



*Celebrating
125 years of
God's Grace
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Giving Thanks to God for Many Years of Grace

*Samuel
Lutheran
School*



*Celebrating
35 years of
God's Grace
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Upcoming Events:

Sun Dec 2
8 & 10:30 am
Worship
9:15 am Sunday
School
3:00 pm Christmas
Concert

Mon, Dec. 3
Basketball practice
begins

Wed Dec 5
8:20 am Chapel
5:30 pm Spaghetti
supper at church
7:00 pm Advent
Worship

Our Feature Family: *The VanKampens James, Erik, and Harmen*

The VanKampens live in Cottonwood, where Piet serves as a pastor of English Lutheran Church (ELS). He also coaches 7th and 8th grade football part-time at Lakeview School. Charity is the school cook at Samuel Lutheran School. She also enjoys volunteering with various English Lutheran Church activities. Pastor and Charity have lived in Michigan, Arizona, Texas, Wisconsin, Minnesota—and—Wisconsin, Florida, Minnesota—respectively (Charity was a PK/TK). Today, they're celebrating 15 years of marriage—having lived since in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Washington. They attended various parochial schools when available (Pastor continued through to MLC, Bethany Lutheran College and then graduating from Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary; Charity through 1 year at WLC and 1 year at MLC.) and are very excited that their children are also able to receive the benefits of a Christian education. There are four Van Kampen boys: Andrew (a 9th-grader at Great Plains Lutheran High School), James (7th grade), Erik (2nd grade), and Harmen (also known as the Harmenator—he's in Kindergarten). Andrew enjoys attending Great Plains in Watertown, SD and participated in football and now basketball. James also played football (with his dad as coach) and is looking forward to starting the basketball season at Samuel. He also has an early morning paper route, delivering the Marshall Independent in Cottonwood. Erik and Harmen enjoy music, singing, and playing with their friends. As a family we feel so blessed to have gotten to know everyone better in our church family in Cottonwood, the Samuel School families, Christ Lutheran friends and other various friends and churches in the area who are all so supportive. We thank God for our friends, time and blessings. Thank you for letting us explain who we are and we look forward to getting to know everyone even better as the years go by. We hope you enjoyed meeting the VanKampen family. Next week we will feature the Wolff family.

Birthdays this month!!



Erik VanKampen-4
Grace Doering-14
Mrs. Knutson-14
Mrs. Onken-18
Kristina Hagberg-19
Jaxxon Schultz-19
Randi Wendorff-23

Cheerleading: Mrs. Amy Doering has volunteered to be our new cheerleading coach. She will hold practices on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:15 beginning December 12th.

Basketball Practice Begins Next Week: B-team basketball practice will begin on Monday, December 3rd. A-team practice begins on Tuesday, December 4th.

Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 2nd the children of our school will present their Christmas concert. The concert begins at 3:00 PM. **Parents, you do not need to bring treats for the concert. We will be serving the cookies the students decorate with their grandparents the Friday before.** Parents signed up to host the fellowship time are: Amanda Berg-chairperson, Mary Noble, Wendy Rubendall, Patty Schaffran, and Julie Lyons. Just a reminder when you sign up to host an activity you should come early to the kitchen to help set up and stay late to help clean up. The chairperson is responsible for organizing the things that need to be done ahead of time (coffee, juice, etc.). If you have questions please call the school office.

Christmas for Kids: We will be hosting “Christmas for Kids”, a one day Vacation Bible School on Saturday, December 15th for kids from Pre-K 3 year olds through 4th grade. It will run from 11:00 AM (right after our first children’s Christmas practice is over) until 1:30 PM. There is a signup sheet on the table in the narthex at church or you can call or email the office to register.

Church Decorating: Be sure to come help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Holiday decorating will start at **3:00 PM** on Saturday, December 1st. Stick around after for a chili dump supper. Everyone provides the chili – everything else is provided by the church.