

Christ's Love Calls Us - Share the Message



Cougar Chronicle

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Upcoming Events:

Sat Feb 5
10:00 am

Grandparents Day
Basketball vs. St.
James

Can You Help? We are always in need of help with snow removal at the school. When you drop off or pick up your child and notice snow on the sidewalks we could use your help cleaning them. There are shovels by both doors that you can use. In the event of heavy snow help is also needed before 8 AM to clear the sidewalks of snow and drifts. There is a snow blower in the shed next to the school. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Sun Feb 6
8 & 10:30 am
Worship

8th Grade Parents: There will be a registration meeting for parents of in-coming 9th graders for next year on Monday, February 7, at 6:45 PM in the high school theater.

Sun Feb 6
9:15 am
Sunday School

Grandparents Day on Saturday: We will recognize the grandparents/grandseniors of our basketball players and cheerleaders this Saturday, February 5th between the A and B game.

Mon Feb 7
3:45 pm
Basketball vs.
MACS

Parents signed up to work :

Concessions (B game) - Tanya Blanchette and Darik Lyons
Concessions (A game) - Gary Loeck and **STILL NEED SOMEONE**
Scorebook (B game) - Michelle Thooff Scorebook (A game) - Gregg Swanson
Clock (B game) - Craig Heil Clock (A game) - Justin Schultz
Cleanup - Dale MacArthur

Basketball: We also have a home game against MACS on Monday, February 7 at 3:45. Those working are:

Concessions (B game) - Julie Lyons and Donna Wendorff
Concessions (A game) - Charity VanKampen and **STILL NEED SOMEONE**
Scorebook (B game) - Jennifer Danielson Scorebook (A game) - Jennifer Danielson
Clock (B game) - Pastor VanKampen Clock (A game) - Justin Schultz
Cleanup - Alan and Janet Johnson

**Also a reminder that for safety reasons children are not allowed behind the concession stand with you when you work.*

Birthdays this month!!



Josh Thooff - 2
Kalley Evens - 15
Abby Wendorff - 22
Quinton Johnson - 24

Children's Theater: Mark your calendars - students in grades K-5 will attend the MLC Children's Theater on April 14 or 15. The play is called *Mr. Toad's Mad Adventures* based on the book *The Wind in the Willows*. More information coming soon!

Camp Shetek: Minnesota Valley Lutheran Camp, commonly referred to as "Camp Shetek", will be held June 19-25 at the facilities of the Lake Shetek State Park's Zuya Group Campground, located near Currie. The camp is open to students who will have completed grades 3-8 in the spring. Registration forms are on the tract rack at church and at the school office. You may also register online at welsmn.org and click on Events and Registration. Our congregation has become a federation member which means your camper will receive the discounted rate this year.

Kindergarten Community Helpers

PEOPLE WHO WORK IN GROCERY STORES ARE COMMUNITY HELPERS

We visited the Hy-Vee Grocery Store. We met Mrs. Chaplin at the Service Desk. She told us that we can mail letters or packages, get pictures made, drop off and pick up dry cleaning and lots of other things at the service desk. Next we stopped at the newest part of Hy-Vee—the clinic. You can go there if you are sick and they will help you. They are VERY busy on the weekends. After this we went to the Floral Shop. We got to watch them put flowers together in arrangements. They showed us all the balloons they have and we got to see the flowers in the cooler. They gave us carnations to take back to school. Next we stopped at the restaurant. There are lots of different kinds of food you can get there. You can eat there or take things home to eat. The cheesecake looked really good. They have hot and cold foods there. We got to go and look in the front part of the kitchen where they make the Chinese food. They have a really big pan that they call a wok. They use that to make a lot of their food and they have big rice cookers, too. They gave us fortune cookies and we got to see the rotisserie machine where they make the chickens. We also got to watch a lady making pizzas and another one making sandwiches to sell. When we left the kitchen we saw the different meats and cheese that you can get—the cheese comes from all over the world. Next we went to the bakery. They were making hamburger buns. They used to have to make all the buns by hand but now they have a machine that makes lots of balls of dough at one time. Then they can put them in the oven. We got to watch a lady decorating a cake for a birthday. First she put frosting on it then she painted it blue, and then added more frosting to make a picture. It looked really great when she was done. After the bakery, we went in the back part of the store where they keep all their fruits and vegetables. Mr. Reinhart told us about the fruit coming from all over the world. He told us all about bananas—one banana is called a finger, a bunch of bananas is called a hand, and they grow upside down and are GREEN when they come to the store! He gave us bananas to take back to school for a snack. Next we saw all the food they have stored in the back of the store and we also saw a room where people were putting the sales into the computers. We got to see the big freezer where they keep the ice cream and we saw the cooler where they keep milk and eggs. They can fill the shelves from the cooler so you might see a hand coming at you when you pick up a gallon of milk. After this we went back to the regular part of the store and Mrs. Chaplin showed us the frozen food aisle. They have heated floors here so people will want to shop there—if it is too cold people won't stay in these places and buy food there. Our last stop was where they sell meat. They didn't have any octopuses but we got to see a live lobster. His claws were taped shut so he couldn't hurt anyone. We saw shrimp and clams and lots of other fish. We made one more stop at the bakery to get some chocolate chip cookies. Then it was time to go back to school. We saw and learned a lot at the grocery store. The people who work there are important community helpers!

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COOKS AND CHEFS ARE COMMUNITY HELPERS

To learn more about cooks as community helpers we visited Mrs. Blowers, our hot lunch cook at Samuel Lutheran School. She said the first thing she does when she gets here in the morning is wash her hands—you have to have clean hands to fix food so you don't spread germs. She showed us some of the tools she uses in the kitchen. She has a REALLY BIG mixer that she uses to make mashed potatoes. She also has a very sharp meat slicer that she uses to slice meats for our sub sandwiches and other things. She showed us the refrigerator. It is twice as big as the ones we have in our homes but it is FULL of lots of good things to eat. Next she showed us the stove. She has two ovens so she can make lots of food. She also has a special oven called a convection oven. It uses hot air to cook food faster than a regular oven. She showed us all her pots, pans, big cookie sheets, and thermometers. She uses the thermometers to check the temperature of the food she cooks and the food in the refrigerator and freezers. You have to keep the HOT food HOT and the COLD food COLD. She showed us papers she has to fill out to keep track of all the food she uses. After that she showed us the dish washer. It makes the trays and silverware really clean. She lets the dishes air-dry to keep them really clean. Next she showed us the four freezers. There was a lot of food in them. Three of them are in the kitchen and cafeteria and one is up in the storage room. When we went to the storage room to see the freezer, Mrs. Blowers also showed us all the cans of food that she uses to fix our lunches. The cans are a lot bigger than the ones we use at home. It takes a lot of time and food to feed all the children at school. Thank-you, Mrs. Blowers, for making yummy, healthy foods for us to eat!