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Monthly Newsletter



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Mr. Jon Bartlow
Chaplain

"A Special Christmas Gift"

This past November I received a wonderful Christmas gift a bit early for the season. My wife Shelley makes regular trips to Phoenix for cancer treatment. On occasion I get to join her, and such was the case last month. Because we have five 2023 ELC grads (among others) attending Grand Canyon University this year, we took the occasion to go out to dinner with them and find out how their year was going. What a treat this was for us. We reminisced over past experiences at ELC, learned how school was going, and just had a great time of fellowship. I was proud to learn that they all felt they had been well prepared for college and living a Christian life in the world during their collective tenures at ELC. More specifically, they

shared that in their Biblical worldviews classes they were some of the only students who had experienced Bible classes every day and chapel consistently every week all through their private school experience. ([Read More Here...](#))



Winter Sports are Here!

Kenny Gerig, Athletic Director



The middle school girls basketball team has finished their regular season. They will play in a tournament on December 29th at Mohawk. They had a small team this year with not a lot of experience but showed good growth throughout the season. The middle school boys will start practice after Christmas Break on January 2nd right after school. Any 7th or 8th graders who have not had a sports physical within the past 2 years will need one before playing. Our high school varsity boys and girls basketball teams are each off to a 3-1 start and won our Silver Cross tournament. Their next home game will be on Thursday, December 21st against Waldport. They will also be competing in the Salem Academy Crusader Classic over Christmas Break. As a reminder, all home JV and varsity games (as well as some away games) are being live streamed over the NFHS network for those with a subscription. Congratulations to our November athletes of the month: Daisy Lalonde in high school who finished 2nd at the State Cross Country meet and 16th at the Regional meet in Idaho and to Maci Modderman in middle school who has led the basketball team in scoring every game this season. Also, congratulations to Daisy Lalonde who was the OSAA athlete of the week for November 20-26. Great job Daisy!

A number of our athletes worked 5 of the OSU football games as crowd management to raise money for their sports teams. They raised a total of \$7,335. Girls basketball led the way earning \$2,154, followed by track/cross country with \$1,985, baseball with \$1,469, soccer with \$557, boys basketball with \$515, volleyball with \$336, and golf with \$319. Great job, student-athletes!

Have you ordered your High School Yearbook?

High School: 2024 Yearbooks are for sale at jostensyearbooks.com for 9-12 graders only. The last day to get the yearbook for \$50 is Friday Dec. 15th. After the 15th, it goes up to \$53. Order now to reserve your copy!

Holiday Fun in Preschool

"Run, Run as fast as you can...you can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man"

At the end of November, the preschool had a fun week learning about the classic folktale "The Gingerbread Man". They built their literacy skills by comparing and contrasting old and new takes on the classic story, learning new vocabulary, and doing Gingerbread science! Then, they had the opportunity to roll out, cut, decorate and bake their own gingerbread man. They weren't expecting their Gingerbread men to escape the oven and run away, leading them on a scavenger hunt all over campus! Luckily, the tricky little cookies were eventually caught and eaten "as all Gingerbread men should be".



6th Grade Buddies

Nov 16th right before Thanksgiving Break the Seniors and the 6th grade buddies enjoyed a class period of writing cards to others, interviewing each other about thanksgiving traditions and playing games. The purpose of the buddies it to have Seniors give back and mentor our young middle school students.

"Why a Man & a Woman?" Chaplain Event

January 29th - 6:00pm
East Linn Christian Cafeteria



One of the biggest questions of our time goes straight to the heart of God's design for marriage. Today the sanctity of Biblically based marriage between one man and one woman for life is under attack. Secular culture is telling children that intimate relationships outside marriage do not pose a problem, and in fact that marriage as an institution is completely optional. The tacit acceptance of non-biblical relationships is becoming commonplace even in many churches. Terms such as cohabitation, serial monogamy, polyamory, non-binary genders, and LGBTQ+ relationships are often accepted among people who call themselves Christian. Learn what the Bible says about God's plan and purpose for marriage as well as how to effectively teach children God's design for them in a culture hostile to Biblical Christianity.

[RSVP for Event Here!](#)

FEELING FESTIVE!

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Ms. Hartl's kindergarten class presenting to Mrs. Hatch's class about collecting cans of food for the Storybook Land food drive; they collected over 1000 cans of food in the elementary school in just 5 days!



Mrs. Ream's 4th grade class chose to bless foster children for Christmas this year. In addition to providing gifts, students chose to make cards, crafts, and bracelets for their foster child.



Mrs. Hatch's first grade class at the music program, featuring Mrs. Roth and baby Cooper as Mary and baby Jesus.



Elementary Thanksgiving Feast!

Year-End Giving

In over 4 decades of providing Christian education to the greater Lebanon community, there have been some amazing highs and difficult lows, but the one constant has been raising up Christ followers.

If you are contemplating [year end giving](#), or you know of someone who is, please share this information. Donations to Kingdom ministry have eternal impact.



Janelle Detweiler
Superintendent