



Forest Hills

Lutheran Christian School

Forest Hills Friday News
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As I was driving into work the other day, I was listening to one of the Christian radio stations. As many are doing these days, they were playing Christmas music and reading excerpts from the Christmas story. While I was listening, the excerpt they read at that time was from Luke 2:8-12. This passage reads as follows:

“8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Now I’ve read the Christmas story many times over, yet something new struck me as I heard it again. This passage became personal to me. I’d ask you to close your eyes and imagine this, but that’s hard to do while reading, so picture this in your mind’s eye. Here are the shepherds out in their fields, and suddenly angels appear. They had no idea that this would be the night. Not just ANY night – THE night – the night that had been prophesied about and foretold so long ago. The angels’ words to the shepherds are recorded in this passage, but there are some words here that transcend a message to the shepherds. They also transcend time. These words are for you and me. The words I’m talking about are “for you.”

I often thought that the angels were saying that this baby was for them. True, Jesus came for them, but what really struck me were the timeless words “for you.” This scripture passage is talking directly to me. The angels told the shepherds that this baby was for them and for me. Jesus was God’s gift for all people. I tried to imagine myself out in that field, hearing the voice of the angels alongside the shepherds. I’m certain that I would have been in amazement.

Now, I look back at all of the events of Jesus’ life. I have a complete picture from Scripture, a picture that the shepherds only had through prophecy. I have a complete and total understanding of what the words “for you” mean. This baby Jesus, a gift from Heaven, was sent for me – to live a perfect life that I could not live, to die in my place, and to rise again victorious over sin, death, and the devil. What a truly wondrous gift – for me, and FOR YOU!!

As you continue to experience the wonder and awe of Christmas, and to prepare your hearts and homes for this special day, try to imagine yourself in the place of those shepherds. This is REALLY happening, and it’s happening NOW! What wonder, what amazement, what love! As the angels told them that the gift was for you, I pray that those words find a home in your heart too. The Christmas gift of Baby Jesus is for you. Praise God indeed!

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal

Coming Events

Monday, 12/11	5/6 Girls B'ball at HOME
Tuesday, 12/12	3 rd - 8 th Music Concert
Wednesday, 12/13	LEST Swim Meeting
Friday, 12/17	Christmas Devotion, 2:15 pm
Monday, 12/18	Christmas Vacation Begins Happy Birthday, Mrs. Loncar!
Tuesday, 12/19	Happy Birthday, Mr. Warren!
Sunday, 12/24	Christmas Eve
Monday, 12/25	Christmas Day!
Saturday, 12/30	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Brennan!
Sunday, 12/31	New Year's Eve
Monday, 1/1	New Year's Day
Tuesday, 1/2	Classes Resume

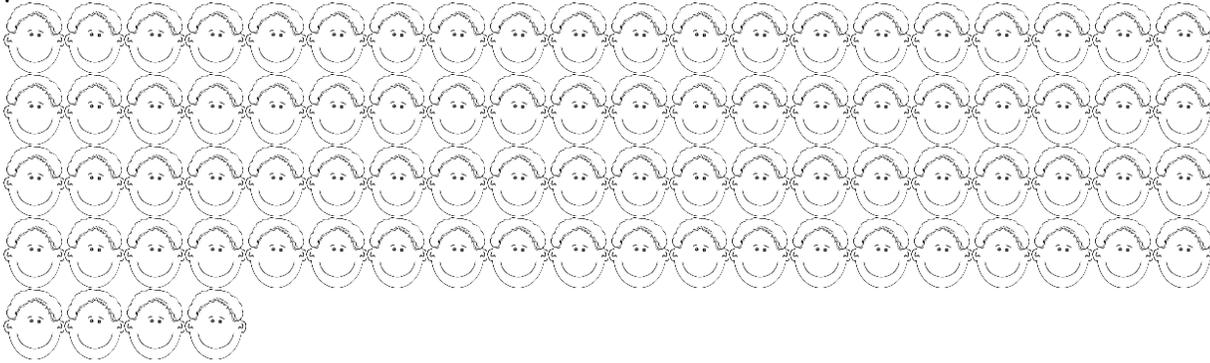
"It's Still All About Jesus" Chapel Next Week

We welcome Mr. Jeff Kranich, Family Life Minister at Prince of Peace Lutheran church in Portland as our chapel leader on Wednesday, December 13. Mr. Kranich will talk with us about *It's still all about "The Prince of Peace"*. Our text for the week is from Isaiah 9:6.



Thank you for partnering with us as we 'Give a Trimester of Hope' through

Convoy of Hope and their **Feed One** program. Mrs. Heldt had an exciting update that she shared with all of us on Wednesday! In just four weeks, your offerings will make it possible for **84** children to receive a meal for an entire month!



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

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

Special Christmas Devotion

Mr. Plucknett and his 8th grade class will share with us on Friday, December 15 a special Christmas devotion. We will gather at St. Peter's at 2:15 in the afternoon. Come join our students and staff as we prepare for the coming

Christ child in word and song.



1st Trimester report cards
are coming home in your
Family Envelope or
classroom folder, today.





3rd – 8th grade Musicians
Christmas Concert
Tuesday, December 12th
7 pm

Special music will be shared by our students in band, handbells, recorders and middle school choir.

PAL Hours Completed

We are thankful for the many hours of service that have been given to our kids here at Forest Hills. Every contribution adds to the quality of our program. The following are families who have completed their 25 hours of service through the month of November for the 2017-2018 school year:

Bailey, Bauer, BeLusko, Berg, Brennan, Brown T&D, Buck, Christensen, Cole, Collins, Fisher, Henderson, Herrold, Hill J&S, Johnson M&V, Juenemann, Knoebel, Koschmann, Lewis, Maier, Merten, Mohr, Nichols, Ott P&M, Owens, Penner, Peterson, Ratliff, Raymond, Reece, Rhodes, Schiemann, Smith, Stanbrough/Baker, Warren, White S&P.

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LEST Swimming

There will be a short meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 3:15 in the gym for any students (and their parents) who are planning on swimming at LEST. Information will include details about LEST swim meet, and practices leading up to the meet.

On Wednesday, December 13 (7pm) and Saturday, December 16 (3pm), Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aloha is putting on their annual Christmas Concert. If you are able to come and join, please do! You'll hear some great music, singing, and a wonderful celebration of Christmas!

Opportunity for PAL Hours

Mrs. Loncar is looking for someone that would be willing to launder her Art Space shirts. You can use the washer and dryer here on campus or take them home. Please email Denise at loncard@fhlds.org.

Students in 7th & 8th grades are selling Papa John's Pizza Discount Cards for \$5 each. Please find a DC trip participant to get your card and help send them to DC.