

We will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.

Psalm 78:4

HURRICANE WATCH

December 1, 2025

Week 16

Thanksgiving Food Drive Results

Thank you for the generous outpouring of food items and monetary donations for the Thanksgiving food drive we collected over \$350 in "turkey money" and 748 pounds of food. That's 89 pounds more than last year! The winning class will be announced following chapel on Wednesday, December 3. Thank you to the Dorr family for providing the pizza lunch to our winning classroom.

Outdoor Movie Night at NCA

NCA will be hosting an outdoor movie night on Friday, December 5. We will be watching *The Grinch* (2018). Concessions will be available for purchase starting at 6:00 PM with the movie starting by 6:30 PM. Proceeds from the concessions will go toward our fundraising efforts. Plan to join us December 5 for this family movie, food, and fun. Please [sign up online](#) by December 1 so we know how many people to expect.

NCA Christmas Services

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Christmas services:

- ★ Grades 3-8: Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 PM
- ★ Grades 3K-2nd: Friday, December 19 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 19 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.

Upcoming Events

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| <u>December 1</u> | Camping Trip Registration Due Outdoor Movie Night Sign Up Due Toy Drive Begins |
| <u>December 2</u> | Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30 PM Communicating Christ Class, 7:00 PM |
| <u>December 3</u> | K-8 Chapel: 8:15; Preschool Chapel: 9:00 Piano Lessons |
| <u>December 4</u> | Piano Lessons Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30 PM |
| <u>December 5</u> | Outdoor Movie Night & Concessions, 6:00 PM |
| <u>December 7</u> | Worship, 8:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship, 10:30 AM |
| <u>December 10</u> | Advent Worship & Cookie Share, 6:30 PM |
| <u>December 17</u> | Yearbook Club; 3:20-4:30 PM |
| <u>December 18</u> | Grades 3-8 Christmas Service, 6:30 PM |
| <u>December 19</u> | Grade 3K-2 Christmas Service, 11:00 AM Noon Dismissal - No After School Care |

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

Mission Offerings

Mission offerings to support Anchor Lutheran Church, a new church in Panama City Beach, FL.

Last week \$43.00

Total \$477.79

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 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 the attached flyer 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 19. There is a table in the school lobby for donations. We have been so blessed! Let's share our blessings with others!

NCA Camping Trip

There will be a family camping trip January 16-18, 2026 at Weeki Wachee Christian Camp. See the attached flyer for more information. Register online by December 1: <https://forms.gle/zitUoxMDKct8heGS6>.

Yearbook Club

The NCA yearbook club will be meeting Wednesday, December 17, 3:20-4:30 PM. Any 7th or 8th grader is welcome to join us even if you haven't participated in previous meetings.

Piano Lesson Openings in January

If your child is currently taking piano lessons or you would like to sign up your child for lessons starting in January, please complete this [online form](#). Slots are available on a first come, first served basis. Additional details are available in the online form.

Basketball Registration Grades 4-8

Registration for the NCA basketball team is now open. [Please use the link](#) for detailed information and registration. Registration will close Thursday morning.

Christmas Break

NCA will be closed for Christmas break starting at noon on December 19 through January 2. There will be no after school care or extended care following the noon dismissal on December 19. The teachers will have an in-service January 2. Classes resume on January 5.

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 10: Advent Worship 6:30 PM & Cookie Share after service.
- ★ Thursday, December 18: NCA Grades 3-8 Christmas Program, 6:30 PM
- ★ Friday, December 19: NCA 3K - Grade 2 Christmas Program, 11:00 AM
- ★ Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 4:00 or 7:00 PM
- ★ Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day Worship, 10:00 AM

Favorite Things Request

Some of our NCA families have requested a list of our staff favorite things this Christmas season. That information is provided in the [linked PDF](#). If you are so moved, please consider each classroom's Amazon wish list or a gift toward the December Toy Drive. There is no obligation to give. Please contact Mr. Mattes with any questions.

January is Preferred Enrollment Month

Current NCA families, their siblings, and members of Northdale Lutheran Church will have 2026-2027 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. Look for a TADS email in early January to complete the enrollment process. Starting February 1, new family applications to NCA will be considered based on availability. Check out our website for the 2026-2027 enrollment fee and tuition schedule: NorthdaleChristianAcademy.org.



Classroom News December 1 - 5

Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK

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

What we're learning: We've got a very busy three weeks ahead getting ready for Christmas! We will be making decorations for our classroom, introducing new centers for the month like snow in the sensory table, and getting ready for our Christmas service!

Bible story: The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary

Christmas Service: The children in grades preschool-2nd grade will be presenting a Christmas service on Friday, December 19 at 11:00. Family and friends are welcome to attend! This is a half day of school before Christmas break. Children will be done with school for the day after the service. More details will be coming home in next week's Monday folders!

Homeroom: Check out our homeroom app for class pictures each week! <https://gethomeroom.com/i/59OPCSDH>

Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom

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[Amazon Wish List for Kindergarten](#)

Memory Work: Our class will practice the songs and recitations for our Christmas service.

Math: Students will review how to sort objects by one attribute. They will sort by color, number, shape, and size.

Reading: This week we meet our new SuperKids, Tic, Tac and Toc. In this unit, your child will learn to identify and write the letter Tt. They will listen for the sound /t/ at the beginning and at the end of words.

Social Studies: This week we will begin a new unit about Holidays around the world. We will learn about the different customs and traditions celebrated during this time of year.

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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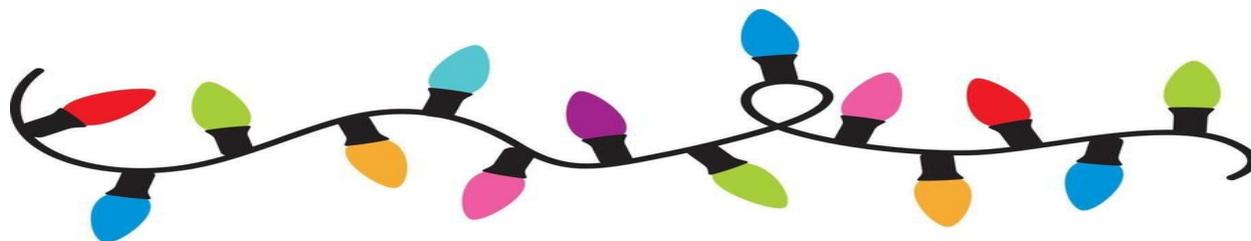
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[Amazon Wish List for 1st & 2nd](#)

Memory work: We will be working on the Christmas service songs and recitations in class.

Spelling: 1st grade - Unit 17 - R-controlled vowels: *er, ir, ur* - test on Friday 12/5

2nd grade - Unit 17 - words with silent letters - test on Friday 12/5



Classroom News (Continued)

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

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

Word of God (Roemhildt): *Jesus and the Canaanite Woman & The Death of John the Baptist*

Memory Work: The Third Petition [Dec. 5]

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

Literature: New Novel: The Lemonade War with a focus on comprehension and plot.

3 Math: Chapter 4: Multiplication

4 Math: Chapter 3: Fractions

Tech: (Roemhildt) We will navigate Google Docs

Books: We have read 148 of our 720 class goal.

Math Facts: We will finish our math facts from last week on Monday, and begin a new week on Tuesday.

Social Studies: New unit on U.S. history, our first lesson is settling in the U.S. and immigration.

Science: Natural resources: soil

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

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

Word of God: *The Woman in Simon's House; Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand*

MW: No Memory Work due until January

Literature (Schroeder): *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell

Spelling: Unit 15- Pretest (Mon); Final Test (Fri)

Math 5: Chapter 4- Decimals

Math C1: Chapter 4- Ratio- Test (Wed); Chapter 5- Rates and Speeds

Science: The Solar System

Social Studies: Routes of Exploration to the Americas

Tech & Music (Roemhildt): We will practice making presentations.

7th & 8th Grade **Mr. Roemhildt** daniel.roemhildt@northdalelutheran.org

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[Amazon Wish List for 7th & 8th](#)

Thank you to all who made the iFly field trip possible! Students had a wonderful time and will receive Flight Certificates in their Monday Folders.



Our 3-8 Christmas service is December 18th. Students received memory work assignments before Thanksgiving break. Help them study!

Spelling: Unit 16 **English:** DGP- Week 14

Literature: Boy In the Striped Pajamas

Math: Course 2 will review our Algebra basics for a test this week. Course 3 will finish our chapter on linear equalities and inequalities. Algebra 1 is concluding piecewise-defined functions this week. Our next topic will be systems of linear equations.

Word of God (Schroeder): On A Mission: A Study of Paul's Journeys

Social Studies: William Howard Taft

Science (Mattes): We are concluding our life science unit by studying the stages of human life. There will be a final quiz before we begin our astronomy unit this week.

Tech & Music: In technology we will be doing a research project that supports upcoming Social Studies lessons. In music we will begin practice for our Christmas service.



MOST NEEDED TOY ITEMS

HOLIDAY TOY ITEMS **Most Needed Items in bold**

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
Sports Clothing &
Hats



WALMART REGISTRY FOR GOOD

SCAN HERE to shop our most
needed items and they'll be
shipped directly to us!

**For any questions or concerns throughout your donation drive please contact
our Drives Coordinator at (813) 209-1034**

**Our NCA Toy Drive ends December 19 at noon.
All unwrapped items may be dropped off with your child any
school day between now and Christmas break.**



2026 NCA Family Camping Trip

Dates: January 16-18, 2026 (check in 4:00-7:30 PM, check out 3:00 PM)

Location: Weeki Wachee Christian Camp
7360 Erin Rd, Spring Hill, FL 34607

Nick and Angel Allan are organizing a family camping trip for all of us to enjoy a weekend together! We'll be staying at the Weeki Wachee Christian Campground, which is located directly on Weeki Wachee Springs, offering opportunities for swimming and fishing.

Accommodations & Costs

The campground offers three options for your stay. Please note that these costs are approximate and may decrease depending on the number of families attending. These costs cover two nights.

- **Tent Site:** \$110 per family
- **RV Hookup:** \$120 per family (limited availability)
- **Women/Girls Cabin:** \$200 per cabin (sleeps 16)
- **Men/Boys Cabin:** \$200 per cabin (sleeps 16)

The costs cover the rental of shared facilities, including two pavilions and a dining hall. The cabins have bunk beds, with separate cabins for boys and girls. A \$25 nonrefundable deposit will be charged to your December 15 TADS invoice. The balance due will be applied to your January 15 TADS invoice.

Amenities & Activities

The dining hall is fully equipped with a refrigerator, chest freezer, 10-burner stove, flat-top grill, and dishwashing sink. Feel free to bring your own food and use the kitchen to prepare meals.

For activities on the water, you can rent kayaks, tubes, and paddleboards from a third-party company that provides drop-off and pickup services.

Important Information

- **Responsibilities:** Each family is responsible for their own camping equipment, food, and transportation, as well as the supervision of their own children.
- **Child Safety:** If you are tent camping with a child aged 7 or younger, a space heater is required for safety.
- **Cleaning:** All camping families are expected to help with cleaning efforts at the end of the event.
- **Camping Gear:** If you need to borrow camping equipment, please contact Angel Allan at 813-850-3718 to see what is available.

If you'd like to participate in this fun family camping experience, please complete this [online form](#) by **December 1**. Questions? Please contact Angel Allan (call/text 813-850-3718).

