



# Our Shepherd Lutheran School

## Ram News

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I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11

### Principal's Message

This week's Gospel message is from John 10:22-30. I think there is an interesting question and request made to Jesus His reply is just as good. The Jews asked "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Seems like a straight forward question and Jesus' response is just as clear. "I did tell you, but you did not believe." However, Jesus doesn't just leave it there. He continues to care for, pray, and die for these people. Our teachers have similar experiences as Jesus. Our students ask questions that are many times straight forward. But when the teacher gives the simple answer the student still doesn't always understand. Our teachers find other ways to relate the material so students can understand. How easy it would have been for Christ to say, "I told you" ... period or for a teacher to say I told you... period Praise God that Christ doesn't do that to us and that we don't do that to one another.

### Sickness Reminder

Students should not attend school if they have a temperature, if they have vomited, or had diarrhea in the last 12 hours. They must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Good rule of thumb: If you have to give your child Tylenol to help with a slight fever before sending him/her to school, please do not send them to school.

### That time of year again

Winter weather is here. School closings will be broadcast on TV channels 6,8,13, and 59. Closings will also be on WIBC 1070am radio. **WE WILL NOT HAVE TWO HOUR DELAYS.** These delays are mostly for buses. Since we don't have buses and parents have to get to work, we will operate as normal. Remember if you don't feel safe getting out then please stay home. A reminder, if school is closed for inclement weather, extended care is also closed.

### Points of Information:

Don't forget, you are to call the school office by 9:00am if your child is not going to be at school. Also, you are to send a note the day your child returns.

Please be sure to report to the school office if you need to pick up a child for an appointment or need to bring them something. It is important that you don't just proceed to the classroom without checking with the office. Thank you.

### HELP Needed on Market Day Pick-up Day

Help is needed to set up, assisting customers with filling their orders, and putting the tables away. Set up starts at 2:00, and we are usually done around 5:00. Please call Jennifer Honaker at 837-7158 if you are available to help. Thank you.

### Enrollment and Re-enrollment Information

Enrollment and Re-enrollment packets went home this week. If you are considering Our Shepherd for your child's education please contact the school office to set up a time for an interview. Enrollment for members and current students will begin on February 1st. Enrollment for the public will begin on February 19, although we accept application before hand. If you know of someone who is thinking of attending Our Shepherd, please have them contact the school office, or give us their name and we will contact them.

### Open House

Let your friends and neighbors know about our open houses and enrollment dates. Our next Open House is Sunday, January 27 from 1-3pm. Parents will have the opportunity to fill out enrollment papers on that day. Our other Open House is Thursday, February 7 from 4-6pm. This will also be an Avon Chamber of Commerce after hours event but all are invited. If you know of someone who would benefit from a Lutheran education at Our Shepherd, please invite them or give us their information and we would be glad to invite them.

### Calendar

January

Friday 18th

Saturday 19th

Worship 6:30am

Sunday 20th

Worship Service 8:00am

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship Service 10:30am

Worship 10:45am

Monday Girls BB practice 5:30 21st

Tuesday Boys BB practice 5:30 22nd

Wednesday BB games at Emmaus 5:00 and 6:15 23rd

Thursday Boys BB practice 5:30 24th

### Special points of interest:

**Congratulations to the Spelling Bee Classroom Winners**

**Spelling:** 8th grade Mallory Rhodes, Kira Burdine, & Jung Hae Kim. 7th grade Ryan Grondhal, Luke Richardson, & Matt Klapman 6th grade Brain Flannery, David Vornholt, & Abby Meyer, 5th grade Luke Leiter, Krisite May, & Mark Schmidt. Come and cheer these students on.

**Congratulations!**

To our school Geography Bee winner, 7th grader Luke Richardson, and to second place winner, 8th grader Mallory Rhodes and third place winner, Luke Bridwell. Way to go!!! Luke Richardson will be taking a written test to qualify for the Indiana State round.

**Special Person's Day/Grandparent's Day**

Our students are encouraged to invite a special friend or grandparent to school on Friday, February 8 in the afternoon. There will be some entertainment and some time in the classroom. PreS classes on Thurs. Feb. 7th Am and PM

**Floor Hockey Night and Skiing**

Two of Our Shepherd's greatest traditions take place in January/February. Our annual floor hockey night is Friday, February 8th from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Those students in Preschool through Kindergarten will play between 6:00pm-7:30pm Grades 1-4 play from 7:30-9:00pm and Grades 5-8 will play from 9:00pm-10:00pm.

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, students in grades 5 through 8 will travel to Cincinnati to go skiing at Perfect North Ski Area. This is one of the greatest days of the school year. Ask a student or two how they did last year. We want our students to be exposed to a wide array of experiences during their education at Our Shepherd and this is just one of many of those experiences.

**Reminder to 3rd and 4th Grade Parents**

Please remember that your child should be dropped off and picked up at the back of school. It is important for us to see them come in and be able to greet them and pass on information to them.

**New Bible Study begins this Sunday**

Please join us on Sunday mornings as our church begins a new Bible Study focusing on the first 11 chapters of Genesis. We are using a study from Answers in Genesis that consists of a video each week, and discussion using a participant guide. Some of the topics include: Defending the Faith, Where Did God Come From?, After Its Kind, The Rocks Cry Out, Big Problem with the Big Bang, Astronomy, and the New Reformation. Please come and visit and refresh your Christian World View at our 9:30am Bible study. See Mr. Jipp, Mr. Landskroener, and/or Mr. Hasz for more information.

**The Voice of Our Shepherd**....is the name of our church newsletter published monthly to inform congregation members, school families and our community on the activities that are taking place at Our Shepherd. If you would like to receive a copy of our newsletter please contact Tresa Strakis in the church office (271-9103) or you can view it online on our website at [www.ourshepherd.org](http://www.ourshepherd.org) under "What's New Online".

**Mini-Marathon Running News**

If you are running the mini-marathon we would like to know. We are putting together a list of names of people from the church and school running the mini. It will be posted on the sports board. Also, if you are interested in doing a few training runs together contact Andy or Kim Jipp via phone 247-0085 or email [ajipp@ourshepherd.org](mailto:ajipp@ourshepherd.org). Regardless of your running experience, you are invited to join us for a couple of group runs together after the month of January.

**Host Family Needed**

We have the opportunity to have another student from Korea join us for the last half of the year to finish 8th grade. We are looking for someone who would be willing to host a 15 year old young man from now until the beginning of June. If this is something you have thought about doing in the past but didn't want to commit for a whole year, here's your opportunity. Please contact Mr. Landskroener and he can provide you with what is required to be a host family. What a great opportunity to witness to someone from another country.

