

January 2010

GRACE SPOTLIGHTER

Special Voters Meeting Date Change

The special voters meeting originally set for January 10th has been **rescheduled for January 24th**. At the December school board meeting, after lengthy discussion and considerable review of the two proposals chosen by the voters, it was decided to delay the special January voters meeting by two weeks to give the school board more time to review all avenues which will best serve our school and congregation. Finally, the executive board meeting for January has also been rescheduled. **Executive board will meet January 18th at 7:00 instead of January 25th**. Again, we welcome all members to participate in the discussion.



Need for Baked Goods!

Jan. 17, 2010 is the first of two confirmation class reunions here at Grace. Years 1959 through 1984 have been invited to attend church and a social hour. If you are able to donate some baked goods for that day, please call Judy Lance at 662-6785 or e-mail BRUCELANCE@HOTMAIL.COM

Thank You

TARDINESS: IT HURTS

BY PRINCIPAL PETER FREDRICH

What's the big fuss? So what if my child is a few minutes late? Her grades are fine, and she isn't a behavior problem. Why does the school get so upset? Let's take a look at things from several different points of view:

Teacher

From the outside, a teacher's job may look easy. All he has to do is explain a concept, assign some homework, collect and grade it and, *voila*, successful learning has happened. In reality, the job is much more complicated. A large part of what a teacher does is classroom management. This involves keeping the schedule running smoothly, preventing discipline problems and handling the ones that crop up, and capturing the attention of a class of students and keeping it. The teacher instructs, re-instructs, regroups, edits, creates, soothes, redirects, and monitors the students to be sure they understand. You get the picture. A child enters the classroom late, even just a few minutes late, and he or she disrupts the process. Now the teacher adds something new to the list: What has this child missed, and how can I bring him up to speed? The office must be notified, directions have to be repeated, and lessons started over. Some late arrivals will stand at the door waiting, and others will make a grand entrance and further distract the class. All latecomers, even those who slip in the door and quietly find their seat, require extra work from the teacher. A late child is not just a momentary distraction.

Class

You wouldn't think learning was so much work either. We don't always remember what it was like to pay attention as a youngster. Many children who struggle staying focused find it difficult to get back on track after a distraction. When a child comes late and the teacher has to restart the lesson or take care of attendance details, an opportunity arises for behavior issues. When that happens, a small disturbance

can set off behaviors that further disrupt the class. Keep in mind that your child may not be the only one who is late, so this process of disruption can occur many times during the course of the week. When families are chronically late, this fosters an attitude that school and learning are not important. This seemingly little thing can have a big influence on the behavior and attitude of students over time.

School

Late arrivals disrupt the school also. The school office is especially busy during the first part of the morning. Accurate attendance, hot lunch count, and its affect on other tallies, is important to a safe and organized school day.

Child

The student who arrives late to school starts the day at a disadvantage. Other children have had time to put away coats, take care of classroom business, talk with friends, and generally prepare themselves for the school day. The time missed may only be 10–15 minutes, but it is an important time. Children who are late may not have attendance recorded or lunch ordered, and that can cause problems later on. They may miss important announcements or a fun activity that the teacher has set out to begin the day. While some children adjust to a rocky start, others find it difficult. If the child experiences stress because he was rushed or because she worries what the other students will say, the stress itself interrupts the learning process.

Chronic tardiness (more than one or two times a month) is more than just being a few minutes late. It is not just about the hassle for teachers and staff, or the stress caused to the child or others. Tardiness isn't just about what a child is not learning in the few minutes of class time missed. It is about what a child is not learning about learning itself. Missing a few minutes of school, every so often, is only part of the tardiness problem. The problem is not in the incident itself. It is in the pat-

tern of tardiness over time. Arriving at school late on a regular, or even semi-regular basis, teaches a child that school is something we just plod through, rather than something we do with care and purpose. If a child is born with the natural ability to do something, but does not learn to work hard, set goals, evaluate progress, and think purposely, the gift will be wasted.

When you set promptness as a priority and make changes in the family routine to allow your child to arrive at school on time, you teach your child to respect learning and to take an active part in it. That learning will be part of every future test your child takes and every future project your child completes. It may be hard to believe that something as seemingly insignificant as promptness can have such a great effect on your child's future. However, this is what parenting is all about: modeling and teaching healthy behaviors and strong values in every little thing we do as parents. This is what makes parenting such a challenge – it's relentless! Thankfully, the love of God our Father is relentless also. He wants what is best for our children and for us as parents. He stands ready to help us with every task. Your child's teacher loves him even when he is late, just as our Savior loves us, no matter what. God gave us faith and all other gifts. Training in promptness helps to use all of God's gifts efficiently.

January marks the beginning of our basketball season. Due to our smaller enrollment, our players are joining the Trinity, Monitor Panthers. We will post the schedule on our web site. We truly hope and pray for a season of safety and friendly competition. Our first game of skill will be played on Friday, January 8 against Zion, Beaver played at Trinity.

The only calendar item this month is the end of our second quarter marking period. The last day of the quarter is January 15, with the students receiving them for take home the next week, January 22.

JUNIOR HIGH HIGHLIGHTS

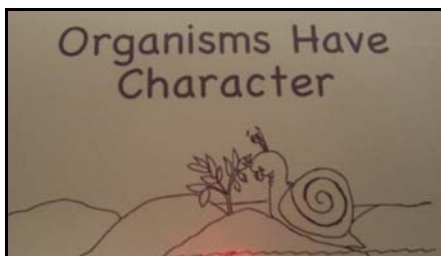
Religion for the month of January will return to our study of the life and times of Jesus Christ as recorded in the New Testament. We are **all** His disciples, and we often need to be reminded that we need to seek to extend His kingdom here in Auburn. In our American History studies, the Civil War has been completed and the country struggles to rebuild. Our students have so much looked forward to this month's science. We have two more chapters to complete in our study of the plant kingdom. Then we will enter an exploration of the animal kingdom. This group includes those without backbones, invertebrates, and those with a backbone, vertebrates. As part of this study, toward the end of January or early February, we will dissect six different animals: an earthworm, a starfish, a crayfish, a grasshopper, a perch, and a frog. Eighth grade algebra continues to work with solving linear equations. The seventh grade will soon be introduced to algebra. On an easier scale, they too will learn to solve linear equations with one variable.

Gledhill Gators

As we approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, may you find peace in this blessed season.

I am proud to announce that the science kits have finally arrived! We will be studying organisms and their environment. More specifically, we will study flowers, crayfish, and snails. We will explore how they are related and how they depend on one another in a diverse environment. We have a variety of manipulatives and many opportunities for hands-on experiences and experimentation. I greatly look forward to diving into it once we return from our break.

Our social studies unit is introducing the students to the finer definitions of our government, as well as citizenship and patriotism. We even learned the story behind the poem



by Francis Scott Key that ultimately became the Star Spangled Banner. The students enjoy discovering the genesis of things they've known for a long time.

Students in 5th grade math are getting involved in fractions. They are expanding into common multiples, denominators, and factors. I feel there's a common side-conversation that occurs with them. "How many different things can you do with fractions?!" They're so cute



**RAYFERD RALPH AND
CAMERON MURRAY
PAIR UP FOR READING.**

when they're perplexed.

4th graders are beginning their introduction to fractions, and 3rd graders are exploring the confusing world of double-digit-quotients in long division. It is rewarding, though, when I hear "Now I get it!"

As I mentioned in an earlier article, I am using the BookIt program sponsored by Pizza Hut. The students are increasing their reading exponentially! I decided to keep a log of pages, rather than minutes as the program suggests. I have some 5th graders

that are cresting 1,000 pages in a month, and 4th graders reaching 600 pages. Reading is proven to increase vocabulary, sentence structure, grammar, and comprehension. Exposure is the best supplementary skill combined with a pre-requisite of instruction.

I still enjoy utilizing paired-reading for the anthologies in the student's reading texts. They listen and re-tell what they heard from one another. They use peer-support and peer-responses. This increases appropriate social interaction and reading confidence.

I would like to make mention of the superb job that our students did as they "rang out the Good News" in our Christmas program on the 20th. There were so many praises from family and visitors. They felt the students sang and spoke from their heart. We are extremely proud of them.

We wish blessings to all through this season of Christmas.



GLEDHILL GATOR'S AROUND THE TREE

Miss Rudick's Class

We were very happy to have so many of you join us for our Christmas Program, "Ring Out the Good News"! We pray that the message of salvation remains with you throughout the new year. We also pray that you will tell the Good News to the people you know.

In Religion we have been studying Jesus' birth and the visit of the shepherds and wise men. When we come back from Christmas break we will study about Jesus as a boy.

In science we will begin studying weather and seasons. In social studies we are talking about different cultures and how they are part of our culture.

In math the kindergarten students are learning to identify patterns. They also continue to practice identifying and writing their numbers. 1st grade students are

learning more about place value, money values, and telling time. 2nd grade students are working more with basic geometry, subtraction with borrowing, and multiplication concepts.

In reading the kindergarten students are beginning to learn

some very basic words that they see frequently.

They are also learning to identify sequences.

1st and 2nd grade students continue to practice concepts such as context clues and sequencing.

We pray God's blessings on all of you throughout this holi-



MAKING DECORATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE

day season. Please take time to worship our Lord and Savior and spread that Good News to others just as the shepherds and wise men. May the peace of the Lord be with you.

EXCEL IN GIVING

Grace is providing a new stewardship program starting in January 2010.

It is called **Excel in Giving** and is offered thru The Church Extension Fund of The Michigan District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

The way it works is that your tithes are automatically transferred from your personal bank account, either checking or saving accounts, and directly deposited into our churches banking account. (Electronic Funds Transfer – EFT). You can do this on any schedule you wish, weekly, biweekly, monthly, etc, and you can indicate any amount you wish, either a portion of your tithe or your whole tithe. This program is convenient for both our membership and our church. You don't have to remember to bring your offering envelope to church each week or if you are out of town on Sunday, your tithe is automatically given on the schedule you set up.

You will still continue to get your offering envelopes, so if you wish to give money on special occasions, like Lent or Advent, you can do so. Or if you wish to give part of your tithe to Missions, or any special fund drive, you can still use your regular envelopes to do that.

If you are interested in looking into this opportunity to streamline your tithing, please stop in at the church office to get more information.

Lutheran World Relief for 2009

Grace Lutheran congregation is actively involved in Lutheran World Relief through some monetary donations which go through our Special Accounts. However, we also participate in this organization in other ways.

This past year we have sent 34 quilts, 64 lbs. of soap, 40 health kits, 6 sewing kits, 4 layettes, and 20 school kits to the organization which then repackages them and sends them to areas in need of these items. Our representatives took them to Grace Lutheran Church in Saginaw on October 19. They were then loaded into a boxcar in Detroit on October 21.

We thank the congregation members for their continued support of this program, and we intend to keep up the support in the ways available to us. Lutheran World Relief is one of the best charities in the world for getting the highest possible percentage of funds and materials to the people for whom it is intended. God has blessed these efforts, and will continue to do so through





Kick Back and Scrap X

January 29-30, 2010

Grace Lutheran, Auburn
To benefit the Youth Group's trip to the
National Gathering in New Orleans

Saturday 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. \$35
Includes: breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks,
beverages, prizes and vendors on site and

VENDOR BUCK\$

Friday night 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. \$15
Includes: dinner, pop, prizes, limited vendors
Leave your cropping supplies on site for Saturday

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

January

Grace Church Calendar

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:00 (H.C.) & 10:30 Worship	7:30 Men's Bible Study	7:00 School Board	6:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Worship with (H.C)	7:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Jr. Confirmation		8:00 am Women's Bible Study
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:00 & 10:30 (H.C.) Worship	7:30 Men's Bible Study	7:00 Board of Elders 7:00 School Board	6:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Worship	7:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Jr. Confirmation		8:00 am Women's Bible Study
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:00 (H.C.) & 10:30 Worship 25 Yr. Confirmands Social Gathering in- between services	7:00 Executive Board 7:30 Men's Bible Study	9:00 am Ladies Quitting at Gengler's	6:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Worship with (H.C.)	7:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Jr. Confirmation		8:00 am Women's Bible Study
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:00 & 10:30 (H.C.) 9:15 Special Voters Meeting	7:30 Men's Bible Study		6:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Worship	7:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Jr. Confirmation	Kick Back &	8:00 am Women's Bible Study
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8:00 (H.C.) & 10:30 (H.C.)						

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January

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

1 Joel Herbolzheimer, 1 Logan LeBeau, 1 Margaret Petrosky, 2 Casey Kent, 4 Larry Keidel, 5 Charles (Ryan) Hyatt, 6 Tammy Hyatt, 6 Kaly Kraatz, 6 Merry Lee, 7 Diondra Heading, 9 Walter Barber, 9 Dorothy Greenleaf, 9 Julie Lemke, 10 Donald Rauschenberger Jr., 10 David Seaver, 10 William Seaver, 10 Mirinda Taglauer, 11 Pamela Kent, 12 Kelly Arnold, 12 Dustin Wegener, 13 Kevin Feinauer, 13 Wesley Meyer, 15 Wanita Smith, 16 Kristina Leach, 17 Bridgitte Feinauer, 18 Gene Bartz, 18 Scott Bickham, 18 Molly Mantei, 20 James Mantei, 21 GeriAnne Schmidt, 21 Carlene Tocco, 22 Donald Pfannes, 23 Corey Arnold, 23 Paul Wood, 25 Jeanette Harper, 25 Edyth Ousterhout, 25 James Prah, 25 Sheryl Seaver, 25 Debra Stieve, 26 Joshua Mularz, 26 Elaine Prah, 27 Chase Horneber, 28 Kathleen Pickelman, 30 Debra Garcia, 31 Mark Horneber, 31 Richard Klimaszewski

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Dave & Kelly Arnold, 26 Gene & Angela Meyer