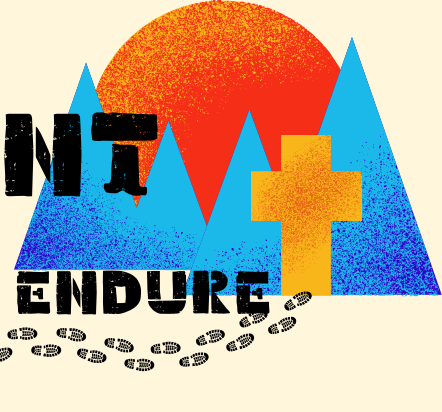




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NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK NEXT WEEK!!!

Today marked the kick-off of National Lutheran Schools Week! We met this morning as a student body and 7th/8th Grade students previewed the week ahead and then we worked on a special craft with our chapel buddies.

Please see page 2 of this newsletter for all of the exciting activities taking place during National Lutheran Schools Week, including dress up days and Penny Wars. We look forward to spending this special week together to celebrate our identity as a Lutheran school.



Winter CANDYLAND carnival

Saturday, January 25
11 am - 2 pm
at Grace Lutheran School

- Games
- Door Prizes
- Bouncy House
- Hot Dog and Chili Lunch

- \$3/child or \$10/family for cocoa tickets & all activities.
- Food and adult hot chocolate available for purchase.
- Must be present to win door prizes.

PARENT DRIVERS NEEDED FOR ICE SKATING TRIP AND SKI TRIP

Our students have two trips coming up that require parent drivers to make possible.

On **Friday, January 31**, students will go to Scheels Arena for ice skating in the morning, leaving the school at 8:50 and returning at about 10:45.

On **Friday, February 7**, grades 4-8 will be going to Andes Tower Hills near Alexandria, MN, for their annual ski trip. This is an all-day outing.

If you can assist with either event, please contact your child's teacher.

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Volunteer Hours

CALENDAR

Jan 25 - Winter Candyland Carnival 11 am - 2 pm
Jan 26-31 - National Lutheran Schools Week
Jan 27 - Open House 4:30-6 pm
Jan 30 - Kindergarten Round Up 4:30-6 pm
Jan 31: Ice skating 9:15 am
Feb 11 & 13 - PT Conferences

LUNCH MENU

MON	1: Grilled Cheese 2: Turkey Sandwich
TUES	1: Taco in a Bag 2: Muffin/Yog/Chs
WED	1: Sliced Ham 2: Sunbutter/Jelly
THURS	1: Chicken Nuggets 2: Summ Saus Sand
FRI	1: Macaroni Hotdish 2: Cold Cheese Sand



Schedule of Events - January 27-31

Each day will begin with all-school devotions or chapel worship at 8:40 am. All are invited to spend time in the Word with us.

Penny Wars will take place from 7:30 - 8:30 am each day. See side bar.

1/27

Monday

Devotional Theme: Stripping Away Hindrances

Dress Up: Workout Clothes

All School Activity: Faith Fitness Stations with Mr. G

1/28

Tuesday

Devotional Theme: Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus

Dress Up: Hat Day, Crazy Hair Day, and/or Mismatch Day

All School Activity: Sing-along

1/29

Wednesday

Chapel Theme: Enduring the Cross

Dress Up: Grace Gear OR anything blue and yellow

All School Activity: Bingo

1/30

Thursday

Devotional Theme: The Joy Set Before Us

Dress Up: All things neon, bright, tie dye, or smiley faces

All School Activity: Afternoon Dance Party

1/31

Friday

Devotional Theme: Running the Race With Perseverance

Dress Up: Sports Jersey, Fandom Day

All School Activity: Ice Skating at Scheels Arena (BYO Skates)

Penny Wars

Penny Wars is a friendly competition between classrooms to raise funds for a specific cause. This year, all funds raised during Penny Wars will be donated to the **Emergency Food Pantry**, an organization we work with frequently.

How Does It Work?

From 7:30-8:30 each morning, students may bring any type of money to put into jars located in the gym. Each classroom has one jar. Pennies INCREASE a classroom's total and silver coins DECREASE a classroom's total, meaning a student would put pennies into their own jar and silver coins into other classroom jars.

Dollars can be exchanged for "coins" to INCREASE or DECREASE a classroom's total. Checks can be brought on Friday to INCREASE a classroom's total.

RE-ENROLLMENT

Hard to believe, but we are already making plans for the 2025-2026 school year. We are working on our operating budget, curriculum decisions, teacher contracts, and financial aid budget. Re-enrollment affects all of these decisions.

Grace Lutheran School utilizes automatic re-enrollment, meaning all students enrolled at Grace are automatically re-enrolled for the upcoming school year unless we receive **written notification** (letter or email to principal@glsfargo.org) stating otherwise.

The registration fees for this fall will be charged in FACTS on February 18. The non-refundable fee is \$100 per child, maximum \$200 per family.

CAMP GRACE

Previous campers have the first opportunity to register before February 12 with registration form and first week's fee. After February 12, registration opens to **current GLS families not previously enrolled** in Camp Grace and the **general public** can register starting March 17.

Camp Grace WILL reach capacity, so please register as early as possible. **Childcare spots are not secured until both the registration form and first week's fee are turned in.**

Questions, please talk to Amy Hirsch.

PIANO PLAYERS AT CHAPEL

Mrs. Uhlhorn's piano students return in February with more pre-chapel piano music.

February 5th - Grace M
February 19th - Blake G
February 26th - Langston W-C
March 12th - Ava J
March 19th - Mya N
March 26th - Eli J (5th)
April 2nd - Noah S
April 9th - Ian Z
April 16th - Elijah N



National Lutheran Schools Week Kick-Off Events



ALL SCHOOL PHOTO FEB 5

Each year, Grace students gather for a special all-school photo. All students should wear a **WHITE** shirt for this year's photo on Wednesday, February 5.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



UNAPOLOGETICALLY FEMALE POSTPONED

The Unapologetically Female seminar scheduled at Immanuel Lutheran Church this Saturday is postponed. A new date will be announced soon.



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2



Third grade helped Pastor Dave Suelzle with his chapel message on Wednesday.



Henry G is this year's top seller of coupon books. Congratulations, Henry!

NEW AND USED GRACE GEAR FOR SALE AT CARNIVAL

We pulled out all of our Grace gear and it will be for sale (cash or check) at the winter carnival on Jan 25. We have items in blue, black, and gray in adult and child sizes.

If you have any Grace gear that you no longer need, donate it back for another family. Used gear will be available for freewill donation.

We will be placing a Grace gear order this spring if you don't find what you are looking for on Jan 25.

ICE SKATING AT SCHEELS ARENA

One of our NLSW activities is an ice skating outing to Scheels Arena. If your student has ice skates, please send them to school on Friday, January 31. If your student does not have ice skates, they will "skate" in snow boots at the arena. You do not need to purchase ice skates to participate (unless you want to).

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Grace Lutheran School will host a kindergarten roundup for our current Pre-Kindergarten families on Thursday, January 30 from 4:30-6 pm. PreK families, watch for a postcard in the mail.

Other open house dates for new, incoming families are on January 27, February 20, and March 17. All from 4:30-6 pm. Send your family and friends!

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

You may have noticed that GLS' playground has not made a reappearance yet. We recently learned that the play structure is not safe for reassembly, so it needs to be replaced.

A new play structure is a large investment, and we are working to find grants and fundraising opportunities to assist in the cost.

The current timeline for replacement is unknown, but we do have a viable lead on a grant to get us going.

A school without a playground is like a dog without a bone. Our students have weathered the absence like stoic Midwesterners and the snow keeps them busy.

In the meantime, if you have any unused plastic play structures (like Little Tikes, Step 2, etc) or small slides or other temporary outdoor items that we can borrow for spring and Camp Grace, please contact Amy or Susan.

Fix Your Eyes on Jesus

Grace Lutheran School: keeping eyes fixed on Jesus since 1948.

Join us on February 13 for Giving Hearts Day!

Early giving is open now at www.glsfargo.org

FEBRUARY 13 GIVING HEARTS DAY



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