



HURRICANE WATCH

December 11, 2023

Week 17

Christmas Service & Program Notes

NCA students and teachers are hard at work preparing for this year’s Christmas events. The grades 3-8 service will be December 21 at 6:30 PM. The 3K-grade 2 program will be December 22 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. December 22 will be a uniform free day for students in 3K through 2nd grade. Both events will also be streamed on our Northdale Lutheran Church YouTube channel. Check future newsletters for additional details.

For those unable to attend, we will be live streaming on our YouTube channel where the recording will also be archived to view anytime. Here are the individual links:

[December 21, 6:30 PM Grades 3-8 Christmas Service](#)

[December 22, 11:00 AM 3K-2nd Grade Christmas Program](#)

For the grades 3-8 Christmas program on Thursday, December 21, 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 Friday, December 22, 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

- December 12 Guitar Lessons
Away Basketball Game, 4:00-5:00 PM
- December 13 K-8 Chapel, 8:15 AM; 3/4K Chapel, 9:05 AM
Gr. 1 & 2 Zoo Tampa Field Trip
Piano Lessons
- December 14 Piano Lessons
Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30
- December 17 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class, 9:30
- December 20 Yearbook Club, 3:30-4:30 PM
- December 21 Gr. 3-8 Christmas Service, 6:30 PM
- December 22 Gr. 3K-2 Christmas Program, 11:00 AM
Noon Dismissal - No After School Care
Toy Drive Ends
- December 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 7:00 PM
- Dec 25- Jan 5 Christmas Break
- January 8 Classes Resume, End Q2
- January 10 Parent Forum, 6:30 PM

Visit our website for a complete [online calendar](#).

Mission Offerings

Mission offerings to support the Apache Mission in AZ.

This week \$6.00

Total \$324.00

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



Call News

On December 6 Mr. Chris Haring received a divine call to serve as 3rd & 4th grade teacher at Christ-St John's Lutheran School in West Salem, WI. This call comes not because Mr. Haring requested it, but because he was considered among other candidates as a match for the needs of their ministry.

Miss Aimee Hardman continues to consider the divine call she received December 1 to serve as 2nd grade teacher at St. Matthew Lutheran School in Oconomowoc, WI.

Your comments and prayers are welcome as Miss Hardman and Mr. Haring consider where the Lord would have them serve next school year.

Piano Lesson Openings in January

If you are interested in signing your child up for piano lessons starting in January, 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.

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 13-17) 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, you can do that too. See page 6 of this newsletter for more details about needed items. We pray that you will consider donating gift items in the coming weeks. We will be collecting the items at NCA through noon on Friday, December 22. There is a table in the school lobby for donations. We have been so blessed! Let's share our blessings with others!

Chipotle Spirit Night - Thank You!

Thanks to your participation, we were able to raise \$479 toward our playground improvement project. Congratulations to the Sevigny family who won the Chipotle selfie contest!

Christmas Break

NCA (3K through 8th grade) will be closed for Christmas break starting at noon on December 22 through January 5. There will be no after school care or extended care following the noon dismissal on December 22. The teachers will have an in-service January 5. Classes resume on January 8.

January is Preferred Enrollment Month

Current NCA families, their siblings, and members of Northdale Lutheran Church will have 2024-2025 re-enrollment priority through the month of January. Any new students to NCA must first complete the online application before they can be enrolled: <https://mytads.com/a/northdalechristian>. Re-enrollment is the process for current NCA students already enrolled and will be completed through TADS in January. Starting February 1, new family applications to NCA will be considered based on availability. Check out our website for the 2024-2025 enrollment fee and tuition schedule: NorthdaleChristianAcademy.org.

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.

- ★ Thursday, December 21: NCA Grades 3-8 Christmas Program 6:30 PM
- ★ Friday, December 22: NCA 3K - Grade 2 Christmas Program 11:00 AM
- ★ Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 PM

Playground Improvement Project

So far we have raised a total of \$19,722 toward our \$50,000 goal! We have a lot of funds to raise and are asking for your help to reach our goal. Families can make charitable donations directly to NCA by check (avoids processing fees) or through our online giving tool: <https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online> When giving online, be sure to select the "Playground Equipment" fund. If you are interested in helping with promotions, fundraising efforts, and design, contact Mr. Mattes to learn more about these needs.



Classroom News December 11-15

Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK

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[Amazon Wish List for 3K & VPK](#)

What We're Learning: The countdown is on to Christmas! We will be working on our Christmas program quite a bit as well as making some top-secret Christmas projects.

Bible: We are preparing for Christmas with advent devotions each day until Christmas.

Letter Leader: K- Jayden

Reading Logs: Keep up the great work!

Christmas Program: We will start practicing for our PreK-2nd grade Christmas program this week. Please mark your calendars for **Friday, December 22 at 11:00AM.**

NCA Jackets: As the weather gets a little cooler and more children bring their NCA jackets to school, **please label your child's jacket** and periodically check that they have brought home the correct one. They are very easily mistaken as their own. Thank you!

Freckle Practice: <https://student.freckle.com/#/login>
Class code: MATTEY

Homeroom App: <https://gethomeroom.com/i/8JRN9LKV>

Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom

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[Amazon Wish List for Kindergarten](#)

Memory Verse: This week we will continue memorizing songs and recitations for our Christmas service.

Bible: We will focus our attention on the birth of our savior and the events leading up to that special day.

Reading: This week we will meet our new Superkid, Frits. We will identify and write uppercase and lowercase Ff. We will also listen for the initial /f/ sound.

Math: This week we will begin addition. Students will continue to develop their understanding of the relationship between numbers. The activities in this chapter revolve around joining sets.

Social Studies: This week we will begin a new Social Studies unit about Holidays around the World. We will learn what customs and traditions are and why we celebrate. We will discuss different Christmas traditions in Germany, Italy, Australia and the United States.

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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[Amazon Wish List for 1st & 2nd](#)

Memory work: Christmas Service songs and recitations - we will be working on these in class.

Christmas Program: will be presented on Friday, December 22nd at 11:00 AM. Please dress in nice church clothes that day - dresses, shirts, and slacks (please no Santa dresses or hats, no shorts, no jeans).

Spelling 1: Unit 18 - plural words (-s) spelling words - test on Friday 12/15

Spelling 2: Unit 19 - oi and oy spelling words - test on Friday 12/15

Zoo Tampa Field Trip - this Wednesday! Drivers/chaperones are welcome to stay for chapel that morning - we will then pop back into the classroom to review behavior expectations at the zoo before we pile into cars around 9:00.

Small Classroom Christmas Party - On Friday, December 22, 2023, we will have a small class Christmas Party before our Christmas service. There is nothing that you need to provide. The students do not exchange gifts.

If so inclined, please instead purchase gifts for Metropolitan Ministries. Thanks!



Classroom News (Continued)

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

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[Amazon Wish List for 3rd & 4th](#)

Classroom Christmas Party: We will finish the 2023 year with a small Christmas party on Friday, December 22. You may [sign-up to bring something using the link](#).

Word of God (Roemhildt): *Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand [Matthew 14, Luke 9] & Jesus Walks on Water [Matthew 14, Mark 6]*

Memory Work: The Fourth Petition [Dec. 15]

Spelling: Unit 14 lists. Final test on Friday

Literature: The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

Writing: Speeches continue this week. Schedules were sent home last week.

3 Math: Chapter 5: 3-digit by 1-Digit

4 Math: Chapter 3: Fractions

Science: Minerals and rock cycle

Social Studies: Western States; Students may use the [link to study their states and capitals](#).

Tech: (Roemhildt) Google Slides- Animations

Reading Goals: As a class, the goal will be a total of 880 books. **150/880 read this year.**

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

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[Amazon Wish List for 5th & 6th](#)

Word of God: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand; Jesus Walks on Water

MW: No Memory Work due till after Christmas break

Literature (Schroeder): The False Prince by Jennifer Nielsen

English: Week 15

Spelling: Unit 16- Pretest (Mon); Final Test (Fri)

Math 5: Chapter 4: Decimals

Math C1: Chapter 5- Rates and Speeds

Science: Chapter 8- Galaxies and Beyond

Social Studies: Chapter 16- European Explorations of Africa and Asia

Tech & Music (Roemhildt): We will begin looking at some Christmas music and continue a State research project.

7th & 8th Grade **Mr. Roemhildt** daniel.roemhildt@northdalelutheran.org
[Amazon Wish List for 7th & 8th](#)

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Students will be preparing for our Christmas Service over the next few weeks. Check in with them about their memory work progress.

Spelling: Unit 19 **English:** DGP Week 15

Literature: We will be practicing public speaking by reading Children's books to preschoolers the end of this week/beginning of next week.

Math: Course 2 will be working with algebraic inequalities. Course 3 will continue looking at graphing linear equations. Algebra 1 is concluding their study of piecewise-defined functions. The test will be this week.

Word of God: Paul's Journeys

Social Studies: We will be discussing the end of Woodrow Wilson's presidency.

Science: We started a new unit on astronomy last week. We are beginning with a review of the electromagnetic spectrum and some space exploration history.

Tech & Music: Continuing Christmas Service practice





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**



"Because of Metro, my son and grandson will have something to open on Christmas morning, and we will be able to cook them a Christmas dinner."

- Metropolitan Ministries Client



SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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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