christmas fun. The exact time of the party is TBD. We will be doing a small gift exchange. Girls are asked to bring a girl gift and boys asked to bring a boy gift. The max price of items should be \$5. (The dollar store/ target dollar spot is where it is at!) When wrapping please label your child's gift To:Girl/Boy From: Student's Name. I encourage you to remind your child that the gift is for a friend NOT for them.

In Bible Story we are finishing up David and Goliath. We are loving to see how God interacts with kids and are often reminded that we can talk to God anytime we need to, all we have to do is pray. Next we will be talking about Jonah and the Big Fish before starting on the Christmas Story come December.

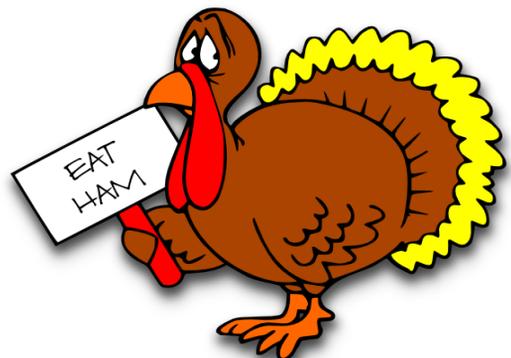
We will be finishing up the month with the color yellow, square, and number 4. We have enjoyed adding patterns to the calendar and are getting really good at guessing what comes next. Next week we will take a look at the letter I. So all things ice, ice cream, and igloos. The kids are excited for December so we can look at the color green, stars, and the number 5.

Some fun things we have noticed as the year has gone on lots of friends have started to ask about each others birthdays and what months they happen in. The kids have also begun to talk about my baby being born in the month with the wind and kites (March). Many suggestions have been given for baby names, think all things Frozen. We are able to recognize other friends names around the room. The kids have started to play teacher and calendar time which is fun for me to see how they view me and what they think I do. We love coloring, cutting, and gluing. We have also become more comfortable working on puzzles with friends. All in all our year is going great and we are feeling confident and comfortable in preschool.

Thank you to all of my class parents! I will such a blessing to sit down with everyone and discuss your child and where they are at. I enjoy being able to tell you more about your child and how they are doing because I know that kids can be vastly different at school to at home.

As always feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns,

Mrs. Alexa Foelske



# Thank You To Our Silent Auction Donors and Volunteers!!!

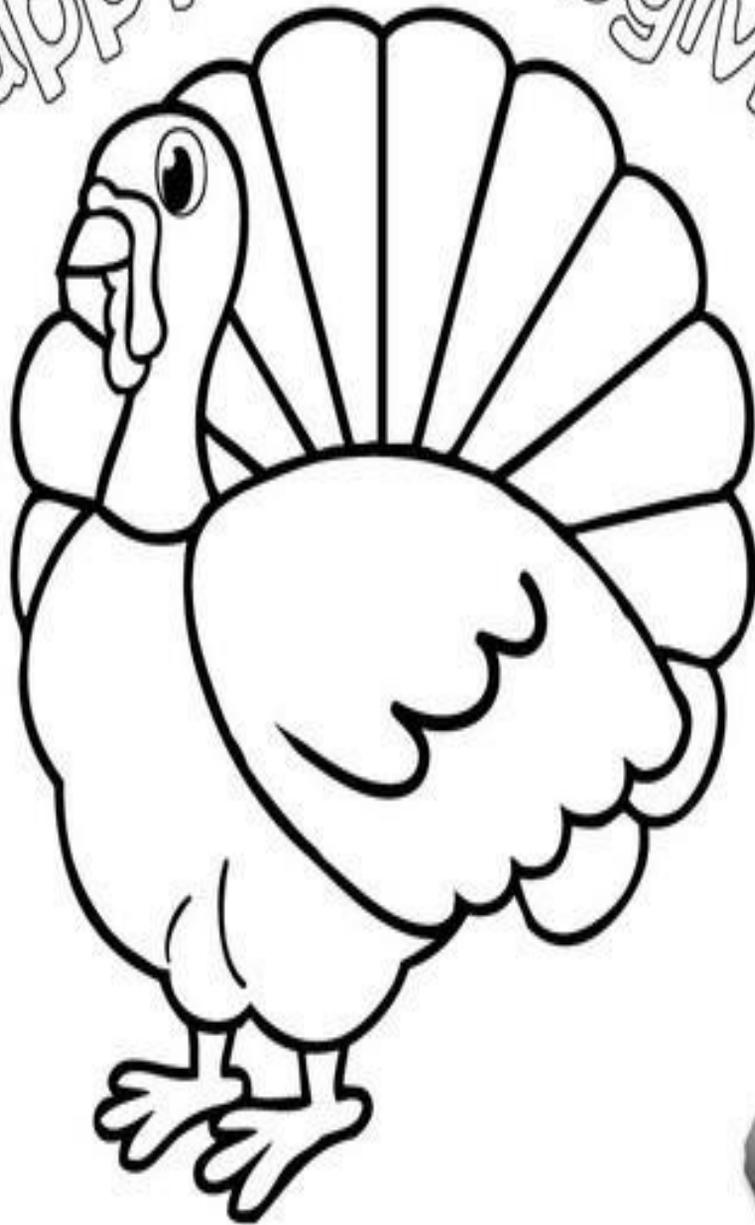


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Game Trade  
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Raddatz Family  
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Ms. Buss  
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