## THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 7, 2021 "Go, Gather Disciples"



<u>WORSHIP</u> –Thursday, Dec. 2 @ 6:30pm and Sunday, Dec. 5 – 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Please make worship a part of your life.

Advent Worship Opportunities Wednesday, December 1 @ 3:30pm & 6:30pm Wednesday, December 8 @ 3:30pm & 6:30pm Wednesday, December 15 @ 3:30pm & 6:30pm



MUSIC -

- Wed., December 8<sup>th</sup> Jr. Choir sings at 3:30 service
- Wed., December 22<sup>nd</sup> PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Program at 10:00am and 6:30pm

<u>PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE</u>- The calendar has turned to December and many people are turning their attention to preparing for the Christmas season. As I look at that preparation for me and my family, I see our Christmas decorations are up, our Christmas shopping is finished, and there seems to be something missing...... Oh yes, you cannot have <u>Christmas without Christ</u>. As we begin the season of advent we prepare our hearts and minds for the best part of Christmas, our Lord and Savior, Jesus. While the world around us wants to distract us from Christ, opportunities like the midweek advent services at Eastside and advent calendar devotions are a great way to keep Christ at the focus at this time of year. May God bless all of your Christmas preparations.

<u>2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER MID MORNING MILK</u>- If you would like to have your child take mid morning milk during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and you have not paid for it, the cost is \$30.00. Please send the money into the school office or add money in Fast Direct to your **GENERAL** account before Christmas Break. Email or call with questions.





<u>EARLY DISMISSAL FOR GIRLS AND BOYS A-TEAMS</u> On Friday December 6, the A-team basketball players (girls and boys) will be dismissed from school at 2:40pm to participate in the match-ups at Luther Prep in Watertown. Games are at 4:00pm for the boys **and** girls. Don't forget to alert teachers of other siblings that they will also be leaving for the day.

<u>CHILDCARE</u> will be attending the 3:30-4:30pm Advent services here at Eastside throughout the Advent Season. If your child is attending childcare after school on Wed., December 1, 8 and 15 and you will be picking them up during this time, please come to the church entrance.

<u>EASTSIDE LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE</u> – On December 22, the children in grades 3K-8 will be sharing the wonderful message of the first Christmas through word and song in the service entitled, "Who Is He?" The services will be at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. Please note that all children in grades K-8 are expected to be at both services.

For the primary reason of keeping the focus on the Christmas message the children will be sharing during the children's service, there will be no preservice music by the children. The faculty and staff of Eastside Lutheran School are looking into other opportunities for the students to put their gifts of playing instruments on display.

<u>EVENT STREAMING AT EASTSIDE</u> – With the blessing of our new audio/video system in the church sanctuary, we have the capability of streaming and recording services. Below is a list of events for the school that will be streamed and/or recorded. Items recorded can be found on Eastside's YouTube page.

1. 10:00am Children's Christmas Service - live-streamed and recorded

2. 6:30pm Children's Christmas Service - live-streamed

3. School Chapel Services - These will be live-streamed and recorded beginning in January.

DECEMBER 22 SCHEDULE

8:00 - School day begins.
8:00-10:00- Classes / activities
10:00 - Children's Christmas Service
11:00 (at the conclusion of the service) - Children should be picked up from their classrooms.

6:15 - Children should arrive at their classrooms.

6:30 - Children's Christmas Service

7:30 (at the conclusion of the service) - Children should be picked up from their classrooms.

<u>GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER</u> – Do you need groceries? Gas to get to work? Or gift cards for Christmas presents? Please consider purchasing cards to Woodman's, HyVee, Kwik Trip, Amazon, Walmart, Target, Culver's or Fleet Farm just to name a few. We put orders in on Mondays and they are distributed to families by Friday. Put an order in once, twice, three times. There is no limit. Also ask a family member or neighbor if they would be interested. What you pay for the cards are what they are worth. It's just that easy! Help us reach our school goal of \$10,000 in total sales! When we do the whole school will celebrate with an ice cream treat day!

\*\* Online, on hand and Raise Right app orders are included. Any questions please call Trina Paske in the school office at 608-244-3045 or email at <u>schooloffice@eastsidelutheran.org</u>.

Scrip Dazzle Days begins Nov.27 – Dec 10 with mystery bonuses for two weeks.



**UPDATE:** Great job everyone! We are doing AMAZING on sales! Next week we will report on total sales as of Wed., Dec. 8. If we surpass our goal of \$10,000 be on the lookout for the next goal and prize! Wooohooo!!

<u>5TH ANNUAL CANVASS FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS</u>: Eastside is collecting food again for people that are in hard times for the holidays and beyond. If you would like to help donate to our food drive, we will have donation bins in the church narthex and school entrance. The last day to collect food is December 5, 2021. This food will be donated to the River Food Pantry/Second Harvest.



<u>ADVENT DINNERS</u>: We are preparing Advent Meals To-Go on Wednesday's during the Advent Season (December 1, 8 and 15). The cost is \$7.50 per meal. If you would like just soup, the cost is \$6 for 32oz soup (serves 2-3). Proceeds and donations will go to the "First Loved" Fund to benefit those with food and housing insecurities. Pick up times and location are: 3:15-4:00pm at the school entrance and 4:00-5pm at the church entrance. **Wed., Dec 9** – Turkey & ham sandwich w/ lettuce, tomato & pickle, potato chips, dessert, chicken noodle soup & crackers.

**Wed., Dec. 15** – Turkey sandwich w/ lettuce, tomato & pickle, potato chips, dessert, chili & crackers

Please place your order by the end of the day the Monday before. To order meals, please contact the church office at 244-3045 or <u>churchoffice@eastsidelutheran.org</u>.

## **Eagle Events**

## Music

Dec. 8 – Jr. Choir sings at 3:30 service

## Other

Dec. 17 – Power Hour – 9-10:30am Dec. 22 – Early Dismissal 11:00am Dec. 22 - Children's Christmas Service @ 10:00am & 6:30pm Happy Birthday!

December 2 – Grace Zhou – 8<sup>th</sup> grade