

Upcoming Events:

Wed Feb 17 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Worship

Sat Feb 20 10:00 am Basketball at St. James

Sun Feb 21 8 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School

Birthdays this month!!

Breckin Waltz-7 Mark Hoppe-12 Callahan Jans-18 Alex Reaves-22 Abby Wendorff-22 Nikolas Hartke-23 Kiah Hoflock-26 **Worship Tonight:** Please join us for our Lenten worship service tonight at 7:00 PM. The theme for tonight's service is "It is Better that One Man Die for the People". Prior to the service you are encouraged to attend the Lenten supper from 5:30-6:30 PM in the church basement. Tonight our youth groups will be serving chicken wild rice soup and ham sandwiches. The Biastock, Estrada, and Rubendall families are scheduled to help serve this week's meal.

Singing: Grades 3-8 sing for the Lenten service tonight. We will meet in the church basement at 6:45.

All students in the Pre-K classes will sing for the 8:00 AM service this Sunday, February 21st. Please bring your student to the church basement by 7:45 AM to rehearse.

Basketball at St. James: This Saturday, February 20th the Cougars play at St. James. The B game will begin at 10:00 AM with the A to follow. The games will be played at Marian Hall, 421 8th Avenue South. It is located near the intersection of 4th Street South and 8th Avenue South (next to St. James Catholic Church).

No School: There is no school at Samuel on Friday, February 26th. The Early Childhood Center will not have class but will be open for those who need our services. Please fill out a sign up sheet in the Early Childhood Center as soon as possible.

Tournament Information: Our A basketball team will begin their tournament play on Friday, February 26th at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School (MVL) at 12:45 PM against Immanuel, Hutchinson. More information will be sent home the week of the tournament.

Spirit Week: You will have a chance all next week to show your school spirit as we prepare for the basketball tournament which begins on Friday, February 26th. Monday is Scrabble Day (each classroom drew a letter from the alphabet—everyone in the room should dress up like someone/something that starts with that letter. Pre-K <u>B</u>, Kindergarten <u>T</u>, grades 1-2 <u>E</u>, grades 3-5 <u>A</u>, grades 6-8 <u>H</u>.) Tuesday is Twins/Triplets or Career Day, Wednesday is Dress Up Day, and Thursday is Blue and White Day. For more information please see the sheet that was sent home today.

Pep Rally: All parents and fans of the Cougars are invited to join us for the pep rally at 2:20 PM on Thursday, February 25th.

Science Fair: The Samuel Lutheran Science Fair is about three weeks away. At this point the students who are participating (5-8 required) should be finalizing their experiments/results/data and preparing their notes and research for display. That material is to be shown to teachers on March 4. At that time (when material is approved) the students will receive a display board for their final assembly of the project. The Fair is Friday, March 11. Projects must be set up in the gym by 3:30 on that day.

Spelling Bee: Congratulations to Paxton Schultz who represented Samuel at the Regional Spelling Bee last week in Redwood Falls.

Saving for Samuel: After 42 years, the *Labels for Education* program will be ending. But wait! We are not finished yet! No changes will take place until August 1st. The program will continue to accept all UPCs and beverage/sauce caps until that time. Since our school is currently active, we may continue to submit labels into 2017, but at that time only UPCs with the *Labels for Education* logo. So if you have any "old" labels without the logo on them, please send them to church or school by the end of this school year so we can still get credit for them. The labels will gradually disappear from products in stores, and the program will officially end sometime in 2017. Please send in UPCs and beverage/sauce caps promptly until the end of the program so none of them become invalid.

Please also send in Box Tops promptly. If the Box Tops are expired, the company does not accept them so please so do not let them expire.

Camp Shetek: Minnesota Valley Lutheran Camp, commonly referred to as "Camp Shetek", will be held June 19-25 at the facilities of the Lake Shetek State Park's Zuya Group Campground, located near Currie. The camp is open to students who will have completed grades 3-8 in the spring. Registration forms are available at the office or you may register online at welsmn.org and click on Events and Registration. The cost is \$240 for all campers which includes a \$75 non-refundable deposit. There is an early bird registration which is \$215 if registered by April 1st. No reservations will be accepted after May 15th. Names that are received after May 15th will be contacted if there is space. Please be aware that Camp may fill up before this April 1st deadline.

Camp Luther: Camp Luther, directed by Great Plains Lutheran High School, is a summer group camp for those entering 5th grade to those entering 9th grade of the WELS and their friends. This year it is being held at Sibley State Park, north of Willmar, MN from Sunday, July 10-Friday, July 15th. The campers enjoy daily devotions, Bible study, singing, crafts, outdoor activities, hiking, fishing, boating, swimming, evening entertainment, camp fire songs, camp fire devotions, plus other fun activities. Camper fees equal \$130 per camper. The fees cover all lodging, all food and snacks, crafts and activities, and a Camp Luther t-shirt. Questions? Please contact Rev. Tony Hansen, Director at campluther@gplhs.org. If you would like a brochure, please speak to Pastor Schreiner.