

Westside Christian Wave Weekly

March 6, 2024

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Family Devotions

Click the title of the devotion provided to view the full devotion and see the complete collection of Family Devotions online at [WELS.net](https://wels.net). Questions are provided following the closing prayer to help with family discussion at home.

[Rules, Rules, Rules! – March 4, 2024](#)

Read: Exodus 20:1-17

"I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt. ... You shall have no other gods. ... You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. Honor

your father and mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet." (Exodus 20:2-3,7a,8,12a,13-17a)

Call update

Our 3rd grade teacher, [Ms. Gnewuch](#), has accepted her call to teach at Abiding Peace Academy in Simpsonville, SC, next school year. Her acceptance letter is attached below. We want to thank Kim for her 25 years of dedicated service to St. Andrew and Westside Christian School.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that Dan Plath has accepted our call to serve as principal at Westside, beginning next school year. Please pray for him and his wife, Beth, as they finish their ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Beverly Hills, FL, and begin to plan for their ministry here at St. Andrew and Westside Christian. Watch for more information about Dan and his family in a future Wave.

Acceptance Letter.pdf

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Palm Sunday The Palm Branches March 21 & 24 normal worship times	Maundy Thursday The Wafer March 28 5:00 & 6:30 PM	Good Friday The Scepter March 29 1:00 & 6:30 PM
<i>Cross</i> PEACE		
Easter Sunday The White Cloth March 31 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 AM	Easter Sunday The White Cloth: Part 2 April 4 & 7 normal worship times	

Wednesday Lent devotions and Holy Week worship

"He himself is our peace...through the cross" (Ephesians 2:14,16).

Wednesday Lent devotions

Gather with brothers and sisters at 5:00 or 6:30 PM each Wednesday of Lent. Stay for dinner provided by one of the St. Andrew Best Chefs from 5:30 - 6:15 PM. Livestream will be available at 5:00 PM. Remaining Lenten worship services are as follows:

- March 6: The Whip | Dinner is BBQ pulled pork sandwiches
- March 13: The Spear | Dinner is chili lime chicken
- March 20: The Crown | Dinner is carnitas tacos

Holy Week worship

Palm Sunday: March 24 @ 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Maundy Thursday: March 28 @ 5:00 & 6:30 PM

Good Friday: March 29 @ 1:00 & 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday: March 31 @ 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 AM

Meal Train for the Renstrom family

Along with our prayers, meals are another way you could consider supporting Mrs. Renstrom and her family. Gift cards could also be helpful to places like Kwik trip, Pick 'n Save (Metro Market), Amazon, Target, etc. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement to her and her family! Here's the link for to the Meal Train sign-up: <https://mealtrain.com/0m090v>

Importance of calling the Attendance Line

It is very important that parents report absences, late arrivals, appointments, and early pick-ups by calling the Attendance Line at 608-620-7103. **We ask that you do not call or email your child's classroom teacher with this information, and please do not tell them during drop-off.**

Calls received on the Attendance Line are reported to ALL staff who need to know—classroom and specials teachers, EMP instructors, and other support staff. Other benefits of calling the Attendance Line include:

- You can be sure the information gets communicated to all who need it and in a timely way.
- Your child's classroom teacher stays freed up to welcome other students and can stay focused on the morning routine.
- There's a better chance your child will be ready when you come to pick him/her up.
- Check it off your to-do list right away by reporting a known absence or appointment days ahead of the event.

We know that calling the Attendance Line is sometimes inconvenient. Feel free to stop by the Welcome Center to report it in-person.

Thank you in advance for helping us run an efficient attendance reporting system.



The 3rd grade students just finished the novel *The Lemonade War*. To help us wrap up this business unit, the children are putting together a variety of stands (see details below) of their own. They will sell items at their stands next Thursday, March 14, from 2:45 - 3:30 PM. Items will be priced from \$0.50 - \$1.00. The profits will teach the children the importance of advertising, organizing, selling, and settling accounts. Profits will be donated to this quarter's mission partner.

Stands will include:

- Drinks
- Books and squishies
- Bakery items
- Sports cards, rainbow loom jewelry, animal pictures
- Treats like puppy chow and popsicles

EMP registration for 2024-25 school year ends next week

The registration deadline is March 15.

We're excited to share that registration for the 2024-25 Elective Music Program (EMP) is now open!

Please register via the attached form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVd7G0Tzo70GeIHj08iQ!g868etCSt_kgv7ovmpPeKzcNslw/viewform?usp=sf_link.

Space is limited in each music elective; therefore, we recommend that families don't delay their registration. We will work to place as many students as possible in their music elective(s) of choice.

Not sure what EMP is all about? The EMP instructors have composed a video with information about each music elective and other information about the program in general.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NtOv4EmLPA92ZEozgZM_mrd-7gw7aW9J/view?usp=drive_link.

If you have any EMP questions, please contact EMP Coordinator Melissa Dyer at:

empcoordinator@westside-christian.org.



Penny Logos!

Get your school's logo applied for a penny!

VALID: March 8-15, 2024

CODE: PENNYLOGO

PIN: NO PIN REQUIRED



*Receive your school logo applied for \$0.01. Offer available to all schools with a logo currently on file with us (excludes monogramming, Lands' End Camp and Lands' End Business Outfitters purchases). Discount will be applied at checkout. Offer valid from March 8 to 11:59p.m. Central, March 15, 2024.

Penny Logo Sale at Land's End | March 8 - 15

Has your child outgrown his/her school polo or do you anticipate needing a new one for next school year? Now's the time to order. Land's End is running their annual Penny Logo Sale. Follow these steps to order from Land's End:

1. Go to landsend.com.
2. Click "School".
3. Click "Shop By School".
4. Search for Westside by entering our school name and location or school number 900067075.
5. Select your child's gender and grade level.
6. Choose from the polos and sizes listed.
7. Ensure that our logo is displayed.
8. Add item to bag.
9. Indicate "PENNYLOGO" in the promo code field during checkout.

Reminder about Forward Testing

Forward Testing is scheduled for April 8 - 19. While that's a bit down the road, we ask that you **look at your calendars now** to ensure that your child(ren) will be in school on those days. With limited building space and time in which to conduct the testing, making up a test is difficult. If at all possible, please do not schedule appointments during these two weeks. If you know that your child will be out of school due to travel, please email Stacy Bernd so that we can try to make an alternate plan for his/her testing. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Information for your taxes

Federal EIN: 39-1437079



Tax season is upon us. You will need our Federal EIN: 39-1437079. Also, you can find a record of your tuition expenses for 2023 using the following steps:

1. Log into TADS.
2. Navigate to the Billing area.
3. Select the number in blue next to the 2022-23 school year.
4. Click on the Reports tab.
5. Click on the link titled "Household Paid Tuition Tax Report".
6. Enter "2023" in the Tax Year field.

If you do not remember your login credentials for TADS, you will need to call them at 800-477-8237.

Wisconsin Tuition Tax Deduction

As your family looks into the details of the Wisconsin Private School Tuition Tax Deduction, [see some FAQs here](#). Download a 2023 PS form: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/TaxForms2023/2023-SchedulePS.pdf>.

St. Andrew Summer Camp

Summer camp at St. Andrew will look a little different this year. Instead of conducting science experiments and kicking soccer balls, kids will have an opportunity to grow in music, art, cooking, and more. What won't be different is that Jesus will be in the middle of everything. The dates are July 8 – 11. Registration will begin after Easter.

Summer speech and reading programs through Launch

Specializing in speech, language, and literacy, Launch Speech and Reading offers assessments and interventions designed to support children of all ages and abilities. With a team of dedicated professionals including Speech Therapists, Reading Specialists, and Educators, the clinic aims to foster a supportive and enriching learning environment. Emphasizing collaboration between families, educators, and therapists, Launch Speech and Reading is committed to empowering each child to reach their full potential. Discover the difference personalized care can make at Launch Speech and Reading. See the attached flyer for more information.

LAUNCH_flyer.pdf

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If you are looking for a Christian overnight summer camp, consider Camp Phillip in Wautoma. They have been hosting summer camps for over fifty years. Go [here](#) to see what is available in 2024. There are cards with more information in the atrium.

{CALENDAR} OF EVENTS}

This Week

Friday: Parents of Neurodiverse Learners Meetup

Sunday: Praise Choir sings at St. Andrew

Early Next Week

3/11: Friends of Westside (PTO) meeting @ 7:50 AM; All are invited!

February Lunch Menu.pdf

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March Lunch Menu.pdf

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You might want to get these dates on your calendar NOW!

- 3/11: Friends of Westside (PTO) meeting @ 7:50 AM
- 3/14: 3rd grade "Lemonade War" sale
- 3/15: End of 3rd quarter
- 3/18-3-22: **NO SCHOOL** (Spring Break)
- 3/29: **NO SCHOOL** (Good Friday)
- 4/1: **NO SCHOOL** (Easter Monday)
- 4/4: 5th & 6th grade field trip; 7th & 8th grade field trip
- 4/6: Mother Son Event (watch for info to come)

- 4/6 - 4/7: LLHS Fine Arts Fair (EMP students only)
- 4/8: FOW meeting (virtual)
- 4/8 - 4/19: Forward Testing (see article above)
- 4/12: Strings & Guitar Concert @ 4:00; Band & Voice Concert @ 6:15
- 4/13: Piano Recitals (Lund @ 9:30, Hunter @ 10:45, Fritz @ 12:45, Dyer @ 2:00)
- 4/14: Grades 3 & 4 sing at St. Andrew
- 4/17: Middle school field trip
- 4/18: Choice Program enrollment period ends
- 4/19: Preschool field trip
- 4/22: NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)
- 4/26: 5th and 6th grade field trip
- 4/28: Grades 1 & 2 sing at St. Andrew

Key Dates Calendar, 2023 - 2024 School Year

Please note that the calendar was revised this summer.

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Tentative 2024 - 2025 Key Dates Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for the calendar.

Singing Schedule, 2023 - 2024 School Year.pdf

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Family Handbook (2023-2024 School Year)

TADS (Enrollment and Billing Information)

Educate (Parent Portal)

Announcements (Lunch Menus, Key Dates and School Calendar, etc.) | Course Documents | Events (general and grade-specific) | Student-Specific Information (Assignments and Grades, Attendance Record, Demographics)

CONTACT US

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www.Westside-Christian.org

Friends of Westside (private Facebook group): #FOWMiddleton



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