



Jesus Is Our Good Shepherd

Cougar
Chronicle

March 15, 2017

Upcoming Events:

Wed Mar 15
5:30 pm Lenten
Supper
7:00 pm Lenten
Worship

Sun Mar 19
8 & 10:30 am
Worship
9:15 am Sunday
School
3:00 pm Afternoon
of the Arts

Wed Mar 22
8:20 am Chapel
5:30 pm Lenten
Supper
7:00 pm Lenten
Worship

Security: Some of you may have seen or heard a report that there was some suspicious activity on Village Drive in the vicinity of school. This is not the first time that police have had to respond to a call in our area. When things like this happen it is cause for concern as we fear our children could be harmed. Let me assure you that our number one priority, as a faculty and administration is the safety and security of our children. We do have a number of policies and procedures in place to help with that. You are certainly welcome to find out more about these procedures if you wish. We have also been talking about and have already started looking into ways that we can make the building even more secure.

I hope the fact that we are aware of the situations, already have policies in place and are looking into doing even more in the future will put your mind a bit more at ease. These are tough things that we always hope we don't have to deal with living in a small town but the truth is Satan is alive and well. At the end of the day we always have to remember that we have a powerful and protective God who is always looking over us.

Safe in the arms of the Good Shepherd,
Pastor Schreiner

Worship Tonight: Please join us for our Lenten worship service tonight at 7:00 PM. The theme for tonight's service is "Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Holds the Key to Heaven". 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 spaghetti. The Lyons, Rubendall, and Onken families are scheduled to help serve this week's meal. *The Sunday School sings in tonight's service.*

Afternoon of the Arts: The Afternoon of the Arts will be held on Sunday at 3:00 PM. Grades 3-8 will sing at this concert and art projects from all the classes at Samuel will be on display in the gymnasium. Following the concert treats 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 Kristi Wiese - chair, Julie Lyons, and Jennifer Neyens.

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

Video Taping: Mr. Festerling is looking for a volunteer to video tape the Afternoon of the Arts program on Sunday. If you can help with this please email him at johnfesterling@christlutheran-marshallmn.org.

Pine Car Derby Results: The Pioneer Pine Car Derby was held this past Friday. Congratulations to all who participated. We would like to recognize the students who placed in the speed category as well as the creative category.
Madeline Prael – 1st Place Speed Category
Connor Martinson – 2nd Place Speed Category
Bradyn Schultz – 1st Place 6-8th Grade Originality/Appearance
Abby Wendorff – 2nd Place 6-8th Grade Originality/Appearance
Madeline Prael – 1st Place 1-5th Grade Originality/Appearance
Jaxxon Schultz – 2nd Place 1-5th Grade Originality/Appearance

Summer ECC Program: Samuel Lutheran will again have a summer program which is open to those who are 3 years old to those having completed 5th grade. We will be open our regular hours from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. In addition to regular outdoor activities, children will have the opportunity to participate in water activities, crafts, walking trips, intergenerational activities at Boulder Estates and Boulder Creek, and a children's garden. We also participate in the Marshall Public Library summer program and make use of the Marshall Aquatics center on a regular basis. Some time each day is spent on reviewing reading, math, logic and critical thinking through the use of games to keep basic concepts fresh for when school starts again in September. Contracts are available in the ECC classrooms. Since space is limited, we need to have your contract returned by April 7. After that time we will open our program to those that are not attending Samuel Lutheran School. So if you know of someone who would like to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, pass the word along to them about our summer program. For more information or to enroll in the summer program contact the office at 532-2162 or Mrs. Lois Zander (507-401-1893).

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 **Friday, April 28th**. If you know that you would like to drive, please let one of the teachers know your plans.

Thrivent: If you have an insurance policy with Thrivent and are not already taking advantage of their "Choice Dollars Program", like some of our members are, maybe you would consider doing so. This program allows members to choose where some of Thrivent Financial charitable outreach funds go by directing Choice Dollars. You don't have to do anything after you set it up and there is NO cost to you! You can choose to have money sent directly to church or school. Also a reminder to those who are already designating these funds to charitable organizations that you have to call or go online to change or renew where you want the money sent each year by March 31st. They will NOT do it automatically. You can call 1-800-THRIVENT and state "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt or go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. If you have any questions call the office or speak to Pastor.

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. There is a sample of what we will be painting at both locations. 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.

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!