



The Buzz

December 14, 2023

12/17-Christmas Service: All students in grades K-8 are expected to participate in our children's Christmas service THIS Sunday, December 17th. This is part of our religion curriculum, so all students are expected to participate in the entire service, which will be held from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Students playing handbells should be here at 8:15. Those students who are playing preservice music should be at church by 8:30. All other students should be at church by 8:45. Children should go down to the church basement where we will line up.

Just so you know, Grades 6-8 and K-1 will be on the left side of church and Grades 4-5 and 2-3 will be on the right side.

3K/4K Christmas Services: We will be having a special Christmas service for our 3K/4K students on Tuesday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the church. All are invited to attend. We hope all of our 3K/4K students can participate and that parents and many others can attend.

BB Practice:

Thursday, Dec 14:

B Team 3:30-4:30; A Team 4:00-5:15

Tuesday, Dec 19:

B Team 3:30-4:30; A Team 4:00-5:15

Dress Up Days: Next week the ELC is having special Christmas dress-up days, and students and teachers in Grades K-8 are invited to join them in dressing up.

Monday Dec. 18 – Mismatch Monday
(Get crazy with your Christmas patterns)

Tuesday Dec. 19 – Cozy Christmas PJ Day
(Cozy stockings and Christmas themed or favorite jammies)

Wednesday Dec. 20 – Wacky Wednesday
(Wear Christmas hats, headbands, ribbons, and bows)

Thursday Dec. 21 – Wear Christmas Colors
(Red, Green, White)

Friday Dec. 22 – Flannel Friday
(Wear your favorite flannel – bonus for Christmas colors!)

Bruce Mound Outing: Because of a lack of snow, our Bruce Mound outing originally scheduled for next Thursday **HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 5** (Grades 2-8). Please continue to turn in your permission forms and money, if you have not already done so. Those all need to be turned in before Christmas break, so that we can get them sent to Bruce Mound.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Dec 14

NO BREAKFAST

BB Practice

B Team 3:30-4:30

A Team 4:00-5:15

Friday, Dec 15

Faculty-Staff Christmas
Party 5:30 pm

Sunday, Dec 17

Gr. K-8 Christmas Program
9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Monday, Dec 18

Dartball @ Globe-Christie

Tuesday, Dec 19

BB Practice

B Team 3:30-4:30

A Team 4:00-5:15

3K/4K Christmas Program
6:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec 20

Chapel 8:20 am

Friday, Dec 22

School Dismisses at Noon
(No Lunch for K-8)

Sunday, Dec 24

Worship 9:00 am

No Sun Sch or Bible Class

Christmas Eve Song Service
6:00 pm

MON-TUES DEC 25-JAN 2

NO SCHOOL-CHRISTMAS
BREAK

Monday, Dec 25

Christmas Day Worship
9:00 am

ELC CLOSED

School/ELC Schedule:

Friday, December 22nd: School will dismiss at noon. Busing will be available, both for morning drop-off and going home at noon. **WE WILL NOT BE SERVING LUNCH TO STUDENTS IN K-8 THAT DAY.**

Lunch will still be served for those children who are staying for childcare.

There will be NO SCHOOL for 3K-8th Grade from **December 25th through January 2nd**, as we enjoy our Christmas break. School will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd.

The ELC will be CLOSED **December 25th** and **January 1st**.

Looking Ahead: Plan to attend our next parent meeting on Wednesday, January 10th, to discuss the upcoming pancake breakfast and also listen to a special devotion on Christian education and its importance.

Pancake Breakfast: Our annual Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, February 11th. We wanted to remind those parents who signed up to help with that. Extra volunteers are needed and welcome!

Those who signed up to help with the Pancake Breakfast are listed below:

Mike & Megan Allard, Clinton & Caitlin Hannasch, Rene & Skye Defourneaux, Eric & Julia Backaus

Camp Phillip Scholarships: Our Friends of St. John's group (parent organization) has funds set aside to provide scholarships for students who would like to go to Camp Phillip in Wautoma next summer. If you are interested in sending your children and would like to apply for a scholarship, please fill out the Google form (link listed below) by **December 23rd**. We will discuss the scholarship applications at our next parent meeting in January. (Camp Phillip registration opens up February 1st.)

<https://forms.gle/3e3rcGz5w63HTjyq7>

2024 Calendars: Beautiful 2024 wall calendars with Scripture verses are available. Buy 1 for \$8.00 or two for \$15.00. Proceeds will go toward costs for teens to attend the International Youth Rally next year in Colorado. Inspire your year or give as gifts!

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School December 24th or December 31st.



Carter Hannasch

The student of the week is Carter Hannasch. Carter is in 6th Grade. He is consistently a hard worker, gets his work done, is respectful and polite, and behaves well in the classroom.



Congratulations Carter!



Holiday Service Schedule:

Sunday, December 24:

Our choir and church band will be presenting their annual Christmas concert during our 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Sunday, December 24:

We will have a special Christmas Eve song service at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25:

We will celebrate the birth of Christ with a special worship service at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 31:

We will continue to celebrate the birth of Christ during our worship service at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, January 1:

We will celebrate the new year with a special worship service at 9:00 a.m.

All are welcome to join us!

