



# Cougar Chronicle

December 18, 2019

## Upcoming Events:

Wed Dec 18  
5:30 pm Advent  
Supper  
7:00 pm Worship

Sat Dec 21  
9:00 am Christmas  
Eve practice

Sun Dec 22  
8 & 10:30 am  
Worship

Tues Dec 24  
5:30 pm Children's  
Christmas Service  
at Samuel  
9:00 pm Candlelight  
Worship

Wed Dec 25  
9:30 am Christmas  
Worship

**Ugly Sweater Day:** On the last day of school before Christmas break we are going to make Samuel an **ugly** place to be. Break out that sweater that's buried at the bottom of your closet and wear it proudly! What qualifies as an **ugly** sweater you ask? Well, any Viking sweater would be a good choice or whatever else you have. You don't have to go and buy one; make an okay sweater you have **ugly** by decorating it. Be creative! Be original! Be a good sport and come up with an **UGLY SWEATER**. Remember Friday is the **ugliest** day of the year!

**Preparation:** Please join us for our final midweek Advent service tonight at 7:00 PM. What a great time to remember what's really important this time of year.

**Advent Meal:** The PTF of Samuel is hosting a barbeque supper prior to tonight's worship service beginning at 5:30 PM. Thank you to all who have donated food for this!

**Thank You:** On behalf of Miss Gonzales and I, we would like to give a big thanks for the phenomenal support we have received during our time here at Samuel Lutheran and Christ Lutheran Church! It's wonderful to see such awesome people working together as one body of Christ in so many different ways. Though the time was short, the time will not be forgotten. God bless everyone in their future endeavors as servants of our Lord and God! *Miss Schibbelhut*

**Children's Christmas Eve Practice:** This Saturday, December 21st all of the children (PreK-8) will meet at Samuel from 9:00-10:30 AM to rehearse for the Children's Christmas Eve Service.

**Can You Help?** On Saturday starting at 9:00 while the children are practicing for their Christmas service the bags of candy need to be filled. This is done in the cafeteria.



## December Birthdays

Ethan Wendorff-4  
Martin Krenz-5  
Eliana Marius-6  
Evan Krenz-12  
Mrs. Ellingson-12  
Ramsey Winter-19  
Adyson Fischer-22

**Christmas Eve Reminder:** Preschool and kindergarten students should meet in their classroom by 5:10 PM. Grades 1 – 8 should meet in the lunchroom by 5:10 PM. Please pick up your children in the classroom and lunchroom following the service.

\*\* Since this is a worship service, please refrain from taking pictures during the service. Please also remember to turn off your cell phones. Thank you.

**Christmas Vacation:** School will dismiss for Christmas break on Friday, December 20 at 3 PM. School will resume on Thursday, January 2nd.

**ECC Reminder:** If your child will be attending childcare over Christmas break please make sure they have a sack lunch and ALL winter gear every day.

**Middle School Tropical Fun Night:** Attention middle school students in grades 5 through 8 – we are planning a "Fun Night" during Christmas break on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 PM at Samuel. We are going with a tropical theme this year so wear your best tropical outfit or bright colors and flip flops to this tropical night of fun! Sign up on the sheet by the bulletin board at church by December 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Recycle Beyond the Bag:** Hy-Vee and Lyon County have joined forces to challenge area schools to Recycle Beyond the Bag. This program challenges area schools to recycle plastic shopping bags and plastic film not only from their school environment but also from school children's home. We all want to do something for the environment but we sometimes are not sure what we can do. This challenge will help families understand that beyond the recycling curbside cart and the community recycling drop sites, there is more that we can do to recycle unwanted items. Samuel has signed up to participate in this challenge. Please see the attached document for more of an explanation of the program as well as what you can bring in to recycle in the bins. The recycling bins will be located in each entry way at school.

**Mark Your Calendars:** The spelling bee date for this year will be Tuesday, January 14 at 1:00 p.m. for Grades 5-8 and Wednesday, January 15 at 1:00 p.m. for Grades 1-4.