

Giving Thanks to God for Many Years of Grace

Samuel Lutheran School



Celebrating 35 years of God's Grace 1978-2013

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Upcoming Events:

Sat Oct 13 MVL Volleyball Tournament

Sun Oct 14 8 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School

Tues Oct 16 Pre-K 3 Pictures Picture Retakes Flu Shot Clinic

Wed Oct 17 8:20 am Chapel 12:30 pm Early out

Thur Oct 18 NO SCHOOL

Fri Oct 19 NO SCHOOL

Birthdays this month!!



Andrew Lee-3 Mrs. Zander-3 Mr. Festerling-4 Sophia Haro-11 Alex Heil-15 Noelle Berg-19 Jacob Heil-25 Mrs. MacArthur-28 Pastor Schreiner-29 Matthew Onken-30 **Fire Prevention Week:** This is Fire Prevention Week. The theme is "Have Two Ways Out!" The Marshall Fire Department will be visiting our school today for fire drills as a part of Operation E.D.I.T.H. On Thursday the third grade students will have an opportunity to experience a smoke filled building in a safe environment when they visit a portable smoke house. Everyone is then invited to an open house and whopper feed at the fire department Thursday evening from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

Fire Poster Contest Winner: Sophia Haro was named the 5th grade winner for the Marshall Fire Department's annual fire prevention poster contest. Sophia will be recognized at the open house at the fire department on Thursday night. Way to go Sophia!

Pictures/Picture Retakes: Lifetouch will be at school on Tuesday, October 16th to take pictures of the Pre-K 3 year olds and for picture retakes. Please notify the office or your child's teacher if you would like retakes.

MVL Volleyball Tournament: The volleyball team will participate in the MVL Invite Tournament this Saturday, October 13th. Pool play will take place first. The top two teams from each pool will advance to the bracket portion of the tournament. We have not yet received the tournament schedule from MVL. We will send it home with the players and post it on the website under latest news as soon as we receive it. GOOD LUCK COUGARS!

Flu Shot Clinic: ACMC is working with our school to give the seasonal influenza vaccine to students in grades K-8. This vaccine will protect against all three influenza strains that are expected to circulate this year. Our clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16th in the afternoon. Any questions please contact the office.

Early Out: Next Wednesday, October 17th school will dismiss at 12:30. The busses will transport and the students will eat lunch before they leave.

No School: There will be no school next Thursday and Friday, October 18-19 as our teachers will be attending the Minnesota District Teacher's Conference at West High School in Plymouth.

Christmas Greenery: Our CLYF will be selling Christmas greens (24" Wreath, 36" Wreath, 25' Balsam Roping, Holiday Swag and Holiday Evergreen Planter) after services October 14th, 21st, and 28th. Orders will arrive by Thanksgiving.

Our Feature Family: The Bergs Abigail and Noelle

Abigail is an energetic 4th grader that would like to try everything! She is in her 4th year of piano, and likes to play during offering or pre-service in church; maybe organ someday? She has enjoyed being in Volleyball and cheerleading at Samuel, and is thinking of giving basketball a try this year. She loves to read, and is constantly working on anywhere from 1-4 novels at a time, sometimes for the 2nd time, currently the Little House series and Harry Potter. She will begin her 5th year of ice-skating lessons. She loves to ride her bike, travel, learn about history and science, enjoys writing and anything American Girl. Her big excitement is that her dad finally agreed to let her get her ears pierced this fall! ©

Noelle is excited to be a first grader. She too is in ice-skating as well as dance classes. She likes playing with her sisters and friends from church. She enjoys sports and being outside riding her bike and getting dirty just about any way she can. She is thrilled about learning to read more and more. She loved being a flower girl this past summer with her sisters and cousin in Uncle Dan's wedding in Georgia and seeing everything along the way. She likes to sing and dance and make us all laugh. There's a 3rd little girl in the mix, Sophia. She just turned 4, and attends preschool at St. John's in Wood Lake with mom for a teacher. She tries to keep up with the big girls on a regular basis. She loves anything princess, dressing up and dancing. She too takes dance class, and will begin ice-skating this fall. She can't wait to come to Samuel with "the sisters". Amanda is in her 10th year of teaching little ones. She has helped to start and taught at 3 different preschools, St. John's being the longest. Involved in teaching, parenting, women's groups, choir, hand chimes, working out and being the wife of a pastor, she doesn't have much free time, but if she does, travel and shopping are her outlets. (Pun intended) Pastor (Mike) Berg was assigned to the church in Wood Lake in 2005. It has been a wonderful blessing both to the congregation and us. We couldn't ask for a better place to be. He works hard, reads a ton, studies more and loves Michigan football. Not necessarily in that order. He reads to Mrs. Ellingson's class once or twice a month, conducts chapel once a month for Samuel and attends various sporting events for his catechism kids and teens. He enjoys getting together with other Pastor buddies to relax and talk theology. He will attend the academy at Strasbourg France this coming summer for the 2nd time to complete another masters and defend a Thesis. We've enjoyed getting to know more families at Samuel and are so grateful for the Christian Education that our children are able to receive here. We hope you enjoyed meeting the Berg family. Next week we will feature the Biastock family.

Faculty Profile: Mrs. MacArthur

Mrs. MacArthur graduated from Echo – Wood Lake High School in 1980 and received an Education degree from Dr. Martin Luther College in 1984. Her first Call was to teach grades 3 – 4 at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School in Wonewoc, WI. After teaching one year, she returned to school and graduated from Southwest State University with an Elementary Education degree in 1987. During the college years, she began working at Super Valu/ County Market in Marshall, eventually becoming full time as the assistant customer service manager. Mrs. MacArthur married Dale in 1988 and moved to Windom where she did substitute teaching in several school districts. They moved to Marshall in 1989 where she continued substitute teaching. Mrs. MacArthur taught third grade full-time in the Lynd Public School from 1991 – 1993. Following this, she opened a daycare in their home until she received the Call to teach grades 3 – 5 at Samuel Lutheran School in 1997.. Mrs. MacArthur currently serves as an organist and as an officer of Christ Lutheran's Mission Society as well as sings in the church choir. The MacArthurs have four children – Alexander (& Hannah), Kayla, Isabella, and Samuel. Mrs. MacArthur enjoys crafts, music, and following her kids' activities throughout the year.

Kindergarten Visits Fire Station: On Friday, October 5th, the Kindergarten class visited the Marshall Fire Station. When we got there, they told us about smoke alarms and you have to have <u>2 WAYS OUT.</u> Then we got to see a video about Smoke Detectives. They told us how to keep safe in a fire. After that a firefighter put on all his gear to show us what he would look like and sound like in a fire. He sounded like Darth Vader but we know he is our friend and is there to help so we NEVER hide from him. Then we got to go through the Smokehouse. It was kind of scary but we got to practice "Stay Low and Go". We did a good job. Next we went back in the big room and practiced "Stop, Drop, and Roll" so we know what to do if our clothes catch on fire. Pluggy was there to talk to us and tell us about Fire Safety Week. He sprayed us with water! Our last stop was the fire engines. We got to see lots of their tools like the hoses and jaws of life. We got to go inside one of the fire engines, too. We even got to see a truck that is almost 100 years old and it still works!! We had a snack and got goody bags with fire hats, coloring books, and lots of other things. We had a great time and learned a lot!

Guidelines Opting Out Of (or back into) Hot Lunches at Samuel: Our school lunch program operates under the guidance of the National School Lunch Program. As you know, many new guidelines have been put in place as far as healthy menus. This has caused some concern from students, parents, teachers, cooks, board members, and there may be more. At this point, in an effort to encourage some changes in the students eating habits, we plan to continue with menu planning as we have since the beginning of the year. At the school we hold to the important ideal that lunchtime can also be a learning time for the students. We encourage students to at least try a small portion of new items. We would hope parents would also support us in this effort. Encourage your child to eat the hot lunch and try new foods. Menus are posted in the classrooms and on the website. We also know that some children have not developed a taste or liking for some kinds of food. On occasion there may be that one meal in 25 that just does not go down well with your child. If you feel it is necessary for your child to take his or her own cold lunch for that day, we could understand that choice. But, that choice comes with a price. We don't serve a large number of children. Planning is very tight so we don't waste food and don't waste money. Mrs. VanKampen is willing to work with parents if there is the occasional lunch that your child won't eat. To keep everyone well informed, she asks that the school is notified on Friday before the day when your child will eat his or her own cold lunch. If that notification is not made, the school board has suggested that you may not get a lunch refund for that day. Remember that when your child does not eat hot lunch, we also don't get reimbursement for that lunch and thus lose money from the National School Lunch program. We hope this works as an encouragement to have your child try the new things at lunch time, but in the case where it does not work, please follow the guidelines and inform the school of changes. Call the school at 532-2162 or email lonken@christlutheranmarshallmn.org.

Harvest Festival: The PTF of Samuel Lutheran School will be holding their Harvest Festival on Friday, November 9th from 5:30-8:00 PM. A free will donation will be taken at our pizza supper which will be served from 5:30-6:30 PM. From 6:30-8:00 PM we will have FREE games and crafts for young and old alike. Come out and have some fun and enjoy some Christian fellowship! We are also looking for any volunteers to help with



games/crafts that night and any one that is willing to donate cakes, pies or cupcakes in a **disposable container** that will be used for one of the games at the Harvest Festival. Baked items cannot contain any peanuts or peanut products in them as one of our students has a peanut allergy and we don't want to have any problems. They may be brought to school the day of Harvest Festival, Friday November 9th. Please respond by November 2nd if you can help. Any questions please call or email Hannah Prahl at 507-337-0785 or prahlmh@yahoo.com. Thanks from the Harvest Festival Committee!

Volleyball Results: <u>Victory and Loss</u> Last Thursday, the Cougar volleyball team played at MACS. The A team played and lost their first game 19 to 25 but played better and won the second game 25 to 20. Then it was the B team's turn. They lost their first game 13 to 25 but won their second game 25 to 23. Our star servers for the game were Mackenzie and Kalley. Mackenzie had eight amazing over hand serves and two bad serves. Kalley had seven awesome under hand serves and three bad serves.

GO COUGARS!!!!!!!!!!! Amanda Biastock

On Monday, the Cougar Volleyball Team played Lynd. The B-Team played first, winning the first game. Lynd won the second and third games. The first game ended up 21-19. The second game was 7-21. The last game was a close one at 12-15. Abby Wendorff did very well on serving. She made 12 serves and only missed 2. Next, the A-Team played. We won all three! The first game ended as 21-11. The second game ended up as 21-15. The last game was a close one at the end, but we fought through and got 15-13. Kalley Evans only missed one serve with 27 out of 28! MacKenzie Schultz also did well and only missed three serves with 10 out of 13. I'm excited for the MVL Tournament, coming this Saturday. *Kristina Hagberg*

SUNNY D: Please help your school by saving **Sunny D UPC labels** until October 15th. All shrink-wrapped packs and bottles 16 oz. or larger are eligible. For every 20 UPC labels, we will receive 20 free Scholastic books.