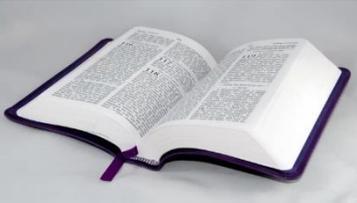


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Pastor's Message



In the Bible, God says that he's the first and the last, the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet). In another place, he says that he's the "author and perfecter of our faith." You might say that he wrote the book on our salvation and he's the one who brought it to its completion and ultimate goal.

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Prayer

Lord God, help me to always keep you in mind as I go about my daily routine. Help me to pray for your blessings on all things. And help me to praise you for the things I'm able to do in your name and to your glory. Amen

Principal's Message

Parents, there is an amazing opportunity for you to get connected to our school family. The last Monday of each month we are inviting all parents to join us for our PTO meeting. The goal of this group is to help in a number of ways including event planning, assisting in classrooms, scheduling parent outings, and helping to maintain a strong relationship



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between school, home, and community. Join us Monday, September 23, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the lower level of the church building at 437 Turner St. Hope to see everyone there!

Have a great week!

What's Happening?

Birthdays

September

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

Upcoming Events

- 9/6- St. John Night at FVL vs. Wrightstown (varsity football game)
- 9/8- Installation of Pastor Wilke/Potluck
- 9/16- First EIO
- 9/20- Soccer Club Party
- 9/23- First PTO/CES Meeting
- 9/29- 150th Anniversary/Students Sing

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

Pastor's Message- continued from front page

How good for us to remember that God existed before time as we live unto eternity! And how good for us to remember that our forgiveness, our new relationship with him as his dear sons and daughters, and our future home in heaven is a completely done deal! Nothing depends on us, but Jesus did it all. Now, because we love him, let's make him the center of everything we do. Let's begin each day, each activity, and each task in his name. When our focus is in the right place right off the bat, we can expect great things to happen and great blessings to follow. In service to him and to you – Pastor Mike Gehl.

Calendar Events from St. John Lutheran Church

- Coffee with a Cop - community discussion - Thu, Sep 5th at 9:00a at The River Coffee & Cream
- Installation of Pastor Robert Wilke - our new part-time Pastor - Sun, Sep 8th at 4:00p
- English Improvement Opportunities - classes begin Mon, Sep 16th at 6:00p
- FVL Schools CC Meet - Mon, Sep 23rd at 4:30p at FVLHS, Appleton
- 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.

This Friday, Sept. 6th, at 7:00 pm, the Foxes of Fox Valley Lutheran HS will host the Tigers of Wrightstown HS in a varsity football match-up. FVLHS is located at 5300 N Meade St. in Appleton. St. John Lutheran School will be recognized as special guests. Each K-8 student of St. John received an "FVL Passport," which serves as their ticket for this and most home sporting events, plus a number of other concerts and musicals, during the entire 2019-20 school year. Come on out on Friday night and have a good time with your church/school family!

New Format for Saving Box Tops!

No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone! Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, register for our school, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. Our school is listed as ST JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL WRIGHTSTOWN, WI. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online. Twice a year, our school will receive a check and can use that money to buy whatever it needs! (*A note went home this week with more information.)

Donation Request

Mrs. Bunn needs 15 plastic gallon milk jug containers for an upcoming art project. Please send them empty and washed to school if you have any. They can be dropped off any time in Mrs. Bunn's classroom.

Also, Thunder Bunny, Mrs. Bunn's classroom pet, may be interested in a new home within the classroom. He has adequate space right now, but would benefit from a cage or hutch with multiple rooms or platforms to increase the amount of space he has to explore or exercise. It is possible a pen of sorts would work as well. We used to let him wander the classroom in the afternoons, but haven't been able to do that very often lately. Although he is pretty much potty-trained (goes only in his cage), he has become fond of chewing electrical cords and the like. Any ideas or leads on something that may work for the classroom would be appreciated.

FVL Schools' Theme



Classroom News

Mr. Raddatz's Classroom

Parents, a friendly reminder that there are two, usually three, items you should look for every evening: a take home folder, assignment book, and homework materials. The take home folder should contain notes from school, graded homework, and any other important information. The assignment notebook is pretty straightforward in that the students are responsible to record all daily work on each respective day. Work they complete at school should have a check mark after, and incomplete work should be without a check mark. Upon a quick scan, you should be able to quickly see what needs to be completed.

Please note that if your son or daughter says they left a textbook at home, you can contact me via our classroom page. I can usually get a copy of the work via e-mail for them to use. The same can be said if they forget a notebook at school, as assignments can be done online and submitted to me.

Just a reminder that your son or daughter should be looking over the words for the hymn, "Lift High the Cross", which we will be singing in church on Sunday, September 29th. Parents, please make sure that all soccer club, STEAM club, and registration forms have come in.

Mrs. Bunn's Classroom

Second grade is impressing me with how quickly they are learning new procedures. We have a lot of routines and they working hard to know what to do throughout the day. Please remember that being in a new classroom, having a new teacher, and a new way of doings along with more responsibility can be a bit overwhelming at first. They are likely going to be tired and a bit out of sorts when they get home. I assure you, however, they will become more confident soon. Thankfully, in a multi-grade school they don't have to make these transitions often.

One thing I love about having the same students from year to year is how well you get to know each one. It's very helpful knowing in advance what areas we need to focus on each and what types of topics and activities get the students excited about learning. You'd be amazed by how independent the third and fourth graders have become over time and how often they begin taking on helpful tasks without even being asked.

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Parents, please make sure to check your child's binder each day until they are independently completing their tasks. Some students will need adult help with their memory work for awhile. In the beginning, it may take a while for some to get those memorization muscles back in shape. They should work on their assignments until they are able to say it to you without assistance. Some of these assignments are discussed and even worked on during class time, but that is not true of most. Also, really strive to get 20-30 minutes of reading in each night. If short books take 5 minutes, try rereading them or read another book from home. Repeated reading helps younger students build fluency. This is what the second-grade reading paper in their weekly packet is designed to do. Reading this multiple times throughout the week will help them effortlessly read the words. You have to be able to read fluently to understand what you read. Parents of older students should also be aware that one chapter in most beginning chapter books will only take about five minutes. A good example of this would be a Magic Treehouse Books. These ten-chapter books, if they are in your level, should take 20-60 minutes to read. (An exception to this would be if someone is reading aloud which is slower than silent reading.)

Mrs. Wicks's Classroom

Parents, please make sure that all soccer club, STEAM club, and registration forms have come in. You should also have received a concussion form if your child is in soccer.

Kindergarteners are embarking on their first reading adventures this week as they bring home wordless books. Each book will have only pictures printed out. The students should 'read' the story to their parents by looking carefully at each picture in the book, thinking about what is happening and how characters might feel, and telling their parents what is happening.

Both classes are fully into first semester homework at this point. It will be an adjustment for everybody after the summer, but especially for kindergarteners as they have their first daily homework. Our homework sheets should have a bit of memory work, a book or story for the children to read to their parents, and a book or chapter for the parents to read to their child. Our goal is to spend approximately 20 minutes reading each night plus a few minutes on memory work.

We currently looking for volunteers for two time periods each day:

From 7:45-8:20, we need Accelerated Reader helpers. These volunteers would be asked to read books to children whose parents are unable to fluently read English books at home and/or help to read brief quizzes on a variety of books to children. Both tasks are done one-on-one within the classroom.

From 1:00-1:45, we need individual reading helpers. These volunteers would be asked to listen to children read a story and help with pronunciation and comprehension as needed. This is done one-on-one in a quiet area of the building.

Anyone who is willing to help out during any of these time periods, please let me know. A few spots throughout the week are covered, but any help is greatly appreciated.

Ms. Buss's Classroom

Greetings! It is hard to believe that we are already through the second week of school! I have a couple quick reminders for items that were in your child's folder the last two weeks. We have our September reading calendar in there. The goal for reading is 15 minutes a day and the children are rewarded a prize at the end of the month if their reading is complete. Please color in one apple for each 15 minutes that your child was read to. Also, your child did receive a scholastic book order in their folder. These will come out every month and it is a great program to use to add to your child's at home book collection. The nice thing with this is that the classroom earns points as well through orders so we also receive free books as a class through this program. Scholastic Book orders will be due on September 18th. We have an upcoming singing in church day coming up. This will be September 29th at the 10am service. This is also the anniversary service celebration for St. John church! It should be a fun and exciting time. If you are interested in attending the lunch after the service please let the church know ASAP. Additional information can be found on the back of the newsletter (if you have questions please reach out and let me know.) Our Preschool and PreK kiddos have an exciting day coming up already next week! Next week on Thursday, Sept. 12th, the kids are scheduled to have a read aloud and lunch with Pastor Gehl. If this is something you would like to attend, you most certainly can join us! Lunch will be held at school upstairs in our Early Education classrooms. This past week, the kids worked on name recognition, as well as writing our names. They wrote their last names for the first time! We are also working on Pre-Writing skills and our writing grip. We are working a lot with cutting with scissors as this increases concentration, writer's grip, and is beneficial to increased writing later. We started to discuss what letters names start with. Math wise, we are working on writing the number 1, and explored different manipulatives we will use in our math classes. Religion found us discussing God creating the world by speaking and how powerful he is. During this discussion we also talked about God's love for us. Next week, we will look at how God created Adam and Eve and after that we will discuss the first sin in the Garden of Eden. The kids are having a great time still getting to know one another and making friends! Many show great ambition on being helpers to other friends in our classroom. God's blessings on your weeks ahead.

Mrs. Foelske's Classroom

Mrs. Foelske does not have new things to report this week. Check in with future issues for more information. Have a great week! ☺