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As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. Genesis 8:22

Principal's Message

With Thanksgiving coming next week I wanted to share specific things I am thankful for about our teachers. I am thankful for Mrs. Woolsey for daily sharing Jesus with her students and especially the spiritual growth I have seen in my daughter Abigail. Mrs. Cronauer's constant pursuit of improvement makes me thankful for her drive for excellence. Mrs. Simmons gift of music coming from her classroom puts a song in my heart everyday. Miss Schneider's creativity, care and concern for her students and her gift of singing in our New Song services makes me thankful. Mrs. Brauer's sense of humor keeps our staff, students, and parents on their toes and brings smiles all day long. Her gift of Karaoke is also appreciated. This allows her to build incredible relationships with her students who love to come back to visit. Mrs. Coffey's love of reading and her leadership in the Accelerated Reader program and her behind the scenes work with the NWEA testing is an incredible blessing to myself and our school. Miss Mierow's willingness to take on many projects to make our school better and the energy she gives to all she does is truly appreciated. Her commitment to improving Math instruction and her leadership with this is just one example. I am truly grateful for Mr. Jipp's leadership with the athletic program and his way of sharing his faith with the students. His commitment to share Christ through science helps all of our students get a Biblical World View. Mrs. Martin's commitment to our music program, Bible Quiz, All Saints', etc is awesome. Her work to prepare our students for high school is truly amazing to witness. Mrs. Hedges willingness to make our computer program the best and the sacrifices she makes to have this happen is great. She is truly gifted at communicating and instructing the students computers. Mrs. McNeely's ability to teach Spanish from 1st grade though 8th is unbelievable. It takes a special person to do such a quality job teaching that range of ages. Her energy truly inspires the students. Ms. Von strohe's ability to get each student to use their gifts to create incredible works of art is amazing. The way she instills the love of art and shares the history of the artist makes Our Shepherd the best it can be. She is also willing to fill in any need we have or create many items we would need. Mrs. May's teaching is such compliment to our middle school students. Her dedication and commitment to her students and our school and her willingness to fill in any area we need is appreciated. These are just a few of the many areas I am thankful for when it comes to our teaching staff. I know that many of you are thankful as well. Let me encourage you to drop your child's teacher a note to let them know how you are thankful for them. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and remember to thank our Lord for all the blessing he provides to us everyday.

Milk Prices Changing

Milk prices will be going up starting November 26. We need to raise the rate to \$.40/milk or drink. Prices have risen and they have added a delivery charge because of fuel cost. Please be aware of this as we look to cover our costs. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

Chapel Offering

Our first trimester's offering was \$680 and will go towards the Building Fund for our new ministry facility. Thank you for those gifts. Our 2nd trimester offerings will go to support Jesus Our Savior Lutheran School in Winnebago, Nebraska. This is a school that has just started on an Indian reservation who is ministering to Native American children. We will have further information on this ministry after the Thanksgiving Break.

All Saints' Fest 2007

If you are interested in helping to coordinate All Saints' Fest in 2008 please contact the school office.

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Our Shepherd Lutheran School is having a Barnes and Noble Voucher Book Fair on Friday, November 30, from 9am-11pm at the Avon store on U.S. 36. During the book fair, you may shop using fair vouchers, obtained ahead of time from Our Shepherd or at the book fair table. This is a great time to do your Christmas shopping for books, CDs, DVDs or other gift items. Our Shep-

Calendar

November

Friday	16th
5th—8th grade musical	
Saturday	17th
Worship 6:30am	
Sunday	18th
Worship Service 8:00am	
Sunday School 9:30am	
Worship Service 10:30am	
Worship 10:45am	
Monday	19th
NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday	20th
NO SCHOOL	
Wednesday	21st
Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm NO SCHOOL	
Thursday	22nd
HAPPY THANKSGIVING	

Special points of interest:

* NO SCHOOL NOV 19-23

* HAPPY THANKSGIVING



herd will receive a percentage of the entire day's sales that have had an Our Shepherd voucher used in the transaction. The proceeds benefit our school's library.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to assist at the book fair table or story times, contact Trish Schmidt at school during most days or at home (272-7223).

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.

Slow Down. Please slow down when entering and exiting the parking lot. We have very special people, your children, crossing and not always paying attention.

PTL UPDATES:

Alice in Wonderland Presented at Beef & Boards held November 10th at 1:00

Thank you for everyone that attended the classic musical Alice in Wonderland at Beef & Boards. It was a great experience for everyone that attended.

Need Christmas Presents? Purchase Ram Gear

Rams Gear will be available to purchase this year starting the week of November 26th.

Reminder: 5th – 8th Grade needs a Rams Polo for the Spring Concert, so purchase it now.

PTL Christmas Luncheon – Friday, December 21st

All families are invited to come and eat lunch at the PTL Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 21st. The boxed lunches will be catered by McAlister's Deli. The price of the box lunch is \$7.00. You are welcome to bring your own lunch to eat with your children. Please contact Michelle Fultz (858-8582) or Amanda Morris (334-0138) if you are willing to assist in this event.

PTL Christmas Wrapping - December 19th and 20th

Have you started your Christmas Shopping? Do you need some assistance in wrapping your gifts? Please let the PTL help make your Christmas Season a little less stressful. Drop off your unwrapped gift December 19th and 20th and we will have your gifts wrapped and ready for pick-up at the close of school December 21st. Cost is \$2.00 for smaller items and \$4.00 for larger items – please provide a box with the item, if needed.

January's PTL Sponsored All School / Family Rolling Skating – January 13th 1-3

When was the last time you were on Roller Skates? Come show your skills or just come and enjoy the fellowship. \$5.00 per person plus \$2.00 skate rental fee

Interested in winning a \$25.00 SCRIP CARD?

Let Our Shepherd say "thank you" for all you've done. For each hour of volunteer work you complete and record on your file card (found in the school office), you will be entered into a drawing to win a free SCRIP card. Drawings will be held at the end of each trimester. Our children thank you for being so generous with your time. First Semester Winner was Karen Falkner

SCRIP Volunteer needed to assist in selling on Sunday Mornings

If you are interested in assisting, please sign-up on the volunteer sheet located on the Fellowship Bulletin Board next to the kitchen.

Market Day October Promotion

Thank you for everyone that purchased Market Day in October. The free Colts Package winner was **Kathy Ogawa**.

HELP Needed on Market Day Pick-up Days

Extended Care

Please remember... to sign your child up in advance. There are staffing requirements that must be met based on the numbers and ages being cared for.

Beginning November 26th one weeks notice will be required to avoid a late fee. If you are planning on signing up your child for the week of December 3rd you need to sign up Monday, November 26th. Additional sign up notification may be required for holiday time and spring break. If you do sign up late, available space will have to be determined **prior** to signing up your child. If your child is brought to us from school and not signed up with Extended Care a **\$10.00** fee per child will be charged in addition to the hourly charges. Please plan ahead.

**Sports News****Ram Basketball**

Coaches Gordie Lucas and Andy Mears are doing a great job teaching the hard working boys team. Coaches Ken Williams and Brad Meyers are busy helping the dedicated girls team.

Schedules were passed out to everyone in the church and school. Home games are played at 10th Street Sports Center just west of the school. Please pray for our coaches and teams as they play throughout this season. Come check out a game some time.

The team consists of:

Girls ~ Shaline Austin, Mallory Rhodes, Sha Collier, Jackie Grondahl, Hannah Hamlin, Abby Meyers, Kourtney Williams, Anna Daerr.

Boys ~ Matt Klapman, Ryan Grondahl, Jonathan May, Luke Richardson, Shad Sellers, Luke Bridwell, Jonathan Kopp, Nolan Kaylor, Jonathan Ball, Drake Henninger, Isaiah Mears, Joel Richardson.

Ram Cheerleading

Ram spirit is definitely being shown by these girls this year. Thank you ladies for your school spirit! This year's team is coached by Rachel Mierow and Angie Schneider.

The team is made up of: Kira Burdine, Jung-Hae Kim, Sha Collier, Hannah Hamlin, Abby Meyers, Kristie May, Caitlynn Long.

Lil Rams Basketball

Registration packets were sent out in Friday. To get the lower \$50 registration fee you need to have your forms in by **Friday, December 22**. After that it will be \$60 up until January 7th which will be the cut off date. Roster spots will fill up fast!

Mr. Jipp is looking for someone to be a league assistant this year. If you are interested and know of someone please contact him at 271-9100 or email me at ajipp@ourshepherd.org.

OSLS Ram Wear

Ram Wear Order forms are due back in by Wednesday, November 28th. Late orders can't be accepted. When making your payment, please pay by check. Stop by the office to get your order form. Ram Wear makes a great Christmas present!

If you have any questions please get a hold of Mr. Jipp at 271-9100 or ajipp@ourshepherd.org. Thank you for your support and praise be to God for being there every step of the way!

Book Fair

Thanks for all the participation at our fall book fair. We sold over \$1500 in books and earned 250 books for charity with the One for Books Penny War Contest. The third grade won the pizza party by having the most money collected per student. The first grade came in a close second place. The third grade will have their pizza party on Tuesday November, 27th. Pizza, drinks and dessert will be provided. Ready for a rematch? See you at the spring book fair!

Magazine Sale Update

Our Magazine sale brought profits of \$1100 for our school. Thank you for all that purchased magazines through QSP. Remember that you can order magazines year round and support our school by ordering at QSP.com.

Building Committee Update

Our congregation will be voting on approving the Design and Development part of our new facility on December 2nd. There will be two forums to see the design and make comments and ask questions. These will be held on November 25 at 9:30am and November 26 at 7:00pm. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Landskroener or Pastor May.

Our Shepherd Night at Lutheran High School

Join us for a fun evening on Saturday, December 1st at Lutheran High School for an evening of great basketball. Our basketball players will be recognized and if you bring a bulletin or newsletter you and your family will get in for free. The Saint's take on Morristown with the JV game at 6:00pm and Varsity at 7:30pm. See Mr. Jipp for more information. Call another parent and make it group outing.