



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL
The Eagle Express
December 11-17, 2008
'Led by God's Grace'



FUNDRAISER REMINDER: Pick up for the Fundraiser items will be Thursday, December 11, 2008 from 3:30-5:30 PM in the School Cafeteria. The drawing for students that had sold ten (10) items or more will be during the Pep Rally on Friday.

LED BY GOD'S GRACE



WELCOME TO THE ST. JOHN SCHOOL FAMILY!!



We warmly welcome Wendy Schuh to the St. John Lutheran family, specifically, to the Child Care Center! Wendy is married to Geoff (SJL's Band director) they have four children; JaLynn, in sixth grade, Emily, in third grade, Jacob, in Junior Kindergarten, and Zachary, in three-year-old preschool. They have three pet rabbits. Wendy's hobbies include reading, crossword puzzles and walking with her family. Her family is also active with 4H. We are glad to have her a part of our school --- please welcome her when you see her!!

A GIFT ENJOYED FOR YEARS....



"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Are you still looking for that "special" gift that will help many children here at St. John School?!! There is always a financial need for our student tuition fund. It is Christ working through the hearts of Christian people that helps to make a Christian foundation available for all children, no matter of their families financial needs.

May God continually Bless you, and your family, throughout this year, and beyond. I ask that you continue to pray for our school, and the families that are touched through the Christian education our school provides. If you can give a monetary gift for tuition assistance, you will be helping a child in need learn about Christ through all that our school can provide. This is truly a gift that helps develop future Christian leaders.

A BIG "THANK YOU"



Last Tuesday evening, December 2nd, a number of our school families, students and staff from St. John's, ventured out into the cold evening of December to sing Christmas Carols to many Shut-Ins in the Plymouth community. Many voices were raised in song to sing the praises of the upcoming Christ Child's birth. We have received many heartfelt thanks for the efforts and gifts that we given to our elderly during this season of the year. So, thanks to the families and students that brightened the night, and a special thanks to our St. John GIFT organization for organizing the event, and sponsoring the cookies and Hot Chocolate. You warmed the night in song, and in Christian fellowship!!

KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRIST-MAS:



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Christmas a time of excitement
A time with presents and Santa Claus
A happening of great joy for some,
And pain for others.
One day that is like no other

A day where it really feels like Peace on Earth
Where it seems that everything is perfect
A time when memories are forged
Even a restless sleep the night before
Every one is Happy
Everyone is remembered... Aren't they?

All it seems, is not what is
We put aside why we are celebrating this holiday
It is Christmas
The Birth of our Savior, The LORD Jesus Christ
We often forget because we don't call it what it really is..
It is CHRIST-mas, Not CHRIS-mas

A time of Peace when all people in our Free world celebrate the birth of our.
LORD Jesus Christ
The only time when all will acknowledge the birth of our.
LORD Jesus Christ
We give because we Love, Not through obligation, but for our.
LORD Jesus Christ

I will give my LORD the respect that He deserves.
I will not call it Christmas any more
I will call it CHRIST-MAS from now on.

May you and your loved ones have a Merry Christ-mas
May time in and time come, may you call it Christ-mas too.
After all isn't our LORD Jesus Christ worth it!

Thursday, December 11	-	A-Girls Bball Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	B-Girls Bball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	-	3 y.o. and JK Christmas Service/Church	6:00 PM
	-	Hosanna! Singers – MMR	6:30 PM
	-	Annual Plymouth Girls Invitational BB Tournament	
Friday, December 12	-	Annual Plymouth Girls Invitational BB Tournament	
	-	BLUE AND WHITE DAY	
	-	Happy Birthday Mrs. Gina Anton	
	-	Pep Rally	
Saturday, December 13	-	Annual Plymouth Girls Invitational BB Tournament	
	-	Market Day Pick-up (Volunteers @ 9:00 AM)	9:30-10:15 AM
Sunday, December 14	-	Adult Choir Sings	8:00 AM
	-	Annual Plymouth Girls Invitational BB Tournament	

- Monday, December 15 - Happy Birthday Mrs. Elizabeth MacGillis
 - Gym not available due to Christmas Program
 - Midquarters Sent Home
 - Safety Patrol Raffle begins and Essay contest info mailed
- Tuesday, December 16 - Gym not available due to Christmas Program
- Wednesday, December 17- Day School Christmas Service – Gym 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
 - Early Release 12:35 AM
 - Gym not available due to Christmas Program

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following students who will be celebrating birthdays this coming week.

God's Blessings on your special day!

Alex Lund – 3 Year Old Preschool – December 15 Ava Booth – Junior Kindergarten – December 15
 Courtney Kretschmann – Grade 4 – December 15 Daniel “Garrett” Huffman – Grade 3 – December 17
 Matthew Klug – Grade 3 – December 17

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM Christmas Family Svc.; 6:00 PM Svc. of Lessons/Carols; 8 & 11 PM Candlelight

Christmas Day: 10:00 AM Christmas Communion **New Year's Eve Service:** 6:00 PM

GRADES 3 AND 4 CHOIR, scheduled to sing on Sunday December 14 at the 10:30 service, is CANCELED. Please note this change in the choir schedule.

COLDER WEATHER – PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND HATS, MITTENS, BOOTS AND SNOWPANTS WITH YOUR CHILD WITH THE COLDER WEATHER AND SNOW. THANK YOU.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE – Our Children's Christmas Service (Grades K-8) will be held during the 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM Advent Church Service on Wednesday, December 17.

SCHOOL (WEATHER) CLOSING – Please review the parent handbook regarding inclement weather policy. Just a reminder that when school classes need to be canceled because of severe weather conditions, an announcement will be made on Channels 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 12 television and WSTM 1420, WXER 104.5 FM and WHBL 1330 radio. Weather related closings are dictated by the Plymouth Public School District. 3 Year Old Preschool and Junior Kindergarten WILL NOT be in session on days when we have a 2-hour delay. (If less than 2-hour delay, they will be in session).

Please join the **Preschool and JK** classes as they present JESUS IS BORN, a **Christmas service** on Thursday December 11 at 6:00 pm. Light refreshments to follow.

THANK YOU! The church looks beautiful for the holiday season thanks to all the great helpers. I couldn't do all that without you. I would like to thank: Terry Powers, Judy Odekirk, Lucille Reitz, Eugene Kohlman, Darlene Doebert, Monica Messner, Steve Weigert, Dawn Mueller, Gary and Laurelei Geier, Dave Rank, Paula, Jamie and Melody Huebschman, Chris Honeyager, Cathie Jacquat, a few 6th, 7th and 8th graders, Jayson Krall. God Bless, Francha Dallman

Yearbook Cover Contest: Students, we need your help making the front and back covers of our yearbook. Your drawing must have **St. John Lutheran School** somewhere in the picture, along with the years “**2008-9**” and this year's school theme which is “**Led by God's Grace**”. Your drawing should be done on plain 8 ½ x 11 white paper. Use lots of color and be sure to include the three required items listed above. **Print your name on the back of the drawing** and turn it in to the school office by January 7, 2009. Late entries will not be considered. Drawings will be returned to the artists. Contest winners will be announced in late January. Thanks for your help in making this the best yearbook ever! Mrs. Perl and Mrs. Reil

The **60th Annual Choral Candlelight Service of Trinity Lutheran Church**, downtown Sheboygan, will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. Over 150 musicians including three vocal choirs, a handbell choir, and other instrumentalists will participate in the service. Scripture lessons and traditional Christmas carols will tell the story of the birth of the Christ child. We hope to see you there!

LHS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Sheboygan Lutheran High School Music Department is please to present its annual Christmas Concert on Monday December 15, 2008 at 7:00pm. The concert will take place at the Stephanie H. Weill Center in Sheboygan, WI. A **Christmas Festival** is the theme for the concert which will feature the Konzertchor, Symphonic Band, Treble Choir, Jazz Band, and Chamber Choir. A variety of seasonal and sacred Christmas music will be performed by each of the ensembles. Admission is free to all who attend. There will be a free will offering taken during the concert to help support the ministry of Lutheran High School and the Music Department. Doors will open at 6 for the alumni gala and 6:15 for the concert. We welcome you to invite your family and friends to join us for this wonderful night of music.

SCRIP Sales for the week of 12-05-08

Sales \$10,455.00; Special Orders \$75.00; Total Sales \$10,530.00;

Tuition Profit \$638.78; General Fund Profit \$195.97 (of which \$90.00 profit is from Kwik Trip sales; Total Gen. Fund Kwik Trip Profits to Date \$11,294.00.)

NEW POLICY--CHECKS MUST BE IN EXACT AMOUNT OF ORDERS. THERE WILL BE NO CASH RETURNED FOR OUT OF STOCK ITEMS. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR CHECK UNTIL YOU HAVE CONFIRMED THAT YOUR ORDER IS IN STOCK.

Remember Shoppers - Christmas is only ONE week away!!! To insure that you receive any special orders for Christmas gifts, the deadline is December 10th. Any special orders after that date cannot be guaranteed by Christmas.

KWIK TRIP is available at a 20% discount in denominations of \$20, \$50, and \$100 gift cards. This promotion is going through **JANUARY, 2009!!** Beginning December 15th orders of more than \$500.00 will need to be placed by special order only.

Hallmark Gift Cards are now available by **Special Order** in \$25 denominations with a 4% profit. Hallmark Gift Cards may be used for making purchases at any participating Hallmark Gold Crown Store.

L.L.Bean is offering a special 2% bonus offer on L.L.Bean gift card purchases from Saturday, October 25, 2008 through Friday, December 12, 2008. That means L.L.Bean \$25 and \$100 gift cards will have a 17% profit instead of the normal 15% profit.

What is SCRIP? Gift certificates are purchased at a reduced rate and then sold for face value. For instance if you purchase a \$25.00 card, you pay \$25.00 for it and the difference in what we originally purchased it for becomes the profit. The profit can be applied to the General Fund or the student's tuition of your choice.

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physical, spiritual, emotional, and social growth;
Preparing students for an active Christian life and eternal salvation.*