

# Raiders News

Reformation Lutheran School & Preschool Weekly  
Newsletter

WEEK OF DECEMBER 22-28, 2019



## Fix Your Eyes on Jesus!

*Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,  
fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith  
Hebrew 12:1-2*

## Principal's Message – What do you like about Christmas?

- The lights?
- The tree?
- Candles?
- Candy canes?
- Peppermint mochas from Starbucks?
- Christmas movies?
- The general availability of eggnog at the grocery store?

We pull the decorations out from storage, put them up, think about them for a few weeks during this season. We eat a lot of candy canes, drink eggnog and seasonal coffees, but after a while, we take the decorations down, package them all away, stores stop selling the seasonal foods and drinks, and we forget about it for a while.

Is that sometimes how we treat Jesus?

So easily we tend to pack away the message of Jesus, we forget just how impactful it is on our lives. This event in our world's history, God made flesh, the baby born in Bethlehem, is the most powerful message that anyone can share.

To remember how impactful this message is, let's remind ourselves of who we are....

Romans 3:23, *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* We fall short, every single person, we sin each and every day, and we deserve nothing but God's wrath and punishment. We know we have those days; thinking that we have done some good today. I've been good, I was kind to others, but we need to remember that even our righteous acts are like filthy rags. Without Jesus we don't deserve anything.

Thankfully, God didn't just leave things at that. That is the beautiful message we hear at Christmas, that message we know all too well.

Luke 2:10-11, *"But the angel said to them, 'do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy, for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."*

We look into that manger and we see so much more than just a season of the year, more than just something cute, something nice...we look into that manger and we see God's great love for us. He didn't keep his own Son from us, but sent him to earth to live as a man, to live that perfect life that we cannot live, to die on the cross for all our sins so that we could be made holy and righteous. That makes this event, a life-changing message.

This isn't a message or an event to only think about and celebrate for a few weeks out of the year. The death of Jesus, our Savior, changes everything for us. God wants us to treat his Word like a present to constantly open. Psalm 34:8 says, *"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."*

This is a message that changes who you are and what your purpose in life is. This message, this event in our world's history has a profound meaning for us. When we leave this world, young or old, we have the sure hope that we will be gathered to our Father in Heaven as we are marked holy and righteous, through Jesus.

Let's not allow each other to pack up Jesus and the message of Christmas, but remind one another to always keep this story at the forefront of our lives all year long.

From everyone here at Reformation Lutheran Church and School, we wish you God's richest blessings and Merry Christmas!

**3D MARSHMALLOW BUILDING IN KINDERGARTEN**



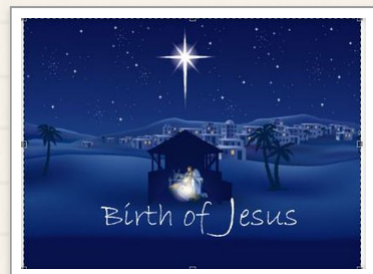


## #RefTechTip

Tonight's 1-8th Grade Christmas program will be streamed on our church's youtube page. A link for the live stream will be posted on Facebook today. Please make sure to look there for the link!

## Christmas Program Reminders–Friday, December 20th at 7:00pm

- The students are to wear dress clothes for the program. Boys can wear pants and a button up shirt/sweater/polo. Girls are to dress nicely in a dress or dressy pants and top.
- **Grades 1-8** please come by **6:45 pm** to your classroom. The teachers must begin lining students up at 6:55 pm so we need to have all students arriving in a timely manner
- We look forward to sharing the message of Jesus' birth with all of you. Please invite your family and friends to come and attend the Christmas program!



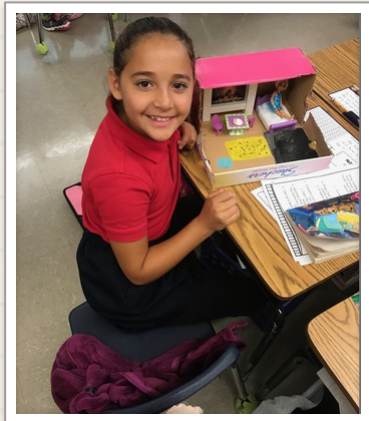




## Update from Ms. Ceci's classroom

Third grade had an awesome and busy first semester of the school year. December came so fast! We have been working hard at academics and had our first testing week. Lately we have been practicing the Christmas program (hope to see you there!) and enjoying learning and sharing the holiday season and the message of the birth of our Savior. We have been blessed with a fun class this year, and have had a lot of fun learning and growing in our faith and our knowledge. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. See you in 2020!





## Preschool and Kindergarten Christmas Program

On Sunday, December 15, the preschool and kindergarten classrooms performed their Christmas Service. The students did an amazing job! Thank you to the teachers and parents who get the students ready. It is always amazing to see and hear our young children proclaiming the Good News of our Savior!

If you missed the performances, we recorded the service and the link is available below:

[Preschool/Kindergarten Christmas Program](#)

**LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE GIFT TO GIVE A CHILD THIS CHRISTMAS?**

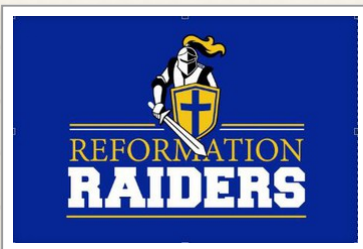
**GIVE THE GIFT OF GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE CAMP**



## WELS Good Shepherd Bible Camp

*Youth Ministry within the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*

Christmas is right around the corner, which undoubtedly means you've got one thing on your mind: **Good Shepherd Bible Camp**! OK, so that may not have even made the list of all the things you've got on your mind this time of year, but it isn't too early to start thinking about it. If you've loved GSBC in the past and "hope" to attend again, now is the time to start saving up to and turn your "hope" into a reality. And, if you think someone else might love GSBC, too, why not consider giving them a week at camp as a unique and memorable Christmas gift?



### Sports Update

Basketball season continues after Christmas break for the Boys A and B teams. The Boys A Gold Team will be playing Thursday, January 16, against St. Paul's at 4:00 pm. The Boys B Team will also play on Thursday, January 16, against St. Paul's. Their game begins at 5:00 pm.. These games will be played at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Pacific Beach. The Girls A and B teams will continue practicing until the St. Paul's Girls Basketball league begins in early February.

The Reformation Basketball Tournament will be held on Friday-Sunday, January 24-26, 2020. The Boys A Team and Girls A Team will be participating in our tournament. There will be more information about the game times of the tournament after Christmas break.



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**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS AT 8:00 & 10:30!**

**Reformation Family Calendar**



Wednesdays at 8:30am - Chapel Service - everyone is welcome!



December 20, 7:00pm - Grade 1-8 Christmas Service

December 23-25 Campus Closed

**December 23 - January 3 - Christmas Break - No Grade School**

December 24, 7:00pm - Christmas Eve Worship Service

December 25, 10:30am - Christmas Day Worship Service

December 31- Campus Closed

January 1 - Campus Closed

January 6 - School Resumes

January 24-26 Reformation Invitational Basketball Tournament

January 24 - No Grade School

January 27 - No Grade School

A monthly calendar is updated on our website, and a full school year calendar is available also. Click here to review these calendars. (<http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/>).



## About Us


 Facebook

The eternal truths of God's Word are the foundation of our school, its curriculum, and all its activities. Our goal in Christian education is to provide each child with the maximum development of God-given spiritual, physical, and mental abilities. We offer Christian education in our Preschool (ages 2.5-5) and Grade School (K-8).

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