Wednesday News

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 46th year of Christ-centered education here at First Lutheran School. Our school theme this year is from John 3:16 where our loving God tells us how much he loves us and the whole world: He loves us so much that he sent his one and only Son to take away our sins by taking our place on the cross. Jesus suffered the punishment that our sins deserve, and instead of a cross of death he gives us a crown of life everlasting. As we work our way through the school year, the teachers will be emphasizing that God's love is not just for us here in Elkhorn, but for all people throughout the world. As we learn this important truth, we realize how urgent is the need for the good news of the gospel to reach as many lost souls as possible. May God bless our students, parents, staff, and teachers this year as we all grow in his knowledge and grace!

This Week at a Glance, etc.

Wed., Sept. 9	Volleyball practice - 4 - 5:15 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 10	Volleyball practice - 4 - 5:15 p.m.
Fri., Sept.11	Chapel - 7:30 am Cousins Subs for lunch Soccer practice (Veterans Park) - 3:45 - 5 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 14	Soccer vs. Mt. Zion @ Elkhorn - 4 p.m. Volleyball vs. Mt. Zion @ Elkhorn - 5:30 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 15	Soccer practice (Rotary) - 3:45 - 5 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 16	Volleyball practice - 4 - 5:15 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 17	Volleyball vs. OR @ First, LG - 4:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 18	Chapel - 7:35 am Soccer practice (Veterans Park) - 3:45 - 5 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 20	All students sing in 10:30 am service **BACK TO SCHOOL PIZZA AND KARAOKE AFTER 2ND SERVICE**
Mon., Sept. 21	Volleyball vs. WSD @ First, Elkhorn -5:30 pm
Tues., Sept. 22	Soccer practice (Rotary) - 3:45 - 5 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 23	Volleyball practice - 4 - 5:15 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 24	Volleyball vs. St. Francis @ First, LG B Team - 4:30 p.m. A Team - 5:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 25	Chapel - 7:35 am Soccer practice (Veterans Park) - 3:45 - 5 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 28	NO SCHOOL - Teachers' Conference

Wrap-Around Care	FRIDAY LUNCH
Please contact the office should Wrap Around Care be needed.	Cousin Subs are available for lunch this Friday. A Form is coming home today and must be returned by **noon** on Thursday. No Late orders can be accepted. Please be sure to circle the size sub you would like, along with your meat/veggie choice. If you do not care for lettuce or tomato, please indicate that on the form. Please also circle on the form your payment method- cash/check or student account. Please make checks payable to "First Lutheran School."

School News

COMMUNICATION

The Wednesday News will be posted on our website, emailed to school families, posted on the school bulletin board and each family will receive a hard copy with the youngest student. Please be sure to watch for the email or look in your child's backpack. Besides the regular school information, in these constantly changing times, we want you to be as informed as possible. Emails will be sent if information needs to be immediately sent out.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

We offer an optional student account for school families. Parents prepay an amount to hold to pay for lunches, etc. If the expense is an optional one - milk, lunch (Subway, Dominos, etc.), special meals, etc., deductions must be authorized by a parent (in person/email/phone or marked on the form). After a deposit is made for a student account, a record will be kept of disbursements from the account. Balances will be sent home quarterly. If you are interested in having a school account, or have any questions, please contact the office.

MILK

Most families indicated at registration about milk. *If you have not paid, and your child would like milk at snack (4K) or lunch (K-8), please do so by Friday.* It is $70 for the year per carton of milk.

SCHOOL FORMS/FEES

Please turn in forms/fees to the office by Friday. If there will be a delay in any of the medical/dental forms, please let the office know the date of the scheduled appointment.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

A directory of staff and students is coming home today. Please review and contact the office if there are corrections to your family's information. Thank you!

SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

School t-shirts are in! They are grouped by family on the table across from the office. If you ordered extra shirts, the amount you owe is listed on the not attached. Please pay in the office by cash or check at your earliest convenience. There are a few extras available for purchase. Please inquire in the office. Thank you!

BACK TO SCHOOL PIZZA & KARAOKE!

Warm up your voices, bring your favorite pizza, and help us kick off another school year with our 3rd annual Back to School Pizza Potluck & Karaoke Celebration on Sunday, September 20th. All members of our church and school families are welcome to join in the fun and festivities. Sunday School begins at 9:15 am, church begins at 10:30, then after the service we will start with the pizza potluck (please bring a pizza of your choosing - dessert pizza, veggie pizza, or regular pizza for all to share). After everyone eats, we will then start the karaoke portion of the event. Bring your song requests, come ready to sing, or just come to be entertained as we welcome the return of the school year with this annual event. A sign up is on the brown door, or call the school office to RSVP. *We hope to see everyone there!*

First Lutheran Athletics

Volleyball

🏐 Welcome back Mrs. Lahmann and Mrs. Stech as our coaches! What a joy to have you join our coaching team!

Soccer

⚽ Pastor Kuschel is excited to start another soccer season with the help of Mr. Kamps, the principal from First, Lake Geneva! Let's go!

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

You can access up to date information through our Athletic Google Calendar. On our website - click on school - athletics. Or, if you already use a Google calendar on your phone or computer, you can access the information by syncing the calendar *FLS Athletics* to yours. If you have questions, please contact the office.

Look cool and show off your school!

Order your First Lutheran School Gear and athletic Badger logo from MyLocker.

https://www.spiritshop.com/school/wisconsin/elkhorn/first-lutheran-school

EXTRACURRICULARS

PIANO

🎹 Lessons start **Tues. Sept. 15th**!

🎹 We will be using Piano Adventure books along with Disney, hymns, jazz/blues, etc. throughout the year.

🎹 All of the students will perform at Christmas time, Spring recital in May and before or during a church service sometime between Feb-May.

🎹 If you have any questions at all, please email, call or text.

🎶 ***Sarah Dobberstein- syakes19@gmail.com - 262-903-4158***

BAND/ORCHESTRA

🎼 Mr. Wordell and Mr. Zondag will visit First Lutheran tomorrow to talk to the 4th-8th graders about participating in band.

🎼 Please feel free to contact him with any questions regarding music, instruments, lessons, or anything regarding the grade school band program via email, text, or phone.

📧 ***Keith Wordell - wordellk@slhs.us - (612)805-3829***

How Can I Help My School?

To help with non-budgeted expenses, First Lutheran School participates in a couple of ways to raise funds:

Scan your receipts using the app or have it done in the office!

NO MORE CLIPPING
BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
SCAN YOUR RECEIPT
SEE HOW AT BTFE.COM

Shop with Scrip is now

RaiseRight™ by ShopWithScrip

Many cards are available in the office, you can place an order through the office or online. Please contact the office for our Enrollment code.

Please contact the office with questions.

Your support is appreciated!

Classroom News

Mrs. Lemke: 4K and Kindergarten

- This week students will learn and practice routines and expectations. 5K students will also do beginning of year baseline assessments.
- Students will learn about creation in ChristLight. Look for a special creation trail mix in your child's backpack on Thursday.
- In literacy, students will learn how to use supplies. They will learn about glue sticks, scissors, play dough, and bingo daubers. 5K will also review what they know about letters and sounds. We will also do lots of read alouds!
- In math, students will practice counting using counting boxes.
- In science, students will learn what scientists do. They will learn they are scientists and take a nature walk to collect and sort things they found.
- In social studies, students will learn about feelings and calm down strategies when they are having big feelings.
- In art, students will learn about lines and make a line sculpture.
- In music, students will start to learn their hymn for singing on Sept 20.
- In gym, students will learn about spatial awareness through movement and spot markers.
- In play centers, students are playing in a kitchen, sorting bears by colors, retelling Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, making lines at the art easel, and matching uppercase letters to uppercase letters.
- **Show and Tell: Madeline** will be the first person to bring home the Show and Tell Bag. Our first in class Show and Tell will be on Friday, Sept 11. Please put your favorite item in the bag so we can get to know you better.

Mrs. Szmanda: Grades 1-2

- Welcome to the Jungle! Our classroom theme is the Rainforest. It's going to be a WILD year!
- Christ Light - This year's Christ Light lessons are from the New Testament. However, we will start with Creation and mankind's fall into sin to review our <u>need</u> for a Savior and God's <u>promise</u> of a Savior. Then next week we will jump into the New Testament lessons which tell of God's fulfillment of that promise.
- Language Arts - We are reading a funny, yet thought provoking story called <u>What If Everybody Did That?</u> as we discuss classroom rules and expectations.
- Math - this week will be mostly review
- Science - of course we will begin with a study of the Amazon rainforest

Miss Buelow: Grades 3-4

- Welcome to a new school year!
- SHARE will begin on Friday, September 11th with Group A. Group B will have SHARE on Friday, September 18th.
    - Group A: Emma, Penny, Liam, John
    - Group B: Kinsley, Phoebe, Evelyn

  We will follow that rotation for the school year.
- Please watch for the *Christlight* binder on Mondays and Wednesdays to review NT Bible lessons and memory work. On Tuesday watch for memory work.
- This week will mostly be spent learning and practicing classroom routines. There will be some assignments, but don't worry we'll get to more next week.
- There will be no spelling test this week.
- There will be a map test of continents and oceans next week Tuesday, Sept. 15th.
- If you have any questions, you can reach me at 414-550-7304 or missbuelow@firstatthecross.com.

Mrs. Lahmann: Grades 5-6

I am looking forward to a great school year!

This week we will get to know each other, go through procedures/schedules, learn what is expected in behavior and responsibility and have some fun!

Thank you ⅝ grade families for bringing in all the school supplies. It's greatly appreciated!

Question or concerns?

- mrslahmann@firstatthecross.com
- 262-573-6710

Mrs. Kuschel

🎉 Hello, First Families! 🎉

I’m excited to kick off my fifth year at First and continue my role as your Athletic Director!

Here’s a sneak peek at what I’ll be teaching:

📚 **7-8**: Literature, Creative Writing, Art, & Phy Ed
✍️ **5-6**: Reading, Creative Writing, Art, & Phy Ed
🏃 **1-4**: Phy Ed

This year I will once again head to First, Lake Geneva, on Monday and Wednesday afternoons to teach Art & PE.

This week, I'll be getting to know all my awesome students, sharing my class expectations, and diving into some fun activities to learn more about each one of them.

Looking forward to an amazing year together!

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Questions? Don’t hesitate to reach out!
📧 mrskuschel@firstelkhorn.com
📞 320.522.0002

Mr. Knittel: Grades 7-8

- Our first Christ-Light study this year is “World Religions.” We will look at the major religions of our world to see how they compare with the inerrant Word of God. Our first study is “Spirit Religions” in which we see that we need to reach out to those who think that “spirits” can provide what they need and protect them from danger.
- We are just getting started with our math work this year by taking a placement test which will help determine at which level each student will learn best. Lessons will start at the end of this week.
- Our U.S. History course is a two-year study which spans the early days of the United States, even before it was colonized, up to modern times. This year we are back to the beginning and will start the year with a unit on pre-American history and European exploration.
- Grammar lessons begin with basic sentence type and structure. Finding the simple subject and simple predicate of a sentence is key to understanding the entire sentence.
- Spelling words for this week are from Unit 1. Final tests will be on Fridays. Lists for the entire year are available on Google Classroom.
- Our first scheduled singing for church is Sunday, September 20, in the 10:30 service. The students will be singing selected verses of Hymn 570 “God Loved the World So That He Gave.” All families are encouraged to attend and also to join us for “Pizza and Karaoke” to follow!
- If you have questions or need to share information, you may contact me at 614-448-8959 or mrknittel@firstelkhorn.com.