



Lutheran School

# Weekly Newsletter

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## *Birthday Blessings this week go out to Edison Ellenbecker and Mr. Mark Schroeder, our Chapel Organist! ☺*

We have decided to have an **Accreditation Kick-Off Meeting** on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm in the church. This is for all who have already volunteered to serve on the steering committee or a subcommittee. We also welcome anyone else who is interested in helping out with accreditation to also attend. We will meet together and review the process of the self-study, and then break up into our subcommittees to set future meeting times. Feel free to invite and bring other people who you think would be great resources to help us with this project.

The **Children's Christmas Message** has been put on DVD's. If you would like one of the DVD's, please either send a note to school with your child or give Judy a call in the office.

The link for Amazon Smile is [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) Search for Trinity Lutheran Church Athens, WI and start earning .05% of your purchases toward Trinity. You can also set your Amazon App to AmazonSmile by going to settings in your Amazon App and selecting AmazonSmile.

There will be **no school** on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. **Picture Retake Day** has been rescheduled for the following Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning first thing in the morning. Thanks!

**Parent / Teacher Conferences** are being scheduled for Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> for students in 4K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Conference Request forms are being sent home today! Please indicate your first, second, and third choice for date and times and return to school by **Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**. We will try to accommodate your requests as best we can. Unless requested by a teacher, students are not to attend the conferences. If other arrangements cannot be made, we ask that children sit quietly in the hall during conferences.

**4K** will begin going to school three days per week (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of school. Their first "Thursday" will be on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Acolytes** this coming week are – Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – Malaina Telschow @ Ava Ford; Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – Gavin Frahm & Garrett Frahm.

**Parent & Student Handbook Reminder:** Any child going outside for recess during the winter months of December, January and February should have something on their head (cap, scarf, hood, or earmuffs), also gloves, mittens, snow pants, and boots. **All students will go outside during recess.**

**Camp Luther Registration for Summer 2021 is open!** The registration process has moved completely online. You may register, fill out your forms, and pay your balance all in one place! Visit [www.campluther.com/summer2021](http://www.campluther.com/summer2021) to access online registration and read their full registration policies. If you do not have a Camp Luther account, you will need to create one. Call Camp Luther direct at 715-546-3647 with any questions, or if you have any problems registering online.

Minutes from yesterday's **PTL Meeting** are included in today's Weekly Newsletter.

*"Truly He is my Rock and my Salvation; He is my Fortress, I will never be shaken." Psalm 62:2*

## PTL Meeting Agenda - January 10, 2021

1. Call to Order by Laura Ford 11:05am
2. Prayer by Dean
3. Approval of November 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes – Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.
4. Reports of Officers and Committees
  - a. Treasurer – not available
  - b. Principal
    1. Staff and students are working hard to continue wearing masks and taking precautions to keep everyone safe and healthy. Other illnesses and diseases are not being spread as well due to wearing masks and taking precautions.
    2. We are looking at eliminating the option of virtual learning and making it available only to students who are in quarantine due to exposure or testing positive for COVID 19. The school is trying to eliminate the extra amount of work required to have students learning virtually.
    3. The main focus for the remainder of the year will be National Lutheran School Accreditation which is required for School Choice
    4. School Choice open enrollment for students in any grade will open on February 1 and run until April 15. This is the last year that students in any grade will be able to apply. After this year, it will be only open to students in 4K, K, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade unless they are coming in from a public school.
  - c. Scrip – Sara reported that the year ended well and people are using the app to purchase Scrip. The end of year total was approximately \$1,300 less than last year.
5. Old Business
  - a. Christmas Program – The whole Christmas service is available online at [trinityathens.net](http://trinityathens.net). There are also some copies available on DVD in the school office.
6. New Business
  - a. Bus Driver Appreciation – Bus driver appreciation week is February 8-12. It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to purchase a \$10 Scrip certificate from On the Square for all of the bus drivers. Motion carried.
  - b. Seroogy's Fundraiser – We will participate again this year. Tabled until next meeting.
  - c. Accreditation Kick off Meeting- Wednesday January 20th 7pm in the church – Anyone who is interested in helping out in any way with Accreditation is invited to come to the Kick Off meeting. An overview of the accreditation process will be presented. Each committee will be meeting afterward to discuss the best time for each group to get together and work on their section.
7. Next Meeting February 14, 2021 – This meeting will possibly be in person. We will continue to monitor if that will be a possibility.

Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

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