

# SOTL School News

“Inspiring Excellence, Nurturing Faith”

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## WHO AM I?



- I work at Shepherd of the Lakes.
- I am very engaging with my students and have a ready smile.
- I always smile and look at whoever I am talking to.
- I am very good at giving directions.
- I always greet my students by their first name in the morning when they come to school and address them in a similar way throughout the day.
- I am a natural, I have a good memory and love to teach.
- I am going to Colorado Springs, Colorado, to live in the fall.
- I will be getting married this summer.
- I will miss you all.

## I will be dearly missed!

## God bless you and yours and keep you in His care!

**Who am I?** Answer: Miss Katie Schewecke

## NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT:

**If there is anyone in the congregation or surrounding area who would wish to be considered for a kindergarten teaching position at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School this fall, please contact Dr. Pagels and share your resume information. ([principal@shepherdsvoice.org](mailto:principal@shepherdsvoice.org))**

Dr. Jim



## What's Happening?

Our School Leadership Team has begun a series of meetings to discuss our school ministry's long-term future. One of the core issues in these discussions is a future expansion to 8th grade. How much will it cost? What building space is necessary? These are just two of the many, many questions that would make it easier to remain with the status quo. However, I am more convinced than ever that Christian school education is a vital part of any community. Yes, it is harder than it has been in the past. Incomes are down and costs are up. But non-Christian school education is in many ways more perilous than it has been before also. Funding is down and costs are up. And those are only two of the minor challenges public schools face.

We'll be forming a school parent task force and a congregational task force in the coming months. We have time, but it is time that must be used wisely and according to God's leading. If you're asked to be a part of these task forces I encourage you to accept.

Many people still talk to me about a high school. Sound like a pipe dream? Maybe. But we're in the dreaming stage. We are also in the building stage, recognizing that current elementary school enrollment growth is necessary for any expansion to take place. Our SLT will be actively recruiting until the first day of school this coming fall!

It's easy to look at the finances and stop in our tracks. I'd prefer that we look into our preferred future and see if it matches with God's will. If that's the case, I trust that funding will be provided in one way or another.

Pastor Milatz



**“Take Me Out”  
Tuesday at Big Boy Will  
Offer a Special Raffle to  
Benefit the Personal  
Needs Pantry at SOTL**

On Tuesday, March 2, Big Boy in Brighton will host the monthly SOTL Lutheran School Fundraiser. As part of that fundraiser, we will hold a special raffle to help benefit our Personal Needs Pantry. Every person who brings in an item for the pantry will receive a free entry into a raffle. For adults, the prizes are a great Lutheran Study Bible (a \$60 value) or a bowling pass from Howell Bowl-E-Drome. For kids, there will be several toys to choose from and a dress code coupon. There is no limit to the number of items you can bring in, and you will receive an entry for each item. Currently, the pantry is in great need of:

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| Toothbrushes | Dishwashing Soap  |
| Toothpaste   | Laundry Detergent |
| Q-Tips       | Deodorant         |

The special guest character at Big Boy will be Hello Kitty. Please join us for a fun night in support of our Personal Needs Pantry.



## Classroom News



**Mrs. Tatterson’s 3 year old students** will be exploring dinosaurs this month. The students had fun passing out valentines to their friends. They will continue to review the sounds for the letter A through M, and learn the sounds for the letters N through P. During Jesus time, the students will listen to stories about how Jesus loves the little children and how Jesus picked the 12 disciples to help Him.

**Mrs. Hawker’s PreK students** are learning about the story of Easter and Jesus’ resurrection. They are also learning about fruits and vegetables, and will have the experience of tasting a variety of foods during their field trip to VG’s.

**Ms. Schwecke’s Kindergarten students** celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Wednesday! They did 100 exercises, wrote their names for 100 seconds, made necklaces out of 100 fruit loops, and made 100<sup>th</sup> day posters! The students are learning about the post office and letter writing. They opened their own classroom post office and have been getting some special deliveries! The students are learning about Jesus’ life on earth and the church season of Lent. They continue to learn more letters and sounds. They are beginning simple addition and sequencing numbers.

**Mrs. Wilkin’s 2nd & 3rd grade students** have been learning about a nation divided in Religion: Solomon receiving wisdom and building the Temple; Division of the kingdom, and various Psalms and Proverbs. They’re finishing up their Simple Machines Unit this week with their Compound Machine Projects! Look for them in the hallway! For Reading and Social Studies, the students have enjoyed books about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, and learning about the birth of our nation. On Feb. 17th, they enjoyed several activities to celebrate the 100th day of school! They made pictures using 100 toothpicks, wrote 100 words, and imagined what they’d look like and what they would be doing when they are 100 years old! Do you know what the 100th word in the Bible is? Ask a 2nd or 3rd grader!

### Upcoming Events

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| February 22 | Informational Cub Scout Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. |
| February 23 | Olga’s Fundraiser                           |
| February 24 | Staff Appreciation Lunch                    |
| February 26 | Spirit Wear Orders Due                      |
| March 1     | Scrip Order Due                             |
| March 2     | Big Boy Fundraiser                          |
| March 7     | Lutheran Schools Week Begins                |
| March 8     | Teacher Appreciation Week Begins            |
| March 9     | Leo’s Fundraiser                            |
| March 15    | Scrip Order Due                             |
| March 16    | Bennigan’s Fundraiser                       |
| March 20    | Mom to Mom Sale                             |
| March 23    | Olga’s Fundraiser                           |

### Our Mission

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