

Sharing the
Love of Jesus



Cougar Chronicle

February 15, 2023

Upcoming Events:

Fri Feb 17
Noon Dismissal

Sat Feb 18
Basketball
Tournament at
Hutchinson

Sun Feb 19
8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday
School
1:00 Pioneers

Wed Feb 22
Ash Wednesday
8:15 am Chapel
7:00 pm Worship

Thur Feb 23
2:15 pm Pep Rally

Fri Feb 24
NO SCHOOL



February Birthdays

Celena Hartman-6
Hayes Boerboom-8
Evra Frank-9
Eliza Stattelmann-9
Mark Hoppe-12
Ella Heard-15
Madixx Klatt-27
Ella Kennedy-28

Calendar Reminders:

 A reminder of the following dates:

Friday, February 17: noon dismissal, busses will transport
Monday, February 20: not a parent transport day (public school make-up day)
Friday, February 24: no school
Friday, March 3: no school

Child Care Center: The child care center will be open Friday, February 24 and Friday, March 3rd for families that need it. Please contact Sarah Zander if you would like your child to attend. szander@christlutheran-marshallmn.org 507-401-6448.

Lutheran Schools Week Recap: Thank you to all the parents that were able to join us for a mini breakfast and chapel on the Wednesday of Lutheran Schools Week. It was great to see so many of you that morning enjoying that time with your children. Thank you to everyone for the generous donations of food, gift cards, and money to the food pantry. We donated 172 pounds of food! The food pantry was very thankful for the donation as well. We hope this week was fun and gave us an opportunity to see the ways we can help out in our community as well as enjoy the time we have together as individual families and as a school family.

Pine Car Derby: Pioneers will meet on Sunday at 1:00 PM to begin their Pine Car Derby project.

From the Nurse's Office: We are in the midst of the respiratory and stomach flu season so this is a reminder to all about keeping your child home if: 1) your child has a fever over 100 degrees in the past 24 hours. The child may return if they are fever free, for 24 hours, without taking any fever reducing medication; 2) your child has vomited 2 or more times in the previous 24 hours; and 3) your child has diarrhea and just does not feel well with this diarrhea. They may return if no incidents for 24 hours. Both the respiratory and stomach flu viruses are spread quickly and easily amongst people. REMEMBER-hand washing with soap and water is the single most important step to stop the spread of infection. *Joyce Flock RN School Nurse*

Dress Up Days 2023:

Monday, February 20 - Pajama Day - come dressed in your pajamas for the day.

Tuesday, February 21 - Inside-Out Day - come dressed with all your clothes inside-out for the day.

Wednesday, February 22 - All One Color Day - come dressed all in one color of your choosing for the day.

Thursday, February 23 - Cougar Day - Show your school spirit by dressing in your Cougar wear.

Poster Contest: We will again be doing a poster contest this year as part of our Dress Up week and Pep Rally. The theme for the posters this year will be "Game On." Posters will need to be returned by Tuesday, February 21. We will judge the posters on February 22 and award prizes at the Pep Rally on February 23. These posters should show school spirit as we send off our basketball team to their two end of the year tournaments and should be centered around the theme "Game On."

Pep Rally: Everyone is invited to join us for our Pep Rally on Thursday, February 23 starting at 2:15 in our gymnasium. Come help us cheer on our basketball team as they head to the MLC tournament in New Ulm February 24-26 and to the Great Plains Lutheran High School tournament in Watertown, SD March 3-4.

SMSU Performance: Grades 1-8 have been invited to a performance at SMSU of The Enchanted Bookshop. We have 57 seats reserved for the Friday, March 31 performance which starts at 9:00 a.m. This number includes all students in grades 1-8, the 3 teachers, and room for 9 chaperones. If you would like to chaperone this trip, please let Mr. Obry know as soon as possible. **We could still use 1-2 more drivers.**

Summer Care: If you are interested in enrolling your child in summer care this upcoming summer please reach out to Sarah Zander by March 1. There are many factors that go into having summer care and we greatly appreciate your input. We will be informing families the middle of March if we are or are NOT having summer care starting in June. Summer care (if open) will be available to grades Pre-k through 4th (going into 5th grade). Thank you. szander@christlutheran-marshallmn.org or 507-401-6448.

Parent/Child Game: A reminder that our Parent/Child game is on Friday, March 10 in our gymnasium. We will begin our first game at 5:00 p.m. with the 3rd-5th grade parents against their children followed by the 6th-8th grade parents against their children playing at 5:30. At 6:00 we will head up to the cafeteria for some fellowship and a meal. We will be ordering pizza and ask that parents of 6th-8th graders bring a dessert and that parents of 3rd-5th graders bring a salad/side dish. To try and plan as best as possible for the pizza please let Mr. Obry know how many people you will have attending by Wednesday, March 8.

Student Teachers: We are excited to be able to welcome two student teachers to our school from Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, MN. MLC is the training college for pastors, teachers, and staff ministers for the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. It is where Mr. Obry, Mrs. MacArthur, Mrs. Manian, and Ms. Mays all attended college and they all had a similar student teaching experience that our two student teachers will be doing here at Samuel. Miss O'Brien will be in Mrs. MacArthur's classroom and Miss Rothfuss will be in Mrs. Manian's classroom. These ladies are in their Senior years at MLC and their student teaching experience is the culmination of 4-5 years of study in the elementary education program. They will be with us from February 27 through May 5. In general, they will start their experience by observing the classroom for the first week while starting to do some devotions and other items to get them in front of the students, eventually having them do the full teaching slate by the end of their 10 week experience. Hopefully this gives you a little snapshot into what this student teaching experience is all about. Please contact Mr. Obry if you have any further questions about it. Please welcome these ladies into our school, congregation, and community just as you've welcomed all of our teachers. See below for some bio information about our student teachers that they have shared with us.

Hi, my name is Miss O'Brien! I am a senior at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. I am currently in my student teaching semester, and I am so excited to spend ten weeks with you at Samuel Lutheran. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone in a couple of weeks, but for now here are some things about me! I grew up in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. I have one little sister, Emma, and two dogs, Diesel and Mabel. Growing up I enjoyed playing volleyball, being a cheerleader, singing in choir, and being in musicals. Pigs are my favorite thing ever! I raised pigs for ten years in my local 4-H club, and I miss doing it very much! One dream I have is to be a pig farmer when I am out of school. Some of my hobbies include reading, hiking, and traveling. I have dreamed about being a teacher since I was in third grade, and I am so excited for the opportunity to learn from this experience. I can't wait to meet you all very soon!

Greetings Samuel Lutheran School and Christ Ev. Lutheran Church,

My name is Emily Rothfuss and I am very excited to be working alongside you all in preparation for my future ministry in the Gospel. Here is a little about your new student teacher: I was born and raised in Bay City, Michigan where I attended St. John's Ev. Lutheran School and Church for preschool-eighth grade. I am still blessed to call St. John's my home congregation, and I thank them for their prayers and support throughout my preparation for ministry. I then attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary for the entirety of high school. There I participated in volleyball, basketball, softball, and Concert Choir. I graduated MLS in 2019 and decided to continue into the teaching ministry here at Martin Luther College. I majored in Elementary Education with a minor in Physical Education. I also participated in Women's Basketball and played for four seasons up until this semester when I made the tough decision to quit in order to focus on my student teaching experiences. Little did I know that God was going to bless me thus far into my experience. I am very thankful he has led me down this path of teaching and I am very grateful for your partnership in the growth of my future ministry!

Tuition Assistance Fund: At the February meeting of the Board of Education, a policy was adopted to disperse tuition assistance to families with students in grades K-8 at Samuel Lutheran School. The fund is intended to help families that are experiencing hardship or when tuition may prevent a family from attending Samuel Lutheran School. This fund was started by generous donations and memorials given by members of Christ Lutheran Church. A copy of the policy that can now be found in the school handbook is attached to the email with the Cougar Chronicle. In order to be eligible to receive assistance from this fund you will need to fill out a request form and send it to the school office by the 2nd Friday in May. The Board of Education will review the request forms at its June meeting and let families know by July if they have been awarded any assistance. You can get a Tuition Assistance Request Form by contacting the school office. If you would like to donate towards the Tuition Assistance Fund please send your check made out to Samuel Lutheran School to the school office at 500 Village Dr. Please make sure to write "Tuition Assistance" on the memo line. Mr. Obry and the members of the Board of Education can help answer any questions you have about this as well.