
CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL
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Principal's Newsletter

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Securing Each Child's Future - For a Life of Service!

Hearts for Jesus

Since 1972, Lutheran schools of the Michigan District – LCMS have joined together annually in February for what is called the *Hearts for Jesus* mission project. During the past 38 years, Lutheran students in Michigan have raised over 1.2 million dollars for a variety of missions, most often ones that reach out to children.

This year's *Hearts for Jesus* project is The Lutheran Malaria Initiative. Beginning this Wednesday, February 3, and continuing for the next 4 weeks, our Chapel offerings will go toward this effort. Mr. Strohacker will be leading Chapel worship this Wednesday and next Wednesday, using specially prepared Chapel talks to help children understand the special needs of this mission and respond in love to God for the many blessings we have by helping others.

WHY MALARIA?

- Malaria kills more than a million people a year, but it is easily prevented and treated.
- Malaria is a disease of poverty. It exacerbates the conditions of poverty by making people too sick to work or tend their fields, becoming a major barrier for people trying to lift themselves out of poverty.
- A child dies from malaria every thirty seconds.
- Three quarters of those killed by malaria are pregnant women and children under the age of five in Africa.

Please pray for those suffering from malaria, and ask God to bless the gifts our children bring in the coming weeks.

WELCOME

This week southwest Michigan is hosting The Michigan District - LCMS Winter Pastors Conference. Pastors from across Michigan will be at Christ on Tuesday for morning worship and opening activities, using the Sanctuary, Commons and All-Purpose Room. Pastors will also be using other sites in town, including Trinity Lutheran, St. Joe, and The Heritage Center. Please make our guests feel welcome and greet them.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS PLAYGROUP

The Berrien RESA *Parents As Teachers Playgroup* has their next play date in our gym on Wednesday, February 10. There is no cost to attend, and the group is for parents and their young children, birth through pre-school age. For more information, call Playgroup Coordinator, Kathy Hanley, (921-0199).

PLEASE NOTE:

- Report cards for the second quarter of the school year will be coming home with students this Friday.
- The Six Flags Read to Succeed deadline is Friday, February 19.
- Kindergarten milk money for the second semester is now due in the amount of \$36.
- Cantate Choir (grades 3 & 4) will be singing this Sunday at the 8:00 worship service.
- Freshman information night at St. Joseph High School Auditorium is Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30pm.

WINTER PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Scheduling forms for the Winter Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming home with students today. Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 25, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. **Winter conferences are optional, and are only scheduled if requested by the parent or the teacher.** If you would like a conference with your student's teacher, please return the form to the school office by Friday, February 12.

LADIES, PLEASE JOIN US!

We're looking for a few (or more) good women! Are you interested in learning more about the Bible? Would you like to experience the joy, fellowship, and support of other women as you study God's word and how it impacts your life? Come join us for Tuesday morning Lifelight from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the All-Purpose Room. We are currently studying the book of Matthew, and invite you to travel with us as we experience Christ's road to the cross. Please call Kathy Conrad at 556-0004 for more information, or to arrange for babysitting. See you there!

IT PAYS TO BUY SCRIP

Exciting news.....effective immediately, the profit donation for Dominos Pizza has increased from 5% to 8%. The \$10 denomination remains the same.

Most of our other participating SCRIP restaurants also offer generous profit donations. So, when it's time to eat out, head to Chili's (11%), Applebee's (8%), Bob Evans (10%), Cracker Barrel (9%), Panera Bread (9%), Red Lobster & Olive Garden (9%), Pizza Hut (8%). Many of the other restaurants on our special order list offer even higher percentage donations, and using these gift cards increases our church/school donations quickly.

KITCHEN HELP NEEDED!

An average month has 20 days of school. We currently have only 8 volunteers to help serve lunch. We are looking for another 8-12 people. On the day that you help serve, one of your children may receive a free hot lunch.

We are also in need of some ladies to create a cover for the salad bar and sew a curtain for under the butcher block. If interested in either of these, please call Amy Cole at 983-0524.

SPORTS KORNER

Scores from last week's basketball games were:

5/6th Girls – 28; Grace – 19
7th Girls – 27; Upton 7th – 16
8th Girls – 34; Upton 8th – 19
5/6 Girls – 12; Berrien Springs – 18

Congrats to the 7/8th boys for taking 1st place at the Grand Rapids tournament over the weekend.

Tonight's game schedule is:

3/4th Girls @ Trinity, St. Joe @ 4pm
5/6th Girls @ Trinity, St. Joe @ 5pm
7/8th Girls @ Trinity, St. Joe @ 6pm

Wednesday's Game Schedule, Feb. 3:

7/8th Girls @ Trinity, Paw Paw @ 5:30pm
7/8th Boys @ Trinity, Paw Paw @ 6:30 pm

The 7/8th grade girls will be traveling to Ann Arbor this weekend to participate in their annual tournament.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to the ladies of all ages who made my baby shower such a special and memorable event. Whether you helped decorate, helped make the delicious meal possible, or simply helped by being there to celebrate with me, I thank you! **What a wonderful group of women you are!** Pastor and I are blessed by all the ways you continue to surround our family with your loving care. In Christ, Jill Measel