

But You Are a Chosen People..... 1 Peter 2:9

MISSION STATEMENT

East St. Paul Lutheran School:

- provides excellent Christian education
- surrounds children with Christ's love and forgiveness
- partners with family, church and community

APRIL 2008

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK....

In John 6:35 Jesus said, *"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."* I think this bible verse is very appropriate considering the wonderful news I have the privilege of sharing with all of you.

Recently, a friend of ESPL passed away and is now enjoying the fruits of eternal life. Though her death is a sad reminder of our mortality here on earth, she loved and understood the purpose of Christian education and remembered ESPL in her will. Because of her generosity, ESPL has received a sizeable bequest that helps us remain a viable ministry here on the east side of St. Paul. Though finances are always challenging, it will help to keep Christian education affordable for everyone. We give all glory and praise to God for people like her that allow the students at ESPL to hear the Word everyday and help us to fulfill the hunger and thirst that the world can never provide to our children.

My only regret is we weren't able to thank her for her wonderful gift while she was alive. If you or someone you know, has remembered ESPL in their will or estate, please let us know so we can properly thank them and prepare for their loving legacy. Thanks be to God!

In His Service,
Mr. K

DID YOU KNOW...

... **LUTHERAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** has its national conference in Minneapolis this year. In order for our teachers to attend with over 3,000 Lutheran educators from all over the world, we will not have school on April 24th and 25th. The teachers will be attending workshops and worshipping with their brothers and sisters in Christ. We thank you for allowing us this special time.

... **IT'S A GIRL!** Mrs. Johnson gave birth to a 5 lb. baby girl on March 21st named Mikayla Emily. Congratulations to our dear music teacher and her husband Josh. God's blessings from everyone at ESPL!

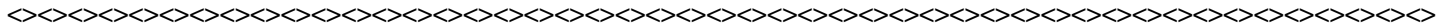
... **REGISTRATION FOR 2008/2009.** There is still time to complete your registration for next year. We need accurate information to finalize staffing and facility use so please don't hesitate to get your form in with the \$75.00 dollar registration deposit.

... **KARAMELS FOR KIDS** is a program that supports the music department and classroom enrichment activities. Please spread the word that ESPL sells caramels all year. Reminder: If your company or any other organization wants to order caramels, if they order through ESPL, they will personalize the labels on the wrappers. Special thanks to Mrs. Magler and her company for making these caramels available to us!

... **FUNDRAISING** doesn't have to take up much time. What if ESPL earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our school? Well, now it can! GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charity its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up! Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter East St. Paul Lutheran School as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word! **THIS IS THE LAST REMINDER FOR THE YEAR** so stop procrastinating, just do it!

... **PASSAGES** is a book based on a true story about the underground railroad and was written by a local author, Lucy Hulme. Lucy will be at ESPL on Tuesday, April 15 at 2:30pm (Sanctuary) to read the book to grades 3-6. Parents are invited to this reading as well. Students may purchase a copy if they wish for \$5.00.

... **MOVIE NIGHT** at Our Saviour's – Saturday, April 12 at 6:30pm (enter at Beech Street entrance). ESPL families are invited! Bring a lawn chair, blanket or pillow and enjoy the movie "Enchanted". Hot dogs, popcorn and lemonade will be available.



Good News! ART CLUB for grades 3,4,5,6 is back! Art Club meets from 4:00-5:15pm.
The following dates will be the revised schedule.....

April 14, 21, 28 / May 5, 12, 19 / June 2 "Grand Finale" ----- Please talk to Mrs. Reem if you have any questions.



APRIL

Wednesday, April 9

- Chapel 9:30am / Pastor Benson

Thursday, April 10 / 5:30 – 7:30pm

- **Open House** for grades K-6. If you know of a family interested in Christian education, invite them to come and visit the classrooms and meet the teachers.

Monday, April 14 – ART CLUB 4:00-5:15pm

Tuesday, April 15

- JSB meets at Eastern Heights 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 16

- Chapel 9:30am / Pastor Krueger

Monday, April 21 – ART CLUB 4:00-5:15pm

Monday, April 21 - Tuesday, April 22 - Wednesday, April 23

- 3rd Quarter OPTIONAL Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to set up a conference time.

Wednesday, April 23

- Chapel 9:30am / *His People* from Concordia Academy

Thursday, April 24 – Friday, April 25

- NO SCHOOL – Teachers attend LEA Conference in Mpls.

Monday, April 28 – ART CLUB 4:00-5:15pm

Wednesday, April 30

- Chapel 9:30am / Pastor Raddatz
 - Early Release 1:40pm
 - CASUAL DAY!

