

CRY OF THE CARDINAL

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Pastor's Message



Guess what you can find on apple trees? Apples. And on watermelon vines? Watermelons. And on pineapple plants? You guessed it... pineapples. Bet you didn't think you'd learn something so unbelievably profound in this week's Pastor's Message, did ya?!? Fruit plants produce their respective fruit; it's the God-ordained nature of things. And it's been that way from the very beginning. -continued on p. 2

Prayer

Dear Holy Spirit, produce the fruits of faith in me. Thank you for saving me! Thank you for leading me to believe in Jesus! Now let me show my gratitude and my love for you and for others by the things I say and do. Amen.

Principal's Message



St. John
LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Ignite. Infuse. Inspire.

There is a tremendous opportunity coming up to meet other parents and get involved in all the great things happening at St. John. Monday will be the first PTO meeting. It will take place 6 pm and will be held in the lower level of St. John Church located at 437 Turner Rd.

Join us as we assemble our team, discuss events, and learn of ways for everyone to be Involved. See you all there!

Have a great week!

What's Happening?

Birthdays

September

- 11 Liberty C.
- 13 Evelyn B.
- 17 Bryanna G.-A.

Upcoming Events

- 9/20- Soccer Club Party
- 9/23- First PTO/CES Meeting
- 9/29- 150th Anniversary/Students Sing
- 10/3- 1st STEAM Club
- 10/7- EIO Class
- 10/8- 1000 Islands Field Trip (Gr. 2-8)
- 10/19- Trunk or Treat

Bible Passage: Praise be to the LORD God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God. Amen and Amen. *Psalm 41:13*

School News

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The Bible also talks about Christians producing fruit. John the Baptist talked about producing the fruit that's in keeping with repentance. Jesus said that we can recognize a person by their fruit. Over the next few weeks in our chapel devotions, we're going to touch on the nine "fruits of the Spirit." The God-given faith within us - and the Savior and Holy Spirit who live in our hearts - causes us to produce visible results in our lives... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We may not be able to see faith or Jesus on an echo-cardiogram, but we can see it (him) in our words and actions. What a blessing to live fruit-filled lives by God's working and to his glory! In service to him and to you - Pastor Mike Gehl.

Calendar Events from St. John Lutheran Church

-FVL Schools Community Parent Night (topic: Screenagers) - Wed, Sep 25th at 6:30p at FVLHS, Appleton

(with free childcare for ages 4+)

-St. John's 150th Anniversary Service - Sun, Sep 29th at 10:00a at the church

-FVL Schools Community Parent Night (topic: Screenagers) - Tue, Oct 1st at 6:30p at St. Paul, G.B.

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 or www.fvlhs.org.

Parent/Teacher Organization Meeting

We are re-starting our parent-led group that supports our school. We need your input and your help to continue our fundraising efforts, make improvements to our school, and continue a wide-range of community events. Everyone is welcome and we really want to hear your thoughts and ideas. Please consider coming to learn more and possibly find a way that you can help your child's school. We literally can't do it all without you! Plan on stopping in at the church basement September 23 at 6 pm.

STEAM Club Starts Soon!

Students in grades K-8 have already signed up for or are welcome to still sign up for STEAM club. STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Students in this club practice 21st century skills by doing fun hands-on activities and challenges. Students have made slime, did cooking experiments, made brush-bots, found the areas in school with the most bacteria and grew that bacteria in petri dishes, lego engineering, coding, candy science, and many other activities. If you're not signed up and you'd like more info about this club talk to Mrs. Wicks about the K-2 program and Mrs. Bunn about the 3-8 program.

Classroom News

Mr. Raddatz's Classroom

Mr. Raddatz does not have anything new to report this week. Check out upcoming issues for more information. ☺

Mrs. Bunn's Classroom

In our religion (Christ Light) lessons this week learned about a man named Abraham. God told Abraham to leave his homeland and go to a new land. God promised to bless Abraham and send the Savior through Abraham's family. Abraham trusted God and obeyed him. But when Abraham traveled to Egypt during a famine, he showed weakness in faith when he relied on himself rather than fully trusting in God. In our study we were reminded of the importance of regularly studying God's Word so that our trust in him will grow stronger. We know that God wants us to trust in him and his promises. We made an art project displayed in the hallway that reminds us that God keeps his promises. Be sure to check it out!

In science class, grades 3-4 reviewed how to use science process skills. We worked with different kinds of chewing gum using our senses to make observations about the properties of gum, record data, test the different types of gum, compare and analyze our data, and made inferences and predictions about what we learned about gum. We then brainstormed possible experiments we could do using gum and practiced writing a hypothesis for that experiment. Grade 2 joins Mrs. Wicks's classroom for science and social studies classes.

Mrs. Wicks's Classroom

Mrs. Wicks does not have anything new to report this week. Be sure to check upcoming issues to get more information. ☺

Ms. Buss's Classroom

Greetings! As we wrap up the month of September here, I would like to remind you of a few things you will need to know. First off, keep in mind that all children are singing in the 10:00 service on September 29th. Please have children down in the church basement ready to go by 9:45 am that morning.

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Also, a quick reminder for you to send back the September reading calendars when September is done! If children have completed all their reading for the month of September, they will be able to select a monthly prize. Watch your child's folder for the October reading calendar to be sent home. October will start to be a little bit tricky as I will start having the children find the letter of the week in print. Do not worry if this seems difficult to begin with as they have not had practice doing this before. This is also teaching them reading basics (correct way of reading a book, letter recognition, and will set us up for finding words in print by the end of the year!) As always, let me know if you have any questions. September Scholastic book orders were finalized this week and should be arriving to school within the next week or two if you placed an order. Books will be sent home with your child. Watch your child's folder for the October Scholastic book order. 😊 Our work in our room is finding us making strides in the literacy department! We have been practicing name recognition (both first and last) and writing of names, and also number writing. Some of the kiddos are really excited that they can write a number 2 (it really is a hard number for young ones to do!) and we have started to work on number 3 this week. We have worked a little bit on silent "reading" in our room to prep us for finding letters and words in print in a few months. Soon, we will start learning letters and sounds. We also have been doing activities that work on developing our finger muscles to give us strong writing grips including cutting, (you may have seen a LOT of scissor cutting activities coming home lately), working with geoboards, and snap beads. Math activities have us learning number recognition and writing, days of the week, patterns, counting, and review of shapes. Religion wise, we finished talking about how God created the world and Adam and Eve, and we moved on to Adam and Eve sinning in the Garden of Eden this week. Next week, we will look at the story of Noah's Ark and the Flood. Next week preschool and preK will have our next "Pastor Visit Day" on Friday, September 27th! We look forward to this as Pastor will be coming in to help us build awesome things with Play-Doh! If anyone is looking for an item to donate... I could use some kid coloring books! It seems the girls in my class LOVE to use them this year and we have already went through one coloring book in three weeks. This is good! Finally, our first field trip is coming up on October 4th! We look forward to having a great time out at 1000 Islands! Have a great few weeks!

Mrs. Foelske's Classroom

Preschool has been busy getting into the swing of things. We have started to really feel comfortable knowing our morning routine and calendar time process. It so fun to see how we are feeling more and more comfortable with school in general and how we jump right in.

This last week we were able to have a special visitor, Pastor Gehl, come to our classroom to read some books and eat lunch with us. It was a blast and we look forward to playing play dough with him next week. We are also looking forward to our Letter of the Week starting on Monday! We will work our way through the alphabet during the school year with crafts, activities, and games. In October we will switch to a new color, shape, and number, as well as have a new dramatic play area! Hint: Sleeping outside in the summer is called...Camping!

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Looking ahead the whole school, preschool included, is singing in church on Sunday Sept. 29. Please bring your child to church for the 10 am service. We also are looking forward to our field trip on Oct. 3 to 1000 Islands. After that the next event is Trunk of Treat, on Oct. 17th, which is an awesome time to hang with school and church families while enjoying a safe way to trick or treat in the church parking lot. Start thinking of how you can decorate your car and what your costumes will be!

As always if you have an questions or concerns please feel free to let me know!
Mrs. Foelske

