



## Our Father's Lutheran School Weekly Newsletter Friday, April 29, 2016

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)*



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### At a Glance...

<u>FRIDAY, April 29:</u>	Grandparents' Day Registration 7:45 a.m., Spring Fair, Lower Grade Musical 6:30 p.m. (Children arrive at 6:00 p.m.)  Mid-Quarter 4
<u>SAT., April 30:</u>	Our Father's Spring Clean Up 9:00 a.m. to ?
<u>TUESDAY, May 3:</u>	Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
<u>WEDS.-SAT., May 4-7:</u>	Martin Luther High School Rummage Sale
<u>THURS., May 5:</u>	All School Sing, 7:00 p.m. service – Ascension Day
<u>FRIDAY, May 6:</u>	Rangers Meeting
<u>MON., May 9:</u>	Scrip Orders Due!
<u>TUESDAY, May 10:</u>	Voter's Meeting 7:00 p.m.
<u>FRIDAY, May 20:</u>	Rangerettes Meeting; Rangers Spring Camp-out
<u>SAT., May 21:</u>	Rangers Spring Camp-out  Class of 2017 Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
<u>MON., May 23:</u>	Upper Grades Track Meet (MLHS)  Scrip Orders Due!
<u>THURS., May 26:</u>	4K/5K End of Year Program
<u>SUN., May 29:</u>	Summer Church Hours 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
<u>MON., May 30:</u>	Memorial Day – No School!
<u>THURS., June 2:</u>	PTL Awards Lunch
<u>FRIDAY, June 3:</u>	Closing Chapel Service, Field Day Activities (Wear team colors!) Will include traditional squirt gun fight! 11:30 a.m. Dismissal - - HAPPY SUMMER VACATION!  Class of 2016 Graduation Ceremony in Church – 7:00 p.m.
<u>MON-FRI, June 20-24:</u>	Vacation Bible School, "Follow the Lamb"

## Principal Miller

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6. These words were even more meaningful now that I have returned from the mission trip and seen for myself the poverty of a third world country. The people we worked with and taught a Bible story to were so very happy and told us how God had cared for them and how they trusted in the Lord for so many of the things they needed. They not only trust in God for their physical needs, but they know that it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that they have come to faith and remain close to the Savior. We also must remember that the Love of God had granted us faith and keeps us strong and growing. Trust in the Lord and know that the Holy Spirit is always there. Have a blessed week and join the fellowship of believers in church this week

**Parents, please remember:** Do not park in the center area to pick your child up after school or pass the line of cars loading. Our dismissal after school takes less than 15 minutes. Let's make sure the children stay safe!



After 42 years, Campbell's Soup is winding down the program due to declining participation and will officially end on July 31, 2016. **Our Father's encourages all clippers to bring in their points before the end of the school year so that they may be redeemed before the current program ends. THANKS again to all for the overwhelming response!**

## Athletic Director's Note with Mr. Wingfield

Congratulations to the Boys' Volleyball Team and Coach Lemberger on finishing off a great season! They won the Immanuel-Brookfield Boys' Volleyball tournament this past weekend, dominating the Lions in the championship match. Then, they finished off the season with two more league wins to finish the league play as the undefeated champions! 9-0! Great job!

Please continue to ask around if a family member would like to help out with track this year. The track meet is May 23 at Martin Luther High School.

## Call for Principal / Teacher for Our Father's Accepted

We rejoice that Mr. Jiter has accepted our Call to principal at Our Father's Lutheran School. Please continue to pray for Mr. Jiter, his family and Our Father's Lutheran School during this transition period.

## Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is **June 20-24 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.** The theme this year is, "Follow the Lamb, An Early Church VBS"

## 1st / 2nd Grade with Mrs. Van Hulst

Today is THE big day! Grandparents visiting in the morning and our music and art in the evening. Please remember to have your child at school by 6:00 pm tomorrow, in costume, to get ready for the performance.

Our trip to the one room school is Tuesday, May 3. Please remember to send a booster seat with your child and a lunch with snack. So far the weatherman is predicting a nice day.

## 5th / 6th Grade with Mrs. Burgess

Our words of the week are brought to us by Evan (wen yen: the formal, literary variety of written Chinese, as used in classical literature) and Ethan (lawrencium: a synthetic radioactive, metallic element. Symbol: Lr; atomic number: 103).

Spelling lesson 3 pretest is Monday; the FIRST PREPOSITION QUIZ is Tuesday so we can get more practice on our preposition song.

The SPRING FAIR is finally here! Join us tonight at 6:30 (children here at 6:00 in white t-shirts, jeans, and tennis shoes) for some wonderful music, artwork, and a play as we celebrate the arts!

Quickly coming up after the Spring Fair will be Ascension Day! The Our Father's School Choir (minus the 8th graders who will be in Washington DC!) sings at the 7:00 p.m. Divine Service on Thursday, May 5.

See you at the fair!!

## 7th / 8th Grade with Mr. Wingfield

Hello families-

Testing went well this week with no major glitches. We will finish up on Monday with English Language Arts. We were going to finish on Wednesday this week, but with the length of the Math test Wednesday morning it seemed best to move the English test to Monday. Please get plenty of sleep this weekend!

In Science, we are finishing up looking at simple machines and work. The 7th graders have been having Math with Mrs. Burgess' student teacher, Miss Meyer, and it has been going very well. In History, the students finished their dioramas. Come see what they created tomorrow night at the Spring Fair. Chapter 10 for Algebra will be very spread out because of the class trip. Do your best to keep on top of the vocabulary and the different methods we learn for solving quadratics.

Make sure you attend the Spring Fair today! The Lord has blessed the children at Our Father's with many gifts and talents, and Spring Fair is a great opportunity to see that.

Have a relaxing weekend and do not forget to worship!

## 8th Grade Class of 2017 Rummage Sale

Please see the attached flyer for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2017 Rummage Sale. We ask that you please **print out extra copies and request that proprietors of local business post the flyer in a prominent place**. Also, don't forget to bring in your unwanted items for the upcoming 8th grade Class of 2017 Rummage Sale. The sale is scheduled for **Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**



We are currently welcoming donations (a great excuse for Spring Cleaning!) Rummage donations may be dropped off at the school and placed on the left-hand or right-hand side stairwells on the east side of the gym. Thank you very much, we really appreciate it!! For any questions or help needed with larger items, please contact David Berres at (414) 708-3695.

## Grandparents' Day – Today, Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>!



The long-anticipated day has finally arrived. Thank you to all the families that donated of their time, treasures and talents to create a very special day for our Grandparents. After the light-lunch lunch, the children can go home with their grandparents or remain at school.



## Calling on All Families to Purchase SCRIP!

YOU need Scrip! Scrip is a great fundraiser for Our Father's families and school that **does not cost you a penny!** How does it work? Families pay full price for a retailer's gift card. Each retailer provides a pre-determined rebate percentage. An example: If a family purchases a \$100 Pick'n Save gift card, they can shop for \$100 of groceries. Pick'n Save offers a 4% rebate. Our Father's families and school receive \$4 to defray school and tuition costs!



April Month-to-date total is \$221.88



Year-to-date Scrip proceeds are **\$1,005.34** total *with about only 20 Our Father's families participating*

How can you participate? Go to [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) to obtain a list of over (700) retailers (rebate percentage by retailer will also be shown). Then, **stop in the office during the week or after church** to purchase from a limited inventory of gift cards OR select retail gift cards that fit your family's needs and fill out an order form. **Next order deadline dates: Monday, May 9, and Monday May 23.**

## Rangers with Mr. Tietyen

According to Ranger Chief, Mr. Tietyen, the Ranger's spring fundraiser is spectacularly well! **All but a few cards are left to sell.** If you are still interested and haven't purchased your card yet, please contact the school office or your favorite ranger. The cards cost \$45 each and include (4) Brewer ticket vouchers and, (6) BOGO (buy-one, get-one) free coupons good for Monday-Thursday games. The seats for either the vouchers or BOGO's are for any seating area except Field Level Infield seats. These are great early-Father's Day presents, thank-you or birthday gifts.

Rangers, please be sure to promptly return the money collected (checks made payable to Lutheran Rangers) or unused tickets by **NEXT Friday, May 6th.**

## Parent Service Program: Logging Your Hours!

Hi Parents, We encourage you to update the log of your **service hours**. Thanks again to the parents who have served and updated their service hours. The Service Record Book (pictured below and located in the school office) has many blank pages. The items you will need are:



1. Date served
2. Service rendered
3. Amount of time



**What are valid service hours?** Valid service includes time donated for church or school operation, or any auxiliary function of the church or school.

*Volunteering promotes our philosophy that the home and school function together to **teach** our children. It also **exemplifies** to our children how we, as parents, give not only of our finances, but also with our time. Finally, it allows us to **operate at a lower cost** because volunteers fill the need for extra aides or contractors. Thanks again for your service!*

## Strategic Planning Meeting

The first strategic planning committee meeting was held on Monday, April 25, 2016. If you are still interested in serving on this important committee, please contact Mr. Joe Beiler, Our Father's Congregation President, via email or phone at [jabeiler10@gmail.com](mailto:jabeiler10@gmail.com) or (414) 758-6996 (cell).

Also, Mr. Phil Wingfield is looking to pull together a group of individuals who will be willing to help strategically promote Our Father's school to expand our school choice enrollment. Contact Mr. Wingfield at [PWingfield@MartinLutherHS.org](mailto:PWingfield@MartinLutherHS.org).

## Chapel Offerings

Our 4th quarter chapel offerings are designated to support the LCMS-sponsored mission in the Dominican Republic. Please continue to keep the David Preus (Erik Saunders's cousin) and his family in your prayers.

For more information on this ministry, see the links provided below:

Official Missouri Synod link: <http://www.lcms.org/preus>  
Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Preus.Dominican/>  
March Newsletter: <http://files.ctctcdn.com/13382c9e401/0203aeef-fe4f-4739-9c29-422db892f8dd.pdf>

## A Note from Mrs. Reuss

As always it is a pleasure working with your children! Next Thursday, the school (except 8th Grade) will sing at the Our Father's Ascension Service Thursday, May 5th. Please have your children to the church balcony by 6:30 p.m. for a short warm up. The service starts at 7:00 p.m.

The originally scheduled sing on Sunday, May 22nd Sunday is cancelled.

It has been a great privilege working with your children. I am offering group recorder lessons over the summer for children entering Grade 1 and up. The lessons would be an easy inexpensive way to keep music lessons going throughout the summer! Please see the attached flyer for more detailed information.

Praying while we are singing,  
Mrs. Reuss



**Lutheran Trivia:** What will the Lutheran Church celebrate in 549 days?



[Answer: On October 31, 2017, The Lutheran Church will celebrate five-hundred years since Martin Luther nailed the Ninety-Five Theses to Castle Church door in Wittenberg – now known as the "Reformation"](#)

See the "Welcome Video" that shows us that even 500 years after the Reformation it is still very much alive today, because it's still all about Jesus! Watch the video from the LCMS president inviting you to take part in this exciting anniversary. - See more at: <http://lutheranreformation.org/media-videos-podcasts/#sthash.RrOqkeO1.dpuf>



# The Luther Seal: Summary of the Gospel

*The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works.*



Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning:

First, there is a **black cross** in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The **heart should stand in the middle of a white rose**. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This **rose should stand in a sky-blue field**, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a **golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven** lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal. *(From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530 [WA Br 5:445]; tr. P. T. McCain)*

Following are various versions of the seal as it has appeared over time since the Reformation.

The first version was used in Luther's writings in the 1520s for the first time, and was in black and white, with Luther's initials.



A colorized rendition of the seal began appearing as printers began to include color images in Luther's works. Each one was laboriously painted by hand.

