



Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association
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Chapel Thoughts - Imitate Christ

Philippians 2:1-11

¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.



Chapel on Wed., Jan. 4th will be led by Pastor Offermann of St. Paul's. The theme is Be A Listener. The theme word for the third quarter chapel services is "SERVANT" and is based on Philippians 2:5-8.

The elementary office will closing at **1:00 PM today**. During Christmas break, the office will be open from **9:00 AM—2:00 PM Tuesday, December 27th—Friday, December 30th**. We will be **closed on Monday, January 2nd** and will be open from **9:00 AM—2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 3rd**.

Merry Christmas!

Teachers will be available for conferences on **Wed., Jan. 5th from 4:00—6:00 PM** in their classrooms. If you would like to schedule for another time, contact your child's teacher.



The Night When Love Was Born

Christ the babe comes in Christmas as Christ the Savior comes on the cross - seeking only our embrace. The mystery so large becomes the babe so small and infinite God becomes infant. And if there is no cross in my Christmas, then my Christmas has lost the Christ - What is the manger if not... for the Messiah, the One who saves us with the scars? Christmas isn't a product to wrap, but a person to unwrap. Christmas cannot be bought. Christmas cannot be created. Christmas cannot be made by hand. Christmas can only be found in the crèche, in the cradling trough, in the mire and the stench and the unexpected and unlikely and only in the person of Christ.

- *Devotional Christmas words by Ann Voskamp*

Looking Ahead...

- **Dec. 22nd**
End of 2nd Quarter
Noon Dismissal
- **Dec. 23rd—Jan. 3rd**
Christmas Break
NO SCHOOL
NO ABC
- **Jan. 4th**
School Resumes
Report Card Pick-Up
- **Jan. 5th**
Parent Teacher Conferences
Kids of the Kingdom



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF STUDENT ATHLETES

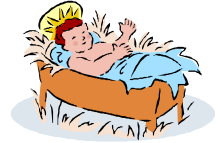
Every parent who has a child playing a sport is responsible for signing up to work at least two home games per season. You can either sign up to take tickets at the gate or you can sign up to work in the concession stand. This is very important! Booster Club funds a lot of these sporting events and is raising money for football field lights and other sports activities as well. Without parent volunteers they cannot function. If your student is playing a sport right now and you have not yet signed up to work at a home game, contact Teresa Mell at teresa.edwards@emerson.com or (217) 855-0255. **The most urgent need right now is for concession workers at the 5th & 6th grade boys basketball games on December 27th and 29th.** If no one volunteers to work these games, there will be no concessions. Thank you for understanding.



Christmas break is upon us, and the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season is filling our world. It is so easy to get drawn up into the rush. However, we need to take a step back and examine the true reason for the season. What would CHRISTmas be without CHRIST? We would not know the greatest gift ever given. We would not have the peace and joy that only comes through God’s gift of His Son. We would not look forward to the hope that only Christ can bring into our lives through His death and resurrection.

Our lives would be empty and a waste, much like the pretty bows and papers left on the floor once the packages are opened. Our lives have reason because God sent His Son, Jesus Christ for each one of us-even in our undeserving state.

What a joy to know that we are so richly loved and chosen by God! What a joy to be able to share this most precious message with all in whom we come in contact! What a joy to be able to share that message on a daily basis with the children and families here at the LSA! May you be drawn closer to the Christ of Christmas and may your hearts and minds be filled with Jesus’ love, joy, and peace. Merry Christmas and may God bless our New Year.



Lisa Dippel, Principal



ABC News:

--ABC HOURS: Morning ABC hours are from 6:30 AM to 8:15 AM, when students are dismissed to their classes. All students who are in the building without a parent must sign into ABC. We do not charge an ABC fee for children who check in after 8:00 AM, but they must check into the multi-purpose room. There have been issues with children roaming around the building, and being in places they should not be. For the safety of everyone, please make sure your child is checking into ABC. We appreciate your cooperation!!

--Morning ABC early dismissal procedure: If students have an activity going on before school, they will not be allowed to leave the ABC area without a note **from the teacher in charge**, excusing them from ABC. Students without a note will not be allowed to leave the multi-purpose room until ABC dismisses at 8:15.

--It's getting cooler, but ABC is still going outside! As the weather cools down, please be sure to send a jacket or coat with your child as well as hats and gloves. It gets cool later in the afternoon, and ABC likes to spend as much time outside as we can! Kids without a coat or jacket will not be allowed to play outside. Thank you!

Mon. Jan. 2	Tue. Jan. 3	Wed. Jan. 4	Thur. Jan. 5	Fri. Jan. 6
NO SCHOOL NO ABC	NO SCHOOL NO ABC	Snack: Pretzels and Juice Wii Wednesday	Snack: Granola Bars and Juice BINGO Thursday	Snack: Popcorn and Lemonade Movie Friday

