

# God's Word is our Great Heritage



## Cougar Chronicle

May 9, 2012

### Upcoming Events:

Thur May 10  
6:30 pm Band and  
Piano Concert

Sun May 13  
8 & 10:30 am  
Worship  
9:15 am Sunday  
School

Tues May 15  
Softball  
Tournament in  
Mankato

Wed May 16  
8:20 am Chapel  
7:00 pm Graduation

Thur May 17  
Last Day of School  
Out at Noon  
5:30 pm Supper  
7:00 pm Ascension  
Worship

### Birthdays this month!!

Mrs. Flock - 3  
Paxton Schultz - 7  
Landon Lanoye-  
Guerrero - 16  
MacKenzie Schultz -  
17

**Teacher Appreciation Thank You:** Thank you for all the gifts, kind words and thoughtful actions we received on Teacher Appreciation Day. You all helped make it a very special day!

*Mr. and Mrs. Festerling, Mrs. MacArthur, Mrs. Ellingson, Mrs. Zander and Miss Drake*

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to eighth grade students Abigayle Blanchette and Walker Schultz who were confirmed this past Sunday and Andrew VanKampen who will be confirmed this Sunday. We wish them God's Blessings.

**Confirmation Invitation:** All students and their families are invited to an open house celebration for Andrew VanKampen's confirmation this Sunday, May 13th, from 11:30-3:00 PM at 66 East First Street in Cottonwood. If able, everyone is also welcome to join us for Andrew's confirmation during the 9:00 AM Sunday morning worship service at English Lutheran Church, 110 East Main Street in Cottonwood. Thank you again to everyone at Samuel—Pastor Schreiner, teachers, families, and friends—who have encouraged the confirmands and helped them grow in their faith. It has been such an amazing blessing. *Pastor and Mrs. VanKampen*

**Band & Piano Concert:** Please join us on Thursday, May 10th at 6:30 PM for an evening of piano and instrumental music. The piano students and their teacher, Mrs. Knutson, and the band students and their instructor, Mrs. Dibbern, will perform as groups and solos.

**Serving Committee for Concert:** All students participating in the band and piano concert are asked to bring bars or cookies. Those on the committee for serving refreshments following the concert are Kristin Heil (chair), Mrs. Amy MacArthur and Deanna Loeck.

**Pop Tabs:** Final weigh in for pop tabs will be this Friday, May 11th!

**Pre-Registration for 2012-2013 School Year:** Please complete the pre-registration forms sent home today and return them to school by next Thursday.

**Library Books:** The year is close to the end which means your children will be receiving overdue lists of books from the Library they have checked out. Please remind them to have ALL their library books returned by Wednesday, May 16! Thank you for your help! Reading is important so please encourage your children to use the Public Library this summer and READ!! *Mrs. Paxton*

**Grades 1-2 Field Trip:** On Tuesday, May 15th the First and Second Graders will be visiting ColdStone Creamery in Marshall. They will leave school at 1:20 PM and arrive back at school by 3:00 PM. Please provide a **booster seat** if your child needs one.



**Softball Tournament:** Students in grades 6-8 will participate in the annual softball tournament at Caswell Park in Mankato on Tuesday, May 15th. We will be leaving around **7:45 AM**. The pool play brackets are on the school website under Latest News.

**Graduation:** Please join us at our Graduation Service on Wednesday, May 16th at 7:00 PM. Those graduating this year are Abby Blanchette, Walker Schultz, and Andrew VanKampen. A reception with cake and coffee will follow in the cafeteria. Students in Kindergarten - 7th grade sing for this service.

**Last Day of School:** School will be dismissed for the summer at noon on Thursday, May 17th. The students will have a special meal that day before they leave.

**VBS:** Vacation Bible School will be held July 23-27 from 9:00-11:30 AM at school. You may register online at [christlutheran-marshallmn.org](http://christlutheran-marshallmn.org) by clicking on the Vacation Bible School Registration link or you can fill out the registration form sent home today and return it to the office or bring it to church and give it to Pastor or place it in the box marked VBS on the table by the bulletin board.

**Flags:** Mrs. Hively, representing the American Legion Auxiliary, presented the fifth grade class with flags last Wednesday.

**Volleyball:** Mrs. Donna Wendorff has agreed to coach our Samuel volleyball team again next year. Due to the number of girls she could use an extra person to help at practices. If you are willing to help coach the volleyball team please contact Mrs. Wendorff (532-4001) or speak to Mr. Festerling.

**There Still is Room:** Camp Shetek, held June 24-30 at Lake Shetek State Park in Currie, MN, still has openings for both boys and girls who will have completed grades 3-8. There is a \$25 late fee if you register after May 15th. Online registration is available at [www.welsmn.org](http://www.welsmn.org). Click on "Events and Registration". Registration forms are also available at the school office.

**Box Tops/Labels for Education:** Please remember to turn in you box tops, labels for education, ink cartridges, etc. *Be sure you check the label on products before you throw them away. Box tops are now on many different products and they continue to add products to the list.* Old cell phones and ink cartridges should be sent in ASAP since they keep updating the price list for those items and they pay less as the items get older. **Last month the school received \$280 from box tops and cartridges that were sent in. Thank you!**

The County Fair cash register receipts program is done for this school year. That program will resume September 1.