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Welcome Back!

Welcome back! We hope your family had a wonderful and blessed break.

Thank you to all who laundered and labeled your child's winter gear over break. As a reminder, we have an overflowing lost and found if you are looking for something specific. Donations of extra mittens are always welcome this time of year, especially small sizes.

Next Friday marks the end of the second quarter and the halfway point of the school year; we are also entering the longest stretch of full weeks of school. Good nutrition, sleep, and routines will be vitally important in this stretch to keep kids focused.

Next week, we will share details on enrollment for this fall and also for Camp Grace summer childcare.

If you need your 2023 childcare spending for PreK, Camp Grace, or aftercare, see page 2 of this newsletter for instructions on retrieving your 2023 childcare spending.

It's been great to have all of our students back in the building again!

5th-8th FargoPack Event

Grades 5-8 are packing meals for Feed My Starving Children on Thursday, January 11 from 9:30-11:30 at the Fargodome. We are looking forward to this great outreach event with our students.

Preview Day & Open House

Do you know any families who would be a good fit for Grace? Our current families are our greatest marketing tool.

Grace Lutheran School is hosting an Open House and a Preview Day on Monday, January 15th.

Preview Day is for students entering 3rd-8th grade to visit the school and experience a day in the life at Grace from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

The Open House is from 4:30-6 pm and open to all grades and especially students entering Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten.

Registration for both events is at www.glsfargo.org.

Christ Character Community



I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
John 15:5

Calendar

JANUARY 8 - PTL 5 PM [NOTE TIME CHANGE]

JANUARY 11 - GRADES 5-8 TO FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN 9:30-11:30 AM

JANUARY 15 - PREVIEW DAY 8:30-12:30, OPEN HOUSE 4:30-6

JANUARY 20 - BEAT THE PARENTS GAME NIGHT AND MEAL 5-7 PM

JANUARY 21-27 - NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Lunch

MONDAY 1: HOT HAM AND CHEESE
2: CHICKEN QUESADILLA

TUESDAY 1: TATER TOT SUPREME
2: SUNBUTTER & JELLY

WEDNESDAY 1: FISH STICKS
2: BANANA BREAD & CHEESE STICK

THURSDAY 1: CHEESEBURGER
2: TURKEY SANDWICH

FRIDAY 1: PIZZA
2: HAM SANDWICH

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Open House Volunteers

We have three upcoming open house opportunities to grab a few volunteer hours. All open houses are from 4/4:15-6 pm and two adult volunteers are needed for each date.

- January 15
- February 22
- March 4

Open House volunteers are needed to greet new families, help them register, pass out materials, and escort families to the appropriate classroom. Your student is welcome to join you.

Email Amy Hirsch at amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org if you can assist and include the date(s) you can help. Spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Work Day

A Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, January 27 from 9 am - 12 pm. This is a great opportunity for people who cannot volunteer during the week to complete some volunteer hours. Friends and family are welcome, too.

Tasks for this work day include indoor maintenance and cleaning projects.

Volunteer Hours

A good rule of thumb is for families to have half of their scholarship volunteer hours completed by Christmas break to be on track to finish by the end of the school year. Morning care and lunch help are always available and other opportunities arise all the time.

We recognize that volunteering is difficult for parents that work during the day, which is why we provide quarterly Saturday work days and a variety of other evening and weekend opportunities. We are in particular need of help with light maintenance and deep cleaning, which can be done during the evening or on weekends, as well as various committee help, such as marketing, strategy, maintenance, and construction, all of which meet evenings and/or weekends.

Anyone with a cleared background check can volunteer on behalf of your family, including grandparents, family friends, or other relatives.

Volunteers play a critical role at Grace Lutheran School, not only to fill needs but to show children how to serve by example, which is an important part of our building culture.

Save the Date

BEAT THE Parents

MEAL & GAME NIGHT
Saturday, January 20th
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

THE FAMILY SHOWDOWN GAME!
*Parents are you smarter than the kids?
Which team will have the bragging rights?
Kids are you ready to do chores for a week?*

More information to come in the New Year

How to Access Your 2023 Childcare Spending for Tax Purposes or FSAs

1. Sign in to your FACTS account.
2. From the home page, click on View Details in upper left box labelled Payment Plan and Billing. The Activity Details page will open.
3. Click on View Payment Summary.
4. Use the dropdown menu at the top to select 2023 and then review the information until you find your childcare spending, including Camp Grace. Spending is divided by school year, so you may have to add up charges from more than one area.
5. The tax ID is located under the school's address on the upper right corner of the page.



AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

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SKI TRIP

Once again the area congregations are having a Family Day at Andes Tower Hills on Saturday, January 27th. The group will leave from Beautiful Savior at 7:30 am and return around 8 pm. Life tickets are \$30, plus any rental fees (\$10-\$35, depending). Students under 5th grade need an adult with them. Registration forms are available at any of the Association churches (see below).

C3 MINISTRIES - HOW DO WE LIVE IN OUR OWN WORLD?

C3 Ministries: Bridging the Divide Between Christ, Culture, and the Church, is hosting an event from 6-8 pm on Wednesday, February 7th at Immanuel on the topic "How Do We Live in Our Own World?" presented by Pastor Chris Durham from Lisbon, ND. We are in the world, but not of the world. How much of one or the other?

This event is for the whole family and includes a meal from 6-6:30.

BACH CANTATA

The Bach Choir will perform on Sunday, February 18 at 4 pm at St Andrew. Save the date for the Bach Summer Concert on Thursday, August 8 as well!

RED RIVER LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

2601 23rd Ave S, Fargo
701-293-1047
Sundays 8:15 and 10:45
Sunday School 9:30-10:30

Grace Lutheran Church

821 5th Ave S, Fargo
701-232-1516
Tuesdays 7:00 pm
Sundays 9:30
Sunday School 8:45-9:45

Immanuel Lutheran Church

1258 Broadway, Fargo
701-293-7979
Sundays 8:00 and 11:00
Sunday School 9:30-10:45

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

1000 14th St S, Moorhead
218-233-7569
Wednesdays 6:30 pm
Sundays 8:00 and 10:30
Sunday School 9:15-10:15

St Andrew Lutheran Church

1005 1st St, West Fargo
701-282-4195
Sundays 8:00 and 10:45
Sunday School 9:30-10:30

Trinity Lutheran Church

100 2nd St W, Sabin
218-78-7259
Sundays 9:00
Sunday School 10:15-11:00

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living airs on KVRN (Fox) at 9 am each Sunday and again on WDAY Xtra at 10:30 am.

Jan 7 - Rev. Arie Bertsch, ND District President
Jan 14 - Rev. Richard Jones - DBGR, Minot
Jan 21 - Rev. Jim Lamb, Lutheran Family Service
Jan 28 - Rev. Timothy Stout, St Peters - Sawyer, St Martin - Anamoose, St John - Kongsberg

INCOME TAX CREDIT

Did you know the State of ND offers a tax credit up to \$2500 for donations made to Grace Lutheran School (and Martin Luther in Bismarck)? The tax credit is 50% of your donation amount, up to \$2500. More info can be found [here](#).

FABRIC DONATIONS

Immanuel's Quilters are looking for fabric donations. Any kind of fabric is acceptable except knits, denim, and silky, slippery fabrics. Contact Elaine Hankel at 701-232-1813 if you have fabric you would like to donate.



January 2024 Breakfast Menu

	Mon 1	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5	
	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	Breakfast Pizza	Eggs	Muffin with Cheese Stick	
	8 French Toast	9 Egg/Cheese on a Biscuit	10 Breakfast Pizza	11 Eggs	12 Banana Bread Yogurt	<i>Hot Chocolate Weather</i>
	15 Pancakes	16 Egg/Cheese on a Biscuit	17 Pizza	18 Scrambled Eggs	19 Muffin and Cheese Stick	
	22 French Toast	23 Egg/Cheese on a Biscuit	24 Pizza	25 Eggs	26 Banana Bread Yogurt	
	29 Pancakes	30 Egg/Cheese on a Biscuit	31 Pizza		WINTER Vibes	

January 2024 Lunch Menu

	Mon 1	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5	
	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	Hot Dogs Egg Salad Croissant Chips	Baked Chicken Muffin with Yogurt Mashed Potato Gravy Green Beans	Spaghetti with Meatsauce Cold Cheese Sandwich Bread Stick Corn	
	8 Hot Hm & Cheese Sandwich Chicken Quesadilla Vegetable Soup	9 Tater Tot Supreme Sun-Butter with Jelly Garlic Bread Corn	10 Fish Sticks Banana Bread with Cheese Stick Butter Pasta	11 Cheeseburger Turkey Sandwich French Fries Baked Beans	12 Pizza Ham Sandwich Chips & Salsa	
	15 Subs Grilled Chicken Sandwich Chicken Noodle Soup	16 Pulled Pork with Bun Fish Sticks Baked Potato Cole Slaw Baked Beans	17 Nachos Sun-Butter with Jelly Bread Stick	18 Ham Slice Grilled Cheese Cheesy Potatoe Mixed Vegetables Bread Slice	19 Chicken Nuggets Ham Sandwich Seasoned Rice Peas	
	22 Corn Dogs Turkey Munchable Macaroni and Cheese	23 Sloppy Joes Muffin with Yogurt Chips	24 Chicken Taco Pizza Sub Rice with Cinnamon & Sugar	25 Macaronio Hotdish Turley Sandwich Corn Garlic Bread	26 Chicken Patty Ham Sandwich Oven Potato Baked Beans	
	29 French Toast Breakfast Pizza Sausage Baked Apples	30 Hamburger with Gravy Banana Bread Mashed Potato Glazed Carrots Dinner Roll	31 Grilled Cheese Pizza Munchable Tomato Soup			