

# Christ Lutheran School Newsletter

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Dear Friends of Christ Lutheran,

Our Christ Lutheran family was recently saddened by two sudden and unexpected deaths. First, Mr. Allen Hood, the father of Maya Hood and grandfather of Kyeshia and Kendall, died at his home on November 5<sup>th</sup>. He was 58 years old.

Mrs. Margaret Braggs died suddenly on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Margaret and her husband, Don, and their daughter Brandee were at home working when she suffered a heart attack. Margaret was a faithful CLS parent and volunteer and a member of our PTL board for the last 3 years. She too will be missed as she was a blessing to so many. A scholarship account has been set up for Brandee if anyone would like to give a gift in memory of Margaret. I encourage you to be generous.

Although we were saddened by the deaths of each of these individuals, we are also filled with joy. We know that they are experiencing the promises of heaven that we anticipate. Praise God!

God's Blessings,  
Terry Mooney



**CLS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** Our annual Christmas Program will be on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The evening will include a book fair (4:15-5:30), the music program 5:35-6:30) and some cookies and fellowship afterward. In previous years we held a dinner in conjunction with the program. This year we will not have a meal, but we are inviting families to bring some of their favorite Christmas cookies and we will all enjoy a sampling.

their scheduled library times on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The bookfair will be open for shopping Monday-Wednesday until 4:00 p.m. and on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:15-5:30 p.m. The teachers will each have a wish list available. Flyers will be sent home with the students prior to the bookfair and there will be a coloring contest. The prizes for the contest will be gift certificates to spend at the bookfair. Mrs. Magnusson will be the chairperson for the event.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR** It is time for the Scholastic Bookfair! The bookfair will be held in conjunction with the CLS Christmas Program. The students will be able to shop at the bookfair during

Thank you for your support for our library events. We earned \$370 in free books at our October bookfair. Have a blessed Christmas.

Mrs. Symonds

**LOST AND FOUND** items will be on display on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> during the CLS Christmas dinner. Items not claimed will be donated to the South Side Mission. If your children are missing school clothes, shoes, sweatshirts, jackets, gloves, P.E. clothes or anything else, be sure to look the display over carefully.

**UNIFORM STORE** The uniform store will be open at the CLS Christmas program December 15<sup>th</sup>. If your kids have outgrown their uniforms or need more winter uniforms, please consider looking here for some great used clothing. Prices are \$2- \$3 per item. You may donate outgrown items to the store.

**OUTSIDE RECESS** The children will be going outside for recess when the wind chill is at least 20 degrees or higher. Please make sure they have appropriate outdoor clothing.



**CALLING ALL COOKIE MONSTERS!** The ladies of Christ Lutheran Church will host their annual LWML Cookie Walk in our church's parish hall community room on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. A yummy variety of homemade cookies and candy prepared by some of our congregation's finest cooks will be available for purchase. The cost is \$5.00 per pound. All proceeds go to support the mission activities of this organization. Pre-boxed assortments will be sold between services in the parish hall on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.



**THE ADULT CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR** of Christ Lutheran Church will present their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at both the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. services. The entire service is made up of musical offerings and is sure to be uplifting. Everyone is welcome to join us.



### CALENDAR NOTES

Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Casual Day

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – CLS Christmas Program and bookfair

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - \$2.00 Casual Day

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - Bible Bee / K-2 Family Day / Dismiss 12:00 p.m. / no lunch

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup> - No School

Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Classes Resume

### SPECIAL WEDNESDAY WORSHIP



**SERVICES** Our chapel services become extra special throughout the Advent season on Wednesdays - December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Worship times are 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please join us for worship and lunch following the 10:00 a.m. service.



**KINDERGARTEN, 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADES FAMILY DAY** will be on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Parents, grandparents and other family members are welcome to join us at

11:00 a.m. for a brief Christmas program presented by the students. There will be refreshments afterwards with dismissal at noon. Lunch will not be served at school that day.

### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

at Christ Lutheran will be at 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. Our Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 a.m. service.



**DECEMBER BRINGS CHRISTMAS AND COLD WEATHER.** We have spirit wear available for purchase in the school office. The sweatshirts are “legal” for school uniforms and would make a great Christmas gift. Also, remember that we publicize information about school closings (snow days) on the three local television stations and WMBD radio.



**HOME GAMES HELPERS FOR DECEMBER** It takes at least 6 volunteers for each game to cover tickets, scoring and clock, hall guarding and snack bar. There are a number of openings for December’s home games. Please call Deb Brown (682-5917) or the school office if you can fill some of these slots. Thanks!!!

Tue Dec 6 2 girls games vs Concordia 4:30 & 5:30  
 Mon Dec 12 games (3 boys / 2 girls) vs Good Shepherd  
 And Christian Life Academy start 5:30  
 Tue Dec 13 2 boys games & 2 girls games vs St. Mary’s,  
 Kickapoo start 5:30  
 Sat Dec 17 2 girls games vs Zion, Lincoln 10:00 & 11:00  
 Mon Dec 19 2 boys games vs Pleasant Valley 4:30 & 5:30

**\*\* Please remember to check the monthly school calendar for the most recent schedule of practices and games. \*\***

**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE CHANGES** Please note the following changes to our schedule:

1. December 1<sup>st</sup> games at St. Mary’s, Kickapoo have been cancelled.
2. December 10<sup>th</sup> – the 5/6 girls games versus Trinity, Springfield has been cancelled. All other games will played as scheduled.
3. January 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> - 5th grade boys tournament at St. Mary’s, Kickapoo has been added.

**KEEP SAVING CAMPBELL’S LABELS / GENERAL MILLS BOXTOPS / INK AND TONER CARTRIDGES / OLD CELL PHONES**

We earn cash for the boxtops and purchase equipment with the Campbell’s labels. If everyone works together, the money and the points add up quickly. Ziploc bags and containers now have Boxtops for Education points on them! You can also go online to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) and join the Boxtops for Education Booster Club.



**BIDDY BASKETBALL** Our committee is working diligently on our biddy basketball program for 2012. If you are interested in helping, please call the school office.

**FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT** Save the date for our first family trivia night. We will hold it on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming.

**THANK YOU** to each of you who volunteered with the Fall Fundraiser, both with truck delivery and when the products were picked up by the families. Thanks again to each child and parent who helped sell. Your support helps CLS to do more for our children! Special thanks to Deb Brown for chairing both the fall fundraiser and our fruit fundraiser.

**CHAPEL OFFRERINGS** Our students and parents have faithfully given generously to our chapel offerings. Money totaling \$280.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter was given to the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. Offerings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter are going to Camp Cilca.



**CANNED GOODS** were collected by our students and staff in November and donated to South Side Mission. Over 600 items were collected with 7<sup>th</sup> grade donating the most and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade the second most. We are now collecting for Neighborhood House. Keep up the good work and remember Jesus' words, "whatever you do for the least of my brothers you do for me."

**WE ARE COLLECTING NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS** for Neighborhood House. There is a collection box outside the school office door.



**SCRIP FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS** Scrip is available from Mary Ryan during the hours of our before and after school care program. We have certificates for Blockbuster, Gap, Outback, Applebee's, Red Lobster, Barnes & Noble, Joe's Crab Shack, Menards, Kohls, Olive Garden, Macy's, Perkins, Kroger and many more. Call Mary Ryan or the school office for information on others. You can spend the certificates yourself or give them as gifts and remember that we are offering ½ of the profit from the certificate sales to be held in an account that you can put toward tuition, lunch cards, or activity fees.

**PLEASE READ** The following is the text of a letter I recently received. It serves to remind us that our school is much more than a brick building on Peoria's south side.

"Dear Principal: I am a retired engineer and a member of Trinity Lutheran here in Peoria. A few weeks ago in the afternoon, I was at CeCe's Yogurt Shop at Junction City. I made my order after two boys had completed making theirs. When I left the building with my yogurt, the two boys were outside eating their yogurts at a table and they asked whether or not I wanted to join them – which I did. They were very polite and friendly young men. In our conversation, I found out that they were students at Christ Lutheran School and they had a school holiday. Once they had finished their yogurt, they were off on their bicycles to return home. Afterwards, I told my daughter how polite and friendly these young men were and that Christ Lutheran School must certainly have a very positive Christian learning environment. She then encouraged me to let you know of this very positive experience with two of your students. As I remember, one was a sixth-grader (Quincy) and the other a seventh-grader (Isaiah). Please thank them on my behalf for their politeness and friendliness. God's continued blessing to you all at Christ Lutheran School."



*Glory to God the angels sing,  
Praises to Christ the Heavenly King  
Peace be on earth, good will to men-  
Good Will To Men!*