



- April 2 | School resumes from Easter Break
- April 5 | Middle School Dance
- April 7 | Potato Pancake Breakfast
- April 8 | Popcorn orders due
- April 9 | Operetta Dress Rehearsal | 8:30
- April 11 | Operetta Service | 6:30
- April 13 | Spelling Bee @ Mayer Lutheran
- April 18 | Kindergarten Grand Meadows
- April 26 | Early dismissal at 11:55
- April 28 | Confirmation Sunday
- May 8 | Fine Arts Festival | 6:30 pm
- May 17 | Play Day @ Christ Community Lutheran School, Watertown



Together we pray for:

- Lutheran Bible Translators and those who are translating the Bible so more people can hear the Good News of Jesus!
- Everyone who is ill and needs our Heavenly Father's healing hand.
- The Silent Auction Committee and all involved thanking God for all of their hard work before, during, and after the big event.
- Those families that are considering sending their children to FLS that they might be led to realize the importance of a Christ centered education.
- Our committees at First Lutheran as we continue to search for 6th grade teacher, preschool teacher, and a principal.



April Birthdays

- 1 | Owen S. (4); Mrs. Donnay (K)
- 4 | Olivia M. (K)
- 6 | Joey L. (7)
- 9 | Bear W. (K)
- 15 | Brooklyn G. (4)
- 20 | Kyler P. (8)
- 21 | Ellie H. (4); Mrs. Korthals (7/8)
- 27 | Priya W. (6)
- 30 | Mrs. Hoffmann



Principal for a Day

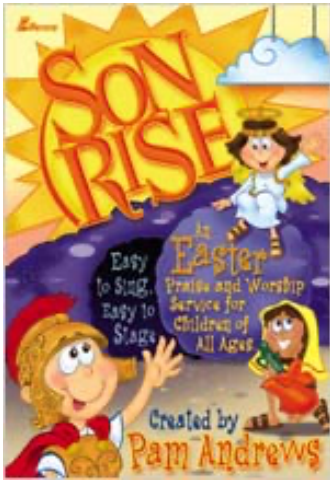
After a delicious lunch at Culver's and an afternoon pick-me-up from Starbucks, Ms. Grochow and Mrs. Hoffmann went to observe the happenings of each classroom. Preschool was napping soundly. In Kindergarten, they were counting numbers and ordering spheres. Mrs. Plath was reading to the first grade students, who were later observed to be writing numbers 1-120. The 2nd graders were learning about water safety. Our third graders were learning about the solar system. They said their project was "Out of this World!" The studious fourth graders were taking a test in Social Studies. Mrs. Korthals was teaching 5th grade ELA where the students were reading from their Scope Magazine about the problems of smog. Ms. Lilienthal had the sixth graders for Social Studies and they were learning about Greece (too bad there's no class field trip included in this project). Mr. Scheele had the 7th and 8th graders watching a movie on the American bomb for science class. Ms. Grochow has aspirations to be either a school teacher or a nurse someday. Maybe we'll see her back at First Lutheran sooner than later!

thank you

- Everyone who donated to our 16th annual Silent Auction as well as all the great folks who purchased the meal and those who bid on items. Your love for FLS is greatly appreciated!
- All of the fantastic parents who support FLS by sending their children to our school.
- Candace Stiles, Micky Neubarth, Annika Schafer, Taylor Bernstein, Mindy Dressel, Shauna Gruber, Sarah LaMott, Amy Edwards, Allison Grochow, and Molly Schiller for heading up the Flame Boosters Silent Auction events and all the others who pitched in. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!
- Mrs. Bargmann for her 26 years of faithful service at First Lutheran School!



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 "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" Psalm 133:1  
 God did not intend for man to be alone, which is why He made woman. God calls us to include one another in ALL that we do, whether we are best friends or 'just acquaintances'. Encourage your child to be the one who invites a friend to sit at their lunch table or play with someone who is playing alone.



### K-2 Operetta

Our operetta is called "Son Rise" and will tell the real meaning of Easter. We've begun the songs and will begin speaking parts soon! Our operetta is on April 11 at 6:30 in the church! Come and enjoy the real message of Easter!



### \$200 for free!

As a continuing incentive, First Lutheran is offering \$200 to any school or church family who recommends a family to First Lutheran and that family registers a child, or children, for this school year. If you get two families to register, you get \$400! Spread the good news that First Lutheran School is a great place to learn about God's love and the awesome world he has given to us!



### 1st Grade

The children in first grade have been very busy this month. We enjoyed watching the very special presentation by Luke Winger, the Juggler. We used our voices practicing for the upcoming operetta and happily sang for the congregation during the Silent Auction week. Our classroom studies also kept our days very busy as we continue to develop the skills that are needed for us to prepare for 2nd grade.

Each day, we start with Jesus Time. It is a wonderful way to share God's love. We discuss the different stories and why God had a purpose for them. I always enjoy the questions the students ask because this means they are thinking about and processing God's Word. After Jesus time, we proudly say the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of the Christian Flag.

In Math, we are working on numbers 0-120. Our focus is 1 more, 1 less, 10 more, 10 less, adding and subtracting, along with story problems. We will begin working with time and money when we get back from break.

In Reading, we continue to develop our reading skills. The children love to read with a partner during the day from their book box. We are also fortunate to have Mrs. Schmidt stop in once a week to read with the children in groups.

In Grammar, we continue to learn about writing sentences using capital letters and the correct endings. Also, we are developing the use of blends, diagraphs, prefixes, contractions, and alphabetical order. Our journal writing helps keep our creative thoughts flowing.

On the wall outside our classroom, you will see our handwriting assignment for Easter. The children colored an Egg and then wrote about how it reminds them of Jesus. They are a very special remembrance of what this time truly means in their lives.

When we finish with all our studies, the children enjoy building creatively with Legos, playing games, and coloring.

I want to thank Mrs. Wruck, Ms. Mathews, and Mrs. Weidendorf for their dedication, kindness, and love working with and helping the children and myself.

Life is good in First grade, and I am reminded of how God has blessed us with these wonderful children, wonderful parents, and a strong faithful congregation!

-Mrs. Edmison, 1st grade teacher

### Middle School Dance

Calling all middle schoolers! Our middle school dance will be taking place in our school gym on Friday, April 5th from 6:30-8:30. There will be snacks provided. All 5-8th grade students are invited to attend. Our theme for this year is "Dressed to 9's" and students are encouraged to wear dresses and dress shirts to the dance.

\*Please note that the dress code does still apply, even though the event is taking place after school hours.





### Popcorn Fundraiser

Everyone's favorite fundraiser is taking place NOW-April 8th. First Lutheran is selling gourmet popcorn from Rural Route 1 Popcorn. Orders can be placed in the church office, school office, or from an outstanding student! Please make all checks payable to First Lutheran School. Your popcorn will be available for you to pick up at the end of April. Happy munching!



### Perfect Church Attendance

Back Row: Ellie Heldt, Isaiah Diers, Erika Goche, Oliver Peterson, Isaiah Nikolaisen, Connor Donnay, Autumn Gruber, and Madison Goche  
 Middle Row: Chloe Donnay, Phoebe Nikolaisen, Riley LaMott, Brock Zimmerman, Emerson Edwards, Liam Wiblemo, Eve Peterson, and Griffin Bargmann  
 Front Row: Huxton Edwards, Camden LaMott, Raelynn Strobel, Maddie Zimmerman, and Claire Dording  
 Not pictured: Hattie Herdegen



### "A" Honor Roll

Back Row: Kryptan Wisch, Lilly Petterson, Gemma Goff, Hadley Busse, Connor Donnay, Oscar Freberg, Erika Goche, Harper Neubarth, Clara Willcox, Isaiah Nikolaisen  
 Middle Row: Ivanna Schultz, Oliver Peterson, Brady Goff, Kinley Stuewe, Madison Picha, Madison Goche, Claire Geib, Emme Neubarth, Cole Plath, Isaiah Diers  
 Front Row: Novah Krzmarzick, Nora Cohrs, Griffin Bargmann, Dawsen Eiden, and Autumn Gruber



### "B" Honor Roll

Back Row: Landon Grochow, Summer Blazinski, Kira Lewin, Ruby Graf, Yandel Perez, and Beau Brejle  
 Middle Row: Priya Wisch, Macie Stradtman, Caylee Weidendorf, Traevin Buckley, and Ayla Pokornowski

### "B" Honor Roll cont'd

Front Row: Trystan Knutson, William Horton, Clara Hoefs, and Natallie Schafer  
 Not pictured: Kyler Pokornowski, Joey Lamp, Bria Pierson, and Avery Schultz



### 2024-2025 Staffing Updates

After 26 years of faithful service, Mrs. Bargmann has decided to retire. We thank her for all of her hard work and pray richest blessings on her in her next chapter of retirement!! Our Day School Board has created a hiring committee to help First Lutheran find a preschool teacher and a middle school teacher who will continue to nurture spiritual and academic growth here! If you have any name recommendations, please let us know. In addition, at the March Day School Board meeting and Church Council meeting I notified our boards that I will not be returning as the First Lutheran School principal next year. This was an extremely difficult decision that took A LOT of prayer and consultation with my husband. There were a lot of factors that went into it, but in short we would love to start a family in the near future and with the job demands of this position we knew that I would have to sacrifice a lot of family time which already goes by so quickly. I love the families, staff, students, and colleagues here at First Lutheran. I can see the work that God is doing here at FLS with the school and congregation. I'm not sure what God has planned for my future, but I would love to continue to be part of our First Lutheran family in some capacity. Please keep First Lutheran in your prayers as we seek to call the next principal and teachers to serve here at FLS. God always has a plan and we pray that He will bless our searches.

-Mrs. Hoffmann



### 3rd Tri Chapel Offerings

Our third trimester chapel offerings are going to Ministry Focus, an organization through the LCMS to help alleviate the added stress of school debt for those who are in church work so that they can focus on their ministry of the Gospel. Through our chapel offerings, we are also encouraging and informing our students about their potential future careers as church workers! Here's what one grant recipient wrote:  
 "Wow! Praise the Lord! This is amazing news! You all at MinistryFocus are such a tremendous blessing to our family. This is truly humbling and so needed! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"