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DLS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends of DLS,

In the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were in paradise, but in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was in the midst of agony. In the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were safe and secure, but in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus' cross loomed on the horizon. In the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had no knowledge of sin, but in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus' soul was “distressed and troubled” (Mark 14:33-34) because He knew that He was going to suffer and die for the sin of the world.

Adam and Eve fell into sin, but Jesus stands firm. He lovingly, willingly, and faithfully makes His way to the cross. This is God's will. Jesus suffers in order for us to be saved. Jesus bleeds in order to grant us forgiveness. Jesus dies in order to give us life. What we could never do, Jesus does for us. “Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men” (Romans 5:18).

In Christ,
Pastor Cearlock

A further note from Pastor Cearlock:

Families...please know that Devotional Booklets are available outside of the church office for use during the season of Lent.

What is Lent?

Lent is a time in the church calendar when Christians ponder the unfolding events that led to Jesus' condemnation and crucifixion: His triumphal march into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; His firm words of warning about the events to come; His sham trial, brutal scourging, and horrific crucifixion. Taken from the cross, the lifeless form of Christ was placed in another man's tomb. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead. And with that thunderous crescendo, mankind's disgrace and ruin, which had destined it for eternal slaughter, is forgiven through the blood of Christ.

Lent is a time of repentance, focusing on the cross of Christ. It is there where Jesus, the sinless Son of God, suffered the indignity and shame of dying for our sins. And it is there where God's wrath was satisfied by His Beloved Son's supreme sacrifice, winning salvation for all who call Him their Savior.

State of the Student Address

I enjoyed hearing President Trump's speech last night, outlining what his goals are for America. Thursday and Friday, parents, students, and teachers will be sharing their thoughts and goals for the remaining part of the year. As I prepare to meet with parents and student, I look for what are the easiest steps we (all three groups) can take to continue moving forward through the end of the year. I already talked to students about the metaphor comparing the remainder of the year to the last leg of a long race. Certainly, the idea of doing more than just showing up, or worse yet, running the wrong way, was something each student could picture as I spoke to them. As we move closer to 5th and 6th grade, we realize that a busy end of the year will require God's help as we strive to fulfill a plan.

-Mr. Kuske



DLS TRIVIA NIGHT!



Teams have been signing up, and it looks like we are ready for some trivia! Bring a friend as the late day signup fee has been waived. \$20 at the door at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Doors open at 5:00 pm, trivia starting by 5:30 pm. Anyone who would like to come and attend; we will find you a team! Food provided by St. Paul Youth Group. Hope to see you there!

DLS APPAREL ORDER

Yesterday's family folder contained the new DLS Apparel order. There are some significant changes with our logo and colors that are available. Please note that the apparel order is due back 3/9 since we will have spring break the following week. There will also be an e-copy of the apparel order attached to the newsletter email this week.

DLS SPIRIT NIGHT @ CHICK-FILA – THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who were able to attend DLS Spirit Night at Chick-Fila. I will send out the details on how we did when I get the results. We appreciate all of the support here at DLS!

DLS TRACK & FIELD

Please note the new DLS Apparel order attached with the newsletter email. If your student is interested in participating in the track meet, you may wish to order a white t-shirt for them to use in the competition. 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!

DLS PLANT SALES

Plant sales have begun! Our school goal is to sell \$2500 in plants this spring. 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

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

VOLUNTEER SPOT

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

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

CALENDAR DATES TO NOTE

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 9 – DLS Apparel Orders Due

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