



THE PANTHER PRESS

December 14, 2023

Connected to Christ

He is the Vine; we are the branches!

- **We will be attending the Jennie Williamson Christmas concert on Monday, Dec. 18th, 10:00 a.m.**, at St. Paul's Truman. If anyone would like to come with us, you are most welcome!
- What a beautiful message the children shared with everyone! Mrs. K says a huge "thank you"!
- Christmas break begins Wednesday, Dec. 20th, and school will resume Tuesday, Jan. 2nd.
- **Timberwolves Read to Achieve** ends on the 15th! Have your child read!
- May you all have a blessed Christmas!

Mrs. Henry's

Preschool Classroom

- Preschool did an incredible job at our Advent program tonight! I'm so proud of each and every one for doing their very best and sharing the story of Jesus!
- The 4 year olds will be having our class Christmas party on Monday, December 18th. You may bring a small gift to exchange and a treat to share if desired.
- The 3 year olds will be having our class Christmas party on December 19th. You may bring a small gift to exchange and a treat to share if desired.
- We talked about gifts and being grateful for what we receive. We practiced saying thank you for gifts!
- We finished some gifts and learned how to wrap presents!
- The M, W, F class last day is Monday, December 18 and we resume classes Wednesday, January 3rd.
- The Tuesday, Thursday class last day is Tuesday, December 19 and we resume class Thursday, January 4th.
- **Happy birthday to Zoey, Marcus and Keenan!!!**

Mrs. Schoen's

Kindergarten Classroom

- It's that time of year to remember coats, hats, gloves, boots, etc. Please label all snow gear!
- Our new letter this week is: D. Our new word is: do. Please continue working on reading color words at home as well!
- **When your child is absent they need to do their homework that they missed and return it back to school within 2 days of being absent please.**
- **Please text me before 8:00 when your child is going to be absent, needs to leave school early, or will be late to school.**
- We will be having a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 19th in our classroom. Boys will bring a gift for a boy and girls will bring a gift for a girl. Please spend between \$5-\$10. Thanks!
- **If anyone would like to help provide drinks or treats for the class on Tuesday, December 19th, it would be very much appreciated.**
- The kids did a marvelous job at their program last night!
- Merry Christmas and Have a Happy New Year. Enjoy time with your family.
- We are "Connected to Christ!"

Upcoming Events

- SATURDAY 12/16: Christmas Concert @ ML 7pm
- TUESDAY 12/19: Chapel @ 8:40am
- CHRISTMAS BREAK 12/20 - 1/2/24
- WEDNESDAY 1/3/24: School Resumes
- Chapel @ 8:40am
- THURSDAY 1/4/24: Chapel @ 8:40am
- TUESDAY 1/9: Chapel @ 8:40am
- WEDNESDAY 1/10: **End of 2nd Quarter**
- Chapel @ 8:40am
- THURSDAY 1/11: Chapel @ 8:40am
- MONDAY 1/15: No School



The mission of St. James Ev. Lutheran Church & School is to learn, teach, live, and proclaim the truth of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ our Savior as revealed in God's Word.

Mrs. Koeritz's

1st & 2nd Grade Classroom

- Our Christmas party will be Tuesday, Dec. 19th. Be sure to bring your exchange gift. If anyone would like to help provide drinks or treats for the class, it would be much appreciated.
- If your child is participating in the Timberwolves Read to Achieve program, please return your signed reading tracker before Christmas break.
- **Spelling:** The next spelling list will come home Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, and the test will be Friday, Jan. 5th.
- **Memory:** We've been reviewing memory verses A-M. See if your child can recite any of them!
- We are "Connected to Christ!" This Christmas we rejoice that God chose to connect with US!

Mrs. Wolter's

3rd & 4th Grade Classroom

- AWESOME JOB AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY LAST NIGHT!!! WHAT A MESSAGE!!
- Our Christmas party will be Tuesday, Dec. 19th. Be sure to bring your exchange gift. If anyone would like to help provide drinks or treats for the class, it would be much appreciated.
- We are in need of water bottles! If anyone would like to donate some - we would appreciate it!!
- No newsletter next week! Have a Merry Christmas!!
- We are "Connected to Christ!"

Mrs. Meyer's

5th & 6th Grade Classroom

- Students drew names for our **Christmas Gift Exchange!** All of the information is on the red sheet of paper. We will try to keep it a secret! If you have not brought your dollar gift yet, please bring it tomorrow! Please make sure your bigger gift is under the tree on Monday! Thanks!
- If anyone would like to help provide **treats or drinks** for our class **Christmas Party** on Tuesday, December 19th, it would be very much appreciated.
- **Merry Christmas!** Have a blessed Christmas celebrating the **Birth of JESUS!**
- **Accelerated Reader** goals are higher for Quarter 2. Many children only have half of their points and the end of the Quarter is in the beginning of January. Please encourage your child to read every night!
- All **late assignments** will receive a **20%** lower grade! Please remind your child every night to complete his or her homework.
- Brrrr! It's getting cold out! Please help make sure your child has a warm **coat, hat, gloves, and boots.** Thanks!
- Please remember to complete your **Timberwolves** Read to Achieve sheets.
- Remember to use the **Free Pizza Coupons** your child earned before they expire! (Green Mill, Pizza Hut, Kwik Trip)
- Our classroom is accepting any donations of **paper towels!** Thank you!
- We are "**Connected to Christ!**" This Christmas we rejoice that God chose to connect with US!

For the safety of our students, doors to the school and church must remain locked during school hours. Please use the doorbell at the church doors to get someone to let you in.


Happy Birthday to...

Dec 20 th	Tanner Howe
	Gideon Foster
	Keenan Poppe
24 th	Heather Wiederhoeft
Jan 2 nd	Braxton Roberts

December Basketball Games

- 12/14: **HOME** vs Mt Olive – B girls, A girls 4:30pm
- 12/18: Away @ SJV Fairmont – B boys 5:00pm



January Basketball Games

- 1/4: **HOME** vs Immanuel Courtland – A girls, A boys 4:15pm
- 1/8: Away vs Immanuel Courtland – B girls, B boys 4:15pm
- 1/9: **HOME** vs Genesis Classical Academy – B girls, A girls 4:30pm
- 1/11: **HOME** vs Genesis Classical Academy – B boys, A boys 4:30pm
- 1/12-13: *SPL Truman Tournament* A girls, A boys TBA
- *1/16: **HOME** vs Fairmont Public – A girls, A boys 4:30pm
- 1/18: **HOME** vs Immanuel Lakefield – B girls, B boys, A girls, A boys 4:15pm
- *1/22: **HOME** vs Worthington Christian – B girls, B boys, A girls, A boys 4:00pm
- *1/23: TBD vs GHECT A girls, A boys 4:30pm
- 1/25: **HOME** vs SJV B girls, B boys 4:00pm
- 1/26-27: *Immanuel Lakefield Tournament* A girls, A boys TBA
- 1/29: **HOME** vs SPL Truman B girls, B boys 4:00pm
- 1/30: **HOME** vs Trinity Janesville – B girls, B boys, A girls, A boys 4:00pm

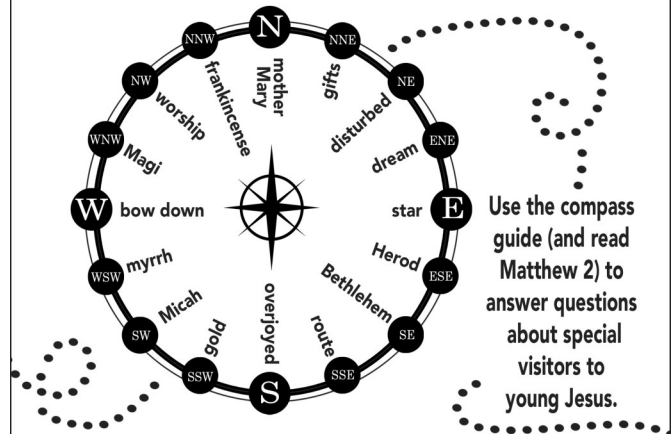
* Changes from original schedule



ST. JAMES LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Connected to CHRIST

Puzzle!



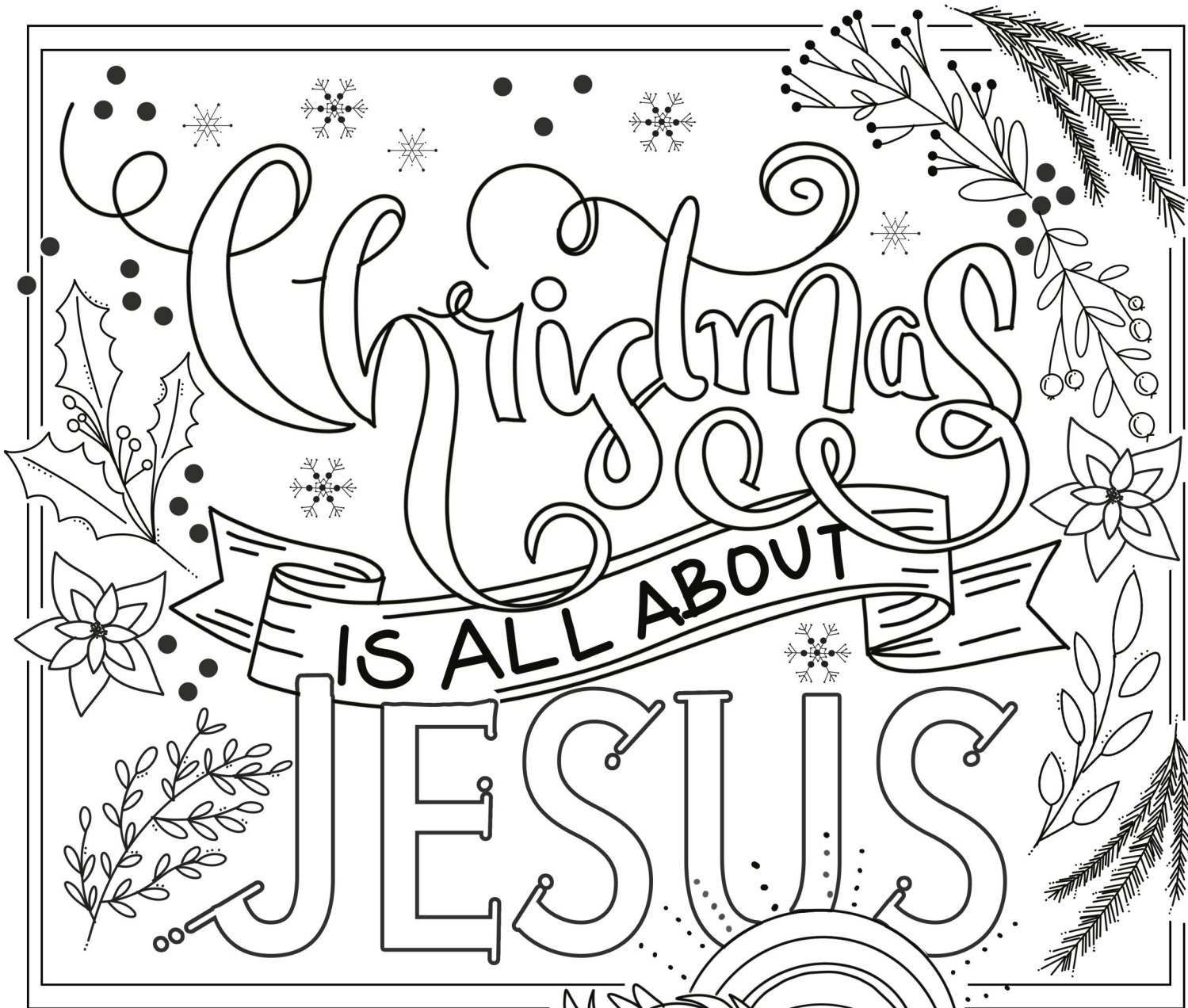
Use the compass guide (and read Matthew 2) to answer questions about special visitors to young Jesus.

- Who was king at the time of Jesus' birth? _____ (ESE)
- Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews? _____ (WNW)
- How did King Herod feel about Jesus' birth? _____ (NE)
- Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? _____ (SW)
- In what city would Christ be born? _____ (SE)
- King Herod lied to the wise men, telling them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? _____ (NW)
- What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? _____ (E)
- When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? _____ (S)
- Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His _____ (N)
- Before they worshiped the child, what did the Magi do? _____ (W)
- Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus.
_____ (SSW) _____ (NNW) _____ (WSW)
- These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as _____ (NNE)
- What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A _____ (ENE)
- The Magi had to return to their country by another _____ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod; 2. Magi; 3. disturbed; 4. Micah; 5. Bethlehem; 6. worship; 7. star; 8. overjoyed; 9. mother Mary; 10. bow down; 11. gold; frankincense; myrrh; 12. gifts; 13. dream; 14. route

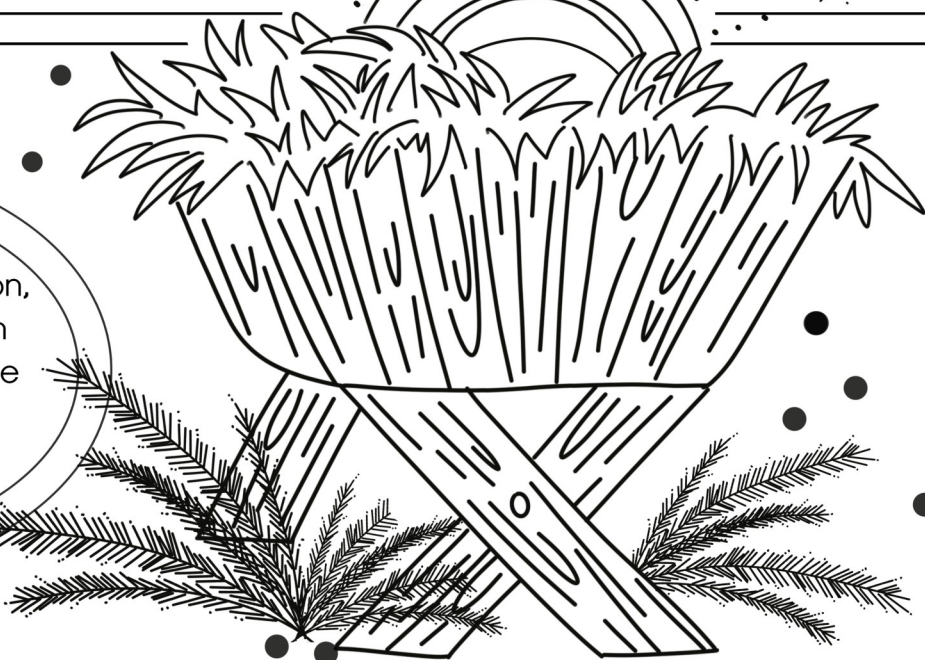
- What is every parent's favorite Christmas song?
Silent Night!
- Why did Rudolph have to attend summer school?
Because he went down in history.
- What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
It's Christmas, Eve!
- Elves use what kind of money?
Jingle bills.
- What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?
Freeze a jolly good fellow!
- What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
Frostbite.
- What do snowmen eat for dessert?
Ice crispies.
- What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?
A meltdown.
- What does Rudolph want for Christmas?
A Pony sleigh station.
- What is Santa's dog's name?
Santa Paws!
- What's every elf's favorite type of music?
Wrap!
- What do Santa's elves learn in school? *The elf-abet.*
- What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?
The Christmas alphabet has Noel.
- What did the gingerbread man put on his bed?
A cookie sheet!
- What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense?
Wait, there's myrrh.





"She will give birth to a son,
and you are to give him
the name Jesus, because
he will save his people
from their sins."

Matthew 1:21, NIV





Breakfast Menu 2024

St. James Lutheran School

Northrop;

MarySue Ringeisen, Cook

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>1) NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>2) NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>3) Bagel w/strawberry cream cheese Peanut Butter Banana Milk</p>	<p>4) Strawberry Bar Snack Bag Slushie Cup Milk</p>	<p>5) Snackin Waffle Cheese Stick Gel cup Milk</p>
<p>8) Cereal Goldfish Crackers Fresh Orange Milk</p>	<p>9) Egg & Sausage Uncrustable Graham Snack Juice Box Milk</p>	<p>10) Muffin Yogurt Fresh Fruit Milk</p>	<p>11) Mini Cinnis Granola Bar Raisins Milk</p>	<p>12) Rice Krispie Bar Snack Bag Apple Sauce Milk</p>
<p>15) NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>16) Bagel w/strawberry cream cheese Peanut Butter Banana Milk</p>	<p>17) Strawberry Bar Snack Bag Slushie Cup Milk</p>	<p>18) Snackin Waffle Cheese Stick Gel cup Milk</p>	<p>19) Cereal Graham Snack Fresh Fruit Milk</p>
<p>22) Uncrustable Goldfish Crackers Banana Milk</p>	<p>23) Muffin Yogurt Juice Box Milk</p>	<p>24) Donut Granola Bar Raisins Milk</p>	<p>25) Rice Krispie Bar Snack Bag Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>26) Bagel w/strawberry cream cheese Peanut Butter Fresh Fruit Milk</p>
<p>29) Strawberry Bar Snack Bag Banana Milk</p>	<p>30) French Toast Cheese Stick Gel Cup Milk</p>	<p>31) Cereal Graham Snack Fresh Fruit Milk</p>		

Lunch Menu 2024



January

St. James Lutheran School

Northrop;

MarySue Ringeisen, Cook

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>1) NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>2) NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>3) Pizza Lettuce salad Mixed Fruit Dessert</p>	<p>4) Sloppy joe w/ bun Oven Fries Mixed Vegetables Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>5) Mini Corndogs Mac & Cheese Green Beans Peaches</p>
<p>8) Cheesy Chicken on bun Rice Blend Sliced Carrots Pears</p>	<p>9) Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Corn Bread Applesauce</p>	<p>10) Softshell Taco Lettuce-Cheese-Tomato Refried Beans Berry Blend</p>	<p>11) Beef Stew Biscuit Vegetable Salad Pineapple</p>	<p>12) Hot dog on bun Baked beans Fresh Vegetable Mandarin Oranges</p>
<p>15) NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>16) BBQ Riblet on bun Oven Fries Peas Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>17) Spaghetti w/meat sauce Lettuce Salad Garlic Knots Peaches</p>	<p>18) Meat & Cheese Croissant Potato Chips Carrot Sticks Pears</p>	<p>19) Creamed chicken Brown Rice Green Beans Biscuit Applesauce</p>
<p>22) Chicken Patty on bun Sour Cream Potatoes Broccoli Pineapple</p>	<p>23) Taco salad Lettuce-tomato~cheese Tortilla Chips Apple Slices</p>	<p>24) Hot Beef on bun Cheesy Potatoes Mixed Vegetable Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>25) Pancakes Sausage/Ham Hashbrowns Green Beans Berry Blend</p>	<p>26) Calico Beans or Chicken Rice Hotdish Vegetable Salad Corn Muffin Mixed Fruit</p>
<p>29) Ham Scalloped potatoes Peas Bread Peaches</p>	<p>30) Hamburger on bun Baked Beans Sliced Carrots Pears</p>	<p>31) Pork Chopette Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Corn Applesauce</p>	<p>All Meals Include 1% or Skim Milk</p>	