



Cougar Chronicle

September 18, 2013

Christ is the Center of our Education

Upcoming Events:

Sun Sept 22
8 & 10:30 am
Worship
9:15 am Sunday
School

Mon Sept 23
4:00 pm Volleyball
at Redwood Falls
7:00 pm PTF

Wed Sept 25
8:20 am Chapel

Thur Sept 26
4:00 pm Volleyball
vs. MACS

Kickball Tournament Information: Mrs. MacArthur's room will participate in a fun and fellowship day playing kickball at Redwood Falls on Friday. We will leave at 8:15 and return by the end of the day so students can ride the bus home. Just a couple of reminders about the day: lunch is provided (students can purchase an extra hot dog for \$1.00); there will be a concession stand available; please send a water bottle with your student and be sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather. Our students will each be placed on one of six 3rd-5th grade team. Each team will be wearing a different color—Mrs. MacArthur will be sending an email indicating what color t-shirt your student needs to wear for the day. **Also a reminder to turn in pledge forms by Thursday.**

Singing Schedule: Students in grades 3-8 will sing in the 10:30 AM worship service this Sunday, September 22nd. We will meet in the basement at 10:15. A singing schedule for the 2013-2014 school year was emailed with the Cougar Chronicle today.

PTF: The first PTF (Parents, Teachers, and Friends) meeting will take place Monday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM. **(Due to the volleyball game in Redwood that day please note the meeting time has been changed to 7:00 PM.)** Volunteers are still needed in a few areas. First, a vice president is still needed for this school year. Secondly, volunteers are needed for the float in the SMSU Homecoming parade which will be held on Saturday, October 5th. Committee members for the float as well as the Harvest Fest committee need to decide on a proposed budget and bring their request for funds to this PTF meeting. If you have not already done so we ask that every family signs up to work for two events. This is a great way to meet other parents and take pride in your child's school. Minutes from the April 29th PTF meeting will be emailed with the CC today for your review before the meeting. If you have any questions please call Lori Biastock at 828-6607.

Birthdays this month!!



Katherine Prah1-19
Rebekah Swanson-
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Testing: Standardized testing will begin next week for students in grades 1 – 8. Be sure your children get plenty of rest each night and eat a nutritious breakfast before coming to school.

Reading at Boulder Estates: On Friday, September 13th, the first and second graders walked to Boulder Estates to read to some of their residents. Each of the students read to 1 or 2 residents for about 20 minutes and then read to another resident. The students had the opportunity to practice their reading skills, but also to get acquainted with these lovely volunteers. We thank Boulder Estates for this opportunity. This event will take place on the second Friday of each month throughout the school year.

Vision/Hearing Screenings: Mrs. Flock will conduct vision and hearing screenings on Friday, September 27th. Please be sure your student has their glasses or contacts with them that day.

Gift Cards: Just a reminder that we have Hy-Vee, County Fair, Burger King, and Subway cards available for purchase in the office. Our school receives a percentage of all cards sold. You can either send a check with your student indicating which cards you would like to purchase and cards will be sent home with them or stop in the office and buy them from Mrs. Onken. Checks should be made payable to Samuel PTF.

Open House Questionnaire: Below are the answers to the “Church and School History” Questionnaire that many of you took during the Open House in the 1st and 2nd Grade Classroom. We hope you enjoyed the review. Thank you for your participation. Unfortunately no one won the prize as there was no one with all of the correct answers.

1. We are celebrating the **125th** anniversary of our church.
2. In November of **1888** a group of Lutherans in Marshall organized a congregation.
3. The name of the church was **Ev. Lutheran Christus Germinde**.
4. The present church building was dedicated on December 11, 1938. The total cost of the new church was about **\$26,000**.
5. In 1951, the window above the altar was installed. It is a picture of **Jesus in Gethsemane**.
6. In **2002** a joyful dedication service of the new addition was held.
7. Over the years **9** different called Pastors have served our congregation.
8. After its' purchase the Samuel Lutheran School property was first called **Christ Lutheran Center**.
9. A week later its' name was changed to **Samuel Hall and School**.
10. Samuel Lutheran School opened in the fall of **1978**.
11. **Sixteen** children in grades K – 8 were enrolled on opening day.
12. Groundbreaking took place in **1986** for an addition of 3 classrooms and a gymnasium.
13. In 1998 a wooden gym floor was taken out the armory in **Tracy** and installed in the gym with volunteer labor.
14. In 2013 we are celebrating the **35th** anniversary of our school.