

Westside Christian Wave Weekly

April 15, 2026

NO SCHOOL Monday (4/20)

As a reminder, there is **NO SCHOOL** next Monday (4/20) so that the teachers may engage in a Professional Development Day.

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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. Questions are provided following the closing prayer to help with family discussion at home.

Read: Acts 2:14,22-32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him (Acts 2:14,22-24).

Call updates

Calls extended

- Pastor for Outreach: **Pastor Andrew Steubs** from Tennessee was called to serve St Andrew. Pastor Steubs is married with 4 children. Please keep the Steubs family in your prayers.
- 5th grade teacher: **Miss Hannah Zabel** from Nebraska was called to be the 5th grade teacher. Miss Zabel currently teaches at the high school level. Please keep her in your prayers.

Call returned

Mr. Mark Kjenstad has returned his call to serve as principal at Salem Lutheran School in Greenfield, Minnesota. We are thankful that Mr. and Mrs. Kj will continue their ministries at St. Andrew/WCS.

New Administrative Assistant hired

We are happy to report that a new administrative assistant has been hired. Mrs. Dana Miller will begin working at Westside on Monday, April 27. If you are in the building, please stop in to introduce yourself.



Family Social Event scheduled for this Saturday

We are excited to announce our final social event of the school year - Family Pizza, Popcorn, and Movie Night! Please join us on **Saturday (4/18)** for a showing of Zootopia 2! This final event will take place from 5:00 - 7:30 PM in the gym. **The movie will start at**

5:30 PM. Pizza, popcorn, and drinks will be provided. Please bring either chairs or a blanket to sit on. To ensure we order enough pizza, please **RSVP [HERE](#) no later than April 17.** We look forward to seeing you there!

Spring Clothing Exchange happening this week

Don't miss this chance to grab a couple free outfits for your child(ren) for next school year! Returning Westside families can take advantage of the Spring Clothing Exchange happening this week (Monday - Thursday @ noon). All are welcome to take items from the "exchange," even if you don't put anything in it this time around. All clothing not taken by noon on Thursday will be donated.



Westside celebrates Fine Arts Week

We are celebrating the arts at Westside all week. Musicians from the Elective Music Program (EMP) will perform at different times (see schedule below), and an Art Gala featuring student artwork will be on display in the school hallway and before and after worship services on Sunday (4/19).

Spring EMP Recitals (note change in bold)

- Wednesday, April 15 @ 3:45 PM | Bohl Piano recital
- Thursday, April 16 @ 3:45 PM | Strings recital
- Friday, April 17 @ 3:45 PM | Guitar & Band recital
- Saturday, April 18 @ **9:00 AM** | Voice recital
- Saturday, April 18 @ **10:45 AM** | Dyer Piano recital
- Saturday, April 18 @ 2:00 PM | Fritz Piano recital

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students' visual art and musical gifts to be showcased for other students, parents, grandparents, etc. All are welcome!

It's time to order yearbooks | Orders due April 21

It's time to order your child's 2025-26 school yearbook. The 2025-26 school yearbook includes all students, preschool through 8th grade. You may choose either a soft cover (\$28) or hard cover (\$34). They will be delivered no later than the last day of school so students can autograph each other's books. Consider ordering one for each of your children! Each student will be given an order form this week to bring home. An order form is also attached below. Please return the completed form to Mrs. Ehlke along with payment no later than Tuesday, April 21.



Yearbook order form.pdf

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Field Day volunteers needed



Our annual Field Day will be held on the last day of school (5/20), from 9:15 - 11:15 AM, and we need help with set-up, running games, and clean-up. Please review the [sign up](#) to help where you can! If you can help for the duration of the event, please sign up for multiple slots. We appreciate you!

Important EMP dates

Enrollment in the Elective Music Program (EMP) continues. Please make these important dates on your calendar:

- 2026-27 EMP Enrollment window for new students: Ends April 17, 2026
- Enrollment deadline for current students: April 17, 2026
- Contracts sent out: April 24, 2026
- Signed contracts due: May 8, 2026

Thank you so much, and please reach out to Westside EMP Coordinator Emma Nolte (EMPCoordinator@westside-christian.org) with questions!



Pop tab collection to support Ronald McDonald House

The Student Senate is challenging the Westside students from this year to beat the total weight of pop tabs collected by Westside students last year. **The weight we are trying to beat is 36.4 lbs.** We can do it! Please start collecting the pop tabs at home and turn them anytime between April 15 - May 15. The bin will be by the main entry way. All the pop tabs support Ronald McDonald House

and the people that are living there.

Forward Testing details

Forward testing for grades 3 - 8 wraps up this week, with make-up testing taking place next week. Please try to avoid removing your child from school for appointments on these days, and do not plan vacations during this time, if at all possible. The exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. We also use the scores in combination with what we know about each child's strengths and areas of opportunity for growth to better impact their academic success. Your child's scores will be shared with you this summer and do not affect his/her grades. Contact Principal Daniel Plath if you have questions about the exams.

The best way to help your child prepare for this testing is to ensure that he/she gets a good night's sleep the night before and eats a healthy breakfast the morning of an exam. You may also want to send a couple healthy snacks for mid morning and mid afternoon.

3rd quarter report cards have been published

3rd quarter report cards have been published to Educate. Use the following steps to view your student's report card:

1. Log into Educate (email [Stacy Bernd](mailto:Stacy.Bernd) if you need your login credentials resent).
2. Select "Students" under the School drop-down menu.
3. Select the Academic tab.
4. Click the arrow symbol (>) next to Report Cards to expand the area.
5. Click the PDF symbol to preview the report card. (If you would like a hard copy of your student's report card, print it from here.)
6. Click the "Acknowledge" button under the statement "I acknowledge viewing this report card" to let your child's teacher know that you've seen the report card.

Please contact your student's teacher with any questions or concerns about grades.

Launch offers summer educational programs

Westside partners with Launch for certain therapies and curricular supports throughout the school year. Launch also provides literacy and math programs in the summer. The offerings this summer include:

- Books without Borders
- Dyslexia Intensive
- Math Quest

Program information is posted on the bulletin board around the corner from the atrium and attached below. Please reach out to Student Services Director [Val Weiss](#) if you have questions about these programs.



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Dyslexia Intensive.pdf

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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 2025 using the following steps:

1. Log into TADS.
2. Navigate to the Billing area.
3. Select the number in blue next to the 2025-26 school year.
4. Click on the Reports tab.
5. Click on the link titled "Household Paid Tuition Tax Report".
6. Enter "2025" 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 2025 PS form: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/TaxForms2025/2025-SchedulePS.pdf>.

Save the date: Children's Ministry Day 2026 | July 8

Save the date for summer fun at St. Andrew Children's Ministry Day (CMD). We are having a one-day event for children that will include science experiments, art, music, games, and a cook-out with the whole family. Of course, it all will center around Jesus. The date is July 8. The location is Garner Park in Madison. The age range is entering kindergarten – grade 6. Last year 40 children attended CMD, and we served 100+ for the cook-out. Due to construction, St. Andrew will not be having science camp this summer. God-willing, our traditional week-long on-site science camp will return in 2027.

▼ Sign up by May 26 ▼



2026

Warrior summer camps for elementary grades

- Girls Basketball June 15-18
- Wrestling June 15-18
- Boys Basketball June 22-25
- Distance Running July 6-9 and Track & Field
- Soccer June 29-July 1
- Boys Football June 29-July 1
- Girls Volleyball July 27-30

Register online for these & Jr. Warriors!
Start at llhs.org/K8sports or scan QR

{ CALENDAR }

OF EVENTS

This Week

MONDAY - THURSDAY: Clothing Exchange

WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY: Fine Arts Week

SATURDAY: Family Social event

Next Week

4/20: **NO SCHOOL** (Professional Development Day)

4/21: School Kidz Supply Kits ordering begins

4/22: Grades 5 & 6 sing during Chapel

4/24: Grades 5 - 6 field trip | 3rd grade Connections

4/26: Grades 5 & 6 sing at St. Andrew



April Lunch Menu_2026.pdf

A printer-friendly version is located on Educate.

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

- 4/30: 1st grade field trip
- 5/1: Casual Day | PowerHour | Bakery Dew Cookie Sale
- 5/2: School Kidz Supply Kits ordering ends
- 5/3: Preschool Spring Sing
- 5/4 - 5/8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/5: Kindergarten field trip
- 5/6: 1st grade field trip | Praise Choir sings during Chapel
- 5/10: Praise Choir sings at St. Andrew
- 5/12: Friends of Westside meeting at 7:50; All are welcome!
- 5/13: 2nd grade field trip
- 5/14: 3rd grade field trip
- 5/15: PowerHour | Pop tab collection ends
- 5/18: 8th grade graduation (**DATE CHANGE**)
- 5/20: Last Day of School! | Q4 ends | Field Day (school ends at 11:30 for ALL students)
- 7/8: Children's Ministry Day (see article above)



2025 - 2026 Key Dates Calendar_revised 012226.pdf

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2025 - 2026 Singing Schedule.pdf

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Family Handbook

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)

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Friends of Westside (private Facebook group): #FOWMiddleton



Principal Daniel Plath

