



Jesus Is Our Good Shepherd

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Chronicle

March 1, 2017

Upcoming Events:

Wed Mar 1
8:20 am Chapel
5:30 pm Lenten
Supper
7:00 pm Ash
Wednesday
Worship

Sun Mar 5
8 & 10:30 am
Worship
9:15 am Sunday
School

Mon Mar 6
6:00 pm
Kindergarten
Round-Up

Tues Mar 7
7:00 pm Board of
Education

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

Birthdays this month!!



Nathan Noble-6
Hannah Lyons-10
Andrew Heil-16
Mrs. Lyons-16
Mrs. Festerling-17
Grayson Andree-20
Shelby Neyens-23
Jack Thomas-23
Samuel Wiese-24
Brynn Stelter-28

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 tonight's service is *Repent: Turn to Jesus and not to yourself*. Prior to the service you are encouraged to attend the Lenten supper from 5:30-6:30 PM in the church basement. Tonight we will be serving hot turkey sandwiches, corn, chips and pickles. The Biastock, Martinson, and Noble families are scheduled to help serve this week's meal. The Biastock, Heil, MacArthur, and Wendorff families are each asked to bring 4 dozen hamburger buns and the Duraiappa, Estrada, Kobylinski, and Martinson families bring 3 bags of plain chips.

Call: On Sunday after the late service the voters assembly will meet to extend a call to a director and lead teacher for our preschool and early childhood center. We pray God's blessings upon our action.

Kindergarten Round-up at Samuel Lutheran School: Kindergarten Round-Up at Samuel Lutheran School will be held on Monday, March 6th. The evening will begin at 6:00 with a pizza/pop supper served in the school cafeteria. If you are planning on coming, please call the school office (532-2162) no later than noon, Monday, March 6th. If you have any questions, you may call the school office or Mrs. Festerling (872-6353). We hope to see EVERYONE there!

Getting the Word Out: Have you heard the ad on the radio for our preschool and early childhood center at Samuel? We have such a wonderful blessing with our school and ECC that we want to make sure that everyone knows about it. It is a great opportunity for us to share Jesus as Savior with children and maybe with their parents if they are looking for a church home. If you know of a friend or relative that has children ages 3 years through eighth grade be sure to remind them to check Samuel out! Or maybe they are searching for a church to call home. Have you invited them to come with you to your church?

Pine Car Derby: The Pioneer Pine Car Derby will be held on Friday, March 10th at 7 PM in the school cafeteria.

EFE Visit: We want to welcome two students from Martin Luther College (MLC) who are spending a week here for an Early Field Experience. Sophomores and juniors take time from their spring break to spend a week in an elementary classroom to get a feel what it is like to be in the classroom. It is an experience that helps them know that teaching is really what they want to do for their future vocations. This week Mr. Eric Dorn will be in Mrs. Kotecki's room, and Mr. Lucas Thooft will be spending next week in Mrs. MacArthur's room.

Pre-Kindergarten Round-up: Pre-Kindergarten Round-up will be held on Monday, March 13th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Children that will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1 and are not currently enrolled in our Pre-K program are invited, along with their parents, to join us for a pizza and pop supper followed by an hour of fun. If you are interested or know of someone that might be interested, please call the school office at 532-2162 no later than noon on Monday, March 13th, so we will know how many to plan for the pizza supper. If you have any questions, please call the school (532-2162) or you may call Mrs. Zander at home (337-0996).

ECC: It's not too early to start thinking about summer plans regarding your younger children. Have you considered Samuel's Early Childhood Center which runs throughout the summer months. Our summer program will be open to children ages 3 through those entering 5th grade. Since space is limited, we need to know as soon as possible if you are taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. For more information or to enroll in the summer program contact the office at 532-2162.

My Coke Rewards: We have received more Coke codes than I am able to enter into the website on my own before the March 22nd deadline. (The company only allows 75 points per week to be entered.) Is there anyone with a current Coke account able to help? For more information, please talk to/email Mrs. MacArthur. The Coke company assures us that a new program for schools will be introduced after the completion of the current program, but no details have yet been given. So....please keep sending in your Coke points if you cannot enter them with your own account, and continue to save them after the current program ends. Thank you!

FUN-draiser Event: Paint, Canvas and Conversation. Join us for a fun afternoon to raise money for the church and school landscaping projects. Come paint, have fun and take home your own painting to hang on your wall! We will be led by a qualified instructor to help us create our paintings. Adults of all skill levels are invited!

Date: Sunday, April 2nd 3-5pm Location: Brau Brothers (near Perkins) Cost: \$30 which includes all supplies and a beverage. Sign-up sheets are located at church and school. Payment will need to be made by Sunday, March 26th (payable to church or school) to Heather Fischer, Jennifer Schreiner or Sarah Zander. Please join us for an a few hours of FUN and fellowship.

Children's Theater: Mark your calendars! Students in grades K-5 will be attending the MLC Children's Theater 2017 production of *Peter Pan* on either Thursday, April 27th or Friday, April 28th. We will let you know which of these dates we will be attending as soon as we get confirmation. If you already know that you would like to drive on either of these dates, please let one of the teachers know your plans.

Labels for Education: The *Labels for Education* program will be ending this summer. Please keep sending in any UPCs that you still have at home. Also, don't forgot about *Box Tops*! Unfortunately, our submissions are down so far this year, but we can boost our earnings if everyone helps. Have you tried the Box Tops Bonus App? Check it out so you can turn everyday receipts into cash in addition to the clipped Box Tops! Thank you!

Camp Shetek: Minnesota Valley Lutheran Camp, commonly referred to as "Camp Shetek", will be held June 18-24 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 available at the office or you may register online at welsmn.org and click on Events and Registration. The cost is \$240 for all campers which includes a \$75 non-refundable deposit. There is an early bird registration which is \$215 if registered by April 16st. No reservations will be accepted after May 15th.

Camp Luther: Camp Luther, directed by Great Plains Lutheran High School, is a summer group camp for those entering 5th grade to those entering 9th grade of the WELS and their friends. It is held at Sibley State Park, north of Willmar, MN from Sunday, July 16-Friday, July 21st. The campers enjoy daily devotions, Bible study, singing, crafts, outdoor activities, hiking, fishing, boating, swimming, evening entertainment, camp fire songs, camp fire devotions, plus other fun activities. Camper fees equal \$130 per camper. The fees cover all lodging, all food and snacks, crafts and activities, and a Camp Luther t-shirt. Questions? Please contact Rev. Tony Hansen, Director at thansen@gplhs.org. If you would like a brochure, please speak to Pastor Schreiner.