

God's Word is our Great Heritage



Cougar Chronicle

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Upcoming Events: **Advent Worship:** Our final service will be tonight at 7:00 PM. Our theme is "We Welcome Christ as Prophet, Priest and King". This week we will welcome Christ as our King.

Wed Dec 14
7:00 pm Worship

Sat Dec 17
9:00 am Children's
Christmas Practice

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

Wed Dec 21
8:20 am Chapel

Thur Dec 22
2:20 pm Early Out

Fri Dec 23
NO SCHOOL

Sat Dec 24
5:30 pm Children's
Christmas Service

Birthdays this month!!

Mrs. Long-9
Dylan Crique
Danielson-10
Amanda Biastock-12
Mrs. Ellingson-12
Peyton Boeck-12
Adyson Fischer-22



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. We will be filling the Christmas bags while the children are in practice. We will do this in the cafeteria. Any help would be appreciated. On Christmas Eve the students need to be at school no later than 5:15 PM.

No School December 23rd: There is no school on Friday, December 23rd. School will dismiss on Thursday, December 22nd at 2:20 PM. **Note that due to the early release on Thursday, the 22nd, we will not be releasing early on Wednesday, December 21st.

Cheerleaders: The cheerleaders will not have practice on Wednesday, December 21st. Practice will resume on January 11th.

Visit to the Bakery: In conjunction with our study of the story "The Gingerbread Man", the 1st year Pre-K visited the Country Fair Bakery. Baker Dan showed us all around the bakery. He was making bread, buns, and gingerbread men. His kitchen was like our kitchens at home in some ways, but many things were different. His oven is very big and the shelves move around in a circle. He has BIG mixers and a freezer you can walk into. He had a red tray that looked like a pizza pan. He put dough on it and lowered a machine onto it. After it shook for a while, he took the tray out and the dough was in little round shapes for buns. He showed us how you decorate cakes and cookies and then he gave each of us a real gingerbread man. It was yummy!

Christmas Worship Schedule: We have numerous chances to worship the newborn Savior this Christmas season. On Christmas Eve our children will lead us in worship at 5:30 PM at Samuel School. The candlelight service will focus on Jesus Christ as the Light of the World. Candles will help us see the "Light of the World" Jesus Christ. This service starts at 10:00 PM at church. Our Christmas Day services will be held at 8 & 10:30 AM. The theme of this service is "Names of Jesus." Looking ahead, we also have services on New Year's Eve at 7:00 PM and New Year's Day at 8 & 10:30 AM.

MailChimp: This is a professional email communication tool that Christ Church and Samuel school are making use of as a way of communicating to our families. We feel this will be a great tool in our technological society. We need every church and school family to sign up now. It's easy, all you have to do is go to the home page of the church/school website, www.christlutheran-marshallmn.org and click the join our mailing list on the left hand side of the page. Even if you receive the Cougar Chronicle via email, you still need to go in and join our mailing list since in the future we will be using this service to design and send the Cougar Chronicle. This is a safe and secure site that many schools and businesses use. (Our own church body, the Wisconsin Synod, uses this means of communication.) Please take a minute now to sign up. Thank you.

Snow Removal: A few weeks have been taken but we still need more people to volunteer to take a week or two to remove the snow from school. There are shovels and a blower at school. Please sign up on the sheet by the bulletin board at church.

Weather Station: Samuel Lutheran School has its own weather station now. You can access the info on the website for the WeatherUnderground. (You can also find a link on OUR school website under the 6-7-8 grade page.)

Weatherunderground.com Once there you need to **search** for our school station KMNMARSH2

Once there you can scroll down to see graphs of 24 hour data. Right next to the name of our station is "current conditions." That will take you to forecast info and radar. Way at the bottom you can access other weather stations in the area on the weatherunderground.

Also, on the first page for KMNMARSH2...under the map and to the right of the graph, you might like a brief weather page for our station if you click the "full screen rapid fire."

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 23, and the bee for grades 1-4 will be on Tuesday, January 24. Let's see who will be the next Samuel Lutheran School Spelling Bee Champion!

Parent Sign Up: Every basketball/cheerleader family needs to work at least three times for home basketball games. Every family is required to work at least one shift in the concession stand. **We still have a few families who have not signed up to work.** If you have not, please email Mrs. Onken or call the office.

On Time: While we know that there are many things that can mess up our schedules, it is very important that parents pick up their children from extra curricular activities on time. Many times those who are helping with the programs have schedules to meet as well and cannot stay around past the end of practice. Coaches are obligated to stay until every child is picked up. Thank you for your cooperation.

Band and Piano Students: The band students and piano students will be performing at Boulder Estates on Monday, December 19th to entertain the residents with holiday music.