



Celebrating our 14th year of Christian Education

DLS NEWSLETTER

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“And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.” - Matthew 2:9b

Dear Friends of DLS,

Trying to find something in the dark can be frustrating. What you're looking for might be right in front of you but without light, you just can't find it! The magi came to Judea looking for a king but they were fumbling in darkness and needed help. In Jerusalem, they learned from God's Word that the one they were searching for would be born in Bethlehem. As they left the city, God gave them even more help by sending a star to guide them right to the house where Jesus was. Our sinful nature places us in darkness. Left on our own, we are unable to find God or know him. His Word, much like the star of Bethlehem, lights our way and guides us to Christ. Through Scripture, we too have learned that God has shown himself to us in his Son. His love and mercy is especially revealed to us in the cross of Christ and in the empty tomb. God has saved us and our response, like the magi, can be nothing short of worship.

May your New Year be filled with the light of Christ,
Pastor Crawford

SNEAK PEEK

Kindergarten Sneak Peek will be on Wednesday, January 18th from 10:15 – 11:15 am and 1:00 – 2:00 pm. This is for our preschool students and their parents to visit our Kindergarten classroom in preparation for next year's school year.

FRIDAY PICKUP (TOMORROW)

Due to funeral preparations tomorrow, we will need families to pick up their students by the back door on Friday. Thank you.



LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEK



Lutheran School's week will be January 23-27 this year at DLS. In celebration, students will have the opportunity to dress up again this year. Here are the themes for each day:

Monday: Pajama Day
Tuesday: Favorite Team Day
Wednesday: Favorite Bible Character Day
Thursday: School Spirit Day
Friday: Dress Up For Jesus Day

We are looking forward to seeing some great school spirit this week in celebration of our exceptional Lutheran school and all of the extraordinary Lutheran schools who are out doing God's work!

GRANDFRIENDS DAY

GrandFriends day will be on Friday, January 27th, the last day of Lutheran Schools Week. Please let your grandparents/friends know so they can mark their calendars. We will be sending home an RSVP and a schedule of the day's events in next week's family folders so we can plan for numbers. Thanks!

1st - 3rd LIBRARY FIELD TRIP

On Thursday, January 19th from 9:30 to 11:30 am, the 1st/2nd/3rd grade will be going on a field trip to the Carnegie-Stout public library. Kids will get a tour of the library, work with the card catalog, have a story time, and check out materials using the self-checkout machine. If your student has a library card, please have them bring it on the trip. **We are looking for drivers for this trip.** Drivers would need to be at DLS at 9:00 am. If your student uses a car seat, they will need to bring this with them. We are planning on arriving back at DLS a little before noon. If you would be interested in driving for this event, please let the office, Mrs. Harvey or Miss O'Connor know. Thanks!

4th & 5th EAGLE WATCH TRIP

On January 20th our 4th & 5th graders will be attending the Annual Bald Eagle Watch at the Grand River Center. This indoor event is put on by the Army Corps of Engineers and is a valuable and fun educational experience. Live birds of prey including bald eagle will be part of the programs. **We could use 2 drivers for this event.** We will need to arrive at the Grand River Center at 11:30 am, so we would need drivers to meet at 11:00 am at the school. The event runs until 2:00 pm. Please let the office know if you would be willing to drive. Thanks!

CALENDAR DATES TO NOTE

January 11 – Early Release 1:30 – Professional Development
January 16 – No School – Martin Luther King Day
January 18 – Kindergarten Sneak Peek
January 19 – 1st/2nd/3rd Grade Field Trip – Carnegie-Stout Public Library (Need Drivers) 9:30 – 11:30
January 20 – 4th/5th Grade Eagle Watch Trip – Grand River Center (Need Drivers) 11:30
January 23-27 – National Lutheran Schools Week/National School Choice Week
January 30 – 4th/5th Grade Field Trip “Everybody’s Hero” at UD Heritage Center 9:45 am
February 7 – 3rd 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

April 10-13 – Iowa Assessments testing 3rd-5th Grade