



# *Forest Hills*

## *Lutheran Christian School*

**Forest Hills Friday News**  
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So I have to admit, this is not my favorite time of year. I'm not a big fan of winter – even though I'm from Canada, I really don't like the cold and the snow (you think I would have become used to it by now, but I never really did). I don't enjoy the short, dark days, and I just generally feel a little bit more tired as we get closer and closer to winter. At the same time, I can't help but notice the beauty all around us. The colors of fall are absolutely incredible. God is quite the artist, and He is putting on a show! There is still the warmth and comfort that come with things like apple cider, pumpkin spice, the sound of leaves crunching under your feet, and other signs unique to the season.

When I pause and reflect on the beauty in the midst of one of my least favorite times of year, I'm reminded to do just that. When I take a moment to notice the things around me that are blessings, my thoughts are redirected to the one who gives those good and perfect gifts. I'm reminded to reflect on God and the blessings that He gives me each day.

Sometimes, days, even moments, get the better of me. I become stuck in what I'm feeling, what I'm thinking – whether positive or negative, and then my blessings around me become clouded. I don't see the good things in my life, I only see what my selfish eyes allow me to look at. For this reason, it is always good to fix my eyes on the word of God. In that word, I find the perfect things that I need for each and every moment.

In Scripture, I find the love of God. I find that He pours out blessings on me every day. I read in Lamentations 3 that, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning." Each day, as it resets with the night, God gives out new blessings.

In Scripture, I find the power of God. When I am at my weakest, He is at His strongest. I read in 2 Corinthians 12 that, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

In Scripture, I find the strength of God. I don't have the strength to do much, yet when I look at Philippians 4, I read that, "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."

As we each face difficult days, moments that we don't like, seasons that might not be our favorite (whether in seasons of our life or seasons of the year), remember that you have the love, power, and strength of God to make it through! This is His gift to you each and every day. May you reflect on and celebrate His good gifts to you!

Mike Schiemann. <><  
Principal

## Coming Events

Saturday, 11/4	Golf Marathon
Sunday, 11/5	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Friday, 11/10	Veterans Day, Observed NO SCHOOL
Friday, 11/17	CLASS Meeting Family Harvest Festival
Tuesday, 11/21	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Thanksgiving Chapel
Wednesday, 11/22	Teacher Work Day, No School Happy Birthday, Mrs. Plucknett!
Thur & Fri, 11/23,24	Thanksgiving Holiday, No School
Monday, 11/27	Wreath Delivery/Pick Up
Friday, 12/1	Bethlehem Walk
Tuesday, 12/12	4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Music Concert
Monday, 12/18	Christmas Vacation Begins
Tuesday, 1/2	Classes Resume

## Convoy of Hope

### "Give a Trimester of Kindness"



Our offering's focus for the second half of this trimester is a Convoy program called **Feed One**. A gift of \$10 feeds a child for an

entire month. We are asking families to prayerfully consider feeding one or more children from now to Christmas Break.

We currently have 8 chapels until Christmas vacation. You might bring a dollar or two each week in order to meet your family goal of feeding one or more children. Another option might be to give your offering as a one-time gift.

Thank you for partnering with us as we Give a Trimester of Hope with our offerings. Please feel free to use the envelope being sent home today for your offering if you wish.

**The King will reply, 'Truly I feel you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'**  
**Matthew 25:40**

## "It's Still All About Jesus"

### Next Week in Chapel

We welcome Mr. Josh Nix, Minister of Youth and Young Adults at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hillsboro, as our chapel leader on Wednesday, November 8. Mr. Nix will talk with us about *It's still all about "The Nazarene"*. Our text for the week is from Matthew 2:23.

Jesus didn't wear any uniforms to show where He was from. We know that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. He grew up in the home of Mary and Joseph in a town called Nazareth. Jesus played in the streets of the town. Jesus helped in Joseph's carpenter's shop. Jesus most likely played with His friends in Nazareth. Because Jesus grew up in Nazareth, He would be called a Nazarene. We are reminded that Jesus lived on earth. He was true man. Jesus had a hometown, just like we have places where we live. Some people tried to make fun of Jesus for where He came from and said that: "Nothing good can come from Nazareth."

More important than Jesus' earthly location was that He came from heaven. Jesus came from the glory of heaven down to earth to be our Savior. Jesus chose to leave His perfect and holy world to enter our world of sin. Jesus came as the Savior for Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and every town in the world.

No matter where we are from or where we go, Jesus is there with us. The Jesus who came to earth ascended again to heaven after His resurrection. The ascended Lord is present in all places. Jesus is in every heart, home and school that welcomes Him. Through His Word, Jesus, the Nazarene, is here with us.

We welcome Jesus to our places as we are blessed to worship Him. We wear our school clothing with pride. We rejoice that Jesus is in this place.

Families and friends are always welcome to join us each Wednesday at 8:20 a.m. at St. Peter's for chapel.

# Family Harvest Festival

The annual Harvest Festival is scheduled for **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**,



- **5:30-6:30 pm** CLASS will be serving hotdogs, chips, popcorn & dessert in the Dining Hall
- **6:00 - 8:00 pm** will be games, Bingo, activities, face painting and photo

booth in the Dobbin Center.

## New This Year ~

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual LEST Fair

5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade families - Come and see what the Lutheran Elementary School Tournament is all about! We will have tables and information set up in the library during the Harvest Festival.

**Canned Food Drive** ~ Student Council will begin receiving donations for their canned food drive to support the Oregon Food Bank beginning the night of the Harvest Festival. A donation of a food item is suggested for entrance to the evenings activities. They will be collecting canned food items now through the evening of the Bethlehem Walk on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Auction Item Drive Gift Cards

November 1<sup>st</sup> - November 27<sup>th</sup>

Our auction goal is \$50,000. To accomplish this, we need your help! To create some fun, we are creating different themes throughout the year and we are asking families to participate.



### *Our theme for November is Gift Cards!*

Please bring in one or more Gift Cards during the month of November and your child will receive on raffle ticket for each card brought in. On Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> we will have a drawing at Chapel for all of those students who have brought in our themed item for the for the month. The winning child will receive a \$10 gift card.

A blue half sheet donation form is being sent home today in your Family Envelope. Please be sure to fill it out completely and attach it to your gift card(s).

We are looking for a Drama Coach(s) for LEST (February 15<sup>th</sup>). LEST drama is a one-act type of play. Rehearsals can take place after school or on Friday afternoons from 1:40-3:05 pm. If you are interested or have questions, please email Terry Plucknett [plucknettt@fhcls.org](mailto:plucknettt@fhcls.org) or Bonnie Moeller [moellerb@fhcls.org](mailto:moellerb@fhcls.org).