



OUR FATHER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL
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"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10c ESV)

At a Glance...



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| <u>SAT, FEB 7:</u> | Finishing touches on Auction set-up - - 9:00-noon
GBB Game at MKE Lutheran High School (Court #2) - - 11:00
BBB Game at MKE Lutheran High School (Court #1) - - 1:00 |
|  PAC SWEETHEART OF AN AUCTION - - 6:00-10:00  | |
| <u>WED, FEB 11:</u> | BBB Game at Mt. Olive - - 4:30pm |
| <u>THUR, FEB 12:</u> | Mid-Quarter 3 |
| <u>THUR-SUN, FEB 12-15:</u> | BBB and GBB playing in the Elm Grove Tournament - no brackets yet |
| <u>FRI, FEB 13:</u> | NO SCHOOL :) Enjoy the long weekend! |
| <u>TUE, FEB 17:</u> | BBB playing at St. John's Glendale - - 4:30pm |
| <u>WED, FEB 18:</u> | Ash Wednesday Services 4:30 and 7:00 |
| <u>THUR, FEB 19:</u> | Golden Chicken Lunch for those who ordered! |
| <u>FRI-SUN, FEB 20-22:</u> | BBB playing in St. Paul's West Allis Tournament - no brackets yet |
| <u>FRI, FEB 20:</u> | Rangers meeting - - 6:30-9:00pm |
| <u>SAT, FEB 21:</u> | Market Day pick-up in school lunchroom - - 10:30-11:30 |
| <u>MON, FEB 23:</u> | PTL Spring Fundraiser begins!
BCE Meeting - - 7:00pm |
| <u>TUES, FEB 24:</u> | Kindergarten Open House & Teddy Bear Picnic - - 5:00pm |
| <u>WED, FEB 25:</u> | Grades 5-8 sing at 4:30 Lenten Service |
| <u>FRI, FEB 27- SUN, MAR 1:</u> | Rangers camping outing to Eagle Cave, forms distributed |
| <u>SUN, MAR 1:</u> | Preschoolers-2 nd grade Sunday School students sing - - 8:00am |



FROM THE OFFICE AND CLASSROOMS



MR. MILLER'S MINDFUL MESSAGES

As I was attending one of the basketball games my grandchildren played in this weekend, I couldn't help but listen to some of the comments from the parents in the stands. It seems to me that we see more frustration on the part of parents, coaches, and players these days than we did before. I was wondering where the pressure comes from. Most of the comments from parents were very positive. "Great play", "Good job", and so on. However, there were those comments that were coaching from the sidelines. Parents were telling the player how to guard and what to do on the court.

As a former coach of grade school teams, I know that sometimes telling players what to do from too many "coaches" can cause them stress and confusion in what "exactly" they are supposed to do. The third type of comments I heard were fortunately very few, but they were the ones critical of the coach or the referees. Having done both of those jobs as well, I know that in the excitement parents can say things that are critical just because they are excited. Later they might be sorry for the comments, but unfortunately you cannot un-say words.

Recently, I read an article by Tim Elmore, an education consultant who has even worked with professional sports teams. In the article Dr. Elmore says that the professional athletes who are highly successful will talk about how their parents supported them in their careers and attended their games as a child and through their professional career. The one thing all of them agreed they loved to hear from their parents was not how they needed more playing time, or what the coach should do. The one thing they all agreed was the phrase that inspired them most was when their parents said six little words, "I really enjoyed watching you play."

Win or lose, good game or bad, these athletes knew they were having fun and helping their supporters have fun, too. So remember as you watch the games and try to teach and show sportsmanship, let your children know after the game that you enjoyed watching them play no matter how much or how little they played.

Enrollment for Milwaukee Parental Choice Program and the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

The enrollment for these two programs is now officially open. Hopefully, without any hitches we will enroll and be able to provide families that qualify help with paying tuition for the coming school year (2015-2016).

To enroll for the Milwaukee School Choice (MPCP) you can either come to the school office with proof of income (your 2014 tax documents) and proof of residency (Your recent W-2 statement with your name and address, gas electric, cable or satellite bill, or government correspondence). If you live with parents or grandparents you will need to complete the Alternative Residency Verification form and bring one of the documents with their name on it. You can also go to http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/choice_programs, print the forms, and bring them in. Milwaukee is the box on the left side of the page.

For the Wisconsin School Choice (WPCP) you must go to http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/choice_programs and complete the online application. It is the box on the right side of the page. After completing the forms you must bring in your proof of income (your 2014 tax documents) and proof of residency (Your recent W-2 statement with your name and address, gas electric, cable or satellite bill, or government correspondence). If you live with parents or grandparents you will need to complete the Alternative Residency Verification form and bring one of the documents with their name on it.

Remember that the enrollment window is from the 1st through the 20th of each month and is subject to random selection if we get too many people applying for the same grade.

If you need help, give us a call or contact the Department of Public Instruction for instructions.

4K/5K WITH MRS. LIERMANN

Mrs. Liermann has a very detailed newsletter and website that her families enjoy on a frequent basis. If you are interested in seeing/reading what is going on in 4K/5K, you can go to: www.ourfatherslutheran.org!

PLEASE SEE THE INVITATION AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR THE KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE AND TEDDY BEAR PICNIC!

1ST/2ND GRADE with MRS. VAN HULST

Thank you to the families that contributed to our classroom auction donation, an AWESOME "Frozen" basket! With the extra money donated, we were able to put together a "boy basket", a sports equipment basket for your young sports enthusiast. Come and see these exciting items and more at the *Sweetheart of an Auction*!

This event of the school year, is tomorrow night, beginning at 6:00. If you did not purchase your ticket already, do not be dismayed thinking you are missing out! You can still purchase your ticket at the door!!

A BIG THANK YOU to Miss Wicks for subbing for me on Tuesday. I thought for sure I could beat the bug, but instead, it beat me.

Parents, please double check to see if your child has brought home the correct snowpants. We are currently missing a pair, and it is suspected that another student brought the wrong pair home by mistake. If your items are not labeled, it might be a good idea to do so.

At this time of year, the sound of coughing and nose blowing is quite common. Many parents have been sending cough drops with their children. I am not against this, however I am asking that if you send cough drops with your child, please notify me and I will keep the cough drops on my desk in a labeled bag. The cough drops are still considered medicine, and unfortunately the students have been sharing them with other students. If your child should need a Children's Tylenol, etc, please leave that medicine in the school office and fill out the appropriate paperwork required for the secretaries to administer the medication. Thank you.

3RD/4TH GRADE with MR. BEVERSDORF

"I will go to him, but he will not return to me." 2 Samuel 12:23

This week we talk about forgiveness of sins. This is fascinating because it is the result of God's love. We heard about Joseph's brothers doubting if they were really forgiven. We read about David feeling anger and sorrow for his grievous sins. The verse above is his statement of faith after he felt the consequence of his sin and still received forgiveness. It is amazing that though *"our sins are as scarlet (deep red), they are as white as snow."* Isaiah 1:18. I thank God for this congregation and Pastor who keep us focused on the truth of the gospel in God's word.

In school, children celebrated 100 days of school (after our 11.5 inches of snow day) and we reflected on our many blessings. Check out the students' cool 100 bat pictures in the hallway. We take off learning about flight in science and continuing practicing our multiplication and division facts. We look forward to starting a President Project.

5TH/6TH GRADE with MRS. BURGESS

Our words of the week are brought to us by Colt (piercing saw: a saw used on sheet metal, especially in jewelry making) and Hitinder (rond de jambe: a circular movement of the leg, especially in ballet).

Spelling pretest 6 will be Monday.

Thanks, Anna, for the 100th Day croissant treat on Tuesday! It was fun to celebrate with a delicious snack!

Please be sure you have Wednesday, February 25, marked on your calendar - the fifth through eighth graders sing at the 4:30 p.m. Lenten service.

Thursday is our Valentine Exchange! We will take the last period of the day (2:35-3:15) to celebrate and hand out valentines. If your child wishes to give out valentines, please be sure he or she brings one for each of the eleven other classmates. Celebratory treats are welcome, too!

I hope to see you all at the SWEETHEART OF AN AUCTION on Saturday!

Have a delightful weekend!

7TH/8TH GRADE with MRS. ANDERSON

We will take our test on bacteria in Science on Monday. Next up are Protists ad Fungi! In Literature, we are carrying the study guide work on Ch. to next week. The Spelling test on Ch. 3 vocab. will be next Thursday.

Grades 5-8 sing at the 4:30 Lenten service on Wednesday, February 25th. Please be sure to put that on your calendar!

I hope to see you all this weekend at the Sweetheart of an Auction! Be sure to check out the Hand Cross Photo that Mrs. Hoedel made for our class auction item!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no materials fee for next school year. The state of Wisconsin Legislature decided that the only part of the payments made to schools that would qualify for the tax credit would be the tuition. So in order to help families receive the maximum tax credit, we are changing the name of the materials fee to "tuition fee". After checking with some people in Madison, I was told that if it was called a tuition fee, it could be included in the tax credit. **As part of the requirements for the tuition credit offered by Wisconsin on your state taxes, it is required for you to have the school's FEIN number. This is requested after the school name and address in section one. The school's FEIN number is 39-6068562.**

In order to give the early-bird discount of the \$50 enrollment application, we will refund the \$50 to you so you can still take advantage of the tuition credit if you enroll before March 31. The tuition fee can be paid at the start of the school year with the milk fee and other expenses. Those entering into the Milwaukee School Choice or the Wisconsin School Choice will have those fees and cost paid by the Choice program.

MARKET DAY NEWS

Effective with deliveries on March 2, 2015, Market Day will no longer be accepting EBT food assistance benefits as payment. Customers have been notified by email from Market Day indicating this new payment policy. Gordon Food Service Stores (owners of Market Day) will continue to accept EBT cards on personal retail purchases of Market Day and Gordon Food Service products made at their stores. A percentage of each purchase will come back to our organization (#6228 Our Father's Lutheran School).

Also beginning in March, we will no longer be having a Market Day Representative at our monthly sale pick-up. This will not adversely affect you, the customer. However, now with no representative from Market Day at the sale, Michelle Artis (Market Day Co-Chair) and I will be responsible of all the financial transactions. I am seeking another parent volunteer who can come and help on pick-up dates when one of us cannot be at the sale.

If you are interested in volunteering and can spare 3 hours once a month, please contact me in the office. Thanks!

Kimberly Tietyen
Market Day Co-Chair

PAC AUCTION IS TOMORROW!!

Our Fathers 10th Annual Sweetheart of an Auction February 7, 2015 6:00pm-10:00pm

Enjoy an evening out with your Sweetheart, family or friend! Bid on lots of fantastic Live and Silent auction items to support the music and technology programs at Our Father's Lutheran School while enjoying music from the band Floor It and food by a WISN A-List caterer Zilli Hospitality Group!

Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the auction tomorrow, Saturday, February 7th with childcare, food serving, glass washing, and checkout.

If you are able to volunteer to help with the auction or have a high school age son or daughter that would be able to volunteer, please contact Laura Kurth or Kim Henke at auction@ourfatherslutheran.org or the school office at 414-282-7500.



PARENTAL SERVICE HOURS UPDATE

Parents, we are now halfway through the school year. Have you been able to get in some service hours? Each family is to complete 20 hours per school year otherwise a \$10.00 fee will be assessed for each hour under 20 not completed. Families who have fewer than 10 hours logged at this point in the school year will be receiving letters in the next few weeks. We have several school wide opportunities to help you out. PAC will need workers before, during, and after the auction (clean-up). We have a volleyball tournament in April and, of course, our field day activities on the last day of school.

SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEER HOURS...

After many years of faithful service, Amy Smitheran retired last fall from being the Rangerette leader. Thank you, Amy, for your steadfast leadership! If you are interested in being the new Rangerette leader, please call the school (282-7500) or church (282-8220) office and let one of the secretaries know. If you have an interest in working with the girls and the time to arrange monthly outings and attend monthly meetings, this may be the job for you! Having a daughter of Rangerette age is not necessary. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY (H.O.N.E.Y BOX) UPDATE

Our food pantry was successfully emptied at Christmas, so we need to fill it up again! Please bring any non-perishable food items to the church/school office during school hours and help us restock so we can Help Our Neighbors Eat Year-round!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

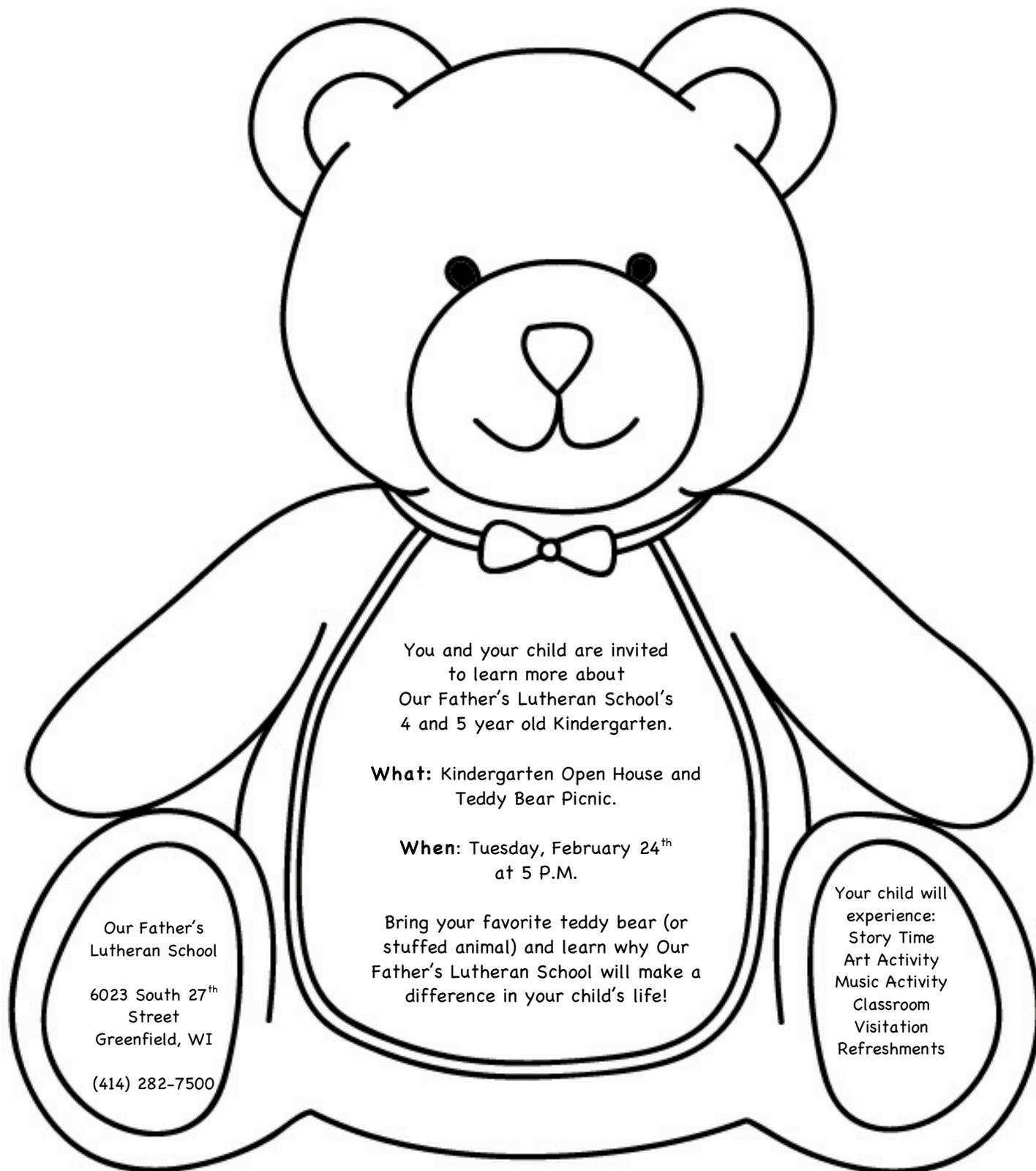
After many years of service, Mrs. Eunice Plieseis has decided to step down from coordinating the program. We thank her for her years of dedicated leadership! VBS is usually held the third week of June, but preparations begin in early May. Pastor Fabrizio is also involved in overseeing the curriculum for the week. If you are interested in running the program, please call Sue in the church office at 282-8220.

BASKETBALL NEWS

Both basketball teams will be playing tomorrow. The girls play at Milwaukee Lutheran at 11:00 on court #2 against St. Peter-Immanuel. The boys also play at Milwaukee Lutheran, however at 1:00 and on court #1 against Northwest 2.

Let's go Trojans!!!

Kindergarten Open House



You and your child are invited
to learn more about
Our Father's Lutheran School's
4 and 5 year old Kindergarten.

What: Kindergarten Open House and
Teddy Bear Picnic.

When: Tuesday, February 24th
at 5 P.M.

Bring your favorite teddy bear (or
stuffed animal) and learn why Our
Father's Lutheran School will make a
difference in your child's life!

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Your child will
experience:
Story Time
Art Activity
Music Activity
Classroom
Visitation
Refreshments

Contact: Mrs. Abigail Liermann
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Please R.S.V. P. by February 17