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# The Shepherd's Schoolhouse



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## Special points of interest:

- Come and celebrate spring at the Lutheran Family League Luau on March 29th
- Enroll your children for the upcoming school year to help plan for the new year
- Join the rocket club
- Next issue...we could be forming our own soccer team!

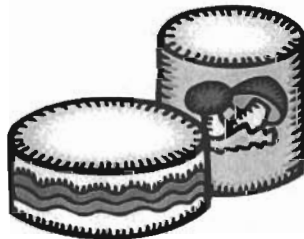
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## Celebrate Spring at the Lutheran Family League Luau

The Lutheran Family League is sponsoring a luau on Thursday, March 29th from 6:30 pm to 8pm.

We will kick-off this welcome to spring event with snacks, games and fellowship. Children are welcome to bring along friends and neighbors too. The event is open to all. Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay.



There will be no school on that Friday af-

terwards.

Feel free to come dressed up in your favorite "island" apparel...i.e. flower shirts, sunglasses, hats and hula skirts....just no bikini's.

The event is



Please remember to bring a canned good or other non perishable food item to share with others!

free, however we are collecting food for Echo Food Shelf, and attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable foods that can be shared with families that are in need.

If you can donate snacks or help with this event, please call Beth Holtmeier at 389-9830 or Lynn Lease at 345.3108.

## Have you thought about '07-'08 enrollment?

Because of the planning for space and the need for additional staff due to enrollment increases, it is best to let the school know your intentions for this upcoming school year as soon as possible. This helps in planning and makes the school more efficient and effective. If you have children or know of children entering pre-school

(ages 3 and up) through grade seven this fall that may be considering Good Shepherd Lutheran School, please fill out an enrollment form as soon as possible. Financial assistance may be available through our adopt a student program and if this is necessary to make tuition, please feel free to talk to the pastor or school board

member for more information and availability. This information will be kept confidential and will not affect your child(ren). For grades k-6, tuition prices have been capped to a family maximum and talk to Tracy Mielke Little Lambs Pre-school teacher) about current pre-school tuition.



Students assembling meals at "Kid's Against Hunger" during Lutheran's Schools week.

## A message from 1st—3rd grade by Mrs. Garman

Jesus Passion story should always keep us mindful of the hard time He had with the weight of all our sins. Too often, we try to blame Adam and Eve for the cause of our sins because we do not like to be the guilty one. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders are following the sufferings of Jesus in their religion this month. We don't like the idea that we were part of the reason that Jesus had to die in the way that He did. All by Himself. We will get to

the Easter story too and will rejoice that yes our sins were washed away with His dying and the hope of heaven is for us too. We are just finishing up the chapters in Social Studies that have taken us to the days when our country was new. We are a mixture of different people who have come here to work and build and move around the county to make it what it is today. This also finishes up our third quarter of the school

year. Report cards are just around the corner. It seems like ages since we couldn't read the books in our room, but now we like the idea that we, as first graders, are picking up books and actually reading the words by ourselves! Thank you for the prayers and the help you have given these children to work and grow in Jesus! Mrs. Garman



## Kindergarten message by Mrs. Brase

Greetings from GSLS Kindergarten Class

The first week of March was National Lutheran Schools Week. During that week we had fun doing various special activities. We enjoyed going to pack food at "Kids Against Hunger". We also enjoyed packing boxes full of school supplies to send to students in Uruguay. The class agreed that they like Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Listed below are some of the responses from the Kindergarten class as to the question "What do you like about our school?"  
I like the board at school. I like to draw a unicorn. I like to draw horses - are easy. You do the mane. Draw the body

and draw the head, then the tail, and then the hoofs, and then the leg. I like any kind of beautiful animals except the bad one like coyotes, or wolves, or those tall things that live in the ground - I don't know what they are called.  
That's it. Gabrielle  
I like playing with Payton and Dylan and everyone else. I like our church. I like that our school has lots of friends.  
Dalton

I like coloring. I like my friends and drawing them on the board. I like my teacher and making projects. Claire I like chapel. I like playing with Dylan, Payton, Dalton, Claire, and Gabrielle. I like drawing on the board, and playing on the computer. I like reading books,

and playing with silly putty. I like playing with the doctor "thingie" and I love Jesus. Zeal  
I like recess. I like to read and count. I like to play with pattern blocks. Dylan Hmmm - I like to play.  
As a teacher, I am really enjoying Good Shepherd Lutheran School. I like the children, their families, the staff, the volunteers, and the School Board. I appreciate the fact that the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are providing us with a wonderful facility. I enjoy the fact that my students and I can talk about Jesus every day. I can share my faith with them and they do the same for me. Good Shepherd really is a great place to grow!  
Spring Blessings to you all!

**"Jesus Loves Me This I Know For the Bible Tells me so, Little Ones to Him Belong"**

## The 4th-6th grade dish by Mrs. Becker

A Great Place to Grow

The fourth, fifth and sixth graders had a busy time during Lutheran Schools week. Our school helped make meals for the program called "Kids Against Hunger". The meals are protein, rice, chicken, and vegetables packaged into bags which are sent to hungry people all over the world. We worked in teams, with individuals putting the ingredients into the plastic bags, another person weighing each bag to ensure there was the proper amount in each bag, and the final person sealing the bag. After working for 2 hours, the whole school

managed to pack enough food to make 3,240 meals. We got to sample the rice dish, which we all agreed was pretty tasty. Our school choir traveled to sing at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Mankato and St. John's Lutheran Church in Good Thunder on Sunday. The following Wednesday night we sang at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Our class went on an outdoor field trip to Rasmussen Woods. We hiked along snow covered trails, looking for signs of animals. We saw numerous tracks in the snow, plus lots of scat - the new science word we learned that day. Many animals were making noises in the warmer weather. The woods are waking up! Inside the

lodge we were able to touch the mounted animals. The cougar and moose head got much attention. Each student wrote an essay about why Good Shepherd is a great place to grow. The students commented on how they appreciate being able to start their mornings with Bible study, plus pray for their friends and families.

We would love to have more friends in class with us next year. Let others know about our great place to grow!



Some of the 4th - 6th grade boys tasting the food they prepared!

## A note from the pastor...

### Who is the Teacher?

Parents of young students are used to hearing "My teacher says..." as if were equivalent to "Thus Saith the Lord!" It could be easy to get the impression that what a child learns in school trumps anything they might learn from parents at home. Any teacher can tell you, however, that it is almost impossible to teach a child anything at school that is not at least being reinforced at home.

For example, a teacher may do an excellent job of teaching grammar, but if "I ain't got no..." is what a child hears at home, that is how they will learn to talk. So why study grammar? What a teacher can do is explain why we do what we do in grammar and other subjects. Parents are the main teachers and the others are their classroom assistants.

So, how do we teach as parents? We

may caution, "Do as I say, not as I do." But because examples are always more powerful than just words, they will always do as we do anyway. When we say this, what they learn is to do is act in ways that do not fit with their words.

When we send our children to school, we must still do our job as parents, teaching and training in many ways. Does this mean school doesn't make a difference? No, it means we want our children to go to a school that reinforces and teaches the same things we teach at home.

In the same way, when we send our children to a Christian school, we cannot think that our job in religious training is done for us. Children may learn many things about God from other teachers but what they are most apt to believe is what they see their parents believe. So, the most important reli-

gious training does not come from where we send our children but from where we go with our children. Regular home devotions and regular worship together as a family are more powerful and have a more long term effect than anything that can be taught in a class. These things show that faith in Jesus is not just another thing parents say but something they believe for themselves, not just something for children but something adults continue to need. At the same time, when we send our children to a Lutheran school, we are demonstrating that this is something we consider very valuable and worth investing in.



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Pastor Becker

## Keep Saving....

We are still collecting the following: 20 oz. Plastic pop bottles, Hy-Vee receipts, Milk Moola, Kemps milk points, Box Tops for education, ink cartridges, and Campbell's soup labels. All of this "junk" brings in money and equipment for our school.

We are also looking for a new coordinator to take over for April Tordsen.



April will be moving away, and will no longer be able to oversee this project. Talk with her about what is involved with this. Thank you April for your hard work in keeping this organized. Also, if you're a Thrivent member, remember to ask for a matching funds slip when making donations to school for \$0.50 on the \$.

**"Because I Live,  
you shall live  
also." John**

**14:19**



## We need volunteers!



Good Shepherd Lutheran School has been blessed with many wonderful volunteers. Many things

need to get done including office work, cleaning, picking up and serving lunches, helping with the box top labels, milk jugs and receipts from Hy-Vee. This school couldn't function without the generous gift of time and talents that so many offer. Please remember to thank someone you see pitching in and offer your assistance when possible. If

you are available to help in any way please speak with the pastor, a teacher or school board member.



Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in various forms.  
1 Peter 4:10



Mark Wilkowske has started a rocket club that meets

twice per month for students. The cost is minimal and they will build and launch their own rockets. A donation has been made to defray the cost for those students who are interested.

### Rocket Club

Our first meeting of the year was March 12. We have seven students in the club and have room for two more.

We launched two 6 mm Micro Maxx rockets - one lost and one damaged. Tyler Doyen found the missing rocket the next day.

We will launch the rockets we are building this month in April as the ground is too soggy at this time.

April meetings - Monday 9th and 23rd- will focus on launch safety and how rockets work. If your child wants to bring a Skill Level 1

rocket kit to meetings we will help them build it- we will be indoors when poor weather cancels launches.







Discount on rocketry items at Don's Hobby is now 30%. The shelves are clearing fast.



### Schedule of Events

- Rocket Club on March 26th
- March 29th Lutheran Family League Luau from 6:30-8pm
- No school April 4-6 for Easter break
- April 5: Maundy Thursday worship service
- April 6: Good Friday worship service
- April 8: Easter worship service and Easter Breakfast
- April 9 & 23rd: rocket club
- April 27: No school for President's conference

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Palm Sunday 	2	3	4 No School	5 Maundy Thurs. 	6 Good Friday 	7
8 Easter 	9 Rocket Club 2:40-4p	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19		21
	23 Rocket Club	24	25	26	27 No School	28
29	30	31				

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## Little Lambs Preschool and after school care program

### ASC Notes

Things we have been doing this winter- paper airplanes, Play Dough, Hot Wheels, paper models, slime The 7-minute After School Care segment on the School DVD.

New games/toys this month- Junior Scrabble, Monopoly Junior, Hot Wheels loop set School supporters, We welcome your snack donations- Juice (gallon-size), CheezIts crackers, snack sized food et cetera. Welcome your toy donations- board games, outdoor toys- Call Mark 304-1943 We will



highlight your name in next month's newsletter. Thanks!

### Little Lambs Pre-school

The kids are always busy with crafts and snacks, games and circle time. Miss Tracy and Miss Judy always have something going on in the classroom and are excited to share their space next year with new friends. Some of the children in the older session go to kindergarten for the afternoon and eat lunch with the big kids. This is convenient for parents and educational enriching for

the students.

Participation is voluntary, but the kids that attend do enjoy it.

Little Lambs is now accepting applications for next fall and will be offering several sections and options for mornings and afternoons. Call Tracy Mielke to set up an appointment for more information.



Come join us!