

St. Peter News

November 2016

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

I'm sure if you are anything like me, you are pretty much sick of everything political. Because we are so close to election time, I wanted to take this month to write my article about the election. This column isn't going to promote one candidate or the other. It is simply to be reminded about our life as Christians in this nation.

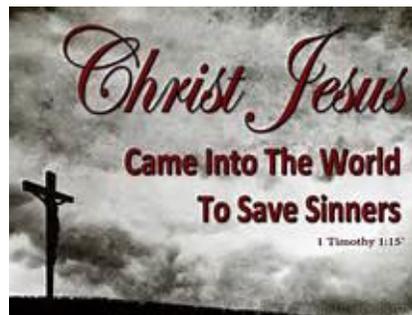
I do a weekly post on Facebook sharing a Bible verse and asking if there is any way I can pray for people. Aside from that, I rarely post anything on Facebook. However, a couple weeks ago, I felt the Holy Spirit leading me to post something and I wanted to share that post with you:

I have been debating about whether or not to share these words but I believe it is important to share them. I have purposefully tried not to post messages about politics and really

this message is a message with a political spin so here goes:

Donald Trump is a sinner. Hillary Clinton is a sinner. We are all sinners who have fallen short of the glory of God. Immorality in word or deed is a sin. Killing an unborn child in the womb is a sin. Lying is a sin. Cheating is a sin. Gossiping is a sin. We are all guilty and we are all sinners.

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Timothy 1:15)



Jesus came for Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton and every single person in this world. He came to save them by dying and rising again from the dead. My prayer is first and foremost that both of them and everyone would acknowledge their sin and be led to see their need for a Savior, who is Jesus Christ.

Pray for wisdom and discernment as you vote next month. Vote your conscience. Pray for Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Christ in control of all things.

I pray that ultimately we as Christians would remember that the most important thing is that Jesus came to save sinners. May

our words and our deeds reflect this truth.

We are called to be good citizens and part of that is taking the opportunity to vote. As you vote this month I hope that you will pray for wisdom and discernment. Please pray for both of these candidates. One of them will be our next president. But no matter what happens on November 8, the purpose of the Church and our purpose does not change. We need to bring the message of Christ to sinners to hear that there is a Savior, Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for them. Christ is in control and He will work His will how He sees fit to do so. We must continue to share Christ and the message of the Gospel.

Until the whole world hears,

Pastor Brian

Official Acts

- 9-30-2016.....
* Funeral and burial services
for **Bradley Mueller**
- 10-16-2016.....
* Baptism of **Beckham Ray
Renz**, infant son of Brody &
LeAnna Betten
- 10-19-2016.....
Release of membership for
Penny Befort
* does not affect membership

The Lutheran Hour

Sundays on these stations:

Omaha 1110 AM.6:30 a.m.
Omaha KOIL 1290 AM . 7:00 a.m.
GI KMMJ 750 AM. . . . 7:00 a.m.
North Platte 107.9 FM . . 8:30 a.m.

Saturday mornings

Topeka WIBW 580 AM 7:30 a.m.

Anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

November 6

"Do You Want This Blessing?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Jesus came to bless you; He takes
the initiative to reach out to broken
lives with His love and help.
(Matthew 5:1-12)

November 13

"The Day of Hope Is Coming!"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
There is hope when God acts in the
midst of our helplessness.
(Malachi 4:1-6)

November 20

"In Christ, Deliverance Is Sure"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Jesus breaks through into our dark
world to bring us light and hope
from above. (Colossians 1:13-20)

November 27

"The Perfect Christmas"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
The first Christmas was anything
but perfect. Then again, if
everything had been just as it
should be, we wouldn't have
needed a Savior. (Galatians 4:4-5)

Missionaries Dale & Suzanne Kaster

Dear Brothers and Sisters in
Christ,

Greetings in the name of our
crucified and risen Lord! His grace
be with you always.

As we write to you this month, we
are in the northern village of
Gbintiri, a village of the Kombas.
Up until recently, they had no
portion of the Bible in their own
language. Two years ago they were
blessed to receive a Komba New
Testament. It was received with
great joy and praise. Recently, the
work on an Old Testament
translation has begun. It is a huge
task and will take many years. But
how wonderful will that day be
when they receive the whole Word
of God in their own language!

The world is filled with people
who do not know the Gospel.
Some of them have never heard it
because the Bible isn't in their own
language. Others haven't heard it
because someone hasn't opened
their mouth to tell them. That is
why we are here. Through the
training we bring, we are helping
them to open their mouths and to
bear witness to what the Word of
God says. By this the courts of
heaven will be filled with those
who will sing praises to the Lamb
who bought them.

Thank you so much for supporting
our work so that all may hear!

God help you to open your mouth
where you are. Be bold in your
praise and witness to our God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

We commend you to Christ,

Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster
*Your Missionaries in
Ghana, West Africa*

Military BibleSticks September 2016

Dear Pastor Brian,

Thank you and your congregation
for your generous donation of
\$472.00 to support the Military
BibleStick program.

I am so grateful for the chaplains
who pray, listen, and offer counsel
to our troops and veterans. I am
also grateful for partners like you
who have enabled us to send more
than 7000,000 Military BibleSticks
to nearly 1,700 chaplains who, in
turn, give them to the servicemen
and women in need of
encouragement.

Chaplains tell us of the value and
popularity of these devices:

*I have had tremendous response
from Sailors and Marines
regarding the BibleStick . . . [and]
I have run out of these treasures.*

Your support is invaluable!

Till all have heard,
Troy Carl
Vice President

Deshler Lutheran School Board Meeting 9-19-2016

Attendance:

Pastor Brian Francik, Rick Stengel,
Jeremy Schardt, Joe Ruhnke, Todd
Voss, Desirae Schardt, Dale
Endorf, Audra Capek, Darin Jalas,
Galen Sasse

Joe Ruhnke opened with devotion.

Agenda: Approved.

Approval of minutes: Minutes of
the previous meeting were
presented and stand approved as
read.

Approval of Treasurer Report:
Balance of General Fund:
\$21,299.48. Balance of Needs
Fund: \$9,619.68. Hot Lunch:
\$3,723.09. Chapel Fund: \$155.16.
Motion made by Jeremy to
approve the Treasurer's report as
presented; second by Audra.
Motion carried.

Trustee Report: Need to put up
the rest of white boards later in the
year.

FOS: Nothing to report.

Administrators Report: Gained
two new students: Haylin and
Jaydin Mackey in 1st and 2nd grade.
Received a \$250 donation from
Reinke Manufacturing for letting
them use tables and chairs.
Received a letter and check for
\$150 from Dorthy Okelly of
Marion, IA. Amazon Smile
Foundation-registration is
completed and will receive \$25 on
9/30/16 and a .5 donation of
purchases, put this in Share and
Care. Attended Nebraska District
LCMS/NDE last Friday the 16th at
Milford. Finished MAP testing
Thursday the 15th.

Unfinished Business: Installation
of the new gym floor is scheduled
to start 10/10.

New Business: Insurance Forms
need to be signed. Discussed
Sherry Burger helping out with
teaching Art classes. A motion was
made by Joe to pay Sherry Burger
a stipend of \$1000 for the school
year to assist in the teaching of art
classes. Darin second the motion;
motion carried.

Dates to Remember: 9/20-Youth
Health fair for 7th and 8th grades;
9/21-Earth Jamboree at Clay
Center for 5th and 6th grade; 9/25-
The school will sing at Friedensau;
9/27-28-Health Screening Karen
Schardt starting at 8:30; 9/30-Fall
Administrators Conference - Mr.
Voss at Rock Lutheran Church in

Seward, NE; 10/5-1:55 Early
dismissal; 10/10-Fire Prevention;
10/17-School Board Meeting

Adjournment: Motion made by
Darin to adjourn; second by Galen.
Meeting adjourned. Closing prayer
by Pastor Francik.

LLL Meeting 9-26-16

Lutheran Laymen's League met
September 26, 2016 with four
members present. Pastor opened
with devotions. We then watched a
video, "We the Church" and
learned that every year 4,000
churches close and only 1,000 new
churches are opened. Only the
Holy Spirit can bring someone to
belief, but we can plant the seeds.
Secretary's report showed no
changes or additions. No
treasurer's report.

Old Business: Pork chop dinner
cancelled as Bell Choir was
holding a fund raiser dinner. The
nativity set is here and Jon will pay
Harvey Sorge for building the
stable.

New Business: Pancake feed
January 8, 2017 beginning at 11
a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Dues will be collected at the
October meeting when more
members might be present.

Youth Gathering is in Kearney in
November, and Doug motioned to
donate \$200 to the youth with a
second from Vic, and motion
carried.

Dennis motioned to adjourn the
meeting and was seconded by Vic.
Motion carried. The Lord's Prayer
was said together after the closing
prayer by Pastor.

Secretary,
Dennis Harms

LWML Zone Fall Rally 10-9-2016

St. John Lutheran Church, Chester,
hosted the 2016 Lutheran
Women's Missionary League
Deshler Zone Fall Rally on
Sunday, October 9. Linda Jensen,
St. John's Ladies Aid president,
welcomed 29 zone members, three
pastors, and four guests.

Pastor Francik, zone pastoral
counselor from St. Peter, Deshler,
opened the meeting with a short
devotion on "Reflecting, Revealing
and Responding to God's Love."
He encouraged the women to live
lives of love toward others using
Christ's example of unconditional
love as their model.

Guest speaker, Pastor Brent
Kuhlman, gave a presentation on
"The Office of Ministry and
Teaching in Sumatra." He spoke
on the work being done there to
encourage church leaders to follow
the Bible in their leadership of the
church, and to encourage the
young men of that country to
become pastors for a growing
Christian nation. The ingathering
total of \$514 will go to the
Indonesian Ministries.

LWML Nebraska South District
President Katy Gifford reported on
district news. Zone President Ruth
Ann Guse, Davenport, chaired the
business meeting and invited the
group to St. Peter, Davenport, for
the 2017 Fall Rally. Centennial,
Superior will host the Deshler
Zone LWML Spring Workshop on
Saturday, March 18, 2017, with
March 25 as the snow date.

The meeting closed with the
installation of officers, and a
closing devotion led by Pastor
Francik.

LWML Sunday Project: “Don’t keep the bikes in the shed!” 10-23-2016

“Don’t keep the bikes in the shed!” Well, there certainly were a large number of bikes that were taken from their place of storage this weekend! The number collected on October 23, LWML Sunday, totaled thirty-eight and seven more were added to the collection on Monday. This number far exceeded expectations, but the LWML appreciates **each** and **every** donation.

Orphan Grain Train will ship these bicycles to places where they can be used as transportation for children and adults. The bicycles needing repair are first taken to the State Prison at Norton, Kansas, where inmates restore the bicycles, making them look like new. The extra parts for bicycles, which were also donated, will be used to restore other ones in need of those parts.

Thanks to all who donated; thanks also to those who helped with the bikes following the collection. The LWML would also like to thank all who supported the LWML Sunday offering for shipping costs. To God be the Glory!!!



Bicycles for all ages collected at church, then moved to a garage till they can be transported.



Daylight Saving Time Ends November 6



Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 a.m.

Remember to set clocks back one hour.

Lutheran Women in Mission Will Meet November 3

St. Peter LWML will meet
Thursday, November 3 at 7:00



p.m. in the meeting room.
All ladies are welcome.

DLS Association Meeting November 6

All families of Deshler Lutheran School are invited to attend the annual DLS Association meeting Sunday, November 6. The meeting will be held at Trinity-Friedensau this year and begins at 7:30 p.m. Congregational members of St. Peter-Deshler and Trinity-Friedensau will vote to approve next year's budget.

ACT Planning Meeting November 13

ACT members will be having a meeting in the 7/8 grade room on 11/13 after church to discuss activities, fundraising and events you would like to do this year! Please plan to attend so we can hear everyone's ideas!! Treats will be provided!! Parents are welcome but don't have to attend if they don't want too! If you have ideas and can't make the meeting, email them to kharms14@hotmail.com or call 402-365-7638!! Thanks and hope to see you all on the 13th!!

Bingo at Parkview Haven Nursing Home November 17

Thursday, November 17, is St. Peter's turn to assist Parkview



Haven residents with one of their favorite activities, that of playing bingo. This simple activity brightens the day for many,

playing a game they enjoy, sharing a snack along with (and this is the most important) your presence and fellowship. Games start at 2 o'clock. Come a bit ahead of time and Activity Director, Paula Dahl will get things going. We guarantee your day will also be brightened.

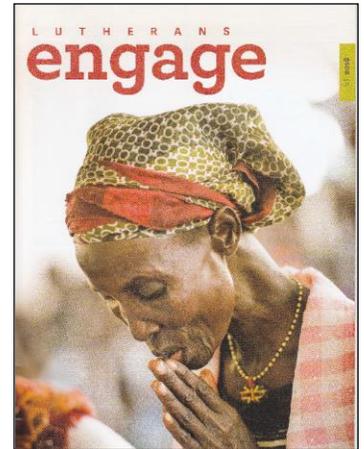
11 Day "In the Steps of Martin Luther" Germany Tour

October 31, 1517 was a date that changed Christianity forever! Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the Wittenberg church door and the Reformation began. Now, you have a once in a lifetime chance to celebrate the 500th anniversary of that memorable event by being in the places that influenced this much needed reformation. Join **Pastor Michael & Suzy Awe** in traveling to Germany *In the Steps of Martin Luther* tour on **July 10-20, 2017**. We will begin in Mainz where Johannes Gutenberg invented the moveable-type printing press. We will enjoy other famous and important Luther sites: Eisenach, Erfurt, Eisleben, and Wittenberg. We will also visit Berlin, Leipzig, Nuremberg, Augsburg, and Munich. The cost of this tour is **\$3799, departing from Omaha**, and is based on double occupancy. The price includes flights, bus, portage, most meals, all admission

fees, and all taxes. There is a limited number that can go, so act quickly. For more information and a brochure, please contact me preferably via either e-mail:

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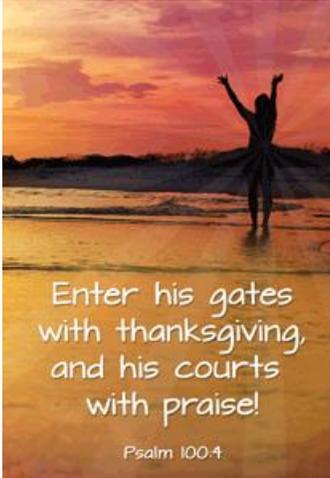


Did you know the LCMS (your church) is:

- Spreading the Gospel in more than 60 countries
- Enabling mission work in Brownsville, TX, Ferguson, MO and other urban areas
- Training pastors and deaconesses for Lutheran churches around the world
- Walking with disaster victims for the long haul
- Providing tin for church roofs in Africa
- Supporting our military members and their families
- Helping local congregations reach out to their communities
- Providing malaria tests in rural Kenya

To read such stories about what your church is doing in the world, sign up for a free individual subscription to the quarterly magazine, *Lutherans engage*. Call 1-888-843-5267 or visit engage.lcms.org online.

Thanksgiving Day Service



We will have our annual Thanksgiving service on Thursday, November 24 at 10:00 a.m. This is a special service to be reminded of so many blessings that God has given to us and to say thank-you to our gracious Father in heaven. Please invite a friend and join us for this special service.



Orville Pohlmann	1
Kelli Schardt	2
Kinzley Bohling	5
Campbell Bohling	5
Evan Endorf	6
Lakin Schardt	8
Christopher Sasse	10
Jaden Siegle	10
Lorna Harms	12
Cheryl Moore	12
Carol Sorge	12

Larry Lueders	13
John Noojin	16
Jadelyn Calkins.....	19
Dillon Schardt.....	20
Colleen Kruse	21
David Larkins	25
Lisa Poppe	25
Lori Schardt.....	25
Joseph Dunlap	26
Naomi Grupe	26
Marilyn Bargaen.....	27
Nancy Lueders.....	27
Tanner Bauer	28
Reese Harms.....	30

Baptism Birthdays



Brooks Kresser	4
Monica Bohling	5
Janice Klaumann	6
Kalab Reinke	6
Bryce Sedlachek	11
Annette Ohlrich	13
Pamela Lemke	15
Joseph Dunlap	16
Helen Watson	16
James Bohling	17
Rebecca Drew.....	18
Lorna Harms.....	18
Karla Deepe.....	19
Kelli Schardt.....	19
Orville Pohlmann	21
Janet Robertson	21
Kayson Biltoft	22
Cooper Laaker	30
Christopher Sasse	30



David & Janet Larkins	November 18	39 years
Everett & Marilyn Schardt	November 21	45 years
Bruce & Tami Finke	November 23	25years
Steven & Beverly Harms.....	November 28	46 years

Bulletin Announcements on Church Website

Weekly bulletin announcements and calendar are available on the church website. Go to www.stpeterdeshler.org click on Connect, then click on News/Announcements.

Did You Know?

Our LSB hymnal contains much more than hymns. See the inside cover for:

PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP
which includes prayers for:

- Before Worship
- After Worship
- Before Communing
- Thanksgiving After Receiving the Sacrament

These are very handy and are located right inside the front cover of the LSB hymnal.

Do you still occasionally catch yourself referring to *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* as the “new” hymnal? It’s hard to believe that we’ve already reached the tenth year of its use in our Synod.

From the Principal's Desk

October was an amazing month at Deshler Lutheran School! God, our ROCK, is soo good!!! The best thing that happens at DLS happens every day. That is, students are taught the truth of God's Word and His saving love through Jesus Christ as they learn all the academic skills they need to succeed. Let us never take this awesome privilege & ministry for granted. Indeed, Deshler Lutheran School is *Building on the ROCK!* That happens every day. This past month, we had two things occur that don't happen every day. Let me share them with you.

During the week of October 10, Midwest Sports Construction began and completed construction on the new gym floor. The crew arrived from the Chicago-land area on Tuesday and began work in earnest on Wednesday. They finished lining the court on Sunday, Oct. 16. The gym was then closed to provide sufficient time to cure. There was much joy and celebration on Tuesday, Oct. 25 when the student body and staff gathered for a dedication & blessing of the new court at the ribbon cutting event that morning. We praise God for everyone that contributed to this project! Thank You!! Thank You!! Thank You!! We decided to select a student from the 8th grade class for the honor of "cutting of the ribbon." Coltin Hansen provided the official scissors for the big event and Aidan LeFave was drawn to do the honor of cutting the ribbon. After opening remarks from myself as principal, a prayer of thanks and blessing from Pastor Brian, and a student countdown, Aidan cut the ribbon and the gym was officially re-opened for use. Students were excited to check-out the new floor for the first time as everyone got to walk four laps (3 laps and a bonus one). There were many smiles. ☺ On the way out of the gym Dean Baden, a first grader was excited to tell me why he thought the new gym floor was perfect...because most of it is the "color of a ROCK!"



Aidan LeFave prepares to do the honors of cutting the ribbon as part of DLS's Gym Floor Dedication and Blessing Celebration.



Picture of the new gym floor

The gym floor has a great look to it and should be durable for the multi-use of the facility. There are few items that will be completed in the weeks ahead. The northeast gym doors need to be trimmed down so they can swing into the gym without scuffing the floor. The same is true from several of the stage storage doors. The final plan also includes installing volleyball pole sleeves into the floor. This is always done after the floor has a chance to cure. This will be happening in the future. DLS has applied for a grant to help with the cost. We are praying for some good news on that grant. If not, the final funding will come from Friends of School.

DLS also received some outstanding news from Centennial Lutheran Church in Superior. On Oct. 16, I attended worship service at Centennial and had the opportunity to share information about the ministry of Christ-centered education at DLS. They would like to contribute to DLS as part of their mission outreach. This is awesome news!! God is soo good and we thank Him for His provision. Their voter's approved a \$10,000 contribution for the 2017 budget cycle. Praise the Lord!! After the presentation, I had the chance to meet, or in some cases re-connect, with several people from their congregation including some alumni of DLS who spoke very highly of the impact DLS had on them. God is good!

October was also busy with many other events. The Deshler Volunteer Fire Department visited DLS two times. Once for a presentation about fire safety and a second time to give the students rides on the firetruck. Good stuff! We also wrapped up first quarter and had parent-teacher conferences. DLS's annual Christmas Card Sales have been completed (Thank you to everyone who may have supported this event!). Fall athletics has ended and it will soon be Thanksgiving...and Christmas. Time flies when you are having fun! ☺



Firefighter up close



3rd & 4th grade students with firefighter (standing on the old gym floor) after National Fire Prevention Week presentation by Deshler Volunteer Fire Department

We look forward to another great month in November!

Building on the ROCK!

Todd Voss, Principal
Deshler Lutheran School

DLS November Calendar Events

2	Early Dismissal	1:55 p.m.
6	Annual DLS Association Meeting	7:30 p.m. @ Trinity-Friedensau
10	3/4 Chapel	9:15 a.m.
11	Veteran's Day Program	9:00 a.m. @ DPS
15	Bob Ziegler School Visit	
16	Mid-term	22 Days
17	5-8 Dress Rehearsal	1:00 p.m.
18	5-8 School Musical	7:00 p.m.
23-25	Thanksgiving Break	NO School

DLS Kindergarten



Kindergarten students practice making 911 calls with the help of Thayer County Police Department. In this picture Phinn Harms is making the call.



Phinn Harms, Jaydin Mackey, Tenley Lanham, Emma Richardson, Gavin Endorf

We have been noticing differences in the weather. It has started to get colder and the leaves have begun to fall with the beginning of Autumn/Fall Season. We were able to have firemen come to our school and talk with us and then later they gave us a ride on the fire truck! We read a lot of books on the Fall Season and Fire Safety. We continue to learn more about the Alphabet - we are pictured above with our guitars that we made for the letter "Gg".

DLS Third & Fourth Grade

The third and fourth graders have been studying "Israel's Long Journey" in religion. This takes us through the Children of Israel traveling through the desert to their arrival in the Promised Land. We will also begin preparing for our chapel, Thursday, November 10. Please join us as we lead the service on prayer. It will begin at 9:15 a.m. at St. Peter.

Multiplication, multiplication, multiplication! We have begun the challenging unit of learning our multiplication tables. I have been so impressed with how quickly the children are picking up on the numbers and am looking forward to an easy transition from addition and subtraction.



We were happy to have Pastor Brian visit us for lunch on Tuesday, October 25. Above is a picture of our class as we put up some special thank you statements on Pastor's office door. We certainly appreciate all he does for us here at school.

DLS First & Second Grade



The 1st and 2nd grade ready for a ride on the fire truck.

DLS Fifth & Sixth Grade

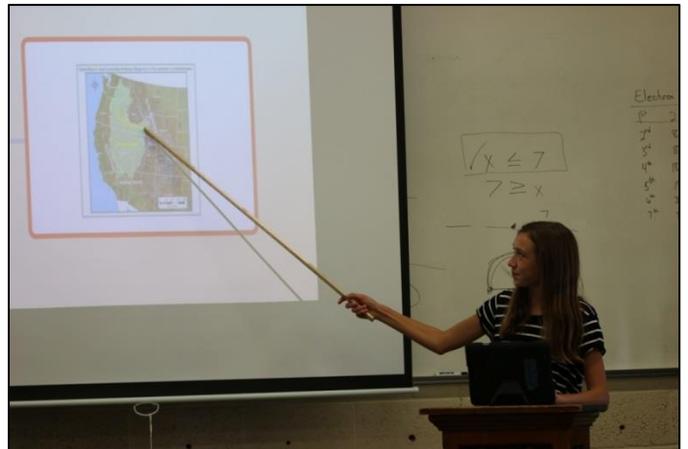


The newspaper and cardboard rolls that were donated to DLS have been transformed into a variety of paper mache creatures. Pictured in the left column are the 5th-6th grade students: (back row) Leon Clauson, Gracie Hinz, Stormi Capek, Paula Voss (front row) Matthew Sasse, Blake Schardt, Samuel Hoops, Allie Vieselmeyer, Ella Murray and McKylie Smith.



Shane LeFave and Alexis Holtzen in the process of making paper mache creatures

DLS Seventh & Eighth Grade



Brianna Bohling does a presentation in the 7/8 classroom.



Makayla Wright and Jadelyn Calkins playing bingo with residents at Parkview Haven Nursing Home



Thanksgiving in the New Nation

In 1621, after only one-third of the Pilgrims of Plymouth had survived the severe New England winter, the Wampanoag Indians under Chief Massasoit taught the settlers how to plant corn. As a result, they were blessed with a bountiful harvest. A great celebration ensued, supplied primarily by Wampanoag gifts of turkeys, ducks, geese, and several deer.

Two years later, when Massasoit fell ill, the Pilgrim families helped nurse him back to health.

Over a century later, while American General George Washington was camping at Valley Forge, he got down on his knees in the snow to pray for help. When he saw God answer his prayer by sending military assistance from France, Washington called for a day of thanksgiving among his troops.

Later still, in 1789, President Washington proclaimed the first National Day of Thanksgiving as a “day of public thanksgiving and prayer” in gratitude to God for allowing this new nation to “establish a form of government so conducive to their safety and happiness.”



The Day of Thanksgiving continued through the presidencies of Washington and John Adams. However, when Thomas Jefferson opposed such a day, the national observance fell into disuse until Abraham Lincoln reactivated it in 1863.

Since that time Thanksgiving has been celebrated each year in the United States, taking place on the fourth Thursday of November.