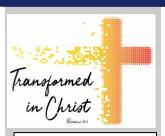
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Upcoming Events

- Tue, 12/3 Hot Lunch – Hot Dog
- Wed, 12/4 Spirit Day – Classroom Color Day
- Wed, 12/4
 5:45/6:30 pm
 Advent Dinner &
 Worship
- Fri, 12/6 8:30 am Chapel & Mission Collection
- Fri, 12/6 Hot Lunch Pizza
- Sun, 12/8 9:00 am Preschool – 1st grade Christmas worship service followed by a breakfast
- Sun, 12/8 4:00 pm Christmas Caroling
- Tue, 12/10 Hot Lunch – Chicken Fried Rice
- Wed, 12/11
 5:45/6:30 pm
 Advent Dinner &
 Worship
- Fri, 12/13 8:30 am Chapel & Mission Collection
- Fri, 12/13 Hot Lunch – MiniChimis

Upcoming Sports

 The next sport will be basketball – watch for more information Outer Gate Access – The locking access gate between the Fellowship Hall and the Church has been completed. We have implemented the new gate procedure. The outer gate will be locked at 8:30 am. If you need to enter the campus after 8:30 am, you will need to push the call button on the Fellowship Hall wall and wait to be buzzed in. This will make our campus more secure.

Spirit Day - Our next Spirit Day is this Wednesday, December 4. It will be Classroom Color Day. Each classroom has picked a color and students in that room should wear the following colors – Preschool/PreK - Blue

K & 1 – Green 2, 3 & 4 – Blue

5 & 6 - Red

7 & 8 - Black

<u>Christmas Caroling</u> – You are invited to join us for Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 8th. We will meet in the parking lot at 4:00 pm. We will load up on trailers and drive through the neighborhood caroling and handing out flyers for our Night in Bethlehem event. We hope you can come help us tell of our Savior's birth through song.

Children's Christmas Services -

Please join us *this* Sunday, Dec. 8th, at 9:00 am, for a special worship service during which the Preschool – 1st grade children will be singing and saying recitations. There will be food and fellowship following this service.

Grades K – 8 will have their Christmas Service on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 4:00 pm.

Classroom Gift Exchange- Each classroom will be having a gift exchange on Friday, December 20th, during their morning Christmas Party. Your child's teacher will send home a note explaining how things will be done in their classroom.

A Night in Bethlehem – Our annual Christmas outreach effort, A Night in Bethlehem, will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this event. There will be a Bethlehem story walk, live nativity animals to see and pet, crafts, snacks, fellowship, free fun for the whole family and the true meaning of Christmas - the birth of our Savior, Jesus!

Students in grades K-8 will be singing Christmas carols several times during the evening. If you have any questions, please speak with Ms. Hintz, any teacher or the office.

Special Christmas Collection - will be for the Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center located in Phoenix. This center is part of Christian Life Resources and the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. The primary purpose of Alpha is to spread the Gospel and preserve the sanctity of life. They strive to achieve this by providing pregnancy tests and counseling on pregnancy options. They also provide items such as diapers, formula, clothes and blankets free of charge to their clients.

Every year at Christmas we try to collect items for those in need. Diapers and formula are the most needed items by Alpha Pregnancy Center. A complete list of what can be donated was sent home with last week's Chronicle. We ask that only the items listed are donated and that the items be new or in like new condition.

NEED A FEDERAL TAX DEDUCTION

FOR 2019? A donation made to ACSTO before the end of 2019 will serve as a 2019 Arizona tax credit as well as a possible 2019 federal deduction! Don't forget to name Emmaus Lutheran as the recipient school, and you may also name a specific student as a recipient, as long as the student is not your own dependent.

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DO YOU OWE STATE TAX? Check

Line 48 of 2018 AZ Tax Form 140 to find out! The figure that appears on Line 48 is the amount of your tax liability.

HOW MUCH CAN YOU DONATE? The cap for AZ Tuition Tax Credit donations for private schools is \$2269 (married) or \$1135 (single).

QUESTIONS? Contact ACSTO via email social@acsto.org or call the ACSTO office: 480-820-0403

Or call or email the Emmaus office.

<u>Tuition Tax Credit</u> – Now is the time to really focus on the Tuition Tax Credit Program. Ask your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers if they would please help you by choosing to direct their AZ State tax dollars to help with your child's Christian education. We have many families who have most, if not all, of their child' tuition covered

each year by the Tuition Tax Credit Program.

Please stop by the office to pick up donation brochures or for more information. You can also go to www.acsto.org.

<u>Chapel</u> - Our Chapel service will be held on Fridays at 8:30 am. Parents are encouraged to join us if it works into your schedule. Mission envelopes are sent home every Thursday for chapel on Friday. Please help teach your child that it's not the amount that you give in chapel that is most important; it's a way for them to say thanks to God for all the things He has given us.

From now until Christmas break our offerings will be going to Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center along with our special Christmas collection for them. Our total mission offerings so far are \$27.11.

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