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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:

Sun April 28
8 & 10:30 am
Worship
9:15 am Sunday
School
9:30 am
Confirmation
Examination

Our Feature Family: *The Hoflocks Peyton*

Peyton started attending Samuel in January and is loving it! Peyton enjoys swimming, baseball, football, and is therefore looking forward to SUMMER! His birthday is the last day of July and we are celebrating with a Twins game! Kaylee and Kiah are Peyton's big sisters and Preston is his big brother. Mom (Heather) is a past Samuel Lutheran Cougar and dad (Charlie) was confirmed into the church last month! What a blessed year so far for our family, lots to be thankful for! We hope you enjoyed meeting the Hoflock family. Next week we will feature the Blum family.

Mon April 28
6:30 pm
PTF Meeting

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.

Wed May 1
8:20 am Chapel
7:00 pm Spring
Program

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. *Grades 3-5 need to provide their own beverage.*

Thur May 2
6:30 pm Band &
Piano Concert

Grades One and Two Field Trips: On Monday, May 6th we will be attending the Teddy Bear Clinic at Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center. We will leave school at 9:30 and arrive back by 10:45. Students 6 or 7 years of age will need to provide their own booster seat. On Tuesday, May 7th we will be going to the Children's Museum of SD in Brookings, SD. We will leave by 8:30 and arrive back by 3:00. Each child is asked to bring his/her own lunch. A cooler will be available or your child may bring his/her own.



Fri May 3
NO SCHOOL
9:30 am Track Meet

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.

Birthdays this month!!

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

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!

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.



Band & Piano Concert Change: Due to a family emergency, the band portion of this concert will be rescheduled to a date yet to be determined. Please join Mrs. Knutson's piano students on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30 PM for an evening of piano music.

Serving Committee for Concert: All students participating in the piano recital are asked to bring bars or cookies. Those on the committee for serving refreshments following the concert are Deanna Loeck and Lonny and Kathy Schultz.

Track Meet: The annual track meet will be held on Friday, May 3rd, at Sleepy Eye. There is no rain date this year. If the track meet is cancelled because of rain, there will be no school. Please see the attached note for more information on the track meet. A copy of it was also sent home with students today.

Activities Banquet: Tuesday, May 7th we will hold our Activities Banquet beginning at 6:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend this annual potluck supper. This banquet is hosted by the 8th grade parents but every family is asked to bring a main dish and dessert or salad and help with the clean-up. Please let the school office know if you will be attending.

Garage Sale: The PTF of Samuel will be having a garage sale early this summer. (Tentative dates - May 31st and June 1st.) If you have any items you would like to donate, please consider saving them for our sale. If anyone would wish to help with organizing, pricing, item pick-ups, and/or advertising, please contact Charity VanKampen at 507-423-5290 or cvankam95@gmail.com. Watch for future announcements regarding dates for the sale and drop off times. Proceeds from the sale will be used for updates to the kitchen equipment at Samuel. Thank you.

Kindergarten Community Helpers:

POLICE OFFICERS AND OTHERS WHO WORK AT A COURTHOUSE ARE IMPORTANT COMMUNITY

HELPERS: Mr. Sanow got everything ready so we could go to the Lyon County Courthouse. When we got there, the sheriff met us and talked to us about his job. We thought he mostly gave people tickets for driving too fast but he does lots of other things that help keep us safe. We got to meet a detective, too. He helps solve crimes. Then the sheriff took us to the 9-1-1 center. We got to see their computers and learned what happens when they get a 9-1-1 call. A special siren goes off when a 9-1-1 call comes in. There are special lights that let them know who is calling. When you call from a phone, their computers can tell them where you are, but you still should know your address and phone number. When we left the 9-1-1 center we got to look at special TV monitors that watch the people who are in jail. They are watched all the time. There are men and women in jail. After that we stopped and talked to the lady who takes care of people after there is a disaster like a tornado. Next, we went into the garage and got to look at a sheriff's truck. The deputy showed us some of the tools that are in the truck. The truck has lights, sirens, a computer, and a camera. He showed us his special tool belt, too. He has a gun and a tazer but these are only used if someone is in real danger. He also has a flashlight and handcuffs and a special stick that he can use to break a window if someone needs help. We got to sit in the driver's seat of the truck. While we were talking to the deputy, an attorney came out and we got to talk to him, too. His job is to be sure that the people who have done something wrong are punished. Next, we got to see an armored car that they use if they are going someplace that they know will be really dangerous. After that, another police officer took us to see a courtroom. We had to go through a metal detector before we could get near the courtroom. When we got inside the room, he told us about the different parts of the room. There was a part with white chairs. That is where the people can sit and listen to what is going on. Then there is a separate part where the jury sits. There is also a chair off to the side where the witness sits and answers questions. A witness is a person who has heard or seen something. There are tables where the lawyers sit and there is a big desk at the front where the judge sits. We got to sit in some of these seats. Some of us were jurors, there was a witness, and others were lawyers. When we left the courtroom, we had one more stop to make. We got to see where Mr. Sanow does his work as County Commissioner. There were lots of tables and chairs there, too. They talk about problems people have with streets and roads or with where they live and help solve them. There are A LOT of community helpers working at the courthouse. They all help to keep us safe.

NURSES AND DOCTORS ARE IMPORTANT COMMUNITY HELPERS: Mrs. Wolff came and talked to us

about her job as a nurse and paramedic. She does a lot of work in the Emergency Room. She takes care of people who have been hurt or are very sick. Sometimes people get better and sometimes they don't. When she is working as a paramedic, she gets to go out with the ambulance. She likes being a nurse because she gets to help people. She talks to people to see how they are feeling and she can give them shots or medicine to help them. She tells the doctors what the people have told her. She showed us some of the tools she uses when she is working. One was a fancy scissors that she can use to cut clothes if they need to. Another tool was a very bright light that she uses to check your eyes. The last tool she showed us was her stethoscope. She uses it to listen to your heart but she also uses it to listen to your lungs and even listens to your STOMACH to be sure everything is working the way it should. We got to listen to our hearts, lungs, and stomachs. Everyone sounded healthy☺. Thank-you, Mrs. Wolff, for helping people stay healthy.