

Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—
if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

HURRICANE WATCH

December 5, 2022

Week 16

Call News

It was announced December 4 that Mr. Mattes has returned his call to serve as principal and 7th & 8th grade teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Stevensville, MI and will continue to serve at Northdale Christian Academy. We thank the Lord for leading Mr. Mattes to continue his service among us.

Christmas Program Notes

NCA students and teachers have been hard at work preparing for this year's Christmas programs. The grades 3-8 program will be December 20 at 6:30 PM. 3K-grade 2 program will be December 21 at 11:00 AM. In order to keep the focus on the message of Jesus' birth, the following attire is recommended.

Boys: Nice shirt, dress pants or khaki slacks

Girls: Modest and appropriate length skirts or dresses, or nice shirt with dress pants

Academy uniforms are also acceptable - no shorts, please.

For those unable to attend, we will be live streaming on our [Northdale Lutheran Church YouTube channel](#) where the recording will also be archived to view anytime.

For the grades 3-8 Christmas program on Tuesday, December 20, students are asked to meet in the main school building no later than 6:10 PM, church doors will open at 6:00 PM. For the 3K-grade 2 program on Wednesday, December 21, the church doors will open at 10:30 AM. If you have any questions about the programs please ask your child's teacher. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

<u>Dec 6</u>	Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30 PM Tardy Detention, 3:20-4:20 PM Communicating Christ Class, 7:00 PM
<u>Dec 7</u>	Academy Chapel, 8:15 AM Piano Lessons Advent Worship Service, 6:30 PM Cookie Share to follow
<u>Dec 8</u>	Piano Lessons Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30 PM
<u>Dec 9</u>	Guitar Lessons
<u>Dec 11</u>	Worship, 8:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship, 10:30 AM
<u>Dec 20</u>	Gr 3-8 Christmas Service, 6:30 PM
<u>Dec 21</u>	3K-Gr 2 Christmas Program, 11:00 AM Noon dismissal, no after school care
<u>Dec 21-Jan 4</u>	Christmas Break
<u>Jan 5</u>	Classes Resume <i>Visit our website for a complete online calendar.</i>

Mission Offerings

Mission offerings to support Christians in Ukraine.

This week \$18.00

Total \$313.00

Thank you for your generous support of
this year's mission project!



December Toy Drive

NCA is partnering with Metropolitan Ministries to host a toy drive for the Christmas holiday season. We hope you will join us in sharing the joy of knowing our Savior is born by helping to support these families in need from our community. Items such as gift cards, girl and boy gifts for Christmas (age 10-12) are the most-needed items right now. If you missed out on the food drive and would still like to donate, non-perishable food items such as yams, cereal, stuffing, canned cranberry sauce, canned beans, soup, bags or boxed rice, boxed/canned potatoes, packets of gravy, and dessert mixes are also in high demand. See page 5 of this newsletter for more details about needed items. We pray that you will consider donating gift items over the next couple weeks. We will be collecting the items at school through Wednesday, December 21. There is a table in the school lobby for donations. We have been so blessed! Let's share our blessings with others!

Attendance Reminder

Regular school attendance is a responsibility of the parent and student. Northdale Christian Academy recognizes that consistent school attendance is essential for academic success and that all absences and tardies affect learning. Therefore, NCA has instituted a comprehensive attendance policy designed to support academic success ([Parent Handbook](#) p. 20-21). Families can monitor attendance through their [TADS Educate](#) account. Letters will be sent home if your child reaches the 5 tardy limit per quarter. Please contact Mr. Mattes if you have any attendance questions.

Christmas Season Schedule

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the birth of our Savior this Christmas season. Here are several special worship events at Northdale Lutheran Church for you to join us.

- ★ Wednesday, December 7: Advent Worship 6:30 PM & Cookie Share after service.
- ★ Tuesday, December 20: NCA Grades 3-8 Christmas Program 6:30 PM
- ★ Wednesday, December 21: NCA 3K - Grade 2 Christmas Program 11:00 AM
- ★ Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 & 7:00 PM
- ★ Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day Worship 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Christmas Break

NCA (3K through 8th grade) will be closed for Christmas break starting at noon on December 21 through January 4. There will be no after school care or extended care following the noon dismissal December 21. Classes will resume on January 5.

Piano Lesson Openings in January

For those NCA families who are interested in piano lessons for their child, there will be a few slots available starting in January. If you are interested in signing your child up for piano lessons, please complete this [online form](#). You do not need to complete this form if your child is already receiving piano lessons. Slots are available on a first come, first served basis. Additional details and contact information for our piano teacher, Bridget Harrison, are available in the online form. Please contact Mr. Mattes if you have any questions. This form will remain open until Christmas break.

Lost and Found

There are a number of NCA sweatshirts in our lost and found. Please make sure your child's uniform articles are labeled. Stop by the office and see if anything belongs to you.

Amazon Smile in the App

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Northdale Lutheran Church" (NCA's parent organization) as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to Northdale Christian Academy.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Northdale Lutheran Church" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Thank you for your online support of our educational ministry!

New in the Amazon app
Your app purchases can generate donations for us, at no extra cost to you!




Classroom News December 5-9

Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK

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What We're Learning: We are spending a little more time learning about the ocean this week. We'll learn about jellyfish, talk about what we see at the beach, and examine different seashells. Children are invited to bring any books, shells, or anything else they might have that remind them of the ocean or beach. The rest of our time will be spent getting ready for Christmas. It is such a fun time of year to share in the children's joy and excitement!

Letter Leader: J- JoJo

Bible: Over the next few weeks, we will be having advent devotions each day as we countdown to Christmas.

Christmas Center: We are in need of different types of wrapping paper for our Christmas center in our classroom. Please let one of the teachers know if you have any you'd be willing to donate. Thank you!

Christmas Program: Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 21, at 11:00AM. The Preschool-2nd grade students will be performing a Christmas program to celebrate our Savior's birth. We will also have a small class party before the performance if you would like to join us. The children will be dismissed for Christmas break following the performance. **This is a uniform-free day. Christmas attire is encouraged.**

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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Memory Work: We will be working on our songs and recitations for the Christmas Service through December.

Spelling: 1st Grade: Unit 17 - 'r' controlled vowels - test on Friday (12/9)

2nd Grade: Unit 16 - words with *c*, *k*, and *ck* - test on Friday (12/9)

PLEASE check sweatshirts at home! I am aware of at least 4 sweatshirts that are currently missing. Please check at home and return any that may not be yours. Please, please put your child's name on their sweatshirt somehow to avoid mix-ups at school. Thank you.

Ask us About:

- Moses and the burning bush
- Science labs (oreos, sand, water, mountains, and trees)

Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom

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Memory Work: This week we will continue to practice our action poems and songs for the Christmas program.

Reading: We will meet our next Superkid, Frits. We will use the story of Frits to build vocabulary, print awareness and use prior knowledge. We will also work with different word families to blend sounds.

Math: This week we will begin chapter six in our math book. This chapter concentrates on numbers to 20. We will count, read, write and recognize the numbers. I will also introduce the concept of counting on from 10.

Social Studies: We will begin the third lesson from our unit "Life Long Ago". This unit will focus on the different types of homes people lived in long ago.

Science: This week in Science we will move from weather patterns into our unit on Severe weather.



Classroom News (Continued)

Mr. Haring's 3rd & 4th Grade Homeroom

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Word of God (Roemhildt): *The First Passover & God Delivers His People At the Red Sea*

Memory Work: The Conclusion (12/9)

Spelling: Unit 13; pretest on Monday; retakes on Friday.

Literature: *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo, Chapters 46-end. Vocabulary quiz will be on Friday.

Writing: Students will continue to present their speeches.

3 Math: Chapter 4: Test on Wednesday; Retakes on Friday

4 Math: Chapter 3: Fractions

Social Studies: Florida's Early History: First Spanish period

Science: Life Science: Cells

Tech: We will start working on Typing.

Reading Goals:

We recorded **22** chapter books read last week. Our class has read **106 of the 720** chapter book goal.

Mrs. Guse's 5th & 6th Grade Homeroom

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Word of God: *The Giving of the Law; The Golden Calf*

MW: No Memory Work Due-

Practicing Christmas Service Parts and Songs

Literature (Schroeder): Greek mythology and sentence editing

English: Week 11

Spelling: Unit 14- Pretest (Mon); Test (Fri)

Math 5: Chapter 3- Multiplying and Dividing Fractions and Mixed Numbers

Math C1: Chapter 4- Ratios

Math C2: Chapter 1- Rational Numbers

Science: Plant and Animal Adaptations

Social Studies: Mediterranean Civilization; A Polar Projection Map

Tech: We will practice the Children's Christmas service and begin an introduction on Google Sheets.

7th & 8th Grade

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Spelling: Unit 15- Pretest (Tuesday); Test (Friday) **English:** DGP Week 13

Literature: Treasure Island will read Chapters 27-29, Monte Cristo will read Chapters 31-35

Math: Course 2 will complete our studies on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing in Algebraic Expressions. Course 3 will complete our lessons on Linear Equations and Inequalities Algebra 1 is starting a new module on scatter plots.

Word of God: Continuing our study of "You Are Free Indeed" a study of Galatians

Social Studies: We will complete our discussion on Article I and look to have a test this week.

Tech & Music: This week in music we will be looking at the Grades 3-8 Christmas Service. Christmas Memory Work this week: Isaiah 11:1-3 [Tues], Where Shepherds Lately Knelt v. 1 [Wed], Joy Has Dawned v. 1,4 [Thurs], Tree of Life v. 1,2,3 [Fri]

Science: Our study of the atmosphere, weather, and climate has concluded. This week we start a new unit on electricity and magnetism.





TOY LIST

Bold items are most in demand.

AGES 0-2:

Preschool Play Sets
Character Toys
Building Blocks
Baby Dolls
Learning Toys/Puzzles

AGES 3-9:

Remote Control Cars
Electronic Games
Fashion & Baby Dolls
Legos & Lego Sets

AGES 10-12:

Outdoor Play Sets
Science Kits
Craft Kits
Board Games

AGES 13-17

Jewelry
Purses
Makeup
Hair Accessories
Cologne or Perfume
**Footballs, Basketballs
or Soccer Balls**
Sports Clothing & Hats

OTHER GIFT IDEAS:

Bicycles/Tricycles
Scooters
Skateboards

GIFT CARDS:

Best Buy
Walmart
Target
Publix



"Your help makes a difference in not only my children's lives but mine as well. I am on disability, so all of my money goes to bills. This assistance is a tremendous relief. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

- Metropolitan Ministries Client

FOOD LIST

Bold items are most in demand.

Turkey
Ham
Cereal
Canned Yams
Bagged or Boxed Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce

Bagged or Canned Beans
Soup, Bags of Rice
Boxed or Canned Potatoes
Gravy Packets
Dessert Mixes
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Boxed Macaroni & Cheese

All additional gift cards are also accepted and encouraged.

For all holiday information visit metromin.org/holiday-central often to stay updated!

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