

**AND THE WINNER IS!**—Thank-you to everyone who participated in the "Guess the Number of Seeds in the Pumpkin" contest in the kindergarten room at Open House. The Kindergarten class had a lot of fun last Friday counting all the seeds. That little pumpkin had **<u>381 seeds!!</u>** The closest guess was 371 seeds made by Mckyla Lanoye (with help from her dad, Andy<sup>©</sup>). See you next year for another contest!

**SMSU Homecoming Parade:** Our school will have a float in the SMSU Homecoming parade on Saturday, September 26th. If your child would like to ride on the float please return the blue permission slip by Friday. We will line up by Independence Park between 10:30-10:45 AM. Your child will be dropped off at the Marshall Independent on the corner of 5th and Main Streets.

**Samuel Cougar T-shirts:** If you would like to purchase a cougar t-shirt for your child to wear for the parade, we have blue ones available in size YXS and YS and white ones in size YXS for \$9.00. Please let Mrs. Onken know if you would like one. Checks can be made out to Samuel PTF.

**Vision/Hearing Screenings:** Mrs. Flock will conduct vision and hearing screenings on Friday for the Pre-K students and grades K-8. Please be sure your student has their glasses or contacts with them that day.

**PTF:** The first PTF (Parents, Teachers, and Friends) meeting will take place Monday, September 28th at 6:30 PM. The purpose of the PTF is to support and promote Samuel Lutheran School. All parents, teachers and friends of Samuel are invited and encouraged to attend and become members. This is a great way to meet other parents and take pride in your child's school.

**Planning for the Future:** As we know, God is the one who provides us with all that we have. He requires that we be faithful caretakers of those gifts. For that reason our congregation is hosting three Planned Giving Seminars over the next week. These seminars will touch on topics such as Wills, Beneficiary Designations, Retirement Accounts, Life Insurance, etc. For our school families, we are going to have a presentation after our abbreviated PTF meeting on Monday, September 28th. PTF will meet from 6:30-7:00 PM and then from 7:00 PM till about 8:00 PM, Gary St. Aubin will present his material. We have arranged for babysitting during both meetings. We hope you will consider attending.

**Panther for a Day:** Parents and students in grades 6-7-8 should look for the note that was sent home today, Wednesday. On that note are reminders about our day on Friday, September 25, in Watertown, SD, for Panther for a Day. We will leave school about 10:30 and return after the 7 pm football game. Parents, ask your child for the note.

## Upcoming Events:

Fri Sept 25 Vision/Hearing Screening

Sat Sept 26 11:00 am SMSU Parade

Sun Sept 27 8 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School

Mon Sept 28 6:30 pm PTF Meeting 7:00 pm Planned Giving Meeting

Birthdays this month!!

Isabelle Tomoson-4 Evelyn Prahl-6 Sophia Berg-12 Katherine Prahl-19 Natalie Noble-22 **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.

**Volleyball Results:** September 15 we went to MACS and played a total of 6 games. The 3-4 graders played the first two games and lost both even though they tried so hard. Then the 5-7 graders played and won both games. They did very well! Last but not least the A team played and sadly we lost both games; the score was 11-25 and 12-25. Abby got a whopping 27 serves over and then Noelle got 15 over. Morgan was right up there too with her serves. She got 11 serves over. We all did very well as we tried to play our best . Earlier this week, on September 21, the Samuel Lutheran volleyball B team played 3 games but lost all of them. The scores were, 11-25, 11-25, and 8-15. Randi, Morgan, and Noelle led the B team with 6 serves over, while Brooklyn had 4. They need to work on communication and moving their feet. The A team won 2 out of their three games in which the scores were, 26-24, 22-25, and 15-7. Sarah led the team with 7 serves over while Kiah came in a close second with 6 serves over. Some people say that the reason we lost is because we weren't serving very well. But otherwise, both teams did very well. We hope that we do well in the next game against Lynd which will happen on September 22.

**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 the influenza strains that are expected to circulate this year. Our clinic is scheduled for Monday, October 19th. More information and consent forms will be sent home next week.