



# Cougar Chronicle

January 16, 2024

## Upcoming Events:

Tues Jan 16  
4:00 pm Basketball  
at St. Mary's, Tracy

Wed Jan 17  
8:15 am Chapel

Fri Jan 19  
NO SCHOOL

Sat Jan 20  
6:30 pm Pioneer  
Ice Skating

Sun Jan 21  
8:00 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday  
School  
10:30 am Worship  
7:00 pm Call  
Meeting

Tues Jan 23  
1:00 pm 1-4 Grade  
Spelling Bee  
4:00 pm Basketball  
vs. St. Mary's



## January Birthdays

Mason Kobylinski-4  
Elise Kobylinski-5  
Myra Kobylinski-5  
Charlotte DeRuyter-17  
Averianna Timm-17  
Jaden Lyons-19  
Benjamin Berg-25  
Miss Zander-27  
Lincoln Paradis-30

**Sharing the Love of Jesus!** This semester our chapel mission offerings are being sent to "Academia Cristo." Every Wednesday each of our students has an opportunity to make an impact in that mission field with their own mission offerings. Please remind your students about that opportunity.

**Spelling Bee Results:** The 2024 Samuel Lutheran School spelling bee champion is Myra Kobylinski. Evan Krenz came in second place and Emilie Krenz placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. With her win, Myra advances to the regional spelling bee. Other class participants included Jaden Lyons, Anna Manian, Abram Frank, Abigail Sandquist, and Ella Kennedy. Congratulations to all the students who made it to the school spelling bee and especially to Myra on her win! Students, keep studying those spelling words and maybe you will be our 2025 champion!

**Grades 1-4 Spelling Bees:** Grades 1-4 spelling bee will be next Tuesday, January 23 at 1:00 in the cafeteria. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Pioneers:** Pioneers and PTF will be going to open skate at the Red Baron Arena on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Entry fees and skate rental will be paid for all Pioneers and Samuel students. Parents – if you plan to drop off your child, please provide a phone number where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

**Calendar:** There will be no school on Friday. The ECC will be open for those that need our services. If your child will be attending please email Sarah Zander at [szander@christlutheran-marshallmn.org](mailto:szander@christlutheran-marshallmn.org). Also remember to bring a sack lunch.

**Singing on Sunday:** A reminder that grades 3 – 8 sings in the 10:30 AM service next Sunday, January 21. Students should meet in the church basement at 10:15 AM.

**Lutheran Schools Week:** We will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week January 22-26. Throughout the week we will be collecting donations for the food pantry at MLC for married students. We will have designated spots in the school to drop items off or you can have your child give them to his/her teacher to get in the appropriate place. Items the food pantry needs are canned fruits, pasta or potato side dishes, taco shells, any tomato products, and baking items. They can also take cash donations. We hope to open the eyes to needs of our ministerial students as well as give them an opportunity to find joy in helping those in need.

We will have a spelling bee for grades 1-4 on Tuesday, January 23, at 1 pm. As part of our celebration we want to invite you to a mini-breakfast like last year on Wednesday, January 24. We will start serving at 7:45 a.m. and end at 8:10 or when our food runs out. Please consider staying with us for chapel that morning as well in our gym from 8:30-9:00.

There will be various other activities for the students throughout the week.

Finally, we will end our week with a school-wide movie opportunity. Students are welcome to bring a blanket along to sit on or to cover up as they watch the movie. We also plan to have popcorn for a treat during the movie.

Please help us get the word out about Samuel Lutheran School as we celebrate all week long!

**Connect 4:** Mrs. Spanovich is looking for (4)Connect 4 games for classroom use the week of the 22-26. If any family has one they would share for the week, please label the box with your name and send in. Thank you!

**Basketball:** The Cougars host Nicollet on Saturday at 10:00 AM. The worker schedule is below:

Concessions (B game) - Tracy Estling, Rick Kobylinski

Concessions (A game) - David and Megan Konold

Scorebook (B game) - **still need one person** Scorebook (A game) - Rachel Winter

Clock (B game) Wendy Rubendall Clock (A game) **still need one person**

Cleanup - Rick Kobylinski, Renee Manian

**Cereal Boxes:** We are collecting empty cereal boxes for a project. Please drop them in the office or in Mrs. Spanovich's classroom. **To date we have received 173 boxes!** Our goal is 500. Last date to contribute is January 22nd. Thank you!

**Basketball Reminders: Week of Jan 15 - 20**

**Tues Jan 16--** 2 B games at Tracy St. Mary's starting at 4pm

6th and 5th graders play 1st game

3rd and 4th graders play 2nd game

Please be at the game around 3:30pm to allow time to get jerseys on and warm up. Coaches will have the jerseys.

**Wed Jan 17 --** 3:30 to 5:00pm practice

**Sat Jan 20--** game at Samuel vs Nicollet

B team at 10am

A team at 11am

**B team** please be at the game at 9:30am to allow time to get jerseys on and warm up. Coaches will bring the jerseys to the game.

**A team** please be at the school by 10:30am to get jerseys on and be ready to warm up immediately after the B game. Coaches will bring the jerseys to the game.

Reminder for 5th grade parents: 5th graders are welcome to join all A team games

**Week of Jan 22 -27**

**Mon Jan 22--** 3:30 to 5:00pm practice

**Tue Jan 23--** 2 B games vs. Tracy St. Mary's at Samuel starting at 4pm

6th and 5th graders play 1st game

3rd and 4th graders play 2nd game

Please be at the game around 3:30pm to allow time to get jerseys on and warm up. Coaches will have the jerseys.

**Wed June 24-** 3:30 to 5:00pm practice

**Sat June 27 -** at MVL (See following announcement)

**Basketball at MVL:** This year our school is responsible for running the concession stand on January 27th for the quad-team basketball matchup at MVL. This is an excellent fundraising opportunity for our school as we get to keep the proceeds from the day's sales. In order to accomplish this we need your help! At the links below you should find 2 items...

First: A sign up sheet to help staff the concession stand. It would be good if 2-3 families could sign up for each shift (1 hour shifts starting at 9 AM). There is also a spot to sign up to help with clean up (starting at 1:30 PM).

Second: A sign-up sheet to help provide the items we'll sell. Your donations will help keep our costs down and maximize the funds we raise.

Here's the schedule of games for the day so you can see when our teams are playing:

9:00A coed Arlington vs. St. James

10:00 A Hutchinson vs. Marshall

11:00 B Arlington vs. St. James

12:00 A Arlington vs. Marshall

1:00 B Hutchinson vs. Marshall

2:00 A Hutchinson vs. St. James

Thanks for your help and support of Samuel Lutheran School!

Pastor Herold

[Sign up for a concession stand shift here!](#)

[Sign up to help provide food items here!](#)

**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. Festerling, 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 Grace Deck will be in Mrs. MacArthur's classroom and Mr. Isaiah Terry will be in Mrs. Manian's classroom. These students 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 January 22 through March 29. In general, they will start their experience by observing the classroom for the first week while starting to do some devotions and other tasks 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. Festerling if you have any further questions about it. Please welcome these students 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.

**Ms. Deck:** Ms. Grace Deck is a senior at Martin Luther College. She will be graduating in May. Ms. Deck is from a small town in Colorado called Hotchkiss. She attended public school until college at MLC. She is part of a family of 5 which includes her mom and dad and her two brothers. Ms. Deck has a best friend named Maddie and a cat named Cindy. Ms. Deck is an elementary major with an English minor. She loves animals, books, art, music, and so much more. Ms. Deck is looking forward to getting to know you and your students while she is at our school and thanks you for giving her the opportunity.

**Mr. Terry:** Greetings families of Samuel Lutheran and Christ Lutheran, I am from Ixonia, WI and I attend St. Matthew's Oconomowoc. I went to Lakeside Lutheran High School, and am currently on the football team here at MLC. My mother is a called worker and is the Childcare Director at First Steps which is connected to St. Matthew's. My Father is a mechanical engineer at Harley Davidson, and I have one sister who is a junior at Concordia Wisconsin for nursing. I would say my two greatest hobbies are hunting and fishing, and I really enjoy being outdoors. I love sports and I do have a minor in coaching, and I believe I would be interested in helping out with coaching. Overall I am excited for this opportunity to increase my teaching ability and possibly also my coaching ability.  
Thank you, Isaiah Terry

**Can You Help?** There is an immediate opening and need for help in our after school care program at Samuel Lutheran School. If you would be interested in supervising (typically) 12-15 kids in kindergarten-5th, are over the age of 18, and are available from 2:30-5:30 PM please get in touch with Mr. Festerling or Pastor Herold.

**School Wish List:** The school has created a wish list on Amazon for different products that the school in general or specific classrooms could use. Please check it out at <https://amzn.to/3QKkE4I> and choose Samuel Lutheran School as your organization to support when you make purchases as we will receive a percentage as a donation.