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Giving Thanks to God for Many Years of Grace

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Upcoming Events: **Worship Tonight:** Please join us for our Ash Wednesday worship service tonight at 7:00 PM. At Christ, we celebrate Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes. This ancient custom is not just for adults but people of all ages. Both you and your child are invited to come forward for this rite if you so desire. The theme for this year's midweek Lenten services is "Names of Wondrous Love". Prior to the service you are encouraged to attend the Lenten supper from 5:30-6:30 PM in the church basement. Tonight our youth groups will be serving pulled pork sandwiches. The Ellingson, MacArthur and Neyens families are scheduled to help serve this week's meal.

Wed Feb 13
5:30 pm Lenten
Supper
7:00 pm Ash
Wednesday
worship

Fri Feb 15
Parent Transport
Afternoon
7:00 pm Bowling

Sun Feb 17
8 & 10:30 am
Worship
9:15 am Sunday
School

Mon Feb 18
Parent Transport
Day
4:00 pm Basketball
vs. Coyotes

Wed Feb 20
8:20 am Chapel
5:30 pm Lenten
Supper
7:00 pm Worship

Parent Transport: Friday, February 15th will be a Parent Transport afternoon. There will be no bus service after school that day. *Please note that today (February 13) will not be an early out. School will dismiss at 3 PM and the busses will transport. Monday, February 18th will be a Parent Transport Day. There will be no bus service to or from school that day.

Bowling: The PTF invites you to join them for an evening of bowling at the Marshall Lanes this Friday from 7-9 PM. The cost will be about \$11 per person for 2 hours of bowling. You must provide adult supervision for your child. Please let the office know by Thursday how many from your family will be attending so we can reserve enough lanes.

February on Facebook: February is the Samuel Lutheran month on Thrivent Financial's Facebook page. For every "like" up to 250, Thrivent will donate \$1.00 to our school. The link to their Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/ridgestoneteam.thrivent>. **You need to like their page, not the picture of the school.** This money will go to the new athletic uniform fund. The minimum we would receive is \$50 so be sure to tell your family and friends to "like" us on Facebook in February so we can receive the full \$250.00!!

Cheerleading Practice: The cheerleaders will have practice after school next Wednesday, February 20th. We will use that time to make posters and prepare for the pep rally.

Birthdays this month!!

Isaac Baldry-11
Kalley Evens-15
Abby Wendorff-22



Basketball: Our final home game vs. the Coyotes was rescheduled to next Monday, February 18th. The B-team plays at 4:00 and the A-team at 5:00. Parents signed up to work that game are:

Concessions (B game) - Becky Swanson and Emily Baldry
Concessions (A game) - Donna Wendorff and **Still need someone**
Scorebook (B game) - Donna Wendorff Scorebook (A game) - Jennifer Danielson
Clock (B game) - **Still need someone** Clock (A game) - Gary Loeck
Cleanup - **Still need someone**

***Thank you for your help this season!**

THANK YOU!

Our Feature Family: The Heils Carlie, Andrew, Alex and Jacob

Carlie is in the 6th grade. She enjoys playing volleyball, piano, and flute. She also likes shopping with Mom, and being in charge of her brothers for short babysitting sessions. She loves reading books and playing games on the kindle she got for Christmas. Andrew is in the 4th grade. Andrew enjoys playing basketball for the Cougars, and also enjoys playing the piano and saxophone. After school he likes playing video games. During the summer he plays baseball, football, and basketball. Alex is in 1st grade. He enjoys playing basketball and video games with his brothers. In the summer Alex likes to play football with his dad and brother. He also likes to read books. Jacob is in Mrs. Zander's 2nd-year preschool class. He really enjoys school, watching basketball games, and likes to do anything that his big brothers are doing. He is quite a talker and always makes us laugh. Craig and Kristin both work in Marshall. Craig is an Engineer and is in charge of New Product Introduction at HiRel Systems. Craig enjoys spending time with the kids, playing softball with Kristin, and working on home improvement projects. Craig serves on the Church council and the Board of Education. Kristin is the Controller at Carlson & Stewart Refrigeration. She enjoys spending time outdoors, playing volleyball and softball, and teaching Sunday School. Craig and Kristin also both enjoy leading the Pioneers youth in various activities throughout the year. We have enjoyed being a part of the Samuel Lutheran Family for over eight years and look forward to many more years to come. We hope you enjoyed meeting the Heil family. Next week we will feature the Werner family.

Faculty Profile: *Mrs. Festerling*

Mrs. Festerling was born and raised in Morris, MN. She graduated from Morris High School in 1972 and attended the University of Minnesota at Morris for one year before transferring to Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm. She graduated from D.M.L.C. in January of 1977. Her first call was to teach grades K-4 in Yale, Michigan. She taught there until June 1978. In July of 1978 she married Mr. Festerling and moved to Cudahy, Wisconsin where he was teaching grades 5-6. She received a call to teach first grade at Zion Lutheran School in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She taught there for a year, then got to be a stay at home mom when daughter Melissa was born. In 1982, Mr. Festerling accepted a call to teach at St. Stephen Lutheran School in Adrian, Michigan. While at St. Stephen, Mrs. Festerling taught 3rd and 5th grade reading, was the school librarian, taught piano lessons, and was the school and church secretary. She taught Kindergarten for a short time and in 1995 was asked to fill in for the 3-4 grade teacher who was ill. This turned into a permanent position. In 1996, Mr. Festerling accepted a call to teach at Samuel Lutheran School in Marshall, MN. The Festerling family moved to Marshall in July. Shortly after they moved, Mrs. Festerling took a job as a bank teller at Bank of the West. She worked there until 2003 when she received the call to teach Kindergarten at Samuel Lutheran School. Her first Samuel Lutheran Kindergarten class graduated from 8th grade last year! Besides teaching, Mrs. Festerling is the reporter for Christ Lutheran Mission Society, plays piano for choir and upper grade Sunday School, and helps with Altar Care and Communion Care. In her spare time, Mrs. Festerling likes to go for long walks, read, play piano, research family history, and visit with her children and grandchildren☺. The Festerling's have three children-Melissa, Paul, and Angela; and four grandchildren-Hannah-7, Isaiah-5, Chloe-3, and Jillian-17months.

Spirit Week: You will have a chance all next week to show your school spirit as we prepare for the basketball tournament which begins on Friday, February 22nd. Monday is Old West/Pioneer Day, Tuesday is Color Day, Wednesday is Dress-up Day, and Thursday is Blue and White Day. For more information please see the sheet that was sent home today. It can also be found on our website. Click on the school tab and you will find it under Latest News.

Pep Rally: All parents and fans of the Cougars are invited to join us for the pep rally at 2:20 PM on Thursday, February 21st.

Tournament Information: Our A basketball team will begin their tournament play on Friday, February 22, at Martin Luther College (MLC) at 2:45 PM against St. John, Dakota. Good Luck Cougars!

Tournament Supper: Basketball players, parents and fans are invited to a meet at the Pizza Ranch on Friday following our first tournament game. We are working on reserving a room at the pizza ranch for those who would like to eat supper together—we will let you know the time next week.

Reading to Students: Thank you to our grandparents and grand seniors who read to or will be reading to our students this week. They include Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiese, Mrs. Sharon Mitzner, Mrs. Nadine Vierstraete, Mrs. Mary Fischer, and Mrs. Chris Sanow.