January & February 2024



Principal Report: Mrs. Chris Mutchler

Kingdom impact is our ultimate goal. We pray each of our students will develop a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If they already have one, we will challenge them to deepen their faith.

January is often a time people reflect on the year and make resolutions both personally and professionally. During chapel in early January, I asked what it would look like to make a resolution to increase our time with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Some of their ideas were to memorize scripture, pray more, read the Bible, and serve others.

To serve others is one of the pillars of LCA and we encourage the students to help each other out. The older grades set up the gym for lunch or other events for the school and sometimes for the church. They go into the younger grades and read or play math games with the younger students. We encourage them to go to their own churches and find ways to serve. In Ephesians 4:12 it says, "To prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." And in I Peter 4:11b, "If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

We then talked about what and how we can pray; coming before the Lord with praise for all He has done and is doing. The challenge I put before them was to consider what we then ask Him for, learning to be specific and how to pray beyond ourselves.

It may start as a New Year's resolution, but ultimately the challenge for each of us is the habit to spend time in God's Word, to serve his people, and go out into the community to show God's love to others so He may be Glorified. This is our Kingdom impact.

In Him,

Mrs. Mutchler



Mrs. Preble's 3^d & 4^h graders flying airplanes.

December

- "Christmas in the Light" program brought close to 400 people into the school. What a great way to celebrate the birth of our Savior through a black light show and the kids playing the chimes, piano, and guitars as well as songs by the whole school body.
- Other special events: Family Conferences, K-2 grades went to the Children's Museum, 7th-9th made lefse, and a school wide birthday party for Jesus.

January

• K-2nd graders had Building Buddies, 1st & 2nd graders learned place value, the 7th-9th graders are reading "More Than a Carpenter". 5th & 6th graders have started a Book Club and are being challenged by their math.

February

- Mrs. Preble's 3rd & 4th graders were taught aerodynamics by Mr. Honaker. Then they invited a friend to make airplanes and fly them in the gym.
- Grandparent's Day was organized by the Parent Action Committee. The day included a luncheon, chapel with Pastor Micah, and music led by the 3rd & 4th graders. Grandparents were then able to visit the classrooms.
- Re-Enrollment for current students started.



Mrs. Henderson's 7th-9th graders making lefse.

Eagles Report





The Eagles Archery Team is having an AMAZING season! The team has been consistently taking home medals at each tournament and continuing to work on their individual scores. Great shots and scores are exciting, but they are just a part of the overall team goals. A foundational value of the program is promoting <u>character building</u> and <u>faith</u> with devotionals and prayer through the sport of archery. Our team is a great group of kids who walk into each tournament ready to exemplify sportsmanship and Godly character! This year's state competition will be held in Rochester on March 22-23rd.



Team took home 14 medals and Elementary team took 1st place in 3D & Bullseye at Northwoods Tournament in Cook, MN (photo above). Karsten practicing 3D (photo to the right).



Volunteer Spotlights

Our volunteers are the hands and feet of Jesus!



Mr. Nelson teaching Financial Stewardship



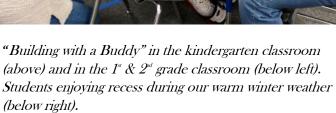
Miss Journey helps weekly in Mrs. Tatter's class

School Spotlights



Full student body singing at the Christmas program, led by Mrs. Tatter (above). 5th-6th graders making cookies on a fun Friday afternoon (below).











"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16

Building & Expansion Plans:

We are currently working to close on the purchase of property this spring. Our goal is to raise \$225,000; this amount will help us purchase the land and prepare for future construction. In anticipation of building, we are also expanding into Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cohasset. LCA elementary classes will move over to start the 2024 -2025 school year.

If you are interested in donating, please see our website at lighthousecamn.org and follow the "Support Us" tab. If you have questions about the land purchase, future building plans or *any* questions about LCA, please feel free to call us!

Praises:

- Grandparent's Day welcomed about 200 people to visit the school and classrooms.
- Opportunity to purchase land and the generous donations that are coming in to pay for the land.
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cohasset voted yes to house LCA elementary grades for 2024-25.
- Grace Bible Chapel has welcomed us back for at least 3 years.
- Students are growing in their faith and learning how to show love to each other and beyond!

Prayer Requests:

- That God works out all things for the families wanting to send children to LCA for the coming school year.
- We receive the remaining funds to purchase the land.
- For calm hearts & minds of students during spring assessment days in April.
- The future teachers, staff and the many volunteers that help make this school a success!

JOIN US!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION with CHRIS: Come join us for a cup of coffee and get updates, ask questions, and have some great conversations about LCA! Held the last Monday of each month starting at 5:00 p.m. at Grace Bible Chapel. Please see the LCA Facebook page for updates on discussion topics.

SPRING SHOWCASE: Join us for a community event on <u>Saturday, May 4th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.</u> here at LCA. The Showcase will feature a musical play, historical displays made by the 5th-9th graders, an opportunity to purchase LCA merchandise, appetizers, and a raffle for a variety of prizes.

New Student ENROLLMENT for the 2024-25 School Year begins soon! See the LCA website for enrollment information. It is very exciting to be thinking about Year 3!!!



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