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Giving Thanks to God for Many Years of Grace

Samuel
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School



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Upcoming Events:

Thur April 18
7:30 pm Board of
Education at church

Sun April 21
8 & 10:30 am
Worship
9:15 am Sunday
School
1:00 pm Pioneers

Wed April 24
8:20 am Chapel

Our Feature Family: The Baldrys Isaac and Nora


Isaac and Nora just transferred to Samuel in January and so far really enjoy it. Isaac is a Third Grader and Nora is in First Grade. Isaac enjoys singing and playing piano. He just started piano lessons at Samuel. He also likes to play outside and shoot his bow. Building with Legos is also an activity he enjoys. Nora is our little artist. She loves to draw and color. She is also a big help around the house and likes to help Mom. Isaac and Nora's parents are Brandt and Emily. Brandt works at North Star Mutual Insurance Company as a Claims Representative. He is also a Captain in the Army National Guard. He likes to go hunting and shoot bow. He also likes to work on guns and has begun refurbishing old guns. Emily works for Lutheran Social Service. She is the Site Manager for Senior Dining in Cottonwood. She serves and delivers meals to older adults in Cottonwood. She enjoys working on house projects and likes to redo old furniture and repurpose antiques. We live in Cottonwood and attend English Lutheran Church. Brandt is a Trustee and Emily a Sunday School Teacher. We all enjoy spending time outside and are looking forward to some warmer weather! We hope you enjoyed meeting the Baldry family. Next week we will feature the Hoflock family.

Singing on Sunday: Students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade have again been split into two singing groups for this Sunday, April 21st. Please refer to the note that was sent home today indicating which service your child is to attend. We appreciate your willingness to make this work.

Game Night Recap: Thanks to all who came and participated in the game night. Young and old alike had fun!

Birthdays this month!!

Brooklyn Wolff-2
James VanKampen-
5
Bailey Wolff-25

Ecology Bus: Tuesday, April 16, the students in grades 6-7-8 took part in an outdoor exploration through the Prairie Ecology Bus Center.  The center sends out their Ecology Bus to schools and transports the students to wildlife areas near the school to explore and learn about God's creation. (The center is not connected in any way with any religious organization, but my comment on learning about God's creation is something that the center helps us with through their program.) The students spent time identifying birds by sight and sound, as well as learning how to identify animal homes and behavior. Part of the afternoon also included learning about animal tracks. The students enjoyed being in God's creation and learning how he provided ways for animals to survive in our cold Minnesota winters. The program was paid for by a grant from the Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Eighth Graders: Remember that the 8th graders who are being confirmed this year will meet next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (April 22-24) at church from 6:30-8:00 PM. We will use these special classes to prepare for examination.



Confirmation Examination: Our eighth grade confirmation examination will be held on Sunday, April 28th between services in place of Bible class. Everyone is invited to attend. We ask that if you plan to witness this examination you be in the church by 9:30.

Children's Theater Students in grades K-5 will be attending the MLC Children's Theater production of *Who Can Fix the Dragon's Wagon* on Friday, April 26th. We will be leaving school at 8:45 AM and return by 3:00 PM. Lunch will be provided.

Pioneer Village: Grades 3 - 5 will participate in Heritage Week at the Pioneer Village in Montevideo on Friday, May 10th. We will be leaving at 9:00 AM and returning by the end of the school day. If you are willing to drive for this field trip, please email Mrs. MacArthur.

Spring Program: Students in Pre-K - second grade will present their spring program on Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 PM. The Pre-K will present "*Me and My Teddy Bear*" and grades K-2 will present "*The Three Billy Goats Gruff*." Refreshments will be served following the program in the cafeteria. We hope you will join us!

Stuffed Animals for Spring Program: The Pre-K classes are in need of a few Winnie the Pooh stuffed animal characters, i.e., Tigger, Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore, etc.) for our Spring Concert. If anyone has some that we could borrow, we would appreciate it. If you have any questions, call or email me. *Mrs. Zander*



Serving Committee for Spring Program: All students in Pre-K through second grade bring treats for the fellowship after the spring program. Parents signed up to work that night are Kristin Heil-chair, Julie Lyons, Jennifer Neyens, and Patty Schaffran.

PTF: The Parents, Teachers and Friends (PTF) of Samuel will meet on Monday, April 29th at 6:30 PM. One of the items on the agenda will be the election of officers for next school year.

Recycling Rumble Update: The Recycling Rumble is drawing to a close! The next shipment of recyclable items will be sent in next week. Please check your home or business for additional items that may be sent in for the Recycling Rumble against the Huntsville Tennessee Valley Ambucs. Our school is currently leading with a score of 203 to 77, but that could change quickly if our opponent submits another large shipment. Don't let that happen! Remember the winner of the Rumble will receive an additional 25% in proceeds for the recyclables. If you have additional items gathering dust at home, please bring them to school or church by next Tuesday, April 23rd. Then continue to save your items over the summer for continual help with this program.



Qualifying Items to Recycle: Laser and inkjet cartridges, Digital cameras, Laptops, Tablets and eReaders (Kindle, iPad, Nook, Galaxy, etc.), Cell phones, Graphing calculators, iPods and other MP3 players, GPS devices, Video game consoles (including Sega, Gameboy, Playstation, PSP, and Xbox), DVDs (working and in original cases) No "value" DVDs., Headphones (No earbuds).

Don't forget to send in your Box Tops, Labels for Education, and Land O' Lakes milk caps soon. Some of the Box Tops have June 1st expiration dates so don't let them go to waste. Bring them to church or school soon! Remind your family and friends to save and submit for us also. Questions? Please email Mrs. MacArthur at amacarthur@christlutheran-marshallmn.org or call the school at 532-2162. Thanks!

Kindergarten Community Helpers:

POST OFFICE WORKERS ARE COMMUNITY HELPERS: Mrs. Nobles, the Post Master in Marshall, gave us a tour of the Post Office. She met us in the front part of the Post Office where she showed us the post office boxes. These are used by people who don't get their mail at home. Lots of businesses use them, too. If you have one of these boxes, you get a key to unlock it. There are different sizes of boxes. Regular people have small boxes and businesses have bigger boxes because they get more mail. Next we got to go in the back part where they were working. She showed us the post office boxes from the back. They are all open so they can be filled with mail. Mrs. Nobles showed us some of the new stamps that you can buy to use on letters. One had pictures of cars. She showed us where the mail goes when you put it into the slots out front. Your mail goes into a big basket. Then they sort this mail by size and put it in bigger baskets called hampers. These hampers are picked up by trucks and the mail is taken to St. Cloud. In St. Cloud big machines turn all the letters so the stamps are all in the same corner. Then another machine sorts the mail by zip code and gets it ready to be sent to the right post office so it can be delivered to the right address. We got to see where the trucks come in to deliver or pick up mail. There were a lot of empty hampers there. They are waiting to be filled with mail when the trucks come in. Some hampers had "RR" and a number on them. That means they will have mail that goes to people who live in the country. Others had "C" and a number on them. These are for CITY mail. We got to watch one of the rural mail carriers put all the mail in his car. There was A LOT of mail and packages! Next, Mrs. Nobles showed us where the mail carriers sort all the mail they have to deliver. We saw where the Lyon family's mail is kept until it is delivered. Last, we got to see the big vault where they keep extra stamps and money. Everything gets locked up at night. We learned a lot about the post office and what the workers do. Thank-you for your work as community helpers.

PEOPLE WHO TAKE CARE OF OUR PETS ARE IMPORTANT COMMUNITY HELPERS: We went to the Marshall Animal Hospital and Clinic. Our tour started in the waiting room. It is a really big room. People can bring their animals in there when they come to the vet. They have a lot of different kinds of food and medicine. They also have lots of different leashes and collars for cats and dogs. The next part of the tour was what we liked the best. We got to go into the room where they keep the animals that need homes. There were a lot of cats in there and only a couple of dogs. Next, we got to see an x-ray of a dog that had a broken leg. They showed us the room where they take the x-rays and we got to put on the special apron they use when they do the x-rays. It was REALLY heavy! After that, we got to see the place where they do surgery. There were some dogs and cats there that had had surgery and some that had gotten their teeth cleaned. Then, we went into the room where they do surgery. We saw some of the tools they use to do surgery including a special mask that helps the animals sleep so they can help them get better. Next, we got to go into an examination room. This is where they give animals check-ups. We saw the table they put the animals on. They also showed how they use a stethoscope to check hearts and lungs. It is just like the ones doctors and nurses use to check us! They also check eyes and ears with tools that look like the ones doctors use for people. They can give animals shots, too, to keep them healthy just like we get shots. We are glad that there are so many people who take care of our special animal friends.