



Jesus Is Our Good Shepherd

Cougar
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Upcoming Events:

Thur Jan 5
4:15 pm Basketball
vs. Redwood Falls

Sun Jan 8
8 & 10:30 am
Worship
9:15 am Sunday
School
11:30 am Call
Meeting
1:00 pm Pioneers

Mon Jan 9
1:00 pm Grades 5-8
Spelling Bee
5:00 pm Basketball
at Balaton

Tues Jan 10
1:00 pm Grades 1-4
Spelling Bee

Wed Jan 11
8:20 am Chapel

Birthdays this month!!



Brielle Luckhardt-2
Anna Rubendall-4
Austin Rubendall-4
Elise Kobylinski-5
Myra Kobylinski-5
Molly Thomas-10
Averianna Timm-17
Julia Prah-18
Jaden Lyons-19
Mrs. Kotecki-20
Miss Sarah Zander-
27
Damien Henning-28
Joleigh Kesteloot-29

Welcome New Students: We have two new students at Samuel. Isaiah Prah and Ryder Swanson have joined our Pre-K three year old class. Welcome Isaiah and Ryder!

BRRRRRR! Looks like we are caught in another Artic blast of cold air. While we are going to see temps dip into the negative numbers the average temp in Honolulu, Hawaii is 80 degrees!! While most of us can't get on a plane and fly to Hawaii we can bring Hawaii to us – at least kind of. That is going to be the focus of our next **Friday Fun Day**. On Friday, January 20th we will try to fool ourselves at Samuel into thinking we live in the tropics. How do we do that? Well, for starters we can all wear a tropic/Hawaiian or bright colored shirt and other appropriate attire. We will also have some fun activities over the recess time after lunch. And yes, there will be special lunch that day with our tropical theme in mind as well as a decorated lunch room. Get “warmed” up for the first **Friday Fun Day** of the 2017!

Call Meeting: On Sunday after the late service we will hold a call meeting to replace our retiring preschool teacher. We have asked the synod to supply us with a list of qualified candidates from which we can choose to fill this position. Pray that God, in his grace, leads someone to accept our call so that our program can continue to operate and God's love can continue to be shared with his precious lambs.

Aid: Samuel School is looking for an aid to help out in the 1st & 2nd grade classroom. This aid will need to prepare and organize materials for upcoming classes, monitor students to ensure they stay on task while the teacher is working with a different group, check student's work and offer feedback, and provide individual support when the teacher is not able to. Limited remuneration will determine amount of time for the position. If interested speak to Principal Festerling or Pastor.

Basketball/Cheerleader Parent Sign Up: Every basketball/cheerleader family needs to work for home basketball games which needs to include at least two shifts 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.***

Basketball: The Cougars host the Redwood Falls Lions on Thursday. B team plays at 4:15, A team at 5:15. Parents signed up to work that day are:

Concessions (B game) - Darik & Julie Lyons
Concessions (A game) - Wendy Rubendall and Pastor/Amanda Berg
Scorebook (B game) - Craig Heil Scorebook (A game) - Charlie Hoflock
Clock (B game) - Wendy Rubendall Clock (A game) - Linda Onken
Cleanup - Jon & Stacy Wolff

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

Spelling Bee: Samuel Lutheran will be having its annual school-wide spelling bee. Grades 5-8 will be held on Monday, January 9th and grades 1-4 will be on Tuesday, January 10th. 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. 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 9th and 10th events. If you have any questions contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Zander. Have fun spelling!

Pioneers: The Pioneers youth will meet Sunday, January 8th, to begin work on pine cars, during which time they will also enjoy a movie and snacks. This month the kids will select a design template and trace on a wood block in preparation for cutting, weighting, sanding and painting. Prior to the February meeting, the cars should be weighted to within regulations. In February, we will begin sanding and painting of the cars, and race day will be scheduled sometime shortly after that meeting. If parents wish to be involved with this project, it is certainly encouraged. In such cases, materials/instructions will be provided.

No School on January 16: There will be no school on Monday, January 16 because the faculty is attending a meeting at MLC in New Ulm for curriculum study.

SLECC: Our child care center will be open on Monday, January 16th for those who need our services. Please let Mrs. Zander know if your child will be attending. Also a reminder to bring a sack lunch for your child that day.

Snow Shoveling: We are in need of people to sign up to shovel the school entrances, especially the EC entrance so teachers can get in at 7 AM. Contact the school office if you can help. There is also a sign-up sheet at church for the school shoveling.