



December 21st 2023





Is Christmas for Giving or Receiving?

This is a trick question. The joy of Christmas is for both. We give through our generosity, kindness and what is best described as the "Christmas Spirit." But what we give is a result of what we receive. While we receive gifts and food, the greatest thing we receive is the gift of Jesus. Christmas brings us together to both give and receive. I hope you know the joy both giving and receiving bring while coming together with your own family and friends as well as the Body of Christ united in receiving and sharing Jesus.

Merry Christmas, Mr. Landgrave

Thought of the Week:

In Acts 20:35, Paul quotes Jesus saying "It is more blessed to give than receive." (Interesting, that's the only recorded statement of Jesus that's not found in one of the four Gospels.)



I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.
- Genesis 17:1b

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 22 - No School - Christmas Break

Jan 3 - School Resumes

Jan. 5 - HeBrews Coffee Fundraiser 7:15 am

Jan. 9 - Amicos SPYRT Fundraiser

Jan. 15 - No School - Teacher In-Service

Jan. 19 - Trimester Midterm

Jan. 21-27 - Lutheran Schools Week

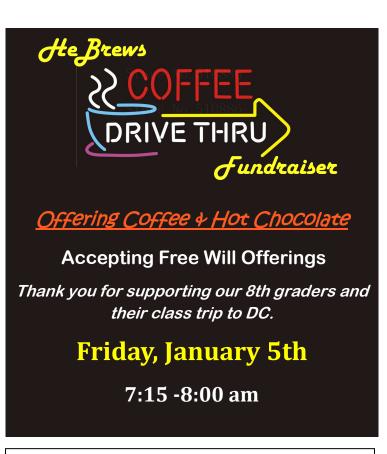
Jan. 21 - Teachers & Students Sing (more to come)

Calendar may also be seen on our website.

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A WORD FROM YOUR WOLF RIVER PRINCIPAL:

"Unto us, a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulders and his name shall be called Wonderful..." These words are heard many times throughout the Christmas season. It fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies about Jesus and his birth. As you celebrate the birth of our Savior this weekend, take a moment and rejoice with your family and friends and give thanks for all that the Lord has done for you this year and always. The Lord has given each of us the best gift we could receive - His Son, born this Christmas morning. May Jesus fill your heart with love and thankfulness always.

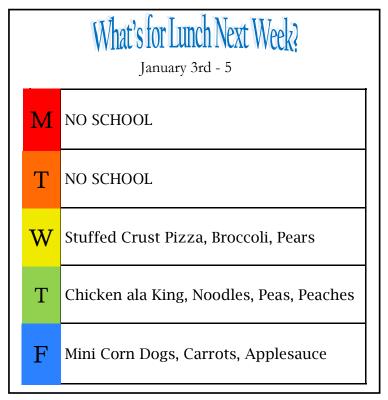
Blessings, Mrs. Kosmerchock

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Upcoming Basketball Schedule

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Jan. 4	@ St. Martins	4:00 pm	GA, BA
Jan. 5	@ St. Martins	4:00 pm	GB, BB
Jan 5-7	Cedarburg Tournament	ТВА	GA, BA
Jan. 6	@ St. Martin	9:00 am 10:00 am	GC BC
Jan. 8	@ Emanuel (New London)	5:00 pm	GA, BA
Jan. 9	Home vs. Menominee	4:00 pm	GB
Jan 12	Home vs. Sacred Heart	4:00 pm	BB, GB, BA
Jan. 16	Home vs.St. Peter (Appleton)	4:00 pm	GB, BB, GA, BA
Jan. 19	Home vs. Trinity	4:00 pm	GB, BA
Jan. 20	Home vs. Pilgrim	10:00 am	ВС
Jan. 20	@ St. Martins (play Pilgrim)	10:00 am	GC
Jan. 20	@ Immanuel, WI Rapids Tournament	ТВА	GA
Jan. 23	Home vs. St. Paul, Stevens Point	4:30 pm	BB, BA
Jan. 23	@Menominee	4:00 pm	GB



January Chapel Offerings

January's weekly chapel offerings will be designated for Camp Luther.

Our goal is to raise money to help them purchase 2 new kayaks.

Let's see if we can't reach our goal of \$800!



SPYRT (St. Paul Youth Rejoicing Together)

those in 7th grade through High School.

January 10	6:30 pm	Youth & Youth Board Mtg
January 17th	6:30 pm	Feed the Flock Bible Study
January 24th	6:30 pm	SPYRT STORM - Missionary



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The story of the wise men, also known as the Magi, who visited Jesus shortly after his birth is a familiar one to many people. While the details of their visit are not described in great detail in the Bible, there are a few key lessons that can be gleaned from their story that can be applied to your family. Here are some biblical parenting tips based on the story of the wise men:

- 1. Seek wisdom and guidance from God. The wise men were seeking the "King of the Jews," and they followed a star to find him. This shows that they were seeking wisdom and guidance from God, and that they were willing to follow wherever it led them. As a family, both parents and children, it's important to seek wisdom and guidance from God in all aspects of our lives. This can help us to make good decisions and to lead our families in the right direction.
- 2. **Be persistent in pursuing your goals**. The wise men did not give up when they encountered obstacles on their journey. They continued to follow the star, even when it led them through difficult and unfamiliar territory. As parents, we need to be persistent in pursuing our goals and in leading our families. This may mean persevering through challenges and setbacks, but it's worth it in the long run.
- 3. **Make a habit of worshipping God**. When the wise men finally found Jesus, they "fell down and worshiped him." They showed reverence and respect for Jesus, even though he was just a newborn baby. As families, we need to have this same attitude of worship in our own lives, teaching children what worship looks like.
- 4. Offer gifts to God and others. The wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. These gifts were symbols of their devotion and worship, and they offered them freely and generously. As families, we can teach children the value of offering gifts to God and to others as a way of showing love and appreciation.
- 5. **Be open to learning and growing**. The wise men were wise because they followed truth. The pursuit of the star led them to the Bible through Herod's scribes who pointed them to Micah 5:2. They were seeking truth, and they were willing to follow wherever it led them. The scriptures led them to Bethlehem where they found Jesus. The pursuit of truth always leads us to the scriptures which then lead us to The Truth, Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, the story of the wise men provides several valuable lessons for families. By seeking wisdom and guidance from God, being persistent in pursuing our goals, showing reverence and respect for authority, offering gifts to God and others, and being open to learning and growing, we can be more effective and further our growth as missional families.