

All-School Newsletter \* November 2024

Since November is the month of giving thanks . . . thanks to all of you for making October such a success. Besides the Butterbraids (see below), the Fall Festival was such a fabulous day. We had lots of chili and lots of Trunk-or-Treat options. I also appreciated the many volunteers who helped with set-up and clean-up. God also blessed us with beautiful weather this year. The following day with the elementary children singing at our Reformation celebration plus the fellowship time in the cafeteria was also lovely – thanks to all of you who participated to help make our school visible in the life of our congregation. I am so thankful for the staff, students and families of Trinity Lutheran. Read on for details on November events and dates to mark on your December calendar.

*Gwen*

**Butterbraids:** We exceeded our goal of \$10,000 in sales! There was a tie for the class with the most sales, each class averaging 12 Butterbraids per child. Mrs. Vanderhyde's first grade class and Mrs. Jaynes 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will have a pizza party sometime this month (watch teacher newsletters for details).

**Elementary Report Cards:** The first trimester ends on November 8. Report cards will be in Friday folders on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Preschool/Pre-K Parent Conferences:** Watch for a sign-up sheet on the black table by preschool rooms later this coming week. Conferences will be held the week of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Veterans' Day:** Instead of a special program on the 11<sup>th</sup>, we are incorporating our observance of this holiday into our November 13 chapel. Here are a few details:

- Chapel will be at the usual time of 8:30 a.m. in the church
- Have your child wear red, white and blue, still observing basic dress code guidelines for elementary students
- Students will bring home a couple invitations for you to share with veterans in your family or neighborhood
- There will be a reception for the veterans after the chapel service in the narthex.

**Assembly Day:** The preschool received many storage unit items in the last round of stimulus grants and they are sitting in boxes in Miss Marshall's office. On Saturday, November 16, we plan to start assembling items at 9:00 a.m. Depending on the number of volunteers, it should take 60-90 minutes. Bring basic tools. Talk to Gwen if you have questions.

**Thanksgiving Celebration:** We will gather for a program and desserts on November 22, at 10:30 a.m. in the gym. Each class will do a presentation – watch for details, including what to wear, in your child's class newsletter. Here are a few other notes:

- We will need volunteers to help with setting up tables at 9:30 and putting them away at noon. Watch for a Sign-Up Genius link next week OR simply email Gwen at [gmarshall@tlgreeley.com](mailto:gmarshall@tlgreeley.com).

- Each family should bring a dessert to contribute. Plan something easy to serve and that could provide 10-12 servings. Cookies, cakes or pies are all good options.
- Preschool students: If your child doesn't attend school on Fridays, please still come 10:30-noon so your child can sing from the stage.
- ALL CLASSES DISMISS AT NOON THAT DAY. There is NO afternoon childcare.

**Thanksgiving Break:** The school is closed completely the week of November 25-29, including the office.

**Thanksgiving Service:** You are invited to join our congregation to celebrate another year of God's goodness to His people at an evening worship service, 6:00 p.m. on November 27 (the day before Thanksgiving).

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER . . .**

- Grades 4 & 5 are doing a science fair on December 5. There will also be some special art displays for all elementary grades that evening. More details to come.
- The school Christmas program is on December 18. There will be a 10:00 a.m. dress rehearsal performance. If you cannot get to the 6:00 evening program, please feel free to come in the morning. The morning is also a good option for grandparents who don't like to come out after dark. Watch teacher newsletters for more details on rehearsals and what to wear. Students will also have recitations to memorize and will be learning several songs.
- Classes will have Christmas celebrations in their individual classrooms on December 20. Watch for details in teacher newsletters.
- School dismisses at noon on December 20 to begin Christmas break. There is no afternoon childcare. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 7.