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## Giving Thanks to God for Many Years of Grace

Samuel  
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School



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## March 13, 2013

### Upcoming Events:

Wed Mar 13  
5:30 pm Lenten  
Supper  
7:00 pm Lenten  
Worship

Fri Mar 15  
6:30 pm Pine Car  
Derby

Sun Mar 17  
8 & 10:30 am  
Worship  
9:15 am Sunday  
School  
3:00 pm Afternoon  
of the Arts

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

### Birthdays this month!!

Nathan Noble-6  
Hannah Lyons-10  
Hannah Scott-13  
Andrew Heil-16  
Mrs. Festerling-17  
Shelby Neyens-23  
Levi Doering-25  
Carlie Heil-28



**Worship Tonight:** Please join us for our Lenten worship service tonight at 7:00 PM. 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 tacos. The Blanchette, Lyons, J. Schultz, and Stelter families are scheduled to help serve this week's meal.

**Singing in Vesta:** Students in grades Kindergarten through second grade will join the congregations in Vesta and Echo this Sunday, March 17th. Vesta's service begins at **9:00 AM** so please have your child there by 8:45 AM. Following this service we will travel north a few miles to Echo. Their service begins at **10:30 AM**. We will sing at the beginning of their service and your child is excused following our song of praise. If you need assistance with transportation please let your child's teacher know.

### Our Feature Family: The Nobles Nathan

Nathan is in Mrs. Zander's 2<sup>nd</sup> year preschool class. Nate loves to learn and 'do homework.' He likes to play with trains and cars, build with Legos and play hide and seek with the neighbors. Nate is a kid that knows no strangers – he is very outgoing and talkative. He recently celebrated his fifth birthday at the Balaton fire station. He was officially the fire chief for a day! Nick works at Schwan's as a Specifications Compliance Specialist. He also is a volunteer firefighter for Balaton. He also plays trumpet in the Balaton Community Band. Mary attends nursing school at Minnesota West in Pipestone and works at Colonial Manor nursing home in Balaton. She will graduate with a practical nursing degree this May. Mary enjoys gardening and party/event planning. Natalie is the little sister and princess of the house. She loves to draw and play with big brother Nate. We hope you enjoyed meeting the Noble family. Next week we will feature the Fischer family.

**Afternoon of the Arts:** The Afternoon of the Arts will be held this Sunday at 3:00 PM. The band will perform and grades 3-8 will sing at this concert. Art projects from all the classes at Samuel will be on display in the gymnasium. Following the concert treats and coffee will be served in the cafeteria. **All parents with children in grades 3-8 should bring treats.** The parents signed up to work that day are Wendy Rubendall, Debbie Evens and Jon and Stacy Wolff.

**Scholastic Book Fair:** The Scholastic Book Fair will be open Friday, March 15th from 5:30-8 PM, Sunday, March 17th from 1:30-5:00 PM and Monday, March 18th from 2-6:00 PM. Something new this year is online shopping which offers a larger selection of books and is open for anyone, family or fiends, to use from March 9th-20th. All books ordered online will be shipped to school, free shipping, after March 20th. Be sure to check out the link <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage//samuelluthsch>.

**Penny War or “All for Books”:** A classroom penny challenge will be held Thursday through Sunday, March 14-17 of the Book Fair. Anyone interested can bring in pennies and place them in the jars in their classrooms. The classroom that raises the most money will choose a book for their classroom, as well as win an afternoon treat and individual prize! Let's have some fun!

**Book Mark Contest:** All students at Samuel grades K-8 are invited to join in on our Bookmark Contest. Please make a bookmark (use your imagination) about your favorite book or character. The bookmarks will be displayed on Friday evening and on Sunday and will be voted on. The winner of each grade will receive a gift certificate to pick out a book at the Book Fair. Let's have some fun and be sure to have your parents vote too!

**Pioneers:** Pioneers will meet on Friday, March 15th at Samuel for the Pine Car Derby. It is scheduled to begin at 6:30 PM.

**Fine Arts Day:** Students in grades 5-8 will participate in a Fine Arts Day at MLC on Friday, March 22nd. They will participate in two of four categories that they were able to choose. The four areas are drama, art, band, and choral. Right now we have enough drivers for the students. If any parent is interested in going with please let Mr. Festerling know by this Friday, the 15th.

**Sunday School:** A reminder that the Upper Sunday School will sing in the 8:00 AM service on Palm Sunday, March 24th. The Lower Sunday School will sing for the 10:30 service. Both groups will meet in the church basement 15 minutes prior to the service to go over their songs.

**Shower:** You are invited to attend a baby shower honoring Becky Swanson on March 23rd from 1–3:00 PM in the church basement. She is registered at both Walmart and Shopko.

**Kindergarten Round-up:** Kindergarten round-up will take place on Monday, March 25th. We certainly hope you will join us at 6:00 for a pizza/pop supper served in the school cafeteria. If not, the actual round-up will begin at 6:30 in the Kindergarten room with a short Bible lesson and an introduction to our Superkids reading series. Mrs. Flock, the school nurse, will be here with information on entering Kindergarten and a representative from Southwest Coaches will also be here to speak about bus transportation for your child. Our Kindergarten Round-up will give the new Kindergartners and their parents an opportunity to see our classroom and some of the materials used, as well as provide time for fellowship with other children and their families. If you are planning to attend, please call the school office (532-2162) by noon on Monday, March 25th, 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. Festerling at home (872-6353).

**Game Night:** Mark your calendars: PTF is sponsoring a family game night to be held on Friday April 12th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Samuel Lutheran School. Watch for more info to come!

**Summer Music/Bible Story Program:** We are excited to offer a new summer music and Bible story program to students in grades K-8. This summer long program will help keep our children in the Word and for those who enjoy music, there is an added bonus. Free piano/instrumental lessons will be offered. The leader of this program, Carla Carmichael, will be visiting our church on Palm Sunday. An informational packet including a sign up sheet was sent home with every family today.