

# SOTL School News

“Faith, Knowledge, Discipleship”

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## THE HUGE BLESSING OF MANY HANDS AND HEARTS



For many of us, it is a smolt geos whoitut sinayg, a Crianhstin socohl. But it is not as confusing as it would seem. The fact is that many people, about half, can read scrambled words as long as the first and last letters of the word remain intact. The fact is that we are all members of one body, the head of which is Christ. Many of you have shared your time, talents and gifts with our school in bountiful ways, for example:

- Golf Outing - There were 132 golfers that enjoyed the beautiful day that our Heavenly Father offered us, and along with sponsors, yielded over \$25,000 in grants for our SOTL students.
- Kinetic Kids - What is that? Well, that is a group of parents who on a weekly basis meet with our preschool children and put them through their paces, namely various small and large muscle activities to enrich their curriculum.
- Music and Art Fair - That is just one sample of what happens in the specials our children receive on a weekly basis. That occurred on Friday night (May 14) and it was a great night for all. The children did a magnificent job under the direction of special staff and the guidance of our teachers.
- Congregational Members - It is absolutely clear that Christian education (the school) is crucially important to our members. I have experienced that feeling on numerous occasions in so many ways and count it as a privilege to be serving these children.

Actually, this could be a very long list and, of course, my approximate 250 word limit cannot begin to do it justice. Many thanks to all.

Dr. Jim



## School's Out!

I can hardly believe that we are entering the last week of school here at SOTL for the 2009-2010 school year. Our halls will soon be quieter. The schedule a little lighter. The building a little cleaner. And to be honest, it makes me sad. I love having our school kids around. They are the heart of our vision to transform homes.

There are many positives in our school ministry. The school has been financially stable this year, avoiding an operating deficit. Next year's elementary enrollment will be higher than this year. We've budgeted to buy new computers for a computer lab and will be implementing computer instruction in our program. More than a few of our school families have become active members of our congregation. God is blessing this ministry.

There are challenges as well. Next year's preschool enrollment looks like it will be slightly lower than this year. More families are in need of financial assistance. The absence of a permanent full-time principal creates questions about our commitment to the ministry.

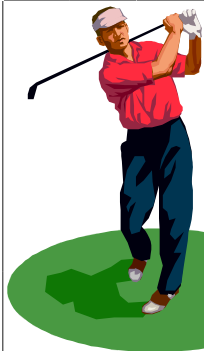
In spite of challenges, we are marching forward with excitement. We are continuing with a plan to eventually offer a program through the 8th grade. We are investigating ways to have extra-curriculars like a band, sports team, etc... The summer may be a breather for the kids, but leaders will be hard at work for the upcoming school year.

Pastor Milatz



### Our Mission

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



## SOTL Success Story: 4th Annual SOTL Golf Scramble

Beautiful weather, a great golf course and good friends all added up to make the Golf Outing a

great success! Over \$25,000 was raised for the Grant Fund for the school. Thank you to everyone who participated by volunteering, making a donation, being a sponsor, golfing or joining the golfers for dinner.

The winners of the various challenges were:

1st Place Team (Men): Jerry Trusty, Keith and Dave Hawksley, Bob

1st Place Team (Mixed): Ray and Debbie Leicht, John and Judy Jambor

Longest Drive (Women): Judy Jambor

Longest Drive (Men): Chris Pugh

Closest to the Pin (Women): Andrea Anderson

Closest to the Pin (Men): Stan Hughes

Skins Winners:

Hole #8 Jerry Trusty, Keith and Dave Hawksley, Bob

Hole #11 Glenn Hoskins, Greg Baumker, Chris Pugh, Michael Darby

Hole #16 Dan and Doug Fitchett, Pete Retsema, Bill Wilhelm

Hole #17 Pat and John Philbin, Dennis Fisher, Kain Blair

Thank you to all the hardworking members of the Golf Committee:

Ron Beardsley

Gerry Boik

Bob Calkins

Jim Cash

Darlene Fitchett

Tom Fitchett

Becky Gadd

Lisa Johnson

Craig McCall

Gail Milatz

Stacy Sprague

Jerry Trusty



## Classroom News



**Mrs. Choroba's 4 year old students** have been learning about frogs and butterflies. They will enjoy the Spring Fling with their parents, and stay for a PTO sponsored lunch. Graduation will be the 1st week of June with special ceremonies for each class. In Jesus Time, the 4 year olds learned that Jesus will be with us always.

**Mrs. Deheim's 1st grade students** have been learning about God's wonderful promises! They have grown so much in reading that they love to read and highlight in their Bibles! They are enjoying learning about our earth's land and water in Science and are studying special American holidays, people and places in Social Studies. The students are looking forward to Spring Fling and their gym "Field Day."

**Mrs. Croucher's 4th and 5th grade students** were protected and enabled by God to have a fabulous time on our Mackinaw trip. They visited Colonial Michilimackinac, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park, and the Ice Breaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum on Thursday, May 20th. On Friday, the students went over to the Island for a carriage tour that took them to the Butterfly Conservatory and Fort Mackinac. Of course, they enjoyed some free time to shop and eat some fudge!

**Mrs. Boggs Music students** all did a wonderful job in "Kids Telling Kids"! She is very proud of all of her preschool through 5th grade students! Mrs. Boggs hopes that everyone has a wonderful, blessed summer, and she will see all the students in the fall for more great music!



## Upcoming Events

May 28

Field Day

May 31

Memorial Day—No School

June 4

Last Day of School

June 5

Family Movie Night

June 21

Scrip Order Due

July 11-15

VBS

July 26

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