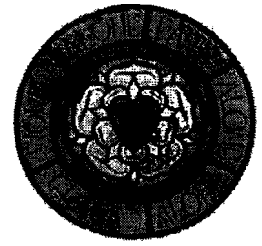


Good Shepherd Lutheran School



The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd 2101 Lor Ray Drive North Mankato, MN. 56003 October, 2007

Pastor's article:

Going to the Chapel

Kindergarten and elementary students have a chapel service on Wednesdays, 8:15 – 8:35 AM. Parents are welcome too. It is like a miniature service of worship, with songs, prayers, Bible readings and a message. An offering is received and is used for a mission project. This fall, the offering is helping to support Carol Becker who is currently a missionary in Japan.

Chapel is led by Pastor Becker and others. This fall we have been hearing a lot about sharing our faith. Carol Becker led chapel before leaving for Japan. John and Caroline Boll, a retired principal and teacher from St. John Lutheran School in Wykoff led chapel twice while serving as volunteer outreach trainers at Good Shepherd. They handed out multicolored bracelets which the children can use to talk about what Jesus does for us.

Rev. Rudy Maurer, from St. John Lutheran Church, Good Thunder, takes a turn leading chapel each month. Some students at our school are from that church. Chapel services have also been led by Rev. Steve Kosberg and Rev. Dan Weise from Hosanna Lutheran Church,

where some of our students are members.

In chapel, students are seated as chapel families. Students of all grades are mixed together so that the older ones can help the younger ones find a page and follow along. Students in the older grades take turns lighting the candles and receiving the offering. It is hoped that band students will be able to provide special music as they learn songs. Our faith in Jesus is connected to everything we do at Good Shepherd Lutheran School, but chapel is a special time to focus on worshipping God.

School's In!

The weeks of school are moving quickly. The calendar has turned to October and the feel of fall has come at last. Second, Third, and Fourth graders are busy with all of their subjects. We are getting used to the routines that we follow everyday and need little reminders to stay on task. We have been able to do a lot of our Science experiments outside since we are studying habitats and the environment. Second graders are investigating ant, insects and beaver habitats. How wonderful to see God taking care of these small creatures everyday.

Our Shepherd's Staff:

Pastor Vance Becker

Preschool:

Tracy Mielke

Kindergarten:

Alice Brase

Elementary:

Linda Becker,
Carolyn Garman

What more has he done for us! Third and Fourth graders are watching what happens when the trash is put in a landfill overtime. Are we being the best users of the blessings that God has given to us?

The grumbling Children of Israel sound a lot like us when things do not go our way. God has the plan ready, are we willing to listen to what He is telling us? We don't always like to hear that part of the story. We too often think the other person is to blame. Thank you God, for the forgiveness that you give to us!

We are excited that Laura Adams has joined our third grade class. She adds a big smile to our room. She came from sunny Arizona in September.

Thank you again for all the support and love you have shown to us at Good Shepherd Lutheran School. We know that without you, all of our work is incomplete. The volunteers, the parents, the prayers, and the blessings are too numerous to mention.

Our love to you all, 2nd, 3rd, 4th graders, and Mrs. Garman

School is not just for students!

I went back to school this summer to learn more about how to teach physics to elementary students. I spent a week learning what the scientific definition of work is, plus many other important basics of physics. **Already** I have been able to use the new knowledge to enhance the learning of my students. We just finished up a unit on simple machines, and discovered what work is, and how to reduce the effort force. The next few weeks will be spent in hands-on activities including building a car out of paper, drinking straws, paper clips, and life savers. The car will be powered by **air**. (It may be hard to keep from eating the "wheels.") Our final activity will be building a bridge out of toothpicks, and testing to see which group builds the strongest bridge. We will let you know the results later. Maybe someone will come up with a great design for the 35W bridge!

We are studying the same time period in both Bible study and Social Studies. We have learned a lot about Martin Luther, with our main idea being that we should base our beliefs on what the Bible says. We are realizing how important it is to tell others about how much God loves us, and that Jesus died for everyone. In Social Studies, we are learning about the exploration and discovery of America. Along with that we are reading some historical fiction novels from the same time period.

All thirteen students work well together, and I enjoy watching and playing with the class as they learn to be a team.

-Linda Becker

Hello From Kindergarten and First!

Greetings from Mrs. Brase, the Kindergartners and the First Graders.

The 2007-2008 school year has started with an excited, busy and diverse Kindergarten classroom. We are happy to welcome nine new kindergarten students. They are **Nakhan Nhial**, Ana Melvin, Charlie Knudson, Wichchong Tiap, Diosa Thomas, Tethloach **Dojiok**, Austin Ausgustin, Felipe Esquivel, and Sam **Ajayi**.

During Jesus Time, we are talking about new beginnings - the beginning of a new school year,

new friendships, new learning adventures, but most of all the beginning of the world. We learned how God not only created us, but also continues to provide for us on a daily basis. We have also talked about God's promises to us. The most important promise was that he would send us a Savior and now we can live with him in heaven.

The First graders are reviewing the alphabet and continuing to read. They are becoming much more independent already. The **Kindergartners** are getting used to the routine and hopefully enjoying the process.

We are really excited to begin a new school year with so many classmates. We pray for the Lord's blessings on this new school year.

Band Begins

Amy Urness is now teaching band for grade 5 – 7 students at Good Shepherd. Students who are participating are released from class once each week for a lesson on their instrument. They **also** meet once each week as a band. Students buy or arrange for their own instruments. Anyone who has a band instrument which they no longer play is encouraged to consider donating it to our band for students who cannot afford their own. Mrs. Urness is also teaching piano lessons to students who arrange this. We are looking forward to hearing our band when they are ready to provide special music for worship.

New students

Fifteen new students were added to Good Shepherd Lutheran School this school year for a total of 38. Three of last year's students are no longer here.

Where have these students come from? One new elementary student is a Good Shepherd member who transferred from the public school. Three unchurched students transferred from the public school with intentions of joining Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. **Two** more elementary students moved to town after school started, with plans to transfer to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Nine of the new students are in Kindergarten. One is a member of Good Shepherd. Three more have a sibling who has been attending our school. **Two** are members of Hosanna Lutheran, two go to Our Savior Lutheran, one goes to Grace Lutheran, One goes to the Evangelical Covenant Church, and one goes to New Creation.

Parents of the new students have been contacted to ask how they like their new school and they are unanimous that they love it.

New After School Care provider

We have a new after school care supervisor this year. Carol Becker took care of the students for the **first** few weeks. Now Lori **Mensink** is the regular after school care provider. She has another job at a preschool. Students pay for the time they **are** here between **2:30** and **5:30** PM. About five to ten students enjoy supervised play until their parents are able to pick them up. We are able to provide this service only for students of Good Shepherd Lutheran School.

Harvest/Reformation Party

Harvest/Reformation party for children in Sunday school, day school, pre-school and the community. Children can wear their costume, however, no ghosts, witches, devils, and other non-Christian types of costumes. We are asking that people take leaves from the tree (with requests written on them) in the **narthex** and donate snacks and supplies for the party. It will be held in the fellowship hall on October 26th from **7-8:30** pm. Volunteers are needed to help with the event and parents are encouraged to stay for fellowship.

Spuds and Splits

Spuds and Splits will be served by the Fellowship Club Sunday, Oct 28 from 5-7pm. Enjoy a baked potato with your choice of toppings, then make your own ice cream sundae or split. There will be a free-will offering. Proceeds are used for Fellowship Club projects. Watch for a sign-up sheet to help serve and donate items.

Book Fair

Book fair to be held November 6th- 18th. Books will be available from Bethany Lutheran Bookstore and CPH catalog. Books will be sold for the Same price that **BLC** offers them and the catalog (and also the web site for CPH). A portion of the sales will be given to our school. If you don't need any books for yourself, a wish list is being compiled by our teachers that purchases can be made. It is also a good time to get Christmas gifts and we will even get money on special orders like imprinted Bibles. Approximately 20-25% (and in some cases even more) is what our school will benefit, so if you have a need for upcoming **confirmation** Bibles, baptisms and birthday gifts now would be a great time to buy. Also available during this sale is other decoration and greeting cards, including Christmas cards. The turn around time is very quick.

If you have questions about this sale, call Lynn Lease at 345-3108.

Fund raising

Walk-a-thon

Walk-a-thon is coming on November 17th. Along with the walk, if weather permits, the students and parent volunteers will be cleaning the hill top at **Sibley Park**. Students will be given a form to collect cash donations to benefit the school. Matching funds from **Thrivent** financial are being sought.

Hy-Vee Donates

Hy-Vee grocery store will be donating 5% of sales on November 17th and 18th if you turn in a flyer (that can be picked up at church) when you check out. This is the weekend right before Thanksgiving so purchases could be large and the benefits for our school could be great. Also, remember to save your receipt, as we also get a percentage of all collected Hy-Vee receipts throughout the year.

Community Day

Community Day at Herberger's is Saturday, November 10th. This is another simple way to help our school. Purchase a coupon book for \$5 and you receive percent off coupons along with a \$10 gift certificate. The full \$5 goes directly to our school and you benefit with the \$10. If you can help sell some, that

would be great. You must spend the \$10 on the 10th of November.

Scrip for Sale

Scrip is always for sale, and with Christmas coming soon, place orders with Sue **Schwarz**. People always enjoy receiving gift cards as gifts, but also remember to do your other shopping with them to earn money for our school.

Thank You

New Playground Equipment.

Thank you to Roger Asleson who donated to our playground a swing set that had been used by his children. Then he also built some monkey bars and other equipment and installed them in our playground. Joe Holtmeier donated material for under the play equipment and others also helped to put it in. The children of all ages are enjoying the new equipment.

New Flagpole

Thank you to Floyd Backstrom for donating the flagpole and flag which can now be seen in front of our school by the south door. Floyd, a U.S. Marine veteran, came the first day of school and taught the children about our United States

flag and showed the older children how to put it up and take it down each day. While he was here, we stood around the flag pole to say the pledge of allegiance, which is usually said in the classrooms each day.

Volunteers

Many Hands Help with the work. It takes a lot of volunteer helpers to make Good Shepherd Lutheran School run smoothly. In addition to volunteers who take turns in the office each day of the week, others come to help with lunch or cleaning up. More volunteers wanted on a regular basis and as substitutes.

If you can help in the office one morning or afternoon each week, help to pick up and serve the lunch, or help clean up in the afternoon, please e-mail or call the school.

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