



OUR FATHER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL
TROJAN TIMES
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"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)



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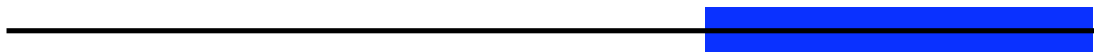


Events at a Glance...

- TONIGHT:** Rangerettes Lock-In at school beginning at 6:30
- Sat, Oct. 29:** Rangerettes to be picked-up at 10:00am
- Tues, Nov 1:** Cousin's orders due! (Lunch served on 11/10)
Cousin's 8th gr. fundraiser (Hwy 100 & Drexel) 4:00-8:00
Ranger Wreath order forms due!
- Wed, Nov 2:** Student Council meeting @ 7:30. Don't eat breakfast beforehand!
CLASSES DISMISSED AT 11:30AM!
Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-8:00
- Thur, Nov 3:** NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day
- Fri, Nov. 4:** NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day
- Sun, Nov. 6:** Daylight Savings Time, set clocks BEHIND 1 hour
- Mon, Nov 7:** Classes resume. (Student testing all week)
6:00 PAC Meeting
- Thur, Nov 10:** Cousin's lunch for those who ordered
- Fri, Nov 11:** Rangers 6:30-8:30
- Sat, Nov 12:** Market Day Pick-Up 10:30-11:30
Basketball Pool Play

FFF AND TRUNK-OR-TREAT...A HUGE SUCCESS!

A big **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers who helped make our Fun Fall Fest - Trunk or Treat a huge success. We had 250 people at this event, including some new families from our Child Care. The Student Council and PAC did a great job putting a very fun night together for us. A megaton of thanks to Nikki Lemberger, her family, and several dedicated volunteers for building 3 amazing Haunted Houses. Thanks also to the Rangers for the s'mores and the bon fire. And finally, to everyone who attended and enjoyed all of the fun, thank you for helping us raise over **\$2000** for our school! Let us rejoice in Him who has given us all that we need, both in this life, and in eternity!



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4K-5K with Mrs. Wierman

We had a GREAT time at the pumpkin farm for our field trip!



Last week we celebrated Eric's 5th birthday. He turned 5 on October 15th. God's Blessings, now and always.

It was great to see so many of you last Saturday at the Fun Fall Fest/Trunk-or-Treat. I hope you all had a great time. Thanks to all who volunteered their time to work. Special thanks to Nikki Lemberger and her

family who designed and organized the haunted houses.

Thanks to the following parents who were able to help drive and chaperone our field trip to Swan's Pumpkin Farm on Thursday: S. Summers, N. Lemberger, W. Gullifer, K. Berigan, M. Romaszewski, J. Hoedel, and J. Besaw.

Congratulations to the following 5K students who have completed their Pizza Hut Book-It reading project for October (you have until October 31st): Kaely, Nathan, Claire, and Issac.

Have a great weekend. Remember to worship!

1st and 2nd Grade with Mrs. Van Hulst

Happy birthday Abigail and happy baptismal birthday Jenna. May Jesus continue to bless you always.

Don't forget to schedule your parent teacher conference for next week, Wednesday. There is 1/2 day of school on Wednesday, November 2nd; students will be

dismissed at 11:30. There is no school Thursday and Friday for Professional Development Days.

We pray for safe travel for the Pagan family while on their vacation.



Congratulations Jenna! Jenna is big sister again. To her parents happy surprise, little Gabriella Ruth arrived one week early. God's blessings to the entire Palazzo family on their new bundle of joy sent from God.

3rd and 4th Grade with Mr. Beversdorf

This week we enjoyed some Italian pizza (thanks, Gunther), some papaya smoothie from the Dominican Republic (thanks, Jake). Thanks also for the mango pie from Amanda last week from our Americas project.

We wrap up the 1st quarter today and have been practicing some strategies for our achievement tests which begin on Monday, November 7-11th.

In Science, we began investigating simple

machines. Students will be looking for simple machines at home in the next few weeks.

Students finished up their book reviews with some interesting owls and mice on motorcycles. Check them out in the hallway!

Lastly, we have been doing a review on the Reformation and Martin Luther! Please keep reviewing the small catechism every night at home and work on having the children say their catechism to Pastor.

Have a blessed Reformation weekend as we celebrate God's word that shows us His love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ our Savior.

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5th and 6th Grade with Mrs. Burgess

Our words of the week are brought to us by Josh (serendipitous: fortunate discoveries made by accident), Hannah (scotch: to wound without killing), Eddie (abacus: counting frame), and Alexis (simian: of, resembling, or related to monkeys or apes)!

The final spelling test for lesson 1(A Christmas Carol) will be next Tuesday, Nov. 1. The children will continue to use the English periods next week to take notes for their rough drafts of their research papers. Due dates will be posted periodically: 6 notecards are due Wednesday, Nov. 1 - to be worked on in class.

Permission slips for a November 10 field trip to Martin Luther were handed out yesterday. Please return them by Wednesday so we can double check drivers. Please consider driving on November 10 (8:40 am - 11:45ish am).

Dance permission slips were given to 6th graders for the 6-8 grade dance at Martin Luther on December 3. If your sixth grader plans to attend, the permission slip should be handed in by Friday, November 18.

Don't forget that next week is a short school week, ending with a half day on Wednesday. I look forward to meeting with you at parent/teacher conferences on Wednesday afternoon and evening!

Have a delightful weekend!

7th and 8th Grade with Mrs. Anderson

That's a wrap...El finito....another one bites the dust!!! The 1st quarter is finished and we have accomplished quite a bit!! Thank you for all your hard work and support. You have got some GREAT kids!!

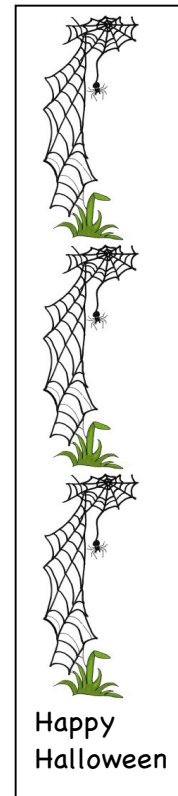
We have finished the Science chapter on matter and will take the test on Monday.

We have started Spelling, using the words from our Literature book, Maniac Magee. Our first

Spelling assignment is due on Tuesday, November 1, the test will be that day as well. Thereafter, assignments are due on and tests will be on Fridays.

We started 2-point perspective drawing this week in Art and will start a simple project on Monday.

Have an EXCELLENT weekend!



The next 8th grade Cousin's fundraising evening will be held on Tuesday, Nov 1st from 4:00-8:00pm at the Cousin's located at Hwy 100 & Drexel in Franklin.

Thank you so much for your continued support!



RANGER NEWS

Wreath sales! I hope your wreath sales are going well. Wreath orders are due TUESDAY, NOV. 1. This is your last weekend to go out and get some sales. The 8 a.m. service on Sunday is still open for someone to sell wreaths. The only form you need to return is the yellow sheet. Please be sure your name is on it, and all the totals are correct. Save your brochure, you will need it to deliver your wreaths. If you have questions about the wreath sale or returning your order please let me know.

Wreaths will be available for pick-up at the daycare garage on Saturday, Nov. 19th from 9:00 a.m. to noon and again on Sunday, Nov. 20th between church services.

Following wreath pick-up on Saturday is our November outing. We will be going to Menomonee Falls Junior High to swim. The Rangers can earn their swimming badge, and then we will have open swim time, with some games and fun. Permission slips are attached and have been distributed for your convenience.

Our next meeting is on Friday, Nov. 11th. Please make time for worship this weekend.



Chief Ranger Tietyen can be reached at (414) 688-6246 or Rangerscamp9@gmail.com

ACORNS AND RANGERETTES INFORMATION

Tonight is our lock-in at school! Our theme tonight is "SPA Night". Drop off time is 6:30 PM and pick-up is 10:00 AM tomorrow morning. Please eat supper before you come, we will have snacks for the evening and popcorn for the movies.

Spa Night at Our Father's

Friday night

6:30 arrival

6:45 - 8:15 - SPA Time - hair extensions, nails, facials, and etc.

8:15 - 8:30 - girls get ready for talent show

8:30 - 9:00 - talent show

9:00 - 9:30 - PJ time and set up sleeping bags

9:30 - 1st Movie & popcorn - Movie (Spooky Buddies)

11:00 - 11:30 - Snack cleaned up, brush teeth, all lights off, and start 2nd movie - (Zookeeper or Judy Moody and The Not Bummer Summer)

Saturday

8:00 - 9:00 - Devotions before breakfast - breakfast / clean up - Pancakes, sausage, and bacon

9:00 - get dressed and pack up

Then free time in gym until picked up

10:00 - pick up time



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MARKET DAY MUSINGS WITH MRS. TIETYEN

I am very excited to announce that we earned \$170.83 last month, we increased our sales from the previous month by \$16.97. So far, we have raised \$342.69 for our new xylophones! Thank you, to all families who ordered in October.

It's hard to believe, but Thanksgiving is coming up soon. Don't let the stress of the Thanksgiving meal get you stressed, Market Day can help! Tired of the traditional Thanksgiving turkey? Try one of the many delicious varieties of meats ranging from Marinated Sirloin Roast, Petite Boneless Sliced Ham, to Gourmet Stuffed Flounder and Seasoned Salmon. Don't forget to order any side dishes; Gourmet Green Beans, Supersweet Corn, or Sweet Potato Medley. Last but not least, no Thanksgiving meal (or any meal) would be complete without dessert. Market Day is debuting 6 new flavors of pies and cakes. How about a slice of Peanut Butter Cup Pie? Red Velvet Cake with real cream cheese frosting perhaps?

All Market Day orders are due by Friday, November 4th. Pick-Up is going to be held on Saturday, November 12th from 10:30-11:30.

Thank you for letting me share my Market Day excitement with you each and every week. If you have any questions about Market Day, please contact either Kate Madderom at 481-1092, or me at 282-7500.



MRS. TIETYEN SAYS...



Next Wednesday, November 2, students will be dismissed at 11:30. Parent/Teacher conferences begin that afternoon promptly at 1:00 and continue through 8:00pm that evening. As these are the only conferences for the school year, it is very important that you call ahead and arrange a time for your conference with your child's/children's teacher(s). There are still many time slots available, please call or stop by the school office to schedule your conference right away.

Cousin's order forms are being distributed with the newsletter. Please return your completed form with payment by Tuesday, November 1st. (I am sorry for the short turnaround.) Lunch will be served on Thursday, November 10th.

GL SCRIP

Scrip cards are continually sold after each church service, and in the office on Wednesday mornings. Scrip cards will also be sold on Saturday, December 10, from 8:00-11:00 at the PAC Breakfast with Santa. Our next order dates are as follows: November 11th & 23rd, December 2nd, 9th, and 16th. If you ever have any questions regarding the Scrip program, contact Elizabeth Beine in the office at 282-7500, or Liz Smolen at 758-8536.

AND NOW A WORD FROM THE PTL...

We want to thank all the wonderful families of Our Father's Lutheran School for their support of the fall PTL fundraiser with Mr. Z's. We did not reach our goal of 100% participation, but we saw many new families participate, and had several families give an outright monetary donation toward the cause. This resulted in our largest total sales EVER!! Five families even qualified for the Dells trip, and we thank them for their efforts. We will announce total profit after we receive (and pay) the final bill; these proceeds allow us to contribute to the growth of the new music and computer programs at Our Father's, as well as continue to fund field trips and grant teacher wish-list requests.

Pick up for Mr. Z's is today from 2:45 - 3:00 p.m. We will not cash the checks until next Friday, November 4th, giving you plenty of time to deliver your orders and collect payment.

After we return from our short week next week, Mr. Burgess will draw the winner of the TouchScreen Tablet and the lucky student who gets to be "Principal for the Day." Winners will be announced in the November 11th edition of the Trojan Times.

WHAT'S UP NEXT FOR YOUR PTL?

**PTL will be furnishing a light supper for the teachers during their conferences next Wednesday.

**The annual Cookie Walk and Holiday Gift Shop (where the children buy their Christmas presents for YOU) will be held on Friday, December 2nd. Mark your calendars! We will need helpers for the shop, and we ask that all families donate one batch of Christmas cookies for the cookie walk. More details forthcoming.



It's never too soon to start looking for your favorite Christmas cookie recipe!

7-8 GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL PRACTICE BEGINS!

Tuesday, November 1: 3:30-5:00
Wednesday, November 2: 11:30-1:00



8th Grade Lunch for Friday, November 11:

8th grade hot lunch will resume on Friday, November 11. Lunch on that day will be grilled cheese sandwiches served with your choice of tomato or chicken noodle soup with rice crispy treats for dessert. Order forms will go home next week.

The Gospel of Halloween
From Higher Things: Dare to Be Lutheran Blog (<http://dtbl.org/4450>)

Witches, wizards, skeletons, devils, and superheroes? Never mind that. Let's get to the candy! As Halloween approaches, many calling themselves Christians will get all worked up about this supposedly satanic holiday. With emphases on witches and devils and violent horror, these folks get upset and say that Christians have no business observing this holiday and ought to do something better, something more godly and pious. Thus all over "Halloween" celebrations are replaced with "Fall Festivals." There's even a group who invented a new holiday on October 31 called "[Jesus Ween](#)." (Does anyone else think that just sounds odd and creepy all at once?) So can you be a Christian and celebrate Halloween? Can you dress up and go to a party? Go trick-or-treating? Have fun? The fact is, a Christian CAN celebrate and enjoy Halloween. Read on to find out why.

First, a little bit of history. Halloween is taken from the old English "All Hallows Eve." "All Hallows" refers to "All Saints" which is the festival on November 1 on which the church remembers all her baptized saints and especially those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. Since Christian festivals begin at sundown on the day before, October 31 is the Eve of All Saints (just like December 24 is Christmas Eve) or All Hallows Eve, shortened and smushed together over time to "Halloween." So, at its root, Halloween was just the Eve of the day when all Christian saints were remembered. And when we're talking about saints, we're talking baptism! And how can a day which reminds us of our baptism be bad?

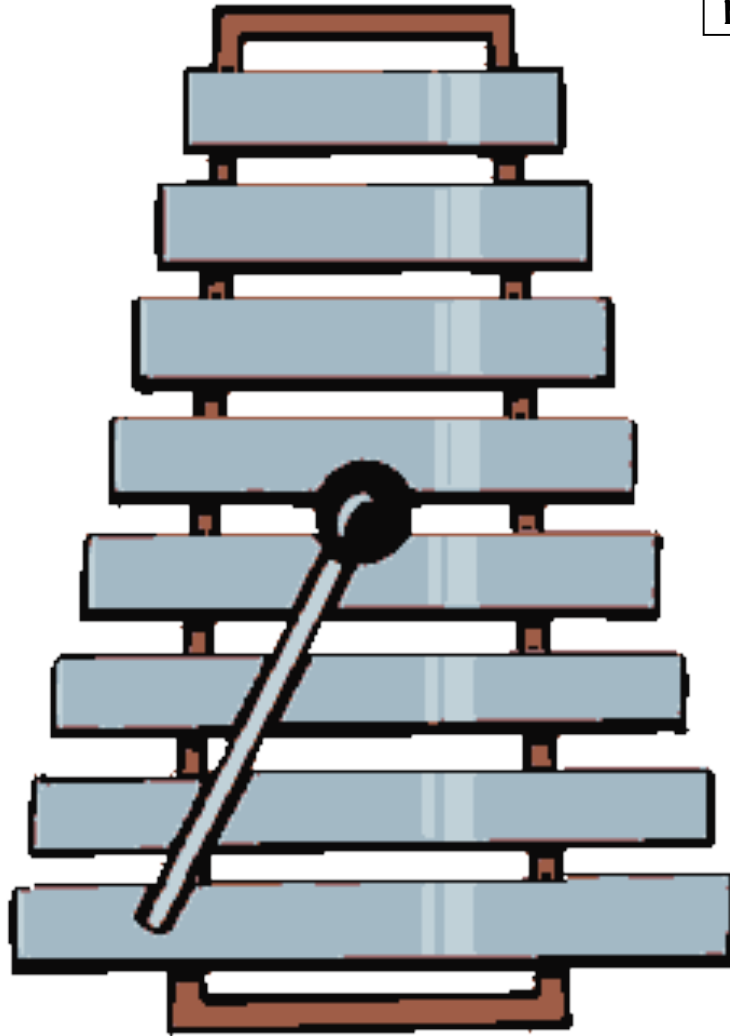
On Good Friday, Jesus destroyed the power of the devil. He died for the sins of the world. He died for your sins. St. Paul writes that on the cross, Jesus disarmed the powers of hell (Colossians 2:15). That means when Halloween rolls around and little ghosts and goblins are running around they're nothing more than jokes and mockeries of the devil. He has no power. He can't harm you. The devil has no claim on those who have been buried and raised with Jesus and clothed with Christ in their baptism. Those upon whom the blood of the Lamb of God has been sprinkled cannot be snatched out of their Father's hand! That means when we go out on Halloween, costume or not, we look like Jesus. That's what your heavenly Father sees when He looks at you. You may be a ghoul or a superhero for trick-or-treating or a party but to your Father in heaven you'll always look like His Son, dearly beloved and precious.

But isn't October 31st also a traditional time for pagans to do their thing? Sure. That's because whenever the church has a holy day, the devil tries to copy it and mock it and lead others astray. So the end of October has long been a time when pagan religions carried on rituals and other weird practices. But let's face it. Halloween in America has become nothing more than a day to have some fun. Go and get loads of candy. Go to a party and bob for apples. Dress up and act a bit silly. As Christians, we're so free, having been rescued by Christ from sin and death, that we can laugh at inflatable tombstones and dress like zombies. Perhaps, in some small way, Halloween is the world's way of trying to pretend death is something to laugh at. But for those who are in Christ, we know that's all death is. Something to be laughed at. Mocked. Because death has been defeated by Jesus. Your death has been overcome. We know we don't come back as vampires or zombies. Rather on the Last Day, Jesus will come again and raise us up and there will be no more death.

So live on Halloween the way you live every other day. Make the sign of the cross in the morning to remember that you are a child of God, marked by the Lord has His own child. Go and enjoy your day and eat your candy with a clean conscience, knowing that your robe of righteousness is no dress-up but true clothing whereby you have been covered in Jesus. Serve your neighbor and avoid anything that will harm or be a bother to them. (Not EVERY Halloween activity is a good idea!) And at the end of the day, make the sign of the cross again and know that you are still the Lord's because of Jesus. And dare to be Lutheran too, remembering that October 31 is also the day that the Reformation began, the time when Martin Luther reminded the church that Christ was the big deal and that superstitions, even if they're in the church, are still silly and useless. And who needs to be afraid of such things when we have such a Savior who has redeemed us, purchased and won us from all sin, death and the power of the devil? So Happy Halloween! Happy because you are a baptized saint in Jesus.

Market Day Goal for the 2011-2012 School Year

MAY 2012 \$2.250



OCT 2011: \$170.83

SEPT 2011: \$153.86

We had an October profit of \$170.83! So far, we have raised \$324.69. We are \$1925.31 away from our goal.

Every Market Day purchase brings us one musical bar closer to our goal!! **WE CAN DO THIS!**

**"Let the children be their own composer."
Carl Orff (1895-1982)**



Swimming Earn-A-Badge
Saturday, November 19th 12:30-3:30
Menomonee Falls North Jr. High School Pool
N88 W16750 Garfield Drive
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Mr. Himsel has coordinated a swimming outing for us for our November outing. On Saturday, November 19th, we will leave the school at **12 noon** for Menomonee Falls Jr. High pool.

The Rangers will receive a brief safety lesson, and during the first hour, will have the opportunity to earn their swimming badge. The remainder of the time will be open swim, with some games and other fun.

What you should bring:

- Swim suit
- Towel
- Swim Goggles (if desired)

Please **DO NOT** bring any pool toys.

Children are \$2 each, parents are welcome to join us in the water, or on the deck for free. Due date for the form and fees is **Monday, November 14th**.

I give my permission for my son _____ to attend the Ranger swimming outing at Menomonee Falls Junior High School on Saturday, November 19th.

Parents or adults are welcome to join us for free, please indicate here if you will be attending as well _____
(#of adults)

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form with \$2 per child fee by Monday, November 14th.