

Christ's Love Calls Us - Share the Message



Cougar Chronicle

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Upcoming Events:

Sun Jan 23
8 & 10:30 am
Worship

Sun Jan 23
9:15 am
Sunday School

Mon Jan 24
1:00 pm 5-8 grade
spelling bee

Mon Jan 24
3:45 pm B team
basketball game vs.
MACS
4:45 pm A team
basketball game vs.
MACS

Tues Jan 25
1:00 pm 1-4 grade
spelling bee

Birthdays this month!!



Bradyn Loy - 2
Anna Rubendall - 4
Austin Rubendall - 4
Mrs. Blowers - 6
Parker Loy - 30

Spelling Bee: Samuel Lutheran will be having its first school-wide spelling bee. Grades 5-8 will be held on Monday, January 24th and grades 1-4 will be on Tuesday, January 25th. The time for both will be 1:00 PM. Class spelling bees will be held previous to those dates and two students from each class will be selected from each class to participate in the school spelling bee. The winner of the 5-8 school bee will represent Samuel in the regional spelling bee in Redwood Falls on February 15th. Study words have been sent home with the students. We hope that everyone will take some time to study and make our spelling bee a fun and challenging experience. Parents are invited to attend the January 24th and 25th events. If you have any questions contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Zander. Have fun spelling!

Samuel School Hosts Coffee Hour: Our school is scheduled to host the next coffee hour on January 30th after early service. We need to provide 10-12 dozen treats and 2 gallons of juice. We also need volunteers to set up and make coffee as well as help serve and clean up. If you are willing to help, please email or call the office.

Cougar Wear: If you are interested in ordering screen-printed Cougar wear (sweatshirts or t-shirts), please contact Becky Swanson by the end of this week at 532-2324 or email her at gandbswanson@iw.net.

Basketball: Our next home basketball game is Monday, January 24th against MACS. The B-team plays at 3:45 and the A-team at 4:45. Parents signed up to work that day are:

Concessions (B game) - Michelle Thooft and Donna Wendorff

Concessions (A game) - Lori Biastock and Jennifer Danielson

Scorebook (B game) - Melanie Werner

Scorebook (A game) - Melanie Werner

Clock (B game) - Kristin Heil

Clock (A game) - Pastor VanKampen

Cleanup - Alan and Janet Johnson.

Every basketball and cheerleader family should have signed up at least four times to work for home basketball games. **There are still a few open spots to fill.** The sign up sheet is posted at home basketball games. If you are able to work one of the open time slots, please fill in your name.

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

Singing Schedule: Students in Kindergarten through eighth grade will be singing on Sunday, January 30th in the late service as we celebrate Mission Festival. Plan on staying for the potluck dinner which will follow the 10:30 AM service. Please bring a generous dish or two to pass.

Report Cards: Report cards were sent home today. Please sign and return the report card envelopes as soon as possible.

PASTORS ARE IMPORTANT COMMUNITY HELPERS

On Tuesday, January 11th, Pastor VanKampen came and talked to us about being a pastor. He is the pastor at the ELS church in Cottonwood. He likes being a pastor. He gets to talk to people about Jesus. He also writes sermons, visits people who are sick or can't come to church, and he has lots of meetings. He showed us one of his sermons. He also showed us one of the crosses he wears on Sundays and we got to see his communion set that he takes when he visits people who can't come to church. He gives them communion and has a devotion with them. Thank-you, Pastor VanKampen, for sharing God's Word with us and other people. That is the most important job!

TRANSPORTATION PEOPLE ARE COMMUNITY HELPERS

We went to the Southwest Coaches bus garage to find out about transportation and how it helps us. Mr. Hey gave us a tour. When we got there he gave each of us a yellow bus zipper pull for our coats. Then he told us what some of the people in the office do. One of them is called the dispatcher. She can talk to all the bus drivers when they are driving. If they have trouble, they can call her and she can send help. Another lady was telling someone about tours-places people can go for vacations and take a big bus to get there. We went into the next room and Mr. Hey showed us a door that led to the part where they fix the busses. We couldn't go in there because it would be dangerous because they have lots of big tools. There was another lady in this room. She was looking at books and getting ready to take a group of people to California on a bus. They were going to see lots of things along the way and would get to go to Disneyland, too. Next, we went into a room where they keep all the BIG coach busses. We got to go on one of these busses. It was really pretty inside with sparkly floors and ceilings and really nice seats. They had screens so you can watch DVD's. They have a bathroom on this bus, too. They also had a wheelchair lift so people in wheelchairs can use these busses, too. One of these busses costs \$500,000.00!! Mr. Hey told us they keep this room at 55degrees so they can clean the busses inside and out and things won't freeze. The busses get cleaned like this every time they are used. They have lots of these big busses. Some of them are here in Marshall and the others are in Jackson or Fairmont. After this we went into the part where they keep the school busses. It was a lot colder! Some of the busses have square fronts, some have rounded fronts, and some are flat in front. Some have the arms that come out to protect you when you have to cross in front of the bus and some don't. Mr. Hey told us some of the rules we need to know when we ride the bus and when we get on and off. We got to go on one the busses that has booster seats and a wheelchair lift. He also showed us a special button that all the busses have. It is in the back of the bus and before the driver leaves the bus he has to walk to the back of the bus and turn off this alarm-it makes sure he checks the bus so no one is left-like if someone would fall asleep and wouldn't get off when they are supposed to. Mr. Hey also told us that school busses are the safest way of travelling on roads. Before we left, we got to see Mr. Hey's computer. He has all the names, addresses, and phone numbers, and even some pictures of all the children who ride the busses. This helps keep all the children safe. Thank-you, Mr. Hey and all the transportation people. You help people and things get from one place to another!