

SOTL School News

“Inspiring Excellence, Nurturing Faith”

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ONE GREAT VALUE – OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL



I spent my high school years growing up in a hamlet in southern Minnesota. How small was this town? I thought you would never ask! Well, there was a general store, a church, a school, a ball field and a handful of scattered homes, all of this without the benefit of a stop sign. Yes, it could have been named, “What was that?”

Across the way lived a poor widow. Mrs. Brammeier’s sainted husband, a former Lutheran pastor, was killed in a tragic automobile accident when her twins were infants. Long story short, through the support of the Christian community her five children became pastors, teachers or deaconesses/pastor’s wives. But just remember, this is but one story in the tapestry of God’s plan.

The question is, what is God’s plan and tapestry for our Shepherd of the Lakes family and school, and what part will you play in bringing His plan to fruition? As our children celebrate Lutheran Schools Week with fun activities and by participating in the worship services, let us also play a role by sharing our vital school ministry:

- With other parents by telling them what our children are learning about Christ our Savior and how this is enriching their lives and our families.
 - Of the quality education that our children are receiving within a small class environment.
- Of the loving and dedicated staff who minister to our children.

Considering the blessings of a Christian education that keeps on giving throughout a lifetime, it would be a shame if we would fail to share this wonderful opportunity with members and outsiders whose children could benefit from the eternal blessings our school has to offer.

Dr. Jim



Lutheran Schools Week

This coming week in school will be celebrated as Lutheran Schools Week. It's a fun week around school, sort of like how you would remember a homecoming spirit week in high school. Kids dress up according to different themes, such as pajama day. We have a special chapel service. Next Sunday we'll highlight our school ministry during our offering time.

Did you know that Lutherans have the second highest number of Christian schools, behind Roman Catholic schools? Christian Education is part of who we are. It has gotten a lot harder to operate schools in recent years. There is no one reason for why this has happened, though many of the reasons relate to finances.

Lutheran schools are worth the money and effort. There is no other ministry that brings more than 100 children to our building on a daily basis to learn so intimately about Jesus. We're blessed to have this ministry at SOTL. If you're a parent who wants to learn more, be in touch. Don't let the money be a deterrent to investigating the blessings of Christian education.

Pastor Milatz

Calling all Boys in Kindergarten through 4th Grade!



We are in the final planning stages for creating Troop 347 at Shepherd of the Lakes. Anyone interested in joining our pack should contact Nancy Weaver at (810) 229-5113 or nanw@att.net as soon as possible. We are still in need of adult volunteers as well. It only takes a couple of hours a month to have a lasting impact on a child through the Cub Scout program.

SOTL Annual Golfing Outing

Despite all the snow on the ground, spring is just around the corner, and that means it's time for our Annual Golf Outing. The event will be held at Dunham Hills Golf Course on May 15, 2010. The fee is \$105 per golfer, and includes golf, lunch, dinner and prizes. Don't golf? There are sponsorship opportunities available and volunteer positions that need to be filled. All of the profit from this event will go into our Student Grant Fund. This fund provides tuition assistance to families who might not otherwise be able to send their children to a school where they can learn about Jesus' love. For more information, please contact Gerry Boik at (517) 548-5285 or lion78@sbcglobal.net



Upcoming Events

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



Mrs. Choroba's 4 year old students will be learning about spring and Easter. They will have an Easter party, and many spring activities, including planting the wheat seeds from Great Harvest. A field trip to Bounce Gymnastics is planned. Most importantly, the students will celebrate that Jesus is Risen!

Mrs. Deheim's 1st grade students are excited about going to see the play, "Seussical Junior" and are looking forward to "Lutheran Schools Week"! In faith instruction and in social studies they are learning about God's loving provisions for needs and His guidance regarding wants and priorities. They also enjoyed giving a puppet show about the "Hare and the Tortoise."

Mrs. Croucher's 4th & 5th grade students are discovering what God's Word tells about God's prophecies and how God used the prophets to share His plan of salvation. In Michigan History, they learned about many Michigan products, from furniture to food. Each student will be assigned a PowerPoint project for a famous Michigan person, and in less than two weeks, new Michigan History projects will be on display. The students are looking forward to celebrating Lutheran Schools Week.

Miss Katie's Music students are working on these Upcoming Events. Please mark your calendars for:

Lutheran Schools Week: Sunday performance (March 14) at church at 11:00 for ALL students PRESCHOOL - 5th grade! PLEASE COME SUPPORT THE SCHOOL!

1st-5th grade students are singing with the Sunday School kids on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Come and wave your palms!

Mrs. Gaertner's 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade Spanish students are learning to count and to say their ages. **Students in 4th and 5th grades** are working on vocabulary for body parts, feelings, and more daily activities. In all levels, students are listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish. Students in kindergarten had the opportunity to experience a Spanish class where they learned some greetings and numbers.

Our Mission

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