

THE CRUSADER CONNECTION

February 25, 2010

From the Pastors

Dear Parents

One of our guests at church last night expressed appreciation for what our children contributed to our worship. It was an important reminder of the power and blessing of our hymns and the tunes which accompany them.

I trust that the melody can still run through you mind as you read these words:

*Lord Jesus who does love me, oh, spread thy wings above me,
And shield me from alarm! Though evil would assail me,
Thy mercy will not fail me; I rest in thy protecting arm.*

The words and music go together well and were a blessing to our worship last night. Thank you, children and teachers.

Pastor Seifert / Pastor Quinn

From the Principal

From the lips of children God has ordained praise: The children of Good Shepherd Lutheran Elementary School proclaimed God's glorious gospel in song last night at our midweek Lenten service. They sang to us about Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the world's sin—the Lamb who was silent as he received our punishment. What a wonderful privilege to be able to praise our God for his gift of salvation! What a wonderful experience preparing them for further service in Christ's Church as they grow into adulthood! We thank God for the faith and the confession of that faith which our children have and made as they sang praises to our Savior.

Forensics Dinner: Please join us for fellowship and entertainment this Sunday, February 28th following our late service. The festivities begin with our Home and School Society providing a pancake and sausage dinner. **Families who were asked to bring food for**

this event will find a list of items attached to this note. All of our 3rd through 8th grade students should eat first on Sunday, as their presentations will begin at approximately 12:30 PM. They should be finished by approximately 1:15 PM. The purpose of this performance is to give our students the opportunity to perform their MLS Science and Fine Arts Fair forensics and music pieces in front of an audience. All families, friends, and members of Good Shepherd Lutheran School and congregation are encouraged to attend.

Informational Meeting: Since Mrs. Seeger has accepted the call to be our 6th-8th grade teacher our Voters' will meet to extend a call for principal. There will be an informational meeting regarding this call and an update on the financial condition of our congregation following the Forensics Dinner on Sunday, February 28th. All members of Good Shepherd are invited to attend.

MLS Science and Fine Arts Fair: Saturday, March 6th, is the 2010 MLS Science and Fine Arts Fair. For your convenience, MLS will have the gym doors open at 8:00 AM so that students may begin setting up their art and science projects. **The gym doors will be closed promptly at 9:30 AM to begin judging the art and science projects.** MLS has set up a time for public viewing of the projects between **12:00 – 3:00 PM**. If you and your child have time between forensics and music performances please feel free to stop in the gym and browse through the science and art projects. There is a schedule of the day's events attached to this note.

At the conclusion of the day all of the students should take their projects and ribbons home with them. **Please have them bring both their projects and their ribbons to school with them on Tuesday, March 9th.** We will set up a display in the fellowship hall, so the congregation may see the student's projects. All students may take their projects and ribbons home again after the late service on Sunday, March 14th.

No School – Monday, March 8th: Due to the MLS Science and Fine Arts Fair on Saturday, March 6th, there will be no school on Monday, March 8th.

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Examination/School Play: Due to some scheduling issues the examination of Good Shepherd's confirmands will be held on Sunday, April 11th this year. Traditionally the examination has taken place on the last Sunday in April, the same Sunday as the school play. The school play will remain on April 25th. **Confirmation will take place the next Sunday, May 2nd.**

Kindergarten Parent Orientation: If your child will be five by December 1, 2010 he or she will be eligible for Kindergarten in the fall. Please come to our Kindergarten parent orientation for information on Good Shepherd's Kindergarten. The meeting is being held tonight, Thursday, February 25, at 6:30 PM

Worship Opportunities:

Sunday Worship services are at:
8:00 AM and 10:45 AM.

Wednesday night soup supper:
6:00PM

Wednesday night Lenten services are at:
7:00P.M.

Chapel: Monday, March 1st at 8:05 AM.

Principal Quinn
835-4181

From Mrs. Seeger

Dear Parents

FIELD TRIP

We're going on a field trip tomorrow to the Impression 5 Science Center in Lansing! ☺ If you haven't done so already, please send \$6.75 in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it. Thank you Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Fournier for your chauffeuring services! We will be leaving promptly at 8:00 and returning between 1:30 and 2:00.

FORENSICS DINNER

This Sunday after the late service the students in grades 3-8 will be performing their forensics pieces as well as some of their musical numbers that they have prepared for the Science and Fine Arts Fair. You are welcome to attend.

SWIM/GYM

Next Tuesday, we will have gym at the community center so bring appropriate shoes and clothing for the event.

SCIENCE/FINE ARTS FAIR

The Fine Arts Fair will be on Saturday, March 6. This weekend is the last weekend the students will have to work on their projects. Look for a schedule of times to be sent home today.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Due to recent absences and busy preparations progress reports are slow in coming. They will be sent home tomorrow. I will just take whatever grade I have now. If your child has been absent and one of their grades looks a little low, double check with me to see if it's because I'm missing a grade that they have to make up.

Mrs. Seeger

From Mrs. Seifert

Dear Parents

Thank you for having your students in attendance at Wednesday night's Lenten service to sing their praises to Him.

On Friday grades 3, 4, and 5 will visit the "Waterworks" exhibit at MCFTA. Mrs. Lisa Ross and I will transport students, leaving school at 12:30 and returning by 2:30. If you have not already done so, please send the \$2 entrance fee to school by Friday.

On Sunday, February 28, we will present our forensics and music fine arts fair entries to you. Presentations will begin after a lunch served by the Home and School Society after our 10:45 service. Presentations should end by 1:30 P.M. Please have your students step to the front of the serving line so they may eat first and then come to the classroom for a forensics practice before our presentation to you.

The Fine Arts Fair will be held at MLS on Saturday, March 6. Although our events have not been scheduled yet, forensics is held between 9:30 and 11:00 A.M. You will be given a schedule of events as soon as we receive one from MLS.

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You are encouraged to attend chapel next Monday, March 1, at 8:05. The following students will provide music: CW 103 - Ben Johnson: Chapel hymnal 714 - Grace Johnson: Preservice - Katherine (O Sacred Head Now Wounded); Offertory - Grace (Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands)

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will swim next Tuesday, March 2.

Please return any encyclopedias that you do not claim as your own. Several have disappeared from the classroom.

Monday, March 8, is a vacation day.

Thank you,
Mrs. Seifert

3-5 GRADERS FROM MRS SEEGER

SCIENCE BIOME DIORAMAS

This last Monday was the last Monday that we worked on our biome reports in class. I was very pleased to see how many students have been diligently working on their projects at home! What I've seen so far looks and sounds great! ☺ The entire project is due **Monday, March 1**. Just a reminder for you as far as what needs to be turned in on Monday: **diorama, report, bibliography, food web (4-5 grade only)**.

Just a note on the bibliography: It's a very simple bibliography. All they need to include is the Author's first and last name as well as the title of the book in a simple format. For example:

Seeger, Rebecca. How to Write a Bibliography.

Thanks for helping your child with this project. Listening to the students it sounds like they had a really great time putting all this together. Next up on our list of science learning is Matter and How it works.

From Mrs. Tafel

Dear Parents

K-2 families are welcome to attend the forensics dinner on Sunday directly after second service. Lunch will be served and then 3-8 grade students will present forensic and music selections.

K-2 students will go swimming on Tuesday, March 2. Please remember swimsuits and towels.

K-2 students will visit Mid-Michigan Medical Center on Tuesday, March 9 at 9:00A.M. Please give me a call if you are able to help with transportation.

Mrs. Tafel

From the Athletic Director

Dear Parents

Our first Volleyball game will be on March 5. It will be held at Trinity in Bay City. Start time 6:30P.M.

Mrs. Quinn