

March 6, 2008

Dear Parents:

Soon we will hear the words "Hosanna, Hosanna, to the King in the Highest." Then we will hear the words "Crucify Him!" After that we will hear the words "It is finished." Finally we will hear the words "He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!" During this season of Lent, may you remember that:

(Jesus) Loved
Everyone so much that he was
Nailed to the
Tree for you and for me.

The students in grades 3 and 4 have used the letters that make up the word Lent, to help us focus on what Jesus did for us. He did die for us, so that our sins could be forgiven and we would live eternally in heaven with Him. Please use the acronym for LENT with your child during one of your devotion times.

We have had a blast this past week celebrating National Lutheran School's Week. The 3rd and 4th graders have had AWESOME school spirit in their dress-up! Monday was a great kickoff with our chapel service. Tuesday was a day in which 1,200 Lutheran school teachers and students were filled by the Holy Spirit at Concordia University. We know that it is Jesus who lights our flame! We really had a great time learning, singing and praising! Wednesday was also a fun time. The play at Concordia Academy was a retelling of some well known fairy tales and choices that were made. Are there consequences for our actions? Did everyone live happily ever after? We only saw Act 1 of the play. The play runs this Thursday through Sunday if you'd like to see the rest of the play. Today, Thursday, it was so cool seeing everyone in their PJ's and sweats. It was fun having the afternoon to raise money for the Humane Society.

Please remember this Sunday the school is singing at the Alley in Cottage Grove. The Alley meets at Cottage Grove Junior High. Directions are included in this envelope. Students are to wear their choir t-shirts and jeans. I look forward to hearing some AWESOME singing on Sunday!

Our next trip to the Sun Ray Library is set for Monday, March 10th. Students **MUST** bring their library card. The library has asked that students bring their library card with or they will not be able to check out books. The reason for our trips to the library are to get to know the library, check out books, learn how to use our library card, and to hear a story from the librarian. Students should also checkout at least one book. Please make sure your child brings his or her library card, library books and outside gear for each of our library trips. Any parents how wish to join us are more than welcome. We leave school at 1:40 and return at 3:15.

Students will be coming home with a review packet of what items to expect on the Iowa Basics next week. We looked over this packet. Please review this packet with your child this weekend. I gave sample questions from all content areas. Children do not have to return this to school. This past week in school, we have taken several tests, plus used this packet to help prepare for the next two weeks of testing.

Happy Birthday this month to Suzie and Kiersten. May God bless you on your special day.

Please consider ordering a book from the book order. Book orders are due on the 14th. We only have 1 more order left later this year. There are great biography books offered in this book order.

Please return your preorder form for the yearbook. An envelope went home last week. There is a limited amount of yearbooks. Buy yours before they are gone! It is a beautiful, FULL-COLOR yearbook! Thanks to Heather Czywczynski and Alan and LaRae Miller (K parents) for their help, as well as Mr. Kloetzke and Mrs. Best.

HELP! For Easter celebrations, I am in need of donations of **Jelly Belly Brand Jelly Beans ONLY**. If you are able to donate some, please send them in before March 18th. We will do learning skills with them as well as special activities. Thank you for your help!

Also, remember to go over your child's assignment book with him or her and make sure his or her homework is done. Keep writing positive notes (and/or) use stickers in your child's assignment book. You can also write reminders to your child too!

Need information from this newsletter and don't have it handy? Just visit the school website at www.esplweb.com. Click on Faculty and choose Grades 3 and 4 to get to the newsletters. Quarterly Memory sheets are also posted there too!

Help support ESPL while online! Go to www.GoodSearch.com and be sure to enter East St. Paul Lutheran School as the charity you want to support. ESPL will earn about a penny each time you search the web and a percentage of purchases made online.

In this envelope you will find:

1. Class newsletter
2. Corrected work, if any or anything else I may have missed

May God bless you and your family during this Lenten season! Remember... Jesus loves us **SNOW** much!

Mrs. Strom

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I have read this newsletter and have signed my child's assignment book and made sure his or her work is done. I have read the items in my child's envelope.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Questions or concerns:



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb. 24 Choir Sings at Bethlehem 9:00 AM Service	Feb. 25	Feb. 26 Hot Lunch	Feb. 27 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due	Feb. 28	Feb. 29 Casual Day! Happy Birthday Tyler Sub. Teacher Mrs. Strom gone	Mar. 1
2 Go to Church! National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW)	3 Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM NLSW – Sports Day / Jeans & Hats	4 Bring Bag Lunch Concordia University NLSW – Choir Shirts/Jeans	5 IHOP Night No Chapel No Memory NLSW – Color Day (Red/Blue)	6 Hot Lunch NLSW – Pajama, Picture & Popcorn	7 <u>NO SCHOOL!</u>	8
9 Choir Sings at the Alley 10:00 AM Service	10 Iowa Basics Sun Ray Library 12:30 PM	11 Hot Lunch Iowa Basics	12 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due Iowa Basics	13 Iowa Basics	14 Iowa Basics	15
16 Go to Church! Happy Birthday Pastor Scoles	17 Cognitive Abilities Testing	18 Hot Lunch Cognitive Abilities Testing Happy Birthday Suzie	19 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due Cognitive Abilities Testing	20 <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Maundy Thursday	21 <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Good Friday	22
23 Easter Go to Church!	24 <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Easter Monday	25 Hot Lunch Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Happy Birthday Kiersten	26 IHOP Night No Chapel Memory Due	27	28 Casual Day!	29 <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> March 29 – April 7 Spring Break!