

SOTL School News

“Inspiring Excellence, Nurturing Faith”

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A Message from the Principal...



WHAT A BLESSING!!!!!!

That is what I was thinking as I sat in chapel this morning with our elementary school children. Most of our time is consumed dealing with activities that only have meaning for the day. What happens in a Christian school can impact the lives for eternity.

Just think of a curriculum and philosophy that shares the truth that God is the creator of all things. What more centered realization can an individual have for their life than that?

Obviously, this occurs through chapel services and religion classes. But more importantly, through the modeling of love and forgiveness that occurs minute by minute and hour by hour via our teachers.

WHAT A BLESSING!!!!!! Spread the good news of our Christian school. When the wealth of God’s love is shared, it truly comes back with INTEREST!!!!!!

Dr. Jim



THE FUTURE

Our congregation has recently been doing an evaluation of our future ministry, as well as the resources necessary to make our dreams come true (hoping of course that our dreams have been laid on our heart by God).

There will be a voter's assembly on November 1 to affirm this plan and budget. At this meeting the congregation will have an opportunity to adopt the following vision statement for our church: Brothers and Sisters in Christ committed to transforming

homes. It is our vision that people will live 24/7 Christian lives, energized through our congregational ministries to be centered in Christ in our homes and with our families.

Obviously this is a huge task! The culture is not on our side (though I am convinced beyond a doubt that God is!) Our school ministry will be integral to making this vision a reality. This does mean that I'll be leading everyone related to our church and school to see the school ministry even more explicitly as Christian Education, as opposed to just private education with good values. We will be asking more members of our church to be a part of our school, and we'll be seeking more intentionally to share Jesus with our school families that do not yet have a relationship with Jesus.

This all sounds good, but perhaps not concrete. One of the questions on everyone's mind is, "Will we go to the 8th grade?" That is indeed part of our plan-- and we pray that it is in God's plan as well. Because of our current enrollment, our plan will be to expand to 8th grade beginning with our current 1st graders (there are 18 in the class!) This will allow us to have a larger base of students for expansion, and it will allow time to address facility issues.

I hope you'll come out to one of our information meetings (10/20 at 7:30 pm, 10/21 at 10:30 am, and 10/25 at 12:30 pm) to learn more about the future. I pray it's bright, but it won't come to fruition just by wanting it, but through a great team effort. But in our school we have the opportunity to partner with families, provide Christian education, and encourage "transforming homes." It's worth doing!

Pastor Milatz



We hope to see you at Pizza Hut on Tuesday, October 20th and/or Olga’s on Tuesday, October 27th for our fundraiser! Pick up a flyer at the school booth in the Commons.



**Fundraising Spotlight on:
SOTL ANNUAL SCHOOL
AUCTION TICKETS ARE
NOW ON SALE!**

November 7th will be here very soon, so please remember to purchase your auction tickets now. The tickets are \$16 per person, which includes delicious appetizers, beverages and desserts, as well as some fantastic items to bid on. Childcare is available for just \$5 per family for the entire evening! Tickets are available at the school booth in the Commons, or contact Gail Milatz at (810) 229-0745 or milatz-clan@sbcglobal.net for more information.

This is truly a fun night of fellowship that also helps raise a great deal of funds for our school. Your support of the school ministry is vital to its ongoing success. Whether you make a donation, volunteer your time or attend the auction, your contribution is greatly appreciated!

Please make plans to join us for a great time, and you might walk away with some fabulous deals!

“Take Me Out” Tuesdays

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our “Take Me Out” Tuesday Fundraisers. They continue to be to a great success. Here is the regular schedule for the rest of the school year:

- 1st Tuesday of the month Big Boy - Brighton
- 2nd Tuesday of the month Leo's - Brighton
- 3rd Tuesday of the month Pizza Hut - Brighton
- 4th Tuesday of the month Olga's - Brighton
- 5th Tuesday of the month Doodles - Hartland

Flyers are available at the school booth in the Commons.



Upcoming Events



- October 18 Children Sing at Church
- October 19 Scrip Order Due—Order your card for the Olga’s Fundraiser!
- October 20 Pizza Hut Fundraiser
- October 27 Olga’s Fundraiser
- October 29 No School
- October 30 No School
- October 30 Trunk or Treat @ 6:30 p.m.



Classroom News



Mrs. Choraba’s 4 year old students have been learning about apples and pumpkins, and they will go on a field trip to Spicer’s Orchard. Later this month, they will be talking about insects and spiders. They will also be learning about the Christian pumpkin that can let its light shine for Jesus.

Mrs. Deheim’s 1st Grade students are excited to be learning about snakes and even had one visit their classroom for observation! In Jesus Time, they are learning about God’s forgiveness and care for the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land. On their field trip to Spicer’s, they will learn more about God’s gifts of pumpkins and apple trees.

Mrs. Croucher’s 4th & 5th students are concluding a unit of study on Martin Luther and the Reformation. Please take a moment to view their hard work on their first Michigan History projects outside the 300 wing. On Thursday, to enhance their knowledge on Michigan History, they will visit the Museum and Battlefield in Monroe, where they will explore life during the War of 1812 and discover the role Frenchtown (Monroe) played in that war.

Miss Katie’s Preschool & Kindergarten Music students are busy learning and practicing their songs in anticipation of singing in church on October 18 at the 11:00 a.m. service.

WE NEED YOU!

The Shepherd of the Lakes School Leadership Team is forming a Marketing Committee to help spread the word about our great program at



SOTL. Members of this team will plan strategies for marketing the school through internal events at SOTL, represent the school at external events such as school information fairs, and market SOTL to daycare centers

and preschools in the area.

If you are interested in helping to promote the growth of the school, please contact Gary Butzke at gbutzke186171mi@comcast.net.

Our Mission

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School nurtures children with Jesus’ love to grow spiritually, thrive academically, and mature socially.