

Luke 3:6

<u>"And all people will see God's salvation."</u> "Salvation" is one of those religious words that we hear and say so often that the impact of its meaning can be lost to us. The word itself in the original language of the New Testament Greek Scriptures means "to be delivered" or "rescued" from a desperate situation, one from which we could never rescue ourselves. Think of being trapped on the 20th floor of a burning building where there is no way out. Our survival depends entirely upon someone rescuing us from danger. If left on our own, we would die. We would need a "Savior" to furnish us with "salvation".

In like manner, spiritually speaking, we are unable to rescue ourselves from the death and hell that our sins deserve. We can try as hard as we can to "be right" with God but there is no way out. Salvation lies outside of us. But the good news is that it is there. Salvation exists in the person of our Savior, Jesus Christ. And it is ours. The Apostle Paul put it this way in his letter to the Colossians1:13,14 - "For he [God] has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

This is the time of year to especially focus our attention on our salvation. One way to do this is to try and imagine not having it. What would our lives be like if Jesus had never come, or if we didn't know Him? The Apostle Paul describes it as a life without hope. The Apostle Peter speaks of life without Christ as being empty. And King Solomon in the Book of Ecclesiastes talks about life without God as being meaningless, "a chasing after the wind".

But those words don't describe us. We have Him. Christ has come, not only into the world, but into our lives. And He brings with him His perfect life, His sacrificial death in our place, and His glorious resurrection with which he sealed the deal. We have that "salvation" that both the prophet Isaiah and the gospel writer Luke spoke about (Isaiah 40:5 and Luke 3:6). "We are saved"!!! What great news! Let us appreciate it especially during this Advent season.

St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Everyone is invited to attend our Sunday worship services at 10:30AM. Bible class begins at 9:30AM.

SPIRITUAL HELP

What do you do when you need spiritual help? What if it seems there is no place left to turn? No matter what your situation God is always with you. Sometimes we need to be reminded of God's promises—and WELS has developed resources to do just that. So go ahead. Enrich your faith. Find answers. Be encouraged. Check out the WELS website at <u>www.wels.net</u> for devotions, prayers and articles to build up our faith.



School Snow Closing Policy

Closings are announced on radio station AM 620 WTMJ or TV station TMJ4 as well as FOX 6, CBS 58 and WITI Channel 12. St. Philip's is automatically closed if the Milwaukee Public Schools are closed for snow or cold. Listen to the radio or TV! Teachers will also call their students if we have an accurate phone number for your child. Once the school day has begun, classes will be conducted for the remainder of the school day except in the case of extreme emergency. In case of bad weather, parents/guardians may pick up their children early if necessary.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED EVERYDAY FROM 7:00AM – 7:40AM. Cereal, fruit, graham crackers and milk. All students eat for free!



Pastor Raymond Kimbrough



Thursday, December 1 A & B Boys Basketball Practice 3:30-4:30PM Academic Recovery 3:30-5:30PM

Friday, December 2

Girls & Boys A & B Basketball Games HOME vs. Loving Shepherd Girls B-Team plays at 4:30PM, Boys B-Team plays at 5:30PM

Girls A-Team plays at 6:30PM, Boys A-Team plays at 7:30PM All students attending the games need to have a parent or guardian present to supervise them. Parents, please remind your child to find a seat where they can watch the game. Students who are present without an adult will not be allowed to attend. Thank you for your support in helping us to have home games which are safe for all involved and free from distractions.

Saturday, December 3

St. Marcus A-Team Boys Basketball Tourney First game at 10:00AM

Sunday, December 4

Worship 10:30AM – Praise Band leads worship St. Marcus A-Team Boys Basketball Tourney continues

Monday, December 5

Girls B Basketball Practice 3:30-4:30PM Girls A Basketball Practice 4:30-6:00PM

Tuesday, December 6

Boys A & B Basketball Practice 3:30-4:30PM Wednesday, December 7 Advent Worship 10:00AM

Girls B Basketball Practice 3:30-4:30PM Girls A Basketball Practice 4:30-6:00PM

Thursday, December 8

Field Trip - Grade 6-8 to Discovery World Museum

Chaperones are needed please contact your child's teacher if you are available. All students in grades 6 - 8 will need to bring their own bag lunch for the trip.

Friday, December 9

Field Trip - Grade 2-5 to Discovery World Museum

Chaperones are needed please contact your child's teacher if you are available. All students in grades 2-5 will need to bring their own bag lunch for the trip.

LOOKING AHEAD:

<u>Monday, December 12</u> NO SCHOOL – Faculty Professional Day

Thursday, December 22 K4 – 8 to Bridges Estate to present Christmas Program

Friday, December 23

K4 – 8 Schoolwide Skating Party Ozaukee Skateland, 7084 Sycamore Dr, Cedarburg <u>Parents</u> are invited to attend. Please meet us at Ozaukee Skateland. There is no charge for parent chaperones. We have limited seating on the busses, parents can meet us at the skating rink. Please contact Mrs. Allard with questions.

School dismisses at 12:00PM – No lunch served.

Saturday, December 24

All students present the Christmas Eve Program at church at 6:00PM

All students in grades $K4 - 8^{th}$ grade will participate. We hope you will make a special effort to attend the Christmas Program. Students are already working hard on the program. Make sure you plan to see and hear all of their talent!

NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS VACATION

December 24 – January 8, 2017

CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 9th, 2017

MISSION PROJECT AT ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Our mission project for the first semester will be directed to WELS Christian Aid & Relief. Each student has the opportunity to bring mission offerings. Each classroom will have a container in which to donate.

Christian Aid and Relief

Christian Aid and Relief provides disaster relief and humanitarian aid to people around the world who have been devastated by natural disasters and other tragedies. The committee also helps individuals with catastrophic medical and personal needs. To learn more about the work of Christian Aid and Relief visit WELS.NET



The "General Mills Box Tops for Education" program generates \$.10 to St. Philip's Lutheran School for every box top we redeem within a set time frame. Please cut out the "GMBTFE" symbol located on General Mills cereals and products and submit them to the Mrs. Allard in the school office. Students who bring in 10 box-tops at time may pick a prize! Please trim your box-tops on the dotted line.

Uniform Policy

This is a general reminder to all students and parents. Our uniform policy can be found in your school handbook. All students should be wearing navy blue pants. All students should also be wearing either a brown, black or navy blue belt. No other types of belts should be worn. Shirts should be tucked in at all times when students are in the building. Thank you

Uniform Reminders

As the weather grows cooler please remember that if your child is cold in their classroom that they may wear a navy blue cardigan sweater **(NO HOODED SWEATERS)** that meets the uniform policy. All shirts worn underneath the uniform shirts should be a <u>solid white</u> – no prints or colors on under shirts. Students may wear a solid white turtleneck under their uniform shirt. The temperature of the classrooms will be between 68 and 70 degrees once the heating season begins.

Fake Nails

Fake nails should not be worn to school. The nails become a distraction to the student wearing them as well as a possible safety issue involving scratching and breaking. Thanks!



Not feeling well?...

If your child is **coughing**, **sniffling**, **sneezing** and/or **not feeling well**, please keep him or her home. A sick child has a difficult time concentrating and he or she may also infect the rest of the class. Give your child time to recuperate and get their strength back before you send them back to school. We want to keep everyone healthy and well. Please make sure we have a current phone on file as well in case we need to contact you during the school day. Thanks!

Winter Weather

Winter is here and it's cold! We do go outside sometimes for recess or a walk. Please remember to send the appropriate outdoor clothing with your children. This includes winter coats, hats, mittens and boots when necessary.

Please note – Students can wear boots to school but need to bring a pair of shoes to change into during the day. Boots are not allowed to be worn all day in school. Thanks.



December Birthday's

Jim Penny Pastor Kimbrough Tyrig Madison **Myrical Fairfield** Rakeya Jones Darriunna Cole Dominique Smith Remeika Jones Mrs. Porth Illiana Flores D'Aja Alexander Alex Reyes Davonte Kelly Taniya Madison Tiyana Madison Mr. Moldenhauer Mr. Luehring

December 1st December 3rd December 3rd December 5th December 7th December 8th December 8th December 9th December 10th December 10th December 19th December 19th December 22nd December 24th December 24th December 25th December 26th



St. Philip's Lutheran School Warrior Basketball- 2016-2017

St. Philip's Girls' Basketball Schedule – L.A.A. North

November 18-20	Lamb of God Tournament	TBA (B-Team Only)
December 2 (Friday)	Loving Shepherd	4:30, 6:30
December 9 (Friday)	St. Marcus	4:30, 6:30
December 16 (Friday)	@ St. Paul's, Cudahy	4:30, 6:30
January 10 (Tuesday)	@ Risen Savior	4:30, 6:30
January 13 (Friday)	@ Christ/St. Peter	4:30, 6:30
January 18 (Wednesday)	Mt. Lebanon	4:30, 6:30
January 25 (Wednesday)	@ St. John's/WOL	4:30, 6:30
February 3 (Friday)	St. Lucas	4:30, 6:30
February 5, 6	WISCO Tournament	TBA (A-Team Only)

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