

# St. Peter News

March 2020

## ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ,

2019 saw some great spiritual growth in our congregation. We are seeing more people regularly in God's Word through Bible study and worship attendance. We are seeing more people in prayer. People are giving to the work of the Lord. There is an increased level of joy within our congregation. Guess who hates this? If you said, "Satan", you would be correct. Satan hates what is going on here at St Peter and he is going to do everything he can to hinder and destroy it. Because of this, I believe it is important we take the month of March to do a sermon series on spiritual warfare. We need to be aware and ready for the attacks that come in our personal lives and in the life of the church. Here is an overview of our next series:

**March 1 – An Introduction to Spiritual Warfare** – This session will give an overview of who the devil is and an overview of the spiritual battle that we face in our lives as Christians. It will serve as the foundation of this series.

**March 8 – Belt & Breastplate** – We will dive into the different pieces of

the armor that God has given to us and we read about in Ephesians 6. We will start with the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness. We will discuss how these two pieces are so vital and important as we deal with the schemes of the devil.

**March 15 – Shoes & Shield** – We will look at the shoes that our feet are fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel. It is important to be ready and prepared for battle and we have the greatest message in the world, the Gospel. We also take up the shield of faith, to extinguish the flaming arrows of Satan. God is calling us to greater faith, when Satan wants us to cower in fear and guilt and shame. We must hold out that shield of faith to block the attacks.

**March 22 – Helmet & Sword** – The final two pieces are the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit. The helmet focuses on the hope (assurance) that we have of our salvation in Jesus Christ. We rest in that assurance when Satan wants us to doubt it. The sword, Paul says, is the Word of God. It is the piece that we can attack and fight back with. We respond to Satan's attacks with the truths we find in the Bible. We have to know God's Word to respond properly.

**March 29 – How Jesus Responded to Attacks** – We will look at two

particular instances in Jesus' life when He was attacked and see how He responded. We will look at Jesus' temptation in the wilderness in Matthew 4 and we will look at Jesus' struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane. Both of these stories have a lot to say to us as we face the attacks of Satan in our lives.

In this whole series, we want to never forget that the victory has already been won by Jesus through His death and resurrection. While we face attacks, we know the end of the story. Jesus wins and through Him, we win also. I pray that this series will be an encouragement to you and a blessing to our congregation.

In Jesus – the Healer of the Hurting,

Pastor Brian

## Lenten Worship Schedule

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

Date	Location of Service
Feb. 26	St. Peter, Deshler
<b>March 4</b>	<b>Faith, Hebron</b>
March 11	St. Peter, Deshler
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Faith, Hebron</b>
March 25	St. Peter, Deshler
April 1	St. Peter, Deshler

## Official Acts

2-4-2020 .....  
TRANSFER IN of **Michael & Nicole, Alyssa, John, & Ben Zucker** from Bethel Lutheran, (LCMS) Bryan, TX

2-18-2020 .....  
TRANSFER OUT of **Kent & Rhonda Betten** to Faith Lutheran (LCMS), Lincoln, NE

## The Lutheran Hour

### Sunday mornings:

SENT Radio  
<https://www.lhm.org/sentradio/>  
7:00am; 9:30am; 12:00pm; 2:30pm

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 1

#### "Singled-Out but Not Alone"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Something needs to be done and it falls to you to do it. You might feel alone-but you're not alone.  
(Exodus 3-4)

### March 8

#### "Upon Further Review"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
God's forgiving love for us in Christ cancels the continuous playback of our regrets.  
(Exodus 5)

### March 15

#### "Gracious Confiscation"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
(Exodus 7-8)

### March 22

#### "They Bloom Later"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
(Exodus 9)

### March 29

#### "Reckless, Raging Fury"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti  
(Exodus 10)

## Financial Update

As of February 16, 2020 (7 Sundays)

### General Budget

Offerings Received	47,983.61
Offerings Budgeted	44,453.64
Difference	+3,529.97

### Missions-Nebraska District Support

Goal	942.00
Received	890.00
Difference	- 52.00

## RightNow Media Spotlight - "Fruitfulness on the Frontlines"

Make a difference where you are. How can we be fruitful on our frontlines? How can we show and share Christ's wisdom and love with the people we meet out in the places we usually find ourselves – at the shops or the gym, at work or at school?

This liberating resource offers a fresh, simple framework for discovering a rich variety of ways in which God may work in and through us right where we are. Combining biblical teaching from Mark Greene, inspiring real-life stories, and a downloadable discussion guide, the 8 sessions will help you and your group see how you can make a difference on your frontlines and support one another along the way.

If you haven't signed up for RightNow Media, contact Todd Voss and he will send you an email with a link to get started.

## Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Thank you to all of those who have taken the spiritual gifts assessment, either online or by a paper copy. So far, the results have been really fascinating. They are giving us a better understanding of the makeup of our congregation. If you haven't had a chance to do the assessment yet, please do so. We want to get as many people in the congregation to fill it out here in the first couple

months of the year. Then we can begin the process of finding out how we can put those gifts to use within the body of Christ here at St. Peter. You can fill it out online by clicking the banner on our church website and following the instructions. You can also fill out a paper copy and return to my box. Thank you for continuing to find ways to serve in our congregation.

## St. Peter Annual Voters Meeting Minutes 1-19-2020

The St. Peter Lutheran Church annual voters meeting was called to order by President Steve Harms at 11:13 a.m. on Sunday January 19, 2020 with 41 members in attendance. Pastor opened with a prayer.

### Secretary's Report

President Harms asked for a motion to accept the October quarterly meeting minutes & the December election/budget meeting minutes. Motion made by Doug Harms seconded by Jon Peters to approve the minutes with a correction (Tim Bohling – Jim Bohling). Motion passed.

### 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 5 & membership summary on page 6 along with worship attendance on page 7. He mentioned that last year's release of non-local inactive members reduced the total number of members. One new family has transferred in and another family is in the process of transferring in. The Elders are discussing the future of the partnership with Faith in Hebron as the agreement expires at the end of 2020. Faith has been very happy with the partnership. The sermon series on Romans 12 will continue thru February.

## St. Peter Annual Voters Meeting Minutes 1-19-2020, Continued

### Elders' Report

Jon Peters reported that the Elders have proposed to support the Kasters as our special mission project this year (New Business). They have started talking about the Faith Partnership that expires at the end of 2020. They have been working on gathering a list of local inactive members. Thanked Pastor for all of the things he does at St. Peter & Faith in Hebron.

### Trustees' Report

Doug Harms reported that the concrete work is finished. Part of it had to be done twice because of problems. Work on lights in the mother's room will start in February. Friends of the School are planning to put in an A/C unit for the school gym. Trustees have approved it. School Board will vote on it. Computers for Pastor & Colleen are in the works.

### Treasurer's Report

Sara Kresser presented the Treasurer's Report starting on page 10 of the annual report. DLS deferred the December school payment. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Insurance paid in 2018. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter FICA paid in January 2019.

The balances in the various balance sheet accounts as of December 31, 2019:

General Fund \$30,743.33  
Scholarship Fund \$4,084.95  
Building Fund \$10,742.20  
Building Fund Sound System \$4,872.54  
Building Fund Lillich Landscaping balance \$300.00  
Building Fund Screen Fund \$569.60  
Building Fund Misc balance \$3,448.52  
Cemetery Fund \$11,596.82

### School Board Report

Todd Voss went over the annual report starting on page 23

- 2 students started this week which brings the total number of students up to 57
- Sound system will be upgraded thanks to the work of Steve Harms
- Welcome signs will be placed on the North & East entrances. Jana Music will be placing these signs before March
- School Board will meet Monday & discuss Air Conditioner for the gym with money from the Friends of the School
- The DLS Association will meet Sunday February 9 at 7:30 at St. Peter to discuss the call for a 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher
- There is a shortage of teachers with 200 requests & only 13 graduates from the Concordia system
- Early National Schools week event – Couple from Gretna (sponsored by Mutual of Omaha) had a 45-minute school assembly with live Amazon Rainforest Animals
- National Lutheran School week starts January 26. The events of the week are as follows:
  1. FOS Carnival Sunday January 26 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM
  2. On-line Mission Trip to Mongolia
  3. Special PE Activity - School Bowling Party at Superior
  4. Service Projects - 1) Make fleece tie-blankets for cancer patients 2) Make valentines for veterans in Omaha Veterans Hospital and Kearney Veterans Home
  5. "Buffalo Trunk" School Assembly to be presented by Homestead National Park Thursday at 1:15

### Cemetery Report

No report

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Special Mission – Kaster's

The Elders have proposed that the special mission project for 2020 will be to support Dale Kaster – Missionary to Prague, Czech Republic. Andy Schmidt made the

motion seconded by Mark Betten. Motion passed.

Motion made by Dale Hoops seconded by Doug Harms to adjourn the meeting.

Pastor Francik closed with prayer.

Mark Varner

Recording Secretary

## Deshler Lutheran School Board Meeting Minutes 1-20-2020

**Attendance:** Matt Bohling, Galen Sasse, Mike Holtzen, Tyler Stengel, Dale Endorf, Brian Schardt, Todd Voss, Pastor Francik

**Visitors:** Juli Reinke

Matt Bohling opened with a devotion.

**December minutes approved as presented.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Current Balances: General Account \$12,322.15, Hot Lunch Account \$1,372.03, Chapel Account \$304.56, Needs Account \$41,497.74, Flex CD \$6,396.79, LCMS Foundation Endowment Fund \$7,124.29, & the Lutheran Church Extension Fund \$41,228.05. Mike Holtzen made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Galen Sasse, motion carried.

**Trustee's Report:** Hardware on school flagpole needs replacement.

**Pastor's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Administrator's Report:** 1. Chapel Project I – Chapel donations raised \$942.10 toward Military Bible Sticks 2. Chapel Project II – Chapel donations raised will go towards providing Lutheran Heritage Foundation Bible Story Books/ Catechisms to Ethiopia 3. DLS students enjoyed a hands-on assembly of Rainforest Animals by Wildlife Encounters on Jan 15.

**Deshler Lutheran School Board  
Meeting Minutes  
1-20-2020, Continued**

4. Changes made this year to move away from the Scholastic book fair in an effort to bring in books with a more Christian message or content in alignment with Lutheran beliefs. 5. Some end of year donations were made to support the school and individual staff needs. 6. National Lutheran Schools Week is coming up with a full week of scheduled events. 7. Deshler Lutheran School carnival coming up on Sunday Jan 26 requesting DLS board members to support by running game stations. 8. Change to school calendar, now no school will be held on March 16 due to Spring Break/District Speech.

**Old Business:** A. DLS secretary position filled by Alesha Vieselmeyer. B. Call committee update to board on candidate search for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade position. C. No update on DLS roof inspection by Weathercraft following expiration of warranty. D. Sound System, which is being funded by FOS, is being ordered, the sound board from St. Peter is being donated to the school, which will help control cost of this project. E. Entrance Screens, which is also being funded by FOS, have been ordered. F. Financial Review Committee met on Jan 20 and completed the financial review of DLS's finances. G. K-2 Lockers are expected to arrive in February.

**New Business:** A. Intent to Return Forms – All have been distributed and are due on Feb 1. B. LSTC - Alesha Vieselmeyer has expressed interest in obtaining her Local Substitute Teacher Certificate. A motion by Mike Holtzen to approve Alesha as a DLS substitute after obtaining her Local Substitute Teacher Certificate, seconded by Dale, motion carried. C. Gym Air Conditioning - FOS has obtained quotes and will fund a separate air conditioning unit to gym. A motion was made by Dale Endorf to proceed

with installation of the project as quoted, seconded by Brian Schardt, motion carried. D. Kitchen Counter – Discussion on this topic will be tabled until the February meeting while more information is gathered. E. Library Checking Account – A motion was made by Galen Sasse to create a checking account to be created and used for the purpose of school library book purchases and deposits related to the book fair with access to the account given to Julene Schardt, Linda Peters, Todd Voss, & Dale Endorf, seconded by Mike Holtzen, motion carried.

**Dates to Remember:** A. Jan 26 DLS Sings @ Trinity-Friedensau, B. Jan 26 Carnival from 4:00-6:00pm, C. Jan 28 DLS Bowling Party at Superior Bowl, D. Jan 30 School Assembly "Buffalo Trunk" – Homestead National Park, E. Feb 3 Winter Break – No School, F. Feb 5 Blood Drive at DLS, G. Feb 6 Chapel – Camp Luther, H. Feb 10 & 12 Parent-Teacher Conferences, I. Feb 16 Bingo Night/Book Fair, J. Feb 17 Thayer County Spelling Bee, & K. Feb 17 Board of Education Meeting

Devotion by Tony Elting.

**Adjournment:** Mike Holtzen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dale Endorf, motion carried.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Brian closed with a prayer.

Submitted by Brian Schardt

**ACT Fund Raiser Luncheon**



Sunday, March 29  
11:30 - 1:00  
Deshler Lutheran School  
Pulled pork, Chips, Beans  
Desserts  
Freewill Offering  
All are welcome

**LWML Deshler Zone  
Spring Workshop**

Saturday, March 21

9:00-11:30

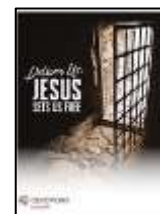


You are joyfully invited to a morning of fun and fellowship for all ladies and their guests at the LWML Deshler Zone Spring Workshop to be held at Centennial Lutheran Church, Superior on Saturday, March 21. Registration begins at 8:45 AM with a Bible study led by Pastor Francik, Zone Pastoral Counselor beginning at 9:00. The theme of the workshop is "The Joy of the Lord is my Strength." (Neh. 8:10). All participants will share in giving and receiving gifts of joy!

InGathering monetary gifts for Hope Crisis Center in Superior.

Offering: Zone Treasury

**Lutheran Hour Ministries  
Daily Lenten Devotions**



*Deliver us: Jesus Sets Us Free* is the name of this year's Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries and is available to you in

the following ways: 1) a printed devotion book which can be picked up at church 2) go online to read the devotions each day 3) subscribe and receive devotions as a free email subscription 4) listen to an audio podcast each day online. Please go to [www.lhm.org/lent/](http://www.lhm.org/lent/) for options 2, 3, & 4.

## Recent Sunday School Servant Events

The Sunday school has been very busy with servant projects!

What would you do with 2000 clothespins? Make wreaths with the assisted living residents. The kids and residents made a Christmas wreath for each resident. They added nativity cutouts, ribbons, snowflakes, candy canes, and snowmen.

For the January project, they constructed get-well cards for Pastor to take along with him when he makes hospital visits. They included messages of faith and drew pictures to go with the verse. They are beautiful cards, but everyone is hoping not to get one!!

For the February project, we journeyed to the Nursing home. We played valentine bingo and ate the chocolate kiss markers. We also made a valentine for each resident. Some of the residents helped with the construction. The kids did a great job of interacting and helping. They are truly doing a wonderful job of sharing God's love with others.

The following pictures show the February Sunday School Servant Event. The students are interacting with residents at Parkview Haven as together they make valentines - by decorating crosses with heart stickers.



## Annual Church Cleaning March 15-28

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	Don Betten
4. LWML	Lois Pohlmann
5. LLL	Doug Harms
6. SS	Lynn Bohling, Addie Schardt
7. Ushers	Doug Harms
8. Video Eq.	Reinold Kruse
9. Sound Eq.	Steve Harms

**Jobs** are listed in the blue three-ring binder (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 (we have extension cords at church) can be helpful.

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

**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 15

To begin a subscription or to renew a subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* please leave your name and payment of **\$15.96** at the church office by Sunday, March 15. Please make checks payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church. The June/July issue is a combined issue so this payment brings 11 monthly magazines mailed to your home. If starting a new subscription, your first magazine arrives in June.

## 2019 Choice Dollars Expire the End of March

If you have Thrivent insurance or investment products, you may have Choice Dollars from 2019 waiting to be designated. You can designate these dollars to any eligible charitable organization. To find out if you have Choice Dollars, call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" or go online at [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). All 2019 Choice Dollars expire March 31, 2020.



Nicky Bartling .....	1
Sara Kresser .....	1
Linda Sorge .....	2
Megan Bohling .....	5
Dale Klaumann .....	5
Meta Fegter .....	6
Cindy Sasse .....	6
Mikayla Sasse .....	6
Todd Voss .....	6
Dale Schardt .....	7
Marvin Baden .....	9
Brianna Bohling .....	11
Rodney Achterberg .....	13
Aaron Wiley .....	13
Lois Pohlmann .....	17
Gerald Sasse .....	17
Karla Bohling .....	20
Joyce Schardt .....	23
Haley Horse Chief .....	24
Troy Hansen .....	29
Merlen Schnakenberg .....	29
Aaron Bohling .....	31

## MARCH

### Baptism BIRTHDAYS

Bradley Cooper .....	5
Jaden Siegle .....	5
Marilyn Genzmer .....	9
Krista Harms .....	11
Luella Holtzen .....	12
Robin Sedlachek .....	13
Robert Reinke .....	15
Nancy Hoops .....	17
Mikayla Sasse .....	17
Larry Schardt .....	17
Sharon Baden .....	18
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
Gerald Sasse .....	31



John & Tamera	
Noojin .....	March 14
	30 years
Matthew & Leisa	
Bohling .....	March 24
	19 years
Josh & Sara	
Kresser .....	March 24
	13 years

## Free Books

There are library books on a table by the mailboxes. These books are FREE. Please help yourself and also take some for anyone else you know of that might enjoy some good books.

## Best Choice UPC's & Box Tops

We are collecting Best Choice UPC's and Box Tops labels for Deshler Lutheran School. Box Tops for Education labels may be given directly to a DLS student or placed in the glass jar in the Narthex. Box Tops may also be scanned. Best Choice UPC's may be placed in the appropriate glass jar in the Narthex.

## From the DLS Principal's Desk . . .

DLS has been bustling with activity. The end of January and the month of February have schedules full of many functions.

National Lutheran School Week was taking place as I was writing last month's newsletter article. Students and staff enjoyed all-school devotions, an on-line mission trip to Mongolia, the Chapel Family Challenge, Mystery Bingo, two service projects (fleece-tie blankets and Valentine's for Veterans), the Buffalo Trunk, Dress-up Days, Movie Day and more! Miss Jocelynn served as the "Principal for the Day" from last fall's auction and assisted with activities throughout the week. Our students did a great job of singing God's praises at both Trinity & St. Peter. NLSW was a wonder celebration of the blessing of our Lutheran School. Thank you for being a special part of our school ministry.

February is also the month of our DLS Book Fair, which kicked off with Bingo Night on Feb. 16. Guests

## From the DLS Principal's Desk . . . Continued

enjoyed free bingo, their first look at the books and a yummy line-up of tasty snacks from the concession stand. Thanks to FOS and all our volunteers that made this a great event! There was a strong turnout for this fun family event. Mrs. Julene Schardt, our DLS librarian, has done an excellent job in our library and with this year's book fair. We changed to a different book fair company in an effort to offer more books that promote Christian values. This required much more work and we thank Mrs. Schardt for leading the charge. As a result, we feel much better about the content of the books at this year's event.

On the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 19, DLS hosted a new event called "Pastries with Parents." It was an opportunity for parents and their children to start the day at school together for coffee/juice and a pastry together. We had Christian music playing over the speakers and the Book Fair was open as well. It was a wonderful start to our day and a great time of fellowship.

February is when the Thayer County Spelling Bee occurs annually in the District Courtroom in Hebron. Congrats to the following DLS students for advancing to the county spelling bee:

5th: Ryver Holtzen, Grady Holtzen & alternate Claire Sasse  
 6th: Austyn Lindenmuth, Jocelyn Berggren & alternate Carlee Hinz  
 7th: Jordan LeFave, Conner Schardt & alternate Tregan LeFave  
 8th: Allie Vieselmeyer, Ella Murray & alternate Cole Ruhge

DLS was well represented among the finalists as we had five students medal. In the sixth grade bee, Austyn Lindenmuth finished third and Jocelyn Berggren came in fourth. Jordan LeFave earned second place in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade division. In the eighth grade competition, Ella Murray finished second and Allie

Vieselmeyer earned fourth place. Congratulations to all the students that placed at the Thayer County Spelling Bee!

We praise God that our staffing needs for the 2020-21 school year have been filled. Mrs. Debra McDonald has accepted our position as 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom teacher and all other teachers/staff intend to return to serve again next year. We are excited to welcome Mrs. McDonald and her family to the DLS Family and our community. Please join us in welcoming them to the DLS Family! As you may know, Mrs. McDonald's husband will be the new superintendent at Deshler High School.

March also has some big events. Amazingly, the third quarter of the 19-20 school year will come to an end on March 12. Students can look ahead to Spring Break on March 13 and 16. We invite you all to attend the K-4 Spring Musical, entitled the "Good Shepherd" on March 20 at 7:00 pm. Guests are welcome to join us for the dress rehearsal on Thursday, March 19 at 1:15 as well. Kindergarten Round-up for next year's kindergarten students is on March 23 and runs from 9:30-12:30. And the Woodmen Speech Contest at DLS is set for March 27.

Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would work in mighty ways through the school ministry of Deshler Lutheran! Thanks for all you do for our school.

In Christ,

Todd Voss, Principal  
 Deshler Lutheran School  
 "JOY:FULLY SHARING JESUS!"

## DLS Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten Friends had fun reviewing their CVC words, Addition Equations to 10, Color words, and Syllables skills as Little heart surgeons for the day! Nurse Harms and Mrs. Vieselmeier

helped us as we made our patient rounds. What fun!!

We got to celebrate our 100th Day of Kindergarten in many fun ways! This included filling 10 frames to 100 with snacky foods, guessing and then seeing how many sit-ups, jumping jacks, etc. we could do in 100 seconds, and some of us even dressed how we may look as 100 year olds!

We were excited to share God's love with others during our Kindergarten Chapel, reminding them that "God Sent a Valentine 'Specially for You!'" We are thankful for Mrs. Sherry Burger coming to our classroom to practice on the keyboard with us, and for Ella Murray for teaching herself to play Jesus Loves Me on her guitar, so she could lead us!

Jesus bless you this new month and always!

Joyfully Sharing Him!  
 Mrs. Reinke and our Kindergarten Class



## DLS Kindergarten Pictures



## DLS 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

March is a busy month at Deshler Lutheran School. Taking the most of our time is practicing for our spring musical. The kindergarten through fourth graders are preparing for "Follow the Shepherd" by the Donut Man. It will be presented Friday, March 20 at 7:00 pm in the Deshler Lutheran School gym. Please make a plan to attend this presentation about our Good Shepherd, Jesus!

I am continued to be amazed by the progress shown from my first and second graders. Their reading skills continue to improve on a daily basis, their math facts are becoming more embedded into their brains, and their love for Jesus grows and matures. Thank you so much for supporting this ministry as we JOYFULLY SHARE JESUS!!



Front row: Evan Endorf, Ivy Harms, Alex Elting, Cord Holtzen, and John Erickson;  
Second row: Jaydin Mackey, Sienna Erickson, Scarlett Holtzen, and Lakin Schardt.

Mrs. Pam Werner  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

## DLS 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Hello from the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade room!

We have been having some fun this past month with different activities including National Lutheran Schools Week. We are so blessed to be in a school that we are able to learn more about Jesus! We had a great deal of different activities and people helping us celebrate. Thank you to all who came in! In Social Studies this year, we have been learning about each of the states in the United States. Each of the students chose a state they wanted to learn more about and then presented it to the class. There were some very creative ways of presenting the information. I know they spent a lot of time working on their creations and did a great job! One of the students also kept watering the soybean plant we planted at the beginning of the year. He was pretty proud that it started producing!

Thank you for supporting our school!

In Christ,  
Rachel Werner, DLS 3rd and 4th grade teacher



Gavin Endorf with his state report



Haylyn Mackey with his soybeans

## DLS 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross Blood Drive was sponsored by the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class on February 5. They met their goal of 54 donated units.



Claire Sasse assists her Aunt Cindy during the blood drive.



Bailey Fuller, Grady Holtzen, Gracie Erickson and Lainey Vieselmeyer check in the donors as they arrive.

## FOS Canvas Paint Party

FOS hosted a canvas painting party on February 9. Mrs. Deena Schultz helped the students and parents create their beautiful cross canvases.



There was a great turnout and everyone had so much fun creating their masterpiece.



Allie Vieselmeyer, Stormi Capek, Krista Harms, Reese Harms, Lainey Vieselmeyer, Barret and Maddyn Harms share their completed cross canvas at the Canvas Paint Party.

## DLS Kindergarten Chapel



On February 13 our Kindergarten class shared their talents and wonderful message during school chapel. They reminded us that our worth does not come from our successes, failures or what other people think of us. Our identity comes from God our Creator and from Jesus our Savior.



The Kindergarten class shared the song "God's Valentine" as they showed the valentines that they made.

## Bingo Night and Book Fair

On Sunday Feb. 16, all of the students were invited to a fun night of Bingo, books and tasty treats from the concession stand. This was the kick off to the book fair. Thank you to Pastor Brian for calling bingo and to our FOS team and volunteers who made it possible.



Mason White, Jordan LeFave and Alex Wright wait patiently to get a "BINGO"!



Jaydin Mackey checks out some of the books at the book fair.

## Spelling Bee

On Monday Feb. 17, the Deshler Lutheran School students competed in the Thayer County Spelling Bee.



The 5<sup>th</sup> grade participants were Ryver Holtzen and Grady Holtzen and Claire Sasse as alternate. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade participants were Jocelyn Berggren and Austyn Lindenmuth and Carlee Hinz as alternate.

## Spelling Bee

Austyn Lindenmuth was a 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner and Jocelyn Berggren was a 4<sup>th</sup> place winner in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade division.



The 7<sup>th</sup> grade participants were Jordan LeFave, Conner Schardt and Tregan LeFave as alternate.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade participants were Ella Murray, Allie Vieselmeyer and Cole Ruhge as alternate.

Jordan LeFave was a 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade division.

Ella Murray was a 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner and Allie Vieselmeyer was a 4<sup>th</sup> place winner in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade division.

## DLS Pastries with Parents



On Feb. 19, DLS hosted Pastries with Parents. All parents were invited to join their children for pastries and juice as they checked out the Book Fair at the beginning of the day.

## LCMS Stewardship Ministry

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It

shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts, the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God, those that pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

The easiest example of this is fasting. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. You have, though, learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above in order to do it.

There is another example of this. It is alms-giving. This is an increase in giving to the church and its mission during this time. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is in leading you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.