

St. Peter News

April 2019

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

I pray that God continues to bless your Lenten journey this year. I hope you have been enjoying the "Sermon the Mount" series and that you have been blessed by Pastor Schaffer and Pastor Hopkins and myself as we have shared this amazing section in Matthew with you. I know it is a joy for me to go to share God's Word with other brothers and sisters during Lent.

What a great joy it is for us this year to have confirmation for our 8th graders. After a year of not having any students confirmed, it will be a special time for us this year to hear our youth proclaim that they want to follow Jesus in their lives. God continues to truly work through His Word and Holy Spirit. I am so very thankful for each of these students and the journey that God is bringing them on. Each student has so many gifts and talents and it is a blessing to see how God is working in their lives. I am looking forward to April

14th and Confirmation Sunday. I really encourage you to make sure you take some time to reach out to these students and encourage them in their walk with Christ. It is so important that our young people have that assurance that God has provided others around them in their journey of faith.

There isn't much better during the church year than Holy Week. Even though we hear the same story year after year, I pray that it never gets old. I love taking that journey every year with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem with shouts of "Hosanna!" Then we get to see Jesus in the Upper Room leaving us with an amazing gift of His body and blood. We then see Jesus on trial before several different people before eventually being led to the cross where He would face the punishment that we deserved to face because of our sins. But it doesn't end on Good Friday. Easter Sunday, we get to hear and shout and proclaim that Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia! There is no greater phrase in all the world than to proclaim that our Savior Jesus is alive and risen from the dead.

In 1 Corinthians 15 as Paul his discussion about the importance of Jesus' resurrection and what it means for us, he writes these words:

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scripture..." Paul had received the message of Jesus from Jesus Himself and also from the other apostles and he passed on the most important message in all the world to the Corinthians. Brothers and sisters, you and I have received this amazing message of the cross and empty tomb. Are we passing it on to other people? Are we telling them the greatest message in all the world that Jesus died and rose again for them? There are so many people who are living in darkness and going through life with no hope. We have the hope of the cross and the empty tomb. I really encourage you to invite someone to join us for Holy Week services so they can hear the best message ever. Between the music, the preached Word, the time together, it will be a powerful week of reflection and celebrating the work of Jesus for you and me. Please invite someone to hear this message. God's Blessings on your Holy Week.

In Jesus – the Healer of the hurting,

Pastor Brian Francik

Official Acts

3-4-2019...**Douglas & Karen Schardt**
Received by Profession of Faith

3-17-2019.....**Ryan Harms**
Asked to be released from
membership

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.

April 7

"The Darkness Has Not Overcome It"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God works through the darkness to overcome the darkness. Even in history's darkest moment, the light is still shining. (John 12:37-50)

April 14

"He Loved Them to the End"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
We are people of diverse backgrounds drawn together by Jesus. We want to share His life with you. (John 13/18/19)

April 21

"Cross in the Garden"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God is the true Gardener. He brought the soil of His garden into His being to make a new creation. (John 19:30-20:18)

April 28

"Disturbing Cognitive Dissonance"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Doubt is a normal part of our present human experience. Only the presence of the risen Jesus will overcome it. (John 20:19-31)

Financial Update

As of March 24, 2019 (12 Sundays)

General Budget

Offerings Received	67,010.35
Offerings Budgeted	72,765.00
Difference	-5,754.65

Missions-Nebraska District Support

Goal	1,615
Received	1,335
Difference	- 280

RightNow Media Spotlight - "Tasty" by James Merritt

If you've known Jesus for very long, you've likely had this experience; you're in some random place, with random people...and something catches your ear. You don't mean to eavesdrop, but you're just so intrigued by what you are hearing. It's a discussion between two people. The first is being incredibly rude and disrespectful. Yet, the second doesn't seem to notice. He continues to respond to the verbal attack with kindness and a smile.

You say to yourself, 'Man, if that were me, I'm not sure I could keep it together like that.' But you know what? You can! Jesus said, "By their fruit you shall know them." That's exactly what you just experienced when you witness the counter-cultural response to an obvious wrong. You just observed what we know as the "Fruit of the Spirit" in action. Because love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control seem so commonly discussed in church today, we often gloss over when we hear them mentioned. Yet, you've noticed them in others and were intrigued.

That same intrigue is what God will use to draw others to us. Perhaps you're uncomfortable sharing your faith verbally, but you can always open the door by allowing others to see His best in you through these nine fruits.

Join Dr. Merritt as he bites into each fruit and reveals the benefits they add to life. You'll find that true evangelism is sparked from being "tasty."

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).

Come Celebrate with Pastor Brian and Shamlynn



Pastor Brian Francik and Shamlynn Berggren invite you to attend their wedding ceremony on Saturday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Deshler. You are also invited to attend an open house reception for Pastor Brian and Shamlynn on Sunday, May 26 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Deshler Lutheran School. There will be cake, punch, and an opportunity to spend some time with Pastor Brian and Shamlynn as they begin their life together as husband and wife. For more details on the wedding and for registry information please visit www.zola.com/wedding/shamlynnandbrian

Easter Lily Orders Due Wednesday, April 10



As part of our festive Easter Sunday celebration, the Sanctuary will be decorated with Easter lilies. If you would like to take part by donating an Easter lily, plants are \$25 each. We will purchase the plants from Amanda's Cottage in Hebron. Order forms are in the Narthex. Plants may be given in glory to God, in honor of/in memory of a loved one, or given anonymously and this information will be printed in the bulletin. Please indicate your option on the order form. Order forms and payment are due by Wednesday evening, April 10.

Deshler Lutheran School Board Meeting Minutes 2-18-2019

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

Visitors: Pam Werner

Tony opened with a devotion
Agenda approved

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

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Balances as of February 18, 2019.

General: \$26,056.97. **Needs:** \$36,142.28. **Hot Lunch:** \$2,445.38.

Chapel: \$1,180.19. **Flex CD:** \$6,333.60. **LCMS Endowment:** \$6,361.62. **Lutheran Church**

Extension Fund: \$40,434.72. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Justus; Seconded by Brian. Motion Carried.

Trustee's Report: There is a hose on the kitchen sink that needs repaired. Fairbury Glass repaired the door closure.

Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an overview of the Circuit Meeting Forum.

Administrator's Report: **1.** National Lutheran Schools Week. **2.** School Carnival. **3.** Forward BMX and Kevin Bueltmann. **4.** DLS sings at Congregations. **5.** Bingo Night / Book Fair. **6.** Thayer County Spelling Bee. **7.** VIP day / Chapel. **8.** Kindergarten Parent Meeting – possibility of 10 kids. **9.** Spring Administrators Conference. **10.** LEA Teachers Meal

Old Business: **A.** Circuit Meeting Forum. **B.** Staffing 2019-2020. All staff is returning.

New Business: **A.** Playground Fence – Revisited.

Justus made a motion to adjourn.

Pastor closed with a prayer.

Submitted by Justus Harms

LLL Meeting 2-25-2019

Lutheran Laymen's League met February 25, 2019 with five members present. Pastor led devotions on, "Who is Jesus Christ?"

Bob motioned to accept the report of the Secretary. Pastor seconded. Motion carried.

No Treasurer's report was given.

Old Business: Dues will wait for next month at the 3/25/19 meeting.

New Business: None to report.

Dennis motioned to adjourn; Dave seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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

Submitted by Dennis Harms

LWML Meeting 3-7-2019

President Lois welcomed eight members, Pastor Brian, and guests, Cheryl Walsh, Joyce Kroll, and Pam Werner to our meeting.

Pastor Brian then led us in a devotion on "Encouragement." It is easy to be discouraged by

circumstances. We all need encouragement in our lives and need to remember that our hope is found in Him.

Pam Werner then told us how she and Rachael have been working on the Backpack Program at DLS. They currently have 12 students who use this program. Pam and Rachael have been packing up a bag of food and sending it home with these students each week. They send it on the last day of school before the weekend. They would welcome volunteers to help back the bags or food contributions. A list of food items that can be used is available. We then helped Pam pack a 2-week supply of bags.

President Lois thanked hostesses Joyce and Barb as we took a break and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

The business meeting was then called to order.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and will be placed on file.

The treasurer's report was approved and will be placed on file.

Joyce reported that 106 quilts have been completed. It was decided to purchase a \$40.00 gift for Rose and Larry Plock to acknowledge all the work they do to help the quilting group.

A motion was made by Colleen and seconded by Sheryl to raise the campership scholarship from \$100 to \$125. Motion carried. Jocelyn Berggren has applied for a scholarship to attend Camp Luther.

Anita and Lois will purchase gifts for the Confirmants. The Jeans Gems have been discontinued so they will decide on something different.

It was decided to meet at 1:30 on Monday, March 18 in the Mother's Room to do the Spring-cleaning.

LWML Meeting 3-7-2019, Continued

Pastor Brian will apply for a grant for the No-Cost Garage Sale to be used to purchase Arch books and other giveaways.

Colleen and Naomi will take care of treating grades 5-8 to thank them for setting up tables and chairs for funerals.

President Lois thanked Anita for doing our LWML bulletin board.

Dates to remember:

Saturday, March 16th.....Deshler Zone Spring Workshop at Ruskin.

April 27th.....Seek & Serve Day at St. John's in Seward. Nebraska District North and South are coming together to host this event.

April 1st.....The ladies of Faith invited us to their meeting. They will be making pocket crosses.

Pat and Ellen will be our hostesses for the May meeting.

Our group completed writing the "encouragement cards" to the ladies in our congregation.

Mites were collected as we sang "A Time to Serve."

Pastor closed the meeting with prayer.

Secretary,
Bev Harms

ACT Soup & Pie Luncheon

Sunday, April 7

11:30 - 1:00

Deshler Lutheran School

Chili, Chicken Noodle, Potato Soup

Pie

Freewill Offering

Everyone is welcome!

Lutheran Hour Ministries 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 need to re-apply. Applications are due mid-May. Apply early.

Deshler Lutheran School Backpack Program Needs People to Pack Bags

Thank you to those who have generously donated to DLS's Backpack Program through food and monetary donations. We have been able to fill bags for students each week since the program started and presently have plenty of food on hand. Please save future food donations until further notice.

What we need now are people to fill bags for the remaining weeks until school ends. A signup sheet is on the cupboard door in the meeting room. Available dates are April 18, 26, and May 3. It will probably work best to work in pairs. When you sign up for a particular date, you are saying you will have the food packed by noon on that date. You may actually pack the food earlier that week as long as it's ready by Friday noon (on Holy Week by Thursday noon). It would be really helpful to take the bags of food to the DLS office once they are packed. Please contact Colleen Kruse for more info about packing bags.



St. Peter LWML will provide camperships for St. Peter youth attending Camp Luther. The LWML will contribute \$125 to cover some of the cost of camp for each child attending Camp Luther this summer. Applications are available in the Narthex. Please contact Lois Pohlmann or Barb Schardt for more information.

VBS Date Announcement

Vacation Bible School

Trinity, Friedensau

July 15-19

Evening sessions

Annual Voters Minutes January 20, 2019

The St. Peter Lutheran Church annual voters meeting was called to order by President Eugene Mueller at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday January 20, 2018 with 34 members in attendance. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report

President Mueller asked for a motion to accept the October quarterly meeting minutes & the December election-budget meeting minutes. Motion made by Dale Schardt seconded by Tyler Harms to approve the minutes as written. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Annual Voters Minutes, Continued

Pastor's Report

Pastor Francik went over the letter in the Annual Report on page 1. He also outlined the official acts for 2018 on page 4 & membership summary on page 5 along with worship attendance on page 6. On February 10, the leaders of the circuit congregations will meet at the Circuit Forum at St. Peter. He shared that Faith in Hebron is thankful for us sharing Pastor Brian with their congregation. The DLS children sang at an Advent service at Faith. Some of the prizes used for the carnival at Deshler Lutheran were provided by Faith.

Elders' Report

Brad Cooper reported that the Elders are looking for Memorial Fund suggestions. They have proposed to support the Kastors as our special mission project this year (New Business). Finances will also be talked about in New Business.

Treasurer's Report

In Sara Kresser's absence, the Treasurer's report was presented starting on Page 8 of the annual report. DLS deferred the December school payment. January 2019 payment to DLS has been paid.

The balances in the various balance sheet accounts as of December 31, 2018:

General Fund \$18,546.11
Scholarship Fund \$3,970.43
Building Fund \$26,003.82
Building Fund Sound System \$5,111.54
Building Fund Lillich Landscaping balance \$300.00
Building Fund Screen Fund \$17,515.98
Building Fund Misc. balance \$3,051.30
Building Fund Pavement Project \$25.00
Cemetery Fund \$11,100.78

Trustees' Report

With help from a Thrivent grant, all new bulbs were replaced in the lights in the sanctuary, which brightened it considerably.

School Board Report

Todd Voss went over the activities at DLS.

- 3 students baptized at DLS, strong Kindergarten class (8), smallest class is 8th grade
- Blessed with volunteers & funds to update facilities
- Backpack program started to allow families food for the weekend
- Thankful for Thrivent grants which has funded programs
- National Lutheran School week starts on January 27. The events of the week are as follows:
 1. FOS Carnival January 27 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 2. Online Mission Trip – Peru – Lutheran Hour Ministries
 3. School Assembly – Kevin Bueltmann concert January 30
 4. Mission Project – Phil's Friends – Tie Blankets - January 31
 5. Forward Motion – BMX bike tricks – Positive Message
 6. Hosting Thayer County Spelling Bee – Patricia Schardt announcing

Cemetery Report

Harvey Weideman will be mowing the cemeteries this year. We will be filling in dirt mounds at the Kiowa Cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS

Video screen project – Screen is here. Will be setting up the projector mount in the balcony.

NEW BUSINESS

Special mission – Kastors

The Elders have decided that the special mission project for 2019 will be to support Dale Kaster – Missionary to Czech Republic. Don Betten made the motion seconded by Linda Peters. Motion passed.

Finances

Going into the 4th quarter, we were behind by a couple of months to Deshler Lutheran because the Budget Receipts were not available. Due to \$112,271 in receipts & the December deferral by Deshler Lutheran, we finished with a balance of \$18,546.11. The Council met & decided that this is not a sustainable trend. These were items discussed at the council meeting to overcome these yearly budget deficits:

- Have Elders go through and develop a list of inactive members to present to voters. Membership totals impact the budget figure for Deshler Lutheran School
- Research possible alternatives to current Concordia Plan
- Present to the circuit congregations (at the Circuit Forum Feb. 10 at St. Peter) the advantages of a Christian Education plus the costs that are involved with it. With this information they may decide to support DLS like Faith Lutheran in Hebron has. Or it is possible they would want to become a member of the association
- Address a letter to DLS alumni about supporting the school
- Add a line item in the bulletin listing the "needed to date" budget figure
- Possibility for tuition of members at DLS

These items below were brought up during the discussion about the finances & Deshler Lutheran School:

- It was decided that the Elders will go thru the inactive list especially the members that we have no current address for
- People give for specific needs like books, desks, chairs, new floors in classrooms. It is harder to get money given for electricity, paper etc.

Annual Voters Minutes, Continued

- It was brought up who pays tuition to DLS. Tuition is charged for students that are not members of Trinity, Friedensau and St. Peter, Deshler. Registration fees apply to all students
- It was asked if another church would join the association what would their share be to DLS. Dale Endorf gave a theoretical example of a 225-member church that sent four kids to Deshler Lutheran. Their share would be \$45,000
- Deshler Lutheran is the only Lutheran grade school in Thayer County
- There are LCMS Lutheran schools in York, Hastings, & Beatrice. In Plymouth there is a Lutheran Wisconsin Synod Church & School
- We need to grow the core of people to the voters meetings to get more people involved rather than the same 40-50 people
- Direct Deposit is a great way to get a steady flow of money especially when Sunday services are cancelled due to weather
- Extended discussion about the pros/cons about listing how much we need to meet the budget every week in the bulletin
- Pastor said we need to not look just at the money aspect but other different aspects like our overall devotional life & to be in the Word regularly. We need to attend the DLS Association meeting every year on the 1st Sunday in November

Linda Peters made a motion to adjourn, Alan Bohling seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor Francik closed with prayer.

Mark Varner

Recording Secretary

Sunday School News - Thank You Letter from Chaplain Schleusener

17 FEB 2019

Dear Students at St. Peter Lutheran Sunday School,

Greetings from Naval Air Facility, Japan. Thank you for the Care Packages, which you sent to us on January 17. I am sorry that it has taken so long to send this letter to you. Please accept my thanks and gratitude for your generous gifts of love.

Your packages were very well received. You did such an amazing job! I appreciate the thought and hard work that went into it. What you put into the care packages was perfect: devotion materials, snacks, hygiene items, and greeting cards. You packaged everything so well. As a result of the care you took, the contents reached us in perfect condition. We still have a few boxes in our office, but the content is going fast. Your love is obvious in all the care you put into this. Thank you!

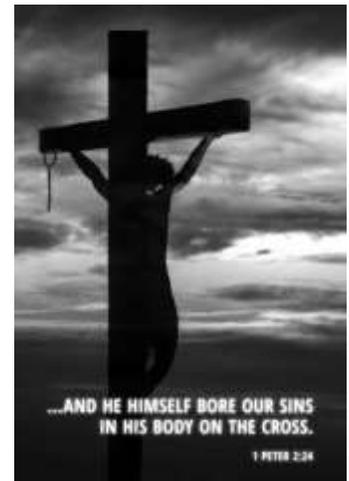
Sailors who received the care package contents have thanked me repeatedly for what they received. Your acts of love and generosity have made a difference. It is especially helpful that it came during the "off-season." At a time of year when people are feeling especially weary, and the joys of the Christmas season have passed, getting a gift of love like this from the States is a real morale booster.

I have included some pictures showing our chapel and a few photos of me in the midst of ministry (see church Sunday school bulletin board). Hopefully, it helps you imagine where one of our LCMS chaplains is serving. Maybe there are some young men in your Sunday school who could be pastors or chaplains in the future. My work is supported by some great

deaconesses and church musicians, and maybe there are some future church musicians and deaconesses in your Sunday school too. Keep on working together to advance God's kingdom.

Yours in Christ,
Chaplain David Schleusener

LCDR David Schleusener
Command Chaplain
NAF Atsugi, Japan
LCMS Chaplain



Palm Sunday - Confirmation Day

Sunday, April 14
9:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday w/ Communion

Thursday, April 18
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 19
7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Festival Service

Sunday, April 21
9:45 a.m.



Matthew Bohling.....	1
Riley Reinke.....	2
Claire Sasse.....	2
Jana Finke.....	4
Patricia Schardt.....	8
Laura Achterberg.....	10
Heather Achterberg.....	10
Colt Laaker.....	11
Caroll Genzmer.....	12
Harvey Sorge.....	13
Joyce Schmidt.....	14
Lauren Schmidt.....	14
Haylyn Mackey.....	15
Lukus Wassom.....	15
DeWayne Schilling.....	16
Holden Ruhnke.....	17
Shamlynn Berggren.....	19
Darlene Bohling.....	20
Payton Bauer.....	22
Lacey Schmidt.....	27
Duncan Finke.....	28
Larry Wilbeck.....	28
Drew Ayres.....	29
Cassie Wilbeck.....	30

April Baptism Birthdays

Megan Bohling.....	2
Lois Pohlmann.....	2
Peggy Sorge.....	2
Debra Loontjer.....	3
Lynn Bohling.....	4
Naomi Grupe.....	4
Rodney Achterberg.....	5
Josh Kresser.....	5
Carol Sorge.....	9
Aaron Wiley.....	10

Meta Fegter.....	11
Marjorie Holle.....	11
Brent Lueders.....	11
Jacob Noojin.....	11
Merlen Schnakenberg.....	11
Skylar Horse Chief.....	12
Haley Horse Chief.....	12
Chase Laaker.....	12
Todd Voss.....	12
Brianna Bohling.....	13
Cassie Wilbeck.....	13
Tami Finke.....	14
Shaun Pagel.....	15
Rowen Sedlachek.....	15
Marlene Weideman.....	17
Sara Kresser.....	18
Troy Hansen.....	21
Joyce Schardt.....	21
Aaron Bohling.....	22
Riley Reinke.....	24
Matthew Bohling.....	26
Claire Sasse.....	26
Jana Finke.....	27
Heather Achterberg.....	28
Laura Achterberg.....	28
Caroll Genzmer.....	30



Mark & Kristine Miesner.....	April 3	48 years
Aaron & Kinsey Bohling.....	April 7	1 year
Jon & Audra Capek.....	April 23	14 years
Kent & Rhonda Betten.....	April 24	37 years

April 26 The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Birthday

Founded in 1847

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod celebrates its 172nd birthday on April 26. Initial members, which included 12 pastors representing 14 congregations from Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, New York and Ohio, signed the church body's constitution on April 26, 1847, at First Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Chicago, Ill.

Originally named The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States, the name was shortened to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1947 on the occasion of our 100th anniversary.

The roots of the LCMS run deep, tracing back to Saxon and other German immigrants establishing a new church body in America, seeking the freedom to practice and follow confessional Lutheranism.

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DLS Kindergarten

In our Kindergarten room we are blessed to have friends who see a friend in need, and help them tie a shoe. We make beautiful Geoboard patterns together, help others celebrate a birthday, put our teen numbers in their correct order, and share our love for Jesus through a well-sung March Musical! We love Kindergarten. We love Jesus!!



Helping a friend tie his shoe

DLS Kindergarten



Celebrating Kyler's birthday



Making Geoboard patterns together



Putting teen numbers in their correct order

DLS Kindergarten



The March Musical was well-sung by the kindergartners: Cord Holtzen, Evan Endorf, Justice Acuna, Ivy Bault, Kyler Stichka, John Erickson, Alex Elting, Ivy Harms

DLS 1st & 2nd Grade

Hello again from the 1st and 2nd grade classroom! We are SO excited that Spring is here! We have been counting down the days. I think ALL of us could tell you by the end of winter that March 20 was the first day of Spring. We have also been busy practicing for the musical, which was March 22. The kids did a wonderful job and we were very pleased so many were able to come out and watch! I know that this classroom has quite a few "animals" sometimes, so the theme of the musical, "Who's the King of the Jungle" was very appropriate! I hope you all are having a wonderful start to Spring and have a very blessed Easter!



1st & 2nd pictured from Left: Zach Acuna, Adyson Bault, Lakin Schardt, Jaydin Mackey, Phinn Harms, Haylyn Mackey, Gavin Endorf, Mason Finke, Sienna Erickson, Tanner Luttrell, and Scarlett Holtzen

In Christ,
Rachel Werner, 1st and 2nd grade teacher

DLS 3rd & 4th Grade

KING OF THE JUNGLE! The third and fourth graders have spent much time preparing for our musical. We are sharing the good news that God is our King. He loves us and has made the world for us to enjoy.

Our March book report took us to a famous person's biography. We had to fill out a sheet about facts based on our famous person. The students are doing a great job on people such as the Wright Brothers, Clara Barton, George Washington, and Daniel Boone.

Thank you for joining us for a fun VIP Day. What fun to participate in chapel and share the love of Jesus with our special people. Mrs. Jarchow shared her delicious cinnamon rolls to make the day more special!



Pictured: Dean Baden, Sophie Fritz, Barrett Harms, Johnny Hinz, Dillon Schardt, Marshall White, Grady Holtzen, Ryver Holtzen, Cooper Laaker, Logan Schmidt, Lainey Vieselmeyer.

Joy in Jesus!
Mrs. Pam Werner and Grades 3 & 4

DLS 5th & 6th Grade

Spring Greetings from the 5th and 6th graders at DLS!

We are very excited to be having a few "outdoor" recesses as of late! It has been so nice to see the sunshine. We are happy to have our friend Alex back at school. Alex had his tonsils removed on March 12 and then had some complications. The rest of the class reminded me almost hourly to stop and pray for Alex. What a wonderful blessing to be able to stop everything and pray together! We continue to plug away at our studies. We have been bisecting angles, simplifying angles, writing research papers, studying adverbs and adjectives, and taking on some entry level chemistry! We're learning the petitions and their meanings in memory work.

As always, thank you for your support of the ministry here at DLS,

<>< Mrs. Amy Voss

From the Principle's Desk....

The 2019 school year continues to fly by at light speed as we enter the month of April. March was another action-packed month here at Deshler Lutheran.

There were several highlights from the month of March. Third quarter came to an end early in the month, ushering in the final quarter. Students in the 5-8 grades did an excellent job at the Woodmen Speech Contest, which was held on March 15. The theme for this year's contest was "Challenges Youth Face." Students chose a wide variety of topics related to the aforementioned theme: Peer Pressure, Bullying, Divorce, Declining Work Ethic, Fear, Screen Addictions, YouTube Challenges, Violence and more.

Finalists in the 7th/8th Grade Division were: 1st - Ella Murray (Modern Parenting), 2nd - Stormi Capek (Technology), 3rd - Allie Vieselmeyer (Schedule Overload). Finalists from the 5th/6th Grade Division were: 1st - Jordan LeFave (Vaping/Smoking), 2nd - Mason White (Screen Time), 3rd - Conner Schardt (Drugs/Alcohol). All finalists qualify to advance to the District Speech Competition on April 24 in Hebron.

DLS had two students participate in the District Spelling Bee on March 9 in Fairbury. Both Austyn Lindenmuth - 5th grade and Jordan LeFave - 6th grade competed against top spellers from counties in our district. Fifth & sixth grade spellers competed in one combined division. Congratulations to Jordan LeFave for finishing 10th!

Thank you to everyone that supported our LEA Teacher Meal on March 17. Our staff felt very blessed by the turnout and the generosity of all that attended. Special "Thanks!" to our cooks (Tyler Harms-Pulled Pork, Matt Vieselmeyer-Baked Beans, Lori Schroeder-Potato & Fruit Salads, & Rachelle Jarchow-Brownies) for helping us provide a delicious meal and the Board of Education for their help serving it. Our staff is really looking forward to attending the LEA (Lutheran Education Association) National Convention in October in St. Louis. Thanks again!

The K-4 Spring Musical was performed on Friday, March 22. "King of the Jungle" was the title of this year's performance. The musical was full of great music, fun jokes, and an excellent message reminding us that God is the King of the Jungle and we can trust in Him.

Staff from Camp Luther joined our DLS school family for a special chapel service on Wednesday, March 27. Camp Luther staff led us in some fun praise songs and shared a cool message with us, which utilized a visual that included a paper airplane that turned into a paper rocket that turned into a paper cross. Especially as we head toward Holy Week and Easter, it was a great reminder of how amazing God's

love is for us. Praise Jesus for His victory over sin, death, and the devil on the cross!

DLS also partnered with the St. Peter ACT group to provide Flood Assistance Relief to the Arlington, Nebraska area through St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. DLS designated our March 28 chapel offering to the flood relief effort. Our school family was able to raise over \$350 in food and supplies to help people in need.

Planning is underway for the 2019-2020 school year. The first day of the 19-20 school year is set for Thursday, August 22. We are excited to announce that our entire teaching staff has indicated intent to return to serve at DLS again next year. On March 25, DLS hosted Kindergarten Round-up for our incoming class of ten students.

Planning is also underway for the 2019 Biennial School Auction. We are just in the beginning phases, but want you to "Save the Date" of Saturday, November 16 and plan to join us for a fine night in support of the school ministry of DLS.

May the Holy Spirit move in all our hearts this Lenten season as we again consider the high price Jesus paid for each of us. May we rejoice in the incredible victory that God freely gives us through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus!

Thank you for supporting the school ministry of Deshler Lutheran School!

In Christ,

Todd Voss, Principal

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