

God's Word is our Great Heritage



Cougar Chronicle

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Upcoming Events:

Wed Mar 28
5:30 pm Lenten
Supper
7:00 pm Worship

Sun Apr 1
8 & 10:30 am
Worship
9:15 am Sunday
School

Mon Apr 2
6:00 pm Pre-
Kindergarten
Round up

Wed Apr 4
8:20 am Chapel

Thur Apr 5
NO SCHOOL
7:00 pm Maundy
Thursday Worship

Birthdays this month!!

Nathan Noble-6
Walker Schultz-9
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 "See His Cross". 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 baked potatoes.

Easter Break: There will be no school Thursday, April 5 - Tuesday, April 10th. School will resume Wednesday, April 11th. The Marshall Public School is using Thursday, April 5th as a make up day for the snow day we had. *Samuel will NOT have school that day.*

Fine Arts Day: Students in grades 5-8 will participate in a Fine Arts Day at MLC on Friday. They will participate in two of four categories that they were able to choose. The four areas are drama, art, band, and choral. **We will leave from school at 7:15 Friday morning and should return about 5 PM.** The students will call when we get back to school.

Grades 3-5 Field Trip: Grades 3 - 5 will be attending "Ag in the Classroom" in Clarkfield on Tuesday, April 3rd. The event consists of nine ag-related sessions on topics such as pork, beef, dairy, and conservation. Please send a sack lunch with your child. We will leave at 8:35 AM and return by the end of the school day. One more driver is still needed. Please email Mrs. MacArthur if you can help out.

Teddy Bear Clinic: Students in grades 1 & 2 will be attending the Teddy Bear Clinic at the hospital on Tuesday, April 3rd from 9:30-10:45. They will learn about germs and what it would be like to stay in the hospital. We have enough drivers. Thank you!

Children's Theater Students in grades K-5 will be attending the MLC Children's Theater production of *The Emperor's New Clothes* on Thursday, April 26th or Friday, April 27th. We will be leaving school at 8:45 AM and return by 3:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. If you are able to assist with transportation please contact your child's teacher.

Pre-Kindergarten Round-up: Pre-K Round-up will be held on Monday, April 2nd from 6:00 - 7:00 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. At Samuel, we provide a learning environment with God's Word as the focal point. Reading and math readiness, music, physical development, and listening skills are also an integral part of our program. Three-year-old children can enroll in a two day per week program, and four-year-old children may enroll in a three day per week program. The classes meet in the morning during the regular school year. 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, April 2nd, so we will know how many to plan for the pizza supper.

County Fair Receipts: The County Fair program ends on March 31. Please turn in all receipts by April 11 so they can be sent in on time. Thank you!

Kindergarten Community Helpers:

FARMERS ARE COMMUNITY HELPERS: We got to go to Shelby's farm to learn about farmers as community helpers. Shelby lives on a farm near Minneota, MN. The first thing we looked at was a GREAT BIG combine. We got to climb up to the cab and look at all the things that are there. You have to know a lot to drive a combine. They use the combine to harvest corn and beans. Next, we looked at some baby chicks. They were really cute. We got to hold them, too. They were soft and cuddly. Then, we looked at the cattle. There were some calves, too. We even got to go in the barn and see a calf that was only a few days old. The mother didn't really like us being so close to her calf. We saw a bull outside the barn. After the barn, we looked at some round bales. Some were corn bales. These are mainly used for bedding but the cows eat some of this, too. There were also bales of grass and bales of alfalfa. The cows get to eat all three kinds of food. The bull gets more alfalfa because it has more protein in it. We saw the tractor that they use to move the bales. They had other machines like another combine and a skid loader in a big shed. Farmers are important community helpers because they raise food for us to eat. Thank-you, Mr. and Mrs. Neyens for your important work as community helpers.

PASTORS ARE COMMUNITY HELPERS: Pastor Berg came and talked to us about his job as a community helper-being a pastor. He had to go to school for 8 years to study to be a pastor. First, he went to Martin Luther College in New Ulm then he went to a special pastor school called a seminary for the last four years. He was a vicar in Texas then after another year of school, he was called to be the pastor in Wood Lake. He learned a lot of different languages like Hebrew and Greek so he could study the Bible in its original languages. He showed us his "tool box" that he uses in his work. He had a special cup called a chalice, a fancy silver bowl, little pieces of bread in a container called a pyx, a cross, a little container for wine, and a napkin. He uses the bread and wine to give Holy Communion to people who can't come to church because they are sick or older, or can't go out of their houses. They are called shut-ins. He also showed us a small Bible and prayer book that he uses. As a pastor, he has to do lots of different things. Sometimes he is a teacher or janitor, and he is a dad. We think he has the BEST job of all because he gets to share God's Word with everyone. Thank-you, Pastor Berg, for coming and talking to us about your VERY IMPORTANT job-the BEST job of all.

LIBRARIANS ARE COMMUNITY HELPERS: We got to go to the new Marshall Library County Library. Mrs. Sinclair met us there. She showed us all the parts of the new library. They have a Community Room for meetings. They have a computer classroom where teachers can bring students to work on computers. They have special places in the library to study. One of these places has booths where you can sit and work or listen to music. They have a fireplace with chairs around it. You can sit there and read and relax. They have a special part of the library where they keep books just for kids. They have colorful computers in there. You can play games on these computers. They have toys, puzzles, games, puppets, and movies. They have lots of books, too. Mrs. Sinclair showed us where the different kinds of books are-like books about animals or special times of the year. They have cardboard books for real little kids. They have books that we can read and books for older kids, too. We got to look at books and before we left, Mrs. Festerling let each of us check out a book to take back to school and read. We had fun at the new library. We would like to go back again.

TEACHERS ARE COMMUNITY HELPERS: Mrs. Festerling talked to us about being a teacher. She went to college for 5 years to be a teacher. She went to another college before she went to Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm. When she graduated she taught Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades at a school in Michigan. There were a lot of children in her room. Next she taught 1st grade in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She taught when they went back to Michigan but she only had to teach reading and music. Then she taught Kindergarten for awhile and before they moved to Minnesota she taught 3rd and 4th grade. Now she just gets to teach Kindergarten and it is a lot of fun. She likes to teach us how to read and sing and do all the other things that we need to know to go to first grade.