

God's Word is our Great Heritage



Cougar Chronicle

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Upcoming Events: **New Student:** We welcomed a new first grader to our school this week. Xander Hemnani joined Mrs. Ellingson's classroom on Monday. Welcome Xander!

Wed Dec 7
5:30 pm PTF
Supper
7:00 pm Worship

Preparation: We hope you will be able to join us for our second midweek Advent service tonight at 7:00 PM. What a great time to remember what's really important this time of year. Grades 3-8 will sing for this service. We will meet in the church basement at 6:45.

Sat Dec 10
9:00 am Children's
Christmas Practice
11:00 am Christmas
for Kids

PTF Advent Meal: The PTF is serving a BBQ supper tonight from 5:30-6:30 PM. Thank you to the following families who are contributing to tonight's meal: Lyons-bars/buns, Prahls-bars, Doering-bars/buns, Wiese-buns, L. Schultz-BBQ/buns, Evens-bars/buns, Onken-buns, Berg-bars, J. Schultz-BBQ, Swanson-BBQ, Schreiner-bars.

Sun Dec 11
8 & 10:30 am
Worship
9:15 am Sunday
School

Children's Christmas Eve Practice: Our first Children's Christmas Eve practice will be this Saturday, December 10. Grades K-8 will meet from 9:00-11:00 AM. PreK are asked to be here from 10:00-11:00 AM and meet in their classroom. The following Saturday, December 17, all of the children (PreK-8) will meet from 9-10:30 AM. Attendance is VERY important.

Wed Dec 14
8:20 am Chapel
7:00 pm Worship

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 4th grade. It will run from 11:00 AM (right after our first children's Christmas practice is over) until 1:30 PM. Please email or call the office to register.

No School December 23rd: There is no school on Friday, December 23rd. School will dismiss on Thursday, December 22nd at 2:20 PM. Please note this is a change from the original school calendar.

Birthdays this month!!

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

New Staff: Starting in January, we will have two new faces helping to fill our needs in the band and the kitchen. Mrs. Long has been doing double duty this fall since she took on a position at MACS to teach music. Starting in January we have Mrs. Jessica Dibbern coming in to teach band lessons and direct our students in the band. She will visit school later this month and be introduced to the students. Mrs. Blowers has put in many years cooking for us at Samuel, but has decided she wants to step down in January. We have Mrs. Charity VanKampen who has come forward and is planning to take over the job of cooking for the students when we return from Christmas break. We will share more information as we get closer to the end of the month of December.

Basketball/Cheerleader Pictures: Basketball pictures will be taken on Monday, December 12th for both the A & B teams and cheerleaders. A-team and cheerleader pictures will be taken before school is dismissed for the day. Picture order forms were given out at the parent meeting. There are extras available in the office if you have misplaced yours.



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.

Dictionaries: Thank you to Mr. Chuck Lindemann and Mr. Travis Bestge from the Marshall Noon Rotary Club who presented our third graders with their own copies of the *American Heritage Children's Dictionary* this past Friday.

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 three times for home basketball games which needs to include at least one shift in the concession stand. A sign up sheet will be emailed with the Cougar Chronicle today. Open time slots are highlighted in yellow. If you have not signed up 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.