



Celebrating
125 years of
God's Grace
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Giving Thanks to God for Many Years of Grace

Samuel
Lutheran
School



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WELCOME BACK!!

Upcoming Events: **Giving Thanks to God for Many Years of Grace:** Each year the staff chooses a theme for our school year. This year we have chosen "Giving Thanks to God for many Years of Grace." In many things, people remember what happened in years past. We too are remembering the years past. Coming up this next year(2013) we will celebrate the 125th anniversary of Christ Lutheran Church. We remember with thanks how important the Word was to the founding fathers of our church. We have held to the truth for these 125 years and by God's grace hope this continues for many more years. In addition to the 125th, we are also coming up to the 35th anniversary of Samuel School. It is with great joy that we look back on the many children who have had opportunity to hear God's Word through the years, and with great anticipation that we look forward to the generations to come that will hear His Word. This truly is a year to be "Giving Thanks to God for many Years of Grace."

Sun Aug 26
9 am Worship

Mon Aug 27
7 pm Worship

Wed Aug 29
8:20 am Chapel
7:00 Confirmation
Parent Meeting

Sun Sept 2
9 am Worship

Mon Sept 3
No School
7 pm Worship

Wed Sept 5
8:20 am Chapel

Getting to Know our Samuel Families: We are going to do something new this year in the Cougar Chronicle. Since we are a family at Samuel and Christ, we thought it might be good to get to know each other better. So every week the CC will feature a new family. Two weeks before your profile is scheduled to run, we will remind you to submit your information. We hope you enjoy this new feature and that we grow even closer as a family in Christ. This week we feature the Onken family. In addition, the first CC of each month we will feature a faculty member. Look for the profile on Mr. Festerling on September 5th.

Our Feature Family: *The Onkens* Matthew

Matt is a 6th grader this year. He has attended Samuel since preschool. He plays piano and trombone in the school band. Matthew is also on the Samuel basketball team. He likes all sports, fishing and hunting. The Onkens moved to Marshall in 1999. Matthew's parents are Brian and Linda. Brian is a claims adjuster for State Farm Insurance. He serves on the church council, currently as the Evangelism Chairman. Brian also coaches the Cougar basketball team. Brian's interests include officiating, hunting and fishing. Linda is the secretary for Samuel and Christ Church. She is a member of the Evangelism committee at church. Linda attended a WELS school from Kindergarten - 8th grade. Linda's interests include reading, following her kid's sporting events, and spending time with her family. Matthew has two older sisters, Jessica and Samantha. Jess attended Samuel from 5-8th grade. She is in graduate school at St. Cloud State pursuing her masters in Speech Language Pathology. Samantha attended Samuel from pre-K through 8th grade. She is a sophomore at Marshall High School, and is a member of the choir, volleyball and basketball teams. She works at the Little DQ. We hoped you enjoyed meeting the Onken family. Next week we will feature the MacArthur family.

Birthdays this month!!



Hailey Lyons-5
Lily Wiese-6
Isabela Haro-21
Harmen
VanKampen-24
Oakley Jans-27

Welcome New Students: We have two new student joining us this year in grades K-8. They are Brooklyn Wolff in Kindergarten, Sophia Haro in 5th grade and Isabela Haro in 7th grade. Joining the Pre-K second year class is Oakley Jans. Also new to Samuel are our students in the Pre-K first year class. They are Ethan Boeck, Morgan Doering, Layla Konold, Andrew Lee, Julia Prah, Jaxxon Schultz, and Ethan Wendorff.

Cougar Chronicle: Samuel Lutheran's newsletter is sent home with students on Wednesday. This week every family will receive a hard copy of the newsletter. In an effort to save some costs for the school in this digital age, no hard copies will be sent after today unless you do not have email or have requested that a hard copy be sent home. If for some reason you are not getting the newsletter emailed and you should be, please contact us at lonken@christlutheran-marshallmn.org or 532-2162.

Early Out Wednesdays: A reminder that we will dismiss *every Wednesday at 2:20 PM* except for December 19, February 13, and May 15 when we will dismiss at 3:00 PM. On Wednesday, October 17 we will dismiss at 12:30 PM. We are following the Marshall Public School's Wednesday schedule so that bussing will be available on those days.

Grandparent Addresses: Remember to submit your grandparent addresses to Mrs. MacArthur by the end of the week.

Dress Code Reminder: With constantly changing styles, it is difficult to be specific about acceptable or unacceptable clothing for students. The handbook has the guidelines stated in a general way. "We urge parents to be responsible and see to it that their children are dressed in such a way that the Lord would be pleased with what He sees." With that statement in mind, we would like to remind parents that modesty in dress is a good guide. For example, when a young lady in the upper and middle grades comes to school with a top that has spaghetti straps, that can be a distraction to the classroom. The public school asks that the straps be the width of three fingers. Maybe that is a good guide for us. We would like to be uniform in this and have parents' willing support.

Staying In Touch: In these busy times we live in it's hard to find time to do all the things we need to do. Fortunately, technology has helped make things a little easier. Did you know that the church and school have a website with important information only a click away. You can stay in touch with things that are happening at school in general and specifically in your child's classroom. Our website is a great tool for the busy parent. You can check the lunch menu, calendar, past Cougar Chronicles, classroom news and late breaking news. Be sure to add it to your favorites and check it often!! www.christlutheran-marshallmn.org

Confirmation: "All" confirmation aged students and parents will meet on Wednesday, August 29th from 7-8 PM at Samuel. This is not just for public school students but those attending Samuel as well. It is very important that ALL attend. A member of the Board of Elders will also be there to address the group.

Free and Reduced: Parents, please turn in your application for free and reduced lunches by the end of next week.

Piano Students: Any students who would like to start piano lessons are asked to contact the office or our piano teacher, Mrs. Knutson at 507-296-4571. It's never too late to get started!

School Pictures: School pictures will be taken on Monday, September 17th. Pre-K 1st year students will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, October 16th. More information will be sent home at a later date.

Immunizations: Parents of new Pre-K students, Kindergartners, and seventh grade students - please turn in your immunization forms to Mrs. Flock as soon as possible.