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Celebrating our 14<sup>th</sup> year of Christian Education

# ***DLS NEWS***

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“Nothing will be impossible with God.” -Luke 1:37

Dear Friends of DLS,

The words of the angel Gabriel to Mary spell out God’s standard operating procedure. What man thinks is impossible, God accomplishes. God chooses the people we would be least likely to choose: Moses, started his life as an outlaw baby floating down the Nile River in a basket. He grew to become a murderer with a speech impediment yet God used him to rescue his people from slavery. David was a humble shepherd boy and the least of his brothers. He was anointed king and God chose to establish his throne forever. Mary was a poor peasant girl with royal lineage. She had no worthiness in herself that God should choose her but from her came the greatest gift to mankind, the suffering Servant who would die as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. We might also think it impossible for God to choose ordinary people like you and me to populate the kingdom of heaven but through the cross of Christ, the impossible has been accomplished. God has filled **you** with his grace and chosen you to receive the gift of faith in his Son. Who, me? Yes, you! For nothing will be impossible with God.

Blessed Advent & Merry Christmas!  
Pastor Crawford



## **CAROLING AT LUTHER MANOR**



Our DLS students will be caroling today at Luther Manor. Parents are welcome to join us for caroling if they would like to come. The plan is to drive the students and get ready leave the school at 1:45 pm, and returning about 3:00 pm. Please have your student(s) plan accordingly for the weather. Thank you!

## **PANERA FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our Panera Fundraiser! I witnessed quite a few families there when I stopped in. When I get details on how it all turned out, I will forward on that info. Thank you to Ali Althoff for organizing!



## **CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING**



There will be Christmas gift wrapping available at Our Redeemer on Saturday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>. Times will be 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Sunday. Bring your labeled gifts and pick them up beautifully wrapped and ready to go. Proceeds will go to Our Redeemer Preschool and Dubuque Lutheran School. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Kincaid at 582-2157 or Emily Cearlock at 583-1593.

## **CHRISTmas Values**

Sometimes I am asked what I feel about fictional characters that fill this season. While I don't believe in destroying ideas young people have, I chose instead to focus on the values my nonfictional hero, Jesus puts before us. Caring for others and loving all seem to be consistent in the entire life of Jesus. Often our Savior gave to others and He usually thought of them first. Jesus made many sacrifices so others would enjoy "eternal" benefits. Jesus often gave thanks for the things He was given. All and all, Jesus seems to be a great model for our CHRISTmas season and beyond.

-Mr. Kuske

## **SCRIP NEWS**

Our final Scrip order for 2016 is due next Friday, December 16th by 8:30am. This order will be delivered to families by Wednesday, December 21st in time for the long break! Don't forget, we will be having a drawing for three \$50 Hy-Vee gift cards the week of December 19th. (Each winner will only receive one gift card, so there is an opportunity for three individuals to win!) To be eligible for the drawing, you must purchase at least \$100 in Scrip between Monday, November 14th and Friday, December 16th. This will earn you one entry. Want another opportunity to increase your odds? Sign up for PrestoPay! If you enroll in and activate your PrestoPay account online by Friday, December 16th, you will get an additional entry into the drawing!

**New Scrip Coordinator needed!!!** DLS is looking for another parent or friend of the school to take over the Scrip program as Liz Olsen will no longer be able to continue the role as of the end of December. We urge you to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. The coordinator role involves processing DLS family orders, making bank deposits, calling local vendors and picking up local orders, as well as organizing the national orders for the school and the two congregations. The coordinator also tracks tuition credits earned for each DLS family and communicates this information to the school treasurer. This would be a great opportunity for multiple individuals to get involved! Please contact the school office if you would be interested or know of anyone that might be! Thank you!

## **CALENDAR DATES TO NOTE**

December 8 – Luther Manor – Caroling (Need Drivers)  
December 14 – Early Release 1:30 – Professional Development  
December 21 – School Geography Bee at DLS  
December 22-January 2 – No School – Christmas Break  
January 11 – Early Release 1:30 – Professional Development  
January 16 – No School – Martin Luther King Day  
January 20 – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Eagle Watch Trip – Grand River Center (Need Drivers)  
January 22-28 – National School Choice Week  
January 30 – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip "Everybody's Hero" at UD Heritage Center 9:45 am  
February 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip "Pete the Cat" at UD Heritage Center 9:45 am  
February 10 – No School – Professional Development  
February 19 – Students sing at Our Redeemer 10:30 am  
February 22 – End of Trimester 2  
February 23 – Living History Night 6:30 – "Across the USA"  
March 2 & 3 – Parent Teacher Conferences  
March 3 – No School  
March 5 – DLS Trivia Night at St. Paul – 5:00 pm  
March 8 – Early Release 1:30 – Professional Development  
March 13-17 – Spring Break