

St. Peter News

March 2019

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Greetings to you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ

I want to use this newsletter article as an opportunity to share about our midweek Lenten series based on selections from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We will have a rotation of pastors again this year between myself, Pastor Schaffer from Davenport and Pastor Hopkins from Superior. I know that you will be blessed by them as they share God's Word with you. Here is a summary of each week's Wednesday service.

March 6th (Me): "Prayer and Fasting" – We grow in our relationship with Christ by communicating with Him in prayer. We grow in strength we find only in Jesus by giving up that which distracts us from connecting with Him.

March 13* (Pastor Hopkins at Faith Hebron): "Salt and Light" –

Christ calls us to be salt and light in this world of sin. We who have tasted and see His great love for us on the cross can spend our Lent savoring His salvation and shining with His glory and grace in the places where He has put us.

March 20 (Pastor Schaffer): "Blessed Are You" – We who are poor in spirit, who mourn, and hunger for righteousness are called blessed by our Savior. We are reminded that even though we are low in our sin, our Lord blesses us with new life in Him.

March 27* (Me at Faith, Hebron): "Do Not Worry" – So much of our lives, even in Lent, is spent worrying about what might happen or what has happened. Christ teaches us to stop being anxious, but simply to trust that He cares for us to the very end.

April 3 (Pastor Hopkins): "Judge Not" – We live in a very judgmental world, so Jesus' advice not to judge sounds radical to our modern ears. When we leave all judgment up to God, we free ourselves to look at one another through fresh and forgiving eyes.

April 10 (Pastor Schaffer): "Build on Rock" – We build our lives on shaky foundations, and then we are surprised when things collapse. Jesus reminds us the only solid foundation

is Himself, the Rock of our salvation. On Him alone we build.

We hope you will take time to join us for these special Midweek Lent services. Please note that on March 13 and March 27 our services will take place at Faith in Hebron. As we continue with our partnership with Faith, it is important for us to be understanding and be willing to share locations for our worship services. We really encourage you to come to Faith for those services and fellowship with the believers over there. I pray that the Lord will strengthen and encourage us during this year's Lenten season.

In Christ – the Healer of the Hurting,
Pastor Brian

Lenten Worship Schedule

All Lenten services begin at 7:00 p.m.

Date	Location of Service
March 6	St. Peter, Deshler
March 13	Faith, Hebron
March 20	St. Peter, Deshler
March 27	Faith, Hebron
April 3	St. Peter, Deshler
April 10	St. Peter, Deshler

Official Acts

No official acts to report

The Lutheran Hour

Sunday mornings:

SENT Radio

<https://www.lhm.org/sentradio/>

7:00a.m.; 9:30p.m.; 12:00p.m.; 2:30p.m.

6:30 KFAB Omaha 1110 AM

7:30 WIBW Topeka 580 AM

8:00 BOTT North Platte 107.9 FM

10:00 KRVN Lexington 880 AM

Saturday mornings:

Topeka WIBW 580 AM 7:30 a.m.

March 3

"Is God Everybody's Father?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A Christian can say, "I am not Jesus, but we have the same Father" (John 8)

March 10

"Through Another's Eyes"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Art helps us to better see the world. John's Gospel, which is both history and art, puts the world in proper focus. (John 9:1-41)

March 17

"Ba-a-ah"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Strikingly, Jesus refers to his people both as "sheep" and as "gods" (Psalm 82). How does that work? (John 10)

March 24

"Death Doesn't End the Story"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When you hear a person's story, it's hard not to like them. See what happens when you listen to the story of Jesus. (John 11)

Financial Update

As of February 17, 2019 (7 Sundays)

General Budget

Offerings Received	39,452.35
Offerings Budgeted	42,446.25
Difference	-2,993.90

Missions-Nebraska District Support

Goal	942.00
Received	890.00
Difference	- 52.00

RightNow Media Spotlight - There's Hope

There are times in everyone's life when the smooth-sailing ship comes into rough waters, and it looks like there is no hope of a way out. In fact, Jesus Himself warned us that life would not be easy, and we could expect to encounter all kinds of trouble and distress during our lifetimes. Paul also instructs Christians to be patient in affliction. This is often easier said than done, especially when we try to navigate the troubling times on our own. As followers of Jesus, we have been given a promise that He will never leave us or forsake us. therefore, no matter how difficult life's circumstances become, we can still have hope because we know we are never alone. We also have hope in the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is our comforter in times of grief, and gives us peace in times of trouble.

This series will help give you a better understanding of the hope that we have in Jesus, even through the difficult times of life. With the help of Scripture, you will learn how God's love brings you hope and gives you encouragement to share the burdens of others as they go through difficulties. Ultimately, the goal of this series is to help you better understand and realize that wherever Christ is present, there is always hope. There is a study guide that you can download for free that goes along with this study. I pray this series encourages you.

Need Volunteers to Run the Computer during Church

We are getting closer to having the screen available to use during worship. We are looking for people of all ages who would be willing to run the computer during the worship service. We will have a training session as it gets closer. For now, we are looking to compile a list of volunteers ready to help out when the time comes to use the screen. If

you would be willing to volunteer in this way, please contact Pastor Brian or one of the members on the screen committee (Steve Harms, Don Betten, Jon Peters, Mark Schardt).

Sunday Morning Study - "Autopsy of a Deceased Church" by Thom Rainer

No one wants to see a church die. And yet, far too many churches are dying. For more than twenty-five years, Dr. Thom Rainer has helped churches grow, reverse the trends of decline, and has autopsied those that have died. From this experience, he has discovered consistent themes among those churches that have died. Yet, it's not gloom and doom because from those themes, lessons on how to keep your church alive have emerged. This has been a great series so far with a lot of good discussion. I really encourage you to come and join us for this series as we take a look at where we are as congregation and what we can learn from this book.

Thank You Note

Dear Members of St. Peter and Deshler Lutheran School,

Thank you so much for assisting our loved one, Roy "Red" Windhorst Sr., in many ways throughout the past few years. He appreciated your many acts of kindness whether it was a youngster helping with Bingo, those of any age stopping by to visit, or anyone simply being nice to him. Throughout his life, he especially enjoyed the music at St. Peter and participating in the choirs. Special thanks to Pastor Francik for visiting and bringing communion. Also, thank you to everyone who organized, helped with, and/or provided food for the funeral fellowship lunch. We very much appreciate all of your expressions of kindness and sympathy.

The family of Roy Windhorst Sr.

Deshler Lutheran School
Board Meeting Minutes
1-21-2019

Attendance: Tyler Harms, Shannon LeFave, Brian Schardt, Pastor Francik, Dale Endorf, Todd Voss, Tony Elting, Matt Bohling, Tyler Stengel, Justus Harms

Visitors: Pam Werner
Matt Bohling opened with a devotion

Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes: The December minutes stand approved as read.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:
Balances as of January 21, 2019

General: \$28,597.73. **Needs:** \$34,477.33. **Hot Lunch:** \$2,038.42.

Chapel: \$918.88. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Justus; Seconded by Shannon. Motion Carried.

Trustee Report: One of the stoves needs a cord repaired.

Pastor's Report: Nothing to report.

Administrator's Report: **1.** Thank you from the teachers for the Christmas gifts. **2.** Staff intent to return forms. **3.** National Lutheran Schools Week. **4.** School Carnival. **5.** School Assemblies. **6.** DLS sings at congregations. **7.** DLS staff meal LEA – Feb 10. **8.** Thayer County Spelling Bee – DLS hosting. **9.** Woodmen Speech Contest. **10.** Website updates in progress. **11.** Donations received.

Old Business: **A.** Christmas Break Work Days. **B.** Christmas Steak update. **C.** South Door Glass/Closure. Shannon made a motion to have Fairbury Glass replace the southeast playground door closure; seconded by Dale. Motion Carried. **D.** 2018 Financial Review – Everything is in order.

New Business: **A.** Circuit Meeting/Funding. **B.** Don Harms Memorial. Donated a Cross to put in the gym. **C.** Kitchen Countertops. Needing to be replaced due to wear so that DLS can keep passing inspection. Estimated to cost around

\$4,200. **D.** School Auction 2019 meeting 2-24-19 at 2:00.

Tyler Stengel made a motion to adjourn.

Pastor closed with a Prayer.

Submitted by Justus Harms

LLL Meeting 1-28-2019

Lutheran Laymen's League met January 28, 2019 with six members present. Pastor led the devotion on the nature of God-Who is God? God is three persons: God the creator, Jesus the Savior, and the Holy Spirit. Discussion was held on how we know God is real.

Secretary's report approved as read. Treasurer's report as of Jan. 28 is \$1,283.27. Vic motioned, Bob seconded to accept treasurer's report.

Old business: Pancake feed was well received. Next year we might remember to apply for a grant from Thrivent.

New business: Vic motioned, John seconded, to donate \$140 to Camp Luther for confirmation retreat. Motion carried. Dennis motioned, Vic seconded, to donate \$750 to Deshler Lutheran School Scholarship Fund. Motion carried. Dues will be collected next month at the February meeting.

Dennis motioned, seconded by Jon, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Pastor closed with prayer, and all repeated the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Dennis Harms

ACT Soup & Cinnamon Roll
Luncheon

Sunday, March 3

11:30 - 1:00

Deshler Lutheran School

Chili, Chicken Noodle, Potato Soup

Homemade Cinnamon Rolls

Freewill Offering

LWML News

Ladies! Come join us on March 7 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of fellowship and Bible study. We will also include a couple of "mini" servant events in our agenda. Our hostesses will provide a treat to round out the evening. We hope you will come share in the evening.

Ladies, you are invited to attend the LWML Spring Workshop to be held at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Ruskin on Saturday, March 16. Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. and the workshop will conclude at 11:30. The theme of the workshop is "Caring Enough to Encourage" and the chosen Bible verse is I Thessalonians 5:11. The Christian Life leaders will share thoughts about encouragement and Pastor Francik will present a Bible study. The Ruskin ladies will provide refreshments. Ingathering for the day will be Mercy kits, specific clothing items and used sports shoes for older teens; these items will be for Orphan Grain Train to distribute where they are needed. Details about these items will be shared in the bulletin. Plan to come join in the morning and bring a friend with you!

Lutheran Hour Ministries
Daily Lenten Devotions

The season of Lent will soon be here. During this time of the year, it's profitable to spend some extra time in the Word, pausing to reflect on God's mercy, which has been shown to us through His Son. Afterwards, be sure to share these messages with someone you care about: a friend, a family member, or someone who wonders what Jesus is all about. *People of the Passion* is available to you: 1) printed devotions can be picked up at church; 2) read devotions online 3) subscribe and receive as a free email subscription 4) listen to an audio podcast daily online. Go to www.lhm.org/lent/ for options 2, 3, or 4.

Annual Church Cleaning March 17-30

The third and fourth weeks in March are scheduled for those once-a-year-cleaning jobs of our church. We ask the following groups to be responsible for certain areas/tasks:

Group #	Leaders
1. ACT	Tyler & Krista Harms
2. Choir	Jamie Calkins
3. Elders	Brad Cooper
4. LWML	Lois Pohlmann
5. LLL	Doug Harms
6. SS	Lynn Bohling
7. Ushers	Doug Harms
8. Video Eq.	Reinold Kruse
9. Sound Eq.	Steve Harms

Jobs are listed in the blue three-ring binder (will be located on the table in the Narthex) and each group leader receives a list. Once cleaning starts, the binder is moved to the cleaning supply table in the hallway.

Cleaning supplies will be available. Bring your own favorite cleaning supplies if preferred. Hand vacs (with extension cords) are very helpful.

Time - the church will be open 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. every day of the week for these two weeks.

Group Leaders - Please come up with a plan of how/when you will clean and contact everyone in your group. Some groups like to meet together and work all at the same time. Others prefer to come whenever it works best in their schedule. Some groups do a mixture of both. Please make sure everyone in your group knows your plan.

If you do not presently belong to any of the groups listed, we can still use your help. As some of you have done in the past, contact one of the group leaders listed and offer your help.

Watch for info from your group leader. Our goal is to involve many with small workloads for each. After completing a task, be sure to check it off in the blue binder so everyone knows it has been finished.

The Lutheran Witness Subscriptions Due March 20

To begin a subscription or to renew a subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* please leave your name and payment of **\$15.96** at the office by Wednesday evening, March 20. Please make checks payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church. The June/July issue is a combined issue so this payment brings 11 magazines mailed to your home. If starting a new subscription, your first magazine arrives in June.

2018 Choice Dollars Expire the End of March

Thrivent members, you may have Choice Dollars from 2018 waiting to be designated. You can designate these dollars to us here at St. Peter, Deshler Lutheran School, or to any eligible charitable organization. To find out if you have Choice Dollars, call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836. You can also do this online at thrivent.com/thriventchoice then click on Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you haven't registered on Thrivent.com, click on "register" to create your online account. All 2018 Choice Dollars expire March 31, 2019.

LLL Scholarship Grants

Are you interested in full-time church work? The Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) is offering scholarship grants again this year and now is the time to apply. Request applications from Virginia Von Seggern at email virginia.vonseggern251@gmail.com or phone 402-655-2254. Applications are also available on the Nebraska District LCMS website, www.ndlcms.org. If you have previously had an LLL Scholarship Grant and want to extend it an additional year, you do need to re-apply. Applications are due in mid-May of 2019. Apply early.

Thank You Notes

The following thank you notes (addressed to our Sunday school students) were received in response to the military care packages sent with the January Sunday school servant event. The first one is from Chaplain Flynn, former pastor at St. Peter's, Davenport.

St Peter Deshler,

I miss doing chapel services for you folks and I hope and pray you are all doing well. Attached is a letter from one of our chiefs.

The care packages were received with great joy and excitement. Even adults like snacks and tasty treats. I'm currently in a place called Bahrain that is in the Middle East. If you google it on a map you can see what other countries are around the area.

Miss you all. Look to Jesus in your life and he will keep you in His love in all things. You are all very precious and important, work hard and you will go far.

In HIS Service,

LT Patrick Flynn, CHC, USN
Chaplain, CDS-50/TF-55/TF-52

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Proverbs 24:5-6 " A wise man is full of strength, and a man of knowledge enhances his might, for by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory."

ST. PETER LUTHERAN SUNDAY
SCHOOL,

I WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE VERY THOUGHTFUL CARE PACKAGE DELIVERED BY CHAPLAIN FLYNN, ON YOUR BEHALF. IT IS ALWAYS HEART WARMING TO KNOW THAT EVEN THOUGH WE ARE FAR AWAY FROM HOME, THAT THERE ARE KIND PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES THINKING OF US.

Thank You Notes, Continued

I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT THE RICE KRISPIES TREATS ARE A PERSONAL FAVORITE OF MINE AND WILL BE HIDDEN FROM EVERYONE'S SIGHT IMMEDIATELY. IT'S ALWAYS THE SMALLEST OF GESTURES THAT MEAN THE MOST. THIS DEPLOYMENT MAY NOT BE THE MOST DIFFICULT OR DANGEROUS, BUT IT IS MOMENTS LIKE THESE THAT MAKE IT ALL WORTH IT.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING US IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. THE HAND CRAFTED CARD ENCLOSED IN THE PACKAGE WILL REMAIN PINNED IN MY WORKSPACE FOR AS LONG AS I AM HERE.

WITH MUCH RESPECT AND WARMEST OF WISHES,
 JOHN D. MCCARTHY JR.
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DLS Hot Lunch Substitute Cooks Needed

DLS has a long tradition of an outstanding hot lunch program. We currently need to build our substitute cook list as our current list only includes one name. There is no guarantee substitutes will be available to step in when called upon. This lack of available substitute cook options for those rare, yet going-to-happen occasions when a substitute is needed places a strain on our hot lunch program. If you would be interested in helping us grow our list of substitute cooks, please contact Mr. Todd Voss at DLS. He can be reached at the school office at 402-365-7858 or via email at *DeshlerLuth@gpcom.net*. Thanks for your consideration!

Deshler High School Alumni Needing Address Updates

Parents, if your child has a new mailing address or new name (marriage), please help to update the

DHS alumni mailing list. Also, maybe a brother, sister, niece, nephew, uncle or aunt alumni of Deshler High School has moved or passed away - all updates are needed. Updates can be e-mailed to Sharon Bell at *radarandsharon@hotmail.com*, texted to Sharon at 402-768-4205, or you may call Sharon at this number. Other board members that you may give alumni updates to include Amy Voss, Scott Finke, Julie Buescher, and Anita Harms. Please get this information to them now as the labels will be printed at the end of March. Thank you.



Nicky Bartling	1
Sara Kresser	1
Linda Sorge	2
Megan Bohling	5
Dale Klaumann.....	5
Bruce Sims	5
Meta Fegter.....	6
Cindy Sasse.....	6
Mikayla Sasse.....	6
Todd Voss	6
Dale Schardt.....	7
Marvin Baden	9
Brianna Bohling	11
Debra Loontjer.....	12
Rodney Achterberg.....	13
Shaun Pagel	13
Aaron Wiley.....	13
Lois Pohlmann.....	17
Gerald Sasse.....	17
Karla Bohling.....	20
Brent Lueders.....	23
Joyce Schardt.....	23
Haley Horse Chief.....	24
Jacob Noojin	25
Shelly Carbo	29
Troy Hansen	29
Merlen Schnakenberg.....	29
Aaron Bohling	31
Dylan Holle	31

MARCH

Baptism BIRTHDAYS

Bradley Cooper	5
Jaden Siegle	5
Samuel Hansen.....	7
Marilyn Genzmer.....	9
Krista Harms.....	11
Luella Holtzen.....	12
Kenneth Effenbeck	13
Robin Sedlachek.....	13
Robert Reinke.....	15
Nancy Hoops.....	17
Mikayla Sasse	17
Larry Schardt.....	17
Sharon Baden	18
Roy Windhorst	20
Marvin Baden	21
Lorna Ludwig.....	22
Robert Ludwig.....	22
Tamera Meyer	22
Dale Schardt.....	24
Hutch Finke	25
Mary Finke	26
Ronald Roskilly.....	26
Quinten Loontjer.....	27
Cindy Sasse	28
Linda Sorge	28
Kristine Miesner	30
Bruce Sims	30
Gerald Sasse.....	31



Eric & Shelly	
Carbo	March 11 13 years
John & Tamera	
Noojin.....	March 14 29 years
Matthew & Leisa	
Bohling.....	March 24 18 years
Josh & Sara	
Kresser.....	March 24 12 years

Sunday School Servant Event February 3

Students made **Valentines for the Veterans** belonging to St. Peter and placed them in their mailboxes.

Participants: Colt, Cooper, Casey & Chase Laaker, Dillon Schardt, Logan Schmidt, Brooks Kresser



DLS Kindergarten



Mr. Stichka and the Kindergarten class leading chapel in songs and skit

DLS Kindergarten



Kindergarten Chapel February 7

Our Kindergartners really enjoyed sharing their love for God through their skit during Chapel, and in helping lead in singing and actions with Mr. Stichka and his wonderful guitar accompaniment! We got everyone up out of their seats in praise and worship to Jesus! (Thank you to those who were able to join us for our Chapel!)



What a fun surprise we had upon returning to our classroom, as Mr. and Mrs. Voss and their students had just been there writing words of appreciation for our Chapel on our dry erase boards. To God be the glory!



Miss Stormi got to be the acting Principal for the day, and we enjoyed listening to her read us a Valentine story! Thanks, Principal Stormi!

DLS Kindergarten

Almost weekly we get to read with Mrs. Voss's 5th and 6th graders, and we really look forward to that! Please see included photos.



Kindergartner Evan reading to 6th grader Conner



Alex Elting reads to Reese Harms

Each Month we celebrate a Star Student in our room! We got to listen as February's Star Student Alex did an amazing job reading one of her favorite stories from home, and showing us her video and T-shirt of Twiggy, the famous water-skiing Squirrel! She got to meet Twiggy in person!

Some of the ways we enjoy working on fine motor skills is in using playdough, children's tweezers, and plastic chain links to help spell and connect our sight words. Lots of learning and discovery going on!

Jesus bless you!
Mrs. Reinke and our DLS Kindergartners

DLS Kindergarten



Fine motor skill building



Sight words



Buddies help each other using their fine motor skills

DLS 1st & 2nd Grade

Hello again from the 1st and 2nd grade classroom! We've been pretty busy the past couple months. We celebrated the 100th day of school by the kids drawing pictures of what they thought they would look like when they were 100 years old. That was pretty interesting! We also were able to watch some BMX riders do some tricks and share a message about keep working hard to get to your goals. The students loved the tricks they performed, especially watching one of the riders jump over Mrs. Voss! That was a little scary, but thankful she came out unharmed! We have been discussing the miracles of Jesus in Religion class. He has done so much for us that it's sometimes pretty hard to understand that He really does love us! Thank you, God, for His protection and strength!

We hope you all are doing well and staying warm out there!

In Christ,

Miss Rachel Werner, 1st and 2nd grade teacher



Scarlett Holtzen picturing herself at age 100



Tanner Luttrell picturing himself at age 100

DLS 3rd & 4th Grade

The third and fourth graders spread a little love this month. We were asked to make valentines for veterans to be delivered on Valentine's Day. What a wonderful opportunity to say thank you to these men and women, but also to proclaim the love of God.

Mr. Cazee once again visited our room for the American Legion. He talked to us about the American flag and what it represents to him and to all Americans. Each student was given his/her own flag, as well. God bless America!



(Back row) Grady Holtzen, Ryver Holtzen, Lainey Vieselmeyer, Claire Sasse, Mr. Cazee, Johnny Hinz, Sophie Fritz, Barrett Harms, Logan Schmidt, Marshall White; (front row) Dean Baden, Cooper Laaker, Dillon Schardt

"King of the Jungle" is the name of the kindergarten through fourth grade musical. We have started learning the songs and will put it with speaking parts in the weeks to come. Please join us on Friday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m.



(Front row) Lainey, Cooper (second row) Barrett, Dean, Sophie, Johnny, Dillon, Logan (third row) Marshall, Grady, Claire, Ryver

Joy in Jesus!

Mrs. Pam Werner and Grades 3 & 4

DLS 5th & 6th Grade

The 5th and 6th graders would like to welcome you to March! Spring is coming. Right?!?!

It sounds silly, but it is somehow shocking to me that it's time to write the March newsletter! It must be true that time flies when you're having fun!

Once again, I will say that I am so very thankful for our school. The challenges that today's youth are facing are very different from the challenges I faced...just a mere 40 years ago. It is so wonderful to be able to talk through the issues my students are dealing with, with Christ at the center. We don't have to stop at "positive thoughts" and "self-confidence." We can pray to the Creator of the universe and have confidence in who we are in Christ.

Speaking of, "The Challenges Youth Face," this is the topic of our Woodmen's Speech Contest this year. We will be spending a good deal of time researching, preparing, writing, and practicing these speeches. However, we will continue working on the building of a new nation in Social Studies, decimals and fractions in Math, and cells in Science.

Blessings to all of you! Surely, Spring will soon be in the air!!

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Mrs. Amy Voss



Ash Wednesday

is March 6

From the DLS Principal's Desk...

Things have been happening at Deshler Lutheran School! There has been a flurry of events since the February newsletter article was submitted so let me try to get you up to speed.

On February 6 Mrs. Voss and the 5/6 classroom hosted an American Red Cross Blood Drive at DLS. The students did a fine job of planning and running this event. Thank you to everyone who was able to give the gift of life-saving blood.

National Lutheran Schools Week was celebrated during the last week of January. We enjoyed a wonderful celebration as we praise God for the gift of our Lutheran School. We praise God for you too—all the people who support DLS with their prayers, gifts, time and talent! Thank you for your heart for the Christ-centered school ministry of DLS.

Sunday was a strong kick-off to our NLSW celebration. We started the week by praising God in His house at Friedensau. Mrs. Werner picked a wonderful song and prepared our students to sing at both association congregations. They did a wonderful job. The DLS Community Carnival sponsored by FOS was Sunday afternoon and was AMAZING due to the help of many! Thanks to FOS and everyone that volunteered and donated....there were many of you! From the photo booth to the drawings to the games galore to the concession stand to Robot R-4 (from Metal Quest) to the attendance, the Carnival was truly blessed! Thank you to everyone that contributed!

NLSW included many activities that we did together as a student body. As a service project, DLS Chapel Families made fleece tie blankets to distribute to cancer patients as a gift of encouragement. A HUGE Thanks to our special group of ladies that helped get the material and did some important prep work on the blankets for us. The blankets turned out GREAT and will be a blessing to the people that receive them. Mrs. Reinke organized our Chapel Challenge event (a "Minute to Win It" type activity) and our Peru Bingo Scavenger Hunt, which was fun and educational. And, Mrs. Voss lead daily all-school devotions that focused on our school theme for the year—"Resting in the REAL. PRESENT. GOD!" These multi-aged-level group activities were a great way for our school body to celebrate together. Our older students did a great job of leading our younger students. Of course, we had to keep some of the DLS's time-tested NLSW activities: school bowling party, dress-up day, including Wacky Wednesday and PJ/Movie Day on Friday.

National School Choice week corresponds with NLSW. We praise God that we have the freedom to incorporate the TRUTH of God's Words into all aspects of our curriculum. Principal-for-the-Day Stormi Capek (winner from the

From the DLS Principal's Desk...

auction) passed out National School Choice scarfs following the Kindergarten Chapel on Thursday, Feb. 7. We had just finished a wonderful chapel service lead by the Mrs. Reinke's Kindergarten class that was filled with praise to Jesus. The timing was an awesome reminder of the incredible blessing the choice to attend a Lutheran school is. The Kindergarten students did a great job of leading us in praise!

Deshler Lutheran School Gym had a slightly different look on the afternoon of February 7. Ramps, cones, bikes, and a professional BMX Bike Team took center court as the students of Deshler Lutheran School and guests were entertained, motivated and inspired by the Forward Motion BMX Bike Team. Professional riders--one a USA Olympic Team member--Doug and Tim from the Athens, Georgia area showed off their BMX bike skills and tricks to the delight of all in attendance.



Spinning Handle Bars

Students and guests were seated in chairs along the south portion of the gymnasium and sat on risers on the stage. A four-foot high, double ramp and connecting platform was situated near center court. The Forward Motion BMX riders used the main hallway as the approach to gain the necessary speed before hitting the ramp. Students waited

From the DLS Principal's Desk...

with anticipation as the bikers began their approach out of sight in the hallway. As the students cheered, the riders would shoot into the gym to showcase different skills. Biker Tim safely bunny hopped over two people, including Mrs. Voss. Riders performed three levels of bike tricks: low, medium and high. During the high airborne tricks, bikers were within one foot of the DLS gym ceiling!



Superman Jump

I'm pretty sure this was the first time we've had bicycles speeding down the hallways and I'm confident we've never had anyone that close to the gym ceiling without the use of a ladder or lift. The presentation was outstanding and the message was one that benefitted our students. I'm sure the students will remember this event for a long time. Following their presentation, the BMX team of Doug and Tim stayed for a question and answer session with the students before posing for pictures with each classroom. Principal Stormi Capek appointed a crew to help her serve refreshments to the student body and our guests.

As I type this article, we are busy preparing for a number of events to close out the end of February. Bingo Night kicks off our Scholastic Book Fair on Feb. 17. DLS is hosting the Thayer County Spelling Bee at the courthouse on Feb. 18. VIP Day is Feb. 22. Planning for the Biennial DLS Auction with our first meeting on Feb. 24. Our Kindergarten Parent Meeting is on Feb. 25. Students in grades 5-8 will be busy preparing for the Woodmen Speech Contest on March 15. On March 17, the DLS teaching staff will be hosting a fundraiser meal for our LEA National Convention. Students in grades K-4 will be busy preparing for the Spring Musical, which is 7:00 p.m. on March 22. Whew!! We have some great stuff coming up and we hope you will join us for some of these events!

In Christ,

Todd Voss, Principal

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