



# Jesus Is Our Good Shepherd

Cougar  
Chronicle

December 14, 2016

### Upcoming Events:

Wed Dec 14  
5:30 pm Advent  
Supper  
7:00 pm Worship

Sat Dec 17  
9:00 am Christmas  
Eve practice  
10:30 am Christmas  
for Kids

Sun Dec 18  
8 & 10:30 am  
Worship  
9:15 am Sunday  
School

Wed Dec 21  
8:20 am Chapel

Fri Dec 23  
Out at noon

**Advent Worship:** Our final service will be tonight at 7:00 PM. Our theme is “*Isaiah Pictures the Coming Messiah.*” Prior to worship the PTF will host a barbeque supper beginning at 5:30. Grades 6-8 small groups will sing for this service.

**Children’s Christmas Eve Practice:** This Saturday, December 17th all of the children (PreK-8) will meet at Samuel from 9:00-10:30 AM to rehearse for the Children’s Christmas Eve Service.

**Are You Coming?** There still is room for your child to attend “Christmas for Kids”, a one day Vacation Bible School on Saturday for kids from Pre-K 3 year olds through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. It will run from 10:30 AM (right after our first children’s Christmas practice is over) until 1:00 PM. Please email or call the office to register.

**Can You Help?** On Saturday starting at 9:00 while the children are practicing for their Christmas service the bags of candy need to be filled. This is done in the cafeteria of the school.

**Christmas Eve Reminder:** PreKindergarten and Kindergarten students should meet in their classrooms by 5:10 PM. Grades 1 – 8 should meet in the lunchroom by 5:10 PM. Please pick up your children in the classrooms and lunchroom following the service.

\*\* Since this is a worship service, please refrain from taking pictures during the service. Please also remember to turn off your cell phones. Thank you.

**Christmas Vacation:** School will dismiss for Christmas break on Friday, December 23rd at noon. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd. **Please note that next Wednesday, December 21st is not an early out. School will dismiss at 3 PM.**

**Child Care During School Vacation:** Although the school will be closed on December 23rd at noon through January 2, Samuel Lutheran Early Childhood Center will be open for child care from noon – 5:30 on December 23rd and from December 27-30 (Tuesday-Friday). Please fill out a form next to the computer or fill out the one sent home with your child to let us know which of those days you will need child care so we can arrange staffing. If you sign up for child care on any of those days you will be responsible for paying even if your child does not attend those days. Also, children will need to bring sack lunches December 27-30.

### Birthdays this month!!



Ethan Wendorff-4  
Eliana Marius-6  
Mrs. Ellingson-12  
Adyson Fischer-22

**Lunch Price Increase:** Since we participate in the National School Lunch program, we have to abide by their guidelines for menus, food handling and storage, and pricing. To meet the state guidelines, we have been instructed to increase our lunch price from \$2.60 to 2.65 per lunch. The board of education for Samuel set January 3 as the date for the increase to become effective.

**Mission to the Children:** Our final collection for Mission to the Children is next Wednesday, December 21st. We are collecting school supplies (pencils, paper, notebooks, rulers, glue, scissors) and personal hygiene items (tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, brushes, etc.).

**Spelling Bee:** The spelling word lists have been given to the students so they can begin learning the words. It seems like a long way off, but before you know it, the days and weeks will have slipped by and we will be into January. A lot can be learned by setting aside a little time each day to study spelling. The official spelling bee is only open to grades 5-8, but we will also have a spelling bee for grades 1-4. The grades 5-8 bee will be held on Monday, January 9, and the bee for grades 1-4 will be on Tuesday, January 10. Let's see who will be the next Samuel Lutheran School Spelling Bee Champion!

**Middle School Fun Night:** Attention middle school students in grades 5-8—we are planning a “Fun Night” during Christmas break on Thursday, December 29th from 6:30-9:00 PM at Samuel. Join us for games, snacks, devotion, fellowship, and FUN! Email Pastor or sign up on the sheet by the bulletin board at church by December 22nd.

**Snow Shoveling:** We are in need of people to sign up to shovel the school entrances, especially the EC entrance so teachers can get in at 7 AM. Contact the school office if you can help. There is also a sign-up sheet at church for the school shoveling.

**Great Gift Idea:** The PTF of Samuel has Subway gift cards in \$10 and \$20 amounts and \$25 Pizza Ranch gift cards. They also have Hy-Vee cards available in \$10 and \$25 denominations for the holidays. Please see Mrs. Onken in the office to purchase the cards or you can send a check with your student and the cards will be sent home with them.