

SOTL School News

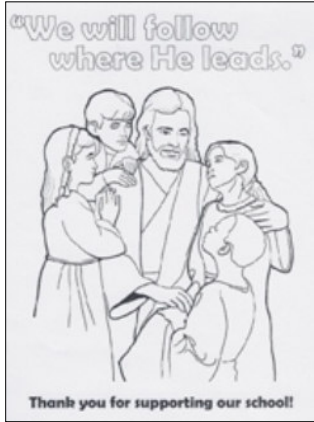
“Inspiring Excellence, Nurturing Faith”

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A Message from the Principal

You may recognize the picture on the right side as being the bulletin insert from last Sunday, commemorating Lutheran School’s Week, with each picture being further embellished by one of our SOTL school children. On one level, it is trite to say that “It takes a village to raise a child,” however it is



also remarkably true. Sincere thanks to all of our “villagers” who work to make our school a success. However, in saying thank you, keep in mind that there will always be individuals or groups that will be overlooked. Any such slight is truly not intentional.

These special people include:

- School staff including Katie Boggs who worked with the children on the musical numbers for our late service this Sunday
- Pastor Milatz
- Lisa Johnson, Elena Mann and Heidi Ohrt and their helpers for all of their appreciation gestures they did for our school faculty
- The School Leadership Team and the Parent Teacher Organization
- Volunteers for our school in reading, Kinetic Kids, secretarial support, etc.
- Our school secretarial staff and the entire church staff
- Parents who are a wonderful support network for their children and our school
- The children, our vision for the future and joy in our lives as we share the mission here at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School that Christ has given to us.

Dr. Jim



Calling All Church Families with Kids

One of the things our school offers is the presence of Christian values and daily teaching from the Scriptures. It’s a Christ-centered education. This is really important to most of the church families that I speak to. But in spite of this, there are many families that choose not to send their students to our school. I want to briefly touch on a few of the common reasons I hear.

1) "It's too expensive!" In my experience this is the most common reason people have. If money is your only barrier, please speak with me. Where there is a will, there is a way.

2) "There are no sports!" No, currently there aren't. But as our school grows we will be able to offer a greater number of extra-curricular activities. What we do offer far exceeds what we do not.

3) "The public schools are fine!" There are many wonderful public school teachers. This isn't a fight against public schools but a fight for Christian education. While SOTL students tend to score considerably higher than students at public schools, we really exist to offer something that public schools can't -- daily growth in Christ and a partnership with parents that ensures your values are being reinforced when the kids are at school.

4) "You don't go to eighth grade!" We're planning to! And if we have more church families utilize our school those plans will become a reality.

5) "I want my child to be exposed to the real world!" We don't place our students under a rock. They are trained how to look at the world with a Christian Biblical worldview. Ask yourself, "Do I really want my 1st grader exposed to the so called real world before they're ready, or do I want them to learn how to view the world so that when they're exposed to it they can make a positive difference?"

Pastor Milatz



Our Mission

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



*SOTL 4th Annual Golf
Scramble
May 15, 2010*

The snow is gone, the robins are out, and it's time for our Annual SOTL Golf Outing. The event will be held at Dunham Hills Golf Course on Saturday, May 15, with registration beginning at 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$105 per golfer, and includes 18 holes of golf, light lunch, full course dinner, awards and prizes. Don't golf? There are sponsorship opportunities available starting at \$150 (donations towards this event are tax deductible). There are also volunteer positions that need to be filled. All of the profit from this event will benefit the ministry and children of the SOTL School. For more information or to sign up for golf or a sponsorship, please pick up a brochure at the school desk in the Commons or contact the school at (810) 227-6473.



Mrs. Tatterson's 3 year old students will be learning about wind and clouds. They will continue to review the sounds for the letters A through P, and learn the sounds for the letters Q through T. During Jesus Time, they will listen to stories such as "The Four Faithful Friends", "The Lost Sheep", "The Boy Who Shared his Lunch", and the story of Easter and Jesus' Resurrection.

Mrs. Hawker's 4 year old students will be exploring the oceans. Jesus Time will focus on Easter. The students are looking forward to a field trip to the Hartland Gym with Jan Doke.

Ms. Schwecke's Kindergarten students will learn about Palm Sunday and the Easter story. They will practice paying for items using a variety of coins, adding by counting on, and measuring using non-standard units of measure. Kindergarten continues to learn new sounds and letters. The students will investigate the season of spring and identify the changes in the world around us. They are reading books from the Flat Stanley book series and will do some special literacy activities with our 2-5th grade buddies!

Mrs. Wilkin's 2nd & 3rd grade students have been finishing up the Old Testament by reading about Elijah, Naboth, Naaman, and Elisha. The last few lessons have focused on Daniel in the Lion Den and the story of Jonah and the Whale, both familiar stories. They finished up their Science unit on simple machines by sharing their own compound machine projects. The students hope you got a chance to see them. They are now working on Light, Sound, and Heat. They are reading chapter books in small groups and working on class book projects, with some Irish folk tales and literature. In Math, the 2nd graders are working on money, two-digit subtraction, and geometric shapes. The 3rd graders are working on arrays, fractions, estimating measurements, and multiplication. In Social Studies, the students are continuing their lessons on colonial times, with a focus on Ben Franklin, James Madison, and George Washington.

Mrs. Gaertner's 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade Spanish students are describing their families. They are also learning that vowels in Spanish always make the same sounds. Spelling in Spanish is much easier than spelling in English. There is no silent "e" in Spanish! There are no long and short vowel sounds! If only those vowels in their English spelling words were so consistent! **Students in 4th and 5th grades** are describing sports and activities that they enjoy. You might even catch them conjugating a present tense verb in the first and second person. Don't tell them that they're doing grammar because they're just having fun!



Upcoming Events

March 20	Mom to Mom Sale
March 23	Olga's Fundraiser
March 29	Scrip Order Due
March 30	Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser
April 2	Easter Break Begins
April 6	Big Boy Fundraiser
April 12	School Resumes

PLEASE NOTE: The Doodles Fundraiser scheduled for Tuesday, March 30 has been cancelled. Please join us at Buffalo Wild Wings in Howell instead. No flyer needed—just turn in your receipt to Nancy Weaver or at the school desk in the Commons, and the school will receive 20% of your bill!