



Celebrating our 14th year of Christian Education

DLS NEWSLETTER

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Dear friends in Christ,

Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem during Holy Week to suffer, bleed, and die for us. He is in charge, not Pilate, the Romans soldiers, or the jeering mob crying out, "Crucify, crucify!" On Thursday of Holy week, Jesus observes the Passover with the disciples in an upper room. Jesus is the Passover Lamb that will be willingly sacrificed for us. He, the sinless One, takes our sin - all of it - indeed, the sin if the world, upon His shoulders. Jesus is the one, true, perfect, and final sacrifice. His blood cleanses us from all sin. Jesus that evening also instituted the Lord's Supper. He is the Giver and the Gift. How wonderful are these clear words, "Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat this is my body.' And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins,'" (Matthew 26: 26-28). The Lord's Supper is the very body and blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Thanks be to God!

-Pastor Kincaid

DLS SPIRIT NIGHT @ CHICK-FILA!

DLS will have a Spirit Night fundraiser at Chick-Fila on February 28th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The best thing about this fundraiser is that you do **not** need to have a flyer to have a donation go to DLS. Just let them know you are there for the DLS Spirit Night and a percentage of your order will go to DLS. Thank you and happy eating!

Update: In celebration of DLS Spirit Night/Day, Tuesday will be "Dress Like a Cow Day". So have your student dress in their best cow outfit for the day. (According to the staff, there are some cow-oriented outfits at Hobby Lobby if your student has to have the latest in farmland apparel) Best outfit will receive a prize from Mr. Kuske. Also we will be getting a visit from the Chick-Fila Cow at pickup time, so drive carefully and give him a good wave!

Role Models

I took the time this week to ask and remind the 4th and 5th grade who was the top or our oldest students. They recognized it was them, and then we talked about what people see. Our 4th and 5th graders greatly influence what younger students do. Younger students follow the examples of the older students. They imitate good or bad. I asked my older students to set good examples, and to lovingly correct poor examples.

It is our job as the adults in or children's lives to set good examples for them to also follow. I need to remember that living up to responsibilities is best shown through example (in action) as opposed to saying something is what we should do. Many of the things we think of as common knowledge or common sense are taught as younger people daily watch our behaviors. How do we handle disagreements, commitments, due dates, long term projects, or stress? It is daunting to realize most people follow the lead of those they are surrounded by. Christ provides examples for us and also promises to help us as parents (Thank God!!).

-Mr. Kuske



DLS TRIVIA NIGHT!



Brush up on your USA facts! Be sure to bring a friend for a fun night of trivia! \$20/registrant by 2/26 to DLS office or Dave & Angie Kelley church mailbox. Otherwise, \$25/registrant same day sign up. Event will be at St. Paul Church basement @ 5:00 pm, trivia starting by 5:30 pm. Food provided by St. Paul Youth Group. If you need a registration form, stop by the office, or I can email you one. Hope to see you there!

2017-18 REGISTRATION

A little bit of movement up to 20 this week. Our DLS brochures have gone out to the preschools in the area this week, so we will see if that has some impact. Bring those DLS registrations in!

Kindergarten	4
1st	4
2nd	4
3rd	2
4th	5
5th	1
Total	20

DLS TRACK & FIELD

Track season for grades 3-5 will be starting soon. Lutheran Interparish School (LIS) in Williamsburg, Iowa will be hosting this year's Iowa District East Track and Field Meet on May 13th. Practices will be after school on Mondays, starting April 3rd. Angie Kelley could use one or more volunteers to run a practice any other day(s) of the week. She may also set up 2-3 Saturday morning practices. We realize the track meet is the same day as the DLS play, so with parent input, we may skip relay races and head back to Dubuque sooner to prepare for the play. If you have thoughts, questions, or can help in any way, please let Angie know at 563.451.3245. Thanks!

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

Please see the note below from our Treasurer, Dave Kelley:

The state of Iowa does provide a tax credit for K-12 education expenses. The credit is up to \$250 per child. (25% of the first \$1,000 in expenses per child) Here is link that provides a good explanation of the credit:

<http://www.iowaace.org/tuition-and-textbook-tax-credit/>

Please talk to your tax professional if you have further questions about the tax credit. You can email the DLS treasurer at treasurer@dubuquelutheranschool.com if you would like the amount your family paid for tuition in 2016 for tax purposes.

DLS PLANT SALES

Plant sales will begin on 3/1 and we will have a special family folder on 2/28 to distribute the sales forms. Here are some guidelines the people from Janet's Jungle wanted to pass along:

1. Don't go to homes you don't know
2. Always go with a grown-up
3. Be polite
4. See the office if you need more sales sheets

That is all.....Plant delivery date will be May 3rd. This will be a busy day in which we could use lots of volunteers. Thanks.

REMINDER – NO HOT LUNCH TOMORROW

Here is your promised reminder: No hot lunch tomorrow 2/24 due to Resurrection not having school. There will be milk available. Thanks.

NOTE FROM MRS. KUSKE

Thank you to your children for sharing their musical gifts in the worship service at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church this past Sunday. Thank you to our DLS parents for coordinating your different church schedules so your family could be in attendance. To God be the glory!

-Mrs. Kuske

VOLUNTEER SPOT

Want to help? Here is an area where we will have some volunteer opportunities. Right now we could use help with:

1. Go to DLS Spirit Night @ Chick-Fila 2/28 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
2. Decorations and Prizes for Trivia Night. Please contact Angie Kelley at 563-451-3245.
3. Drivers for 4th/5th grade field trip on 4/3.
4. Someone willing to run a track and field practice once a week. Angie Kelley is the contact person on this as well.
5. Purchase some plants from our students during the DLS Plant Sale.
6. Save your stuff for our DLS Garage Sale in the spring. Date is still TBA.
7. Plant Sales Delivery Date 5/3 – Need help with organizing and distributing all plant orders.

CALENDAR DATES TO NOTE

February 23 – Living History Night 6:30 pm – “Across the USA”
February 24 – K – 5th Grade Abraham Lincoln Presentation @ DLS 9:30 am
February 28 – Dress Like a Cow Day
February 28 – DLS Spirit Night @ Chick-Fila 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
March 1 – Plant Sales begin
March 2 & 3 – Parent Teacher Conferences
March 3 – No School
March 4 – Iowa District East Spelling Bee @ Trinity Cedar Rapids
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 3 – 4th & 5th Grade UD Heritage Center Trip – “Number the Stars” 9:45 am
April 10-12 – Iowa Assessments Testing 3rd-5th Grade
April 12 – Plant Sales end
April 23 – 25 – Mr. Kuske @ Central Lutheran – Newhall for NLSA Visit
April 26 – Kindergarten Roundup
April 30 – Students sing at St. Paul 9:00 am
May 12 & 13 – Bell Tower Musical – Time TBA
May 13 – Iowa District East Track Meet
May 19 – Students sing at Our Redeemer 7:00 pm
May 25 – Chapel/Cookout at Eagle Point Park
May 26 – Last Day of School – Early Release 1:10