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## The Purple Note

September 24, 2021

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September

28 Chess 3:45pm

30 Back to School Concert K-5  
6:30pm

**Every Friday is Dollar Hat Day that goes to support our chapel offering recipient**



**Pastor Lester Wolgram from Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church** will be leading us in chapel this Wednesday. We will once again livestream out chapel services on our Facebook page. Parents are also invited to attend in person, as well!

## IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT LUNCH



helped us out as the school year began. We have been seeking someone to fill this position.

The labor shortage has created some challenges for us as we are

We have been blessed to be able to provide hot lunches free of charge for our students this past year and the beginning of this year. We appreciate Miss Bev who served as school cook last year. She retired from this position shortly before school started, but

seeking to fill this position. Unfortunately, because we are unable to secure a school cook at this time, we need to put a halt on our hot lunch program.

## **Until further notice, students will need to provide a sack lunch.**

We do have microwave ovens in our classrooms for anything that needs to be heated up. As in the past, milk is available during meal and designated snack times.

I realize the inconvenience this creates for families. Likewise, we have food ready to be prepared in our freezers and pantry, so this missing link of not having someone to prepare it **is** frustrating. If you know of someone who would be interested in this position, please let me know.

The menus we have prepared are not complicated to prepare, nor are the tasks difficult to complete (I'm no Julia Child, but I heard my beans and weenies aren't too bad! 😊 ). Having served in this capacity over the past two weeks, I can attest to what it takes to serve as school cook. These tasks simply require time, 3-4 hours a day.

As a school cook, the appreciation and gratitude you see on the kids' faces absolutely make your day. You become part of the family at Martin Luther. The students notice when their cook is missing! It truly is a fulfilling job!

So again, we are in the process of searching for a new cook. If you know of someone, PLEASE send them our way, and we will see if we can get the hot lunch program going once again.

### **One note about beverages:**

During the school day, water is ALWAYS accessible for our students. We have two water bottle filling stations, and milk is available at designated times during the day.

Spills are inevitably going to happen, and water spills are easy to clean up. Juice and colored beverages are more difficult. **For this reason, we ask that juice of any kind, flavored and especially colored beverages, NOT be brought to school. Water bottles for water only, please.**

We understand the necessity of keeping our students hydrated and will make sure that water is always available for them.

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## **Custodian Help Needed**

Martin Luther School is taking applicants for the position of custodian.

After school custodian work primarily includes vacuuming halls and classrooms, gathering and taking out garbage, and cleaning of the bathrooms.

If you know of someone interested, please let the office or Mrs. Wolfgram know. It's a GREAT afterschool job for a high school student!

If you are open to volunteering to assist even with some of these duties, please let me know.

Just knowing we have someone who is there to take out the garbage or do some vacuuming is helpful to us all at MLS.

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## COVID Protocol Update

- Any positive cases and family/household contacts will be required to quarantine and isolate during the prescribed time as indicated by the DOH.
- Any incident of a positive case in a classroom will be communicated from the school to those families in the class. **We absolutely want our families to be aware of this so that you can make an informed decision for your child and family.**
- Close contacts with a positive case (other than household contacts) are asked to self-monitor for symptoms of Covid. Due to varying degrees of experiences parents and families may have had with Covid in the past, we will let the parent have the freedom to choose whether or not they want to have their child self-monitor at home or continue at school. **(Please be aware that this differs from what was expressed in the Decision Tree shared earlier in the school year.)**
- Siblings and household contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case will need **to monitor themselves and quarantine during** the case's infectious period (this is typically 10 days from symptoms onset) AND for their designated quarantine periods. Quarantine will end 14, 10, or 7 days after the case's infectious period ends.
- All COVID-related questions and positive cases should be directed/reported to Denise Wolfgram or by email at [wolfgram@lutherschools.org](mailto:wolfgram@lutherschools.org).
- Student and staff positive cases will also be reported to Martin Luther School from the North Dakota Department of Health.
- Parents will be notified if a person in their child's classroom contracts the

virus.

- Masks will be optional for students and staff, but will not be required.
- If your child is ill, please keep them home to prevent the spread of all contagious illnesses and report the absence to their school that morning. If they have a fever or vomiting, they are required to be free of these symptoms for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

The mitigation factors of handwashing and personal hygiene etiquette and cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities will continue.

We continue to benefit from our HALO air filtration system that assist in eliminating the spread of the virus.

All of these prevention strategies provide some level of protection against COVID and other communicable diseases.

### **4-H Begins!**

Our introductory meeting for 4-H was held last Sunday. Parents were able to take a survey as to what time would work best to meet and more about 4-H was shared. We also voted on a NAME for our group:

**Martin Luther 4 Paws**

Check out our private Facebook page "Martin Luther 4-H Club" for more information to come!



### **ABC Care News**

Afterschool ABC Care has had many changes over the past few weeks! We are excited to have the following people on staff:

**Isaac Woodside** who help last year has returned and is one of our main "outdoor" supervisors

**Dorrie Burkhardsmeier**, AKA "Miss Dorrie" from the SOTV preschool and PE fame is helping out this year, along with her daughter **Zeva** on occation.

**Janet Bauman** recently joined our afterschool staff and has been a wonderful addition, as well as **Rylee Zuroff**, one of our preschool aides.

#### LOCATION:

With the exception of building restrictions last year due to Covid, afterschool care location traditionally has been the basement fellowship area. It allows space for the kiddos, gives more room for students to do homework, and it works better for serving them snacks. We have long struggled over a way to keep the building secure during ABC Care while also making it accessible for parents for pick up.

**Your patience is greatly appreciated as we work through a way to find the best way for you to let know you are there to pick up your child! We are still experimenting with door bells. We also will have contact information of our supervisors available so you may text or call them if needed.**

Morning ABC Care will continue the same as usual in the mail lobby area. Pastor Justin Woodside will be assisting with morning ABC Care on a somewhat regular basis, so you can get used to seeing him bright and early each morning!

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#### **Drop Off and Pick Up Procedure**

It has been over a year since we have had parents in the building for pick-up and drop-off, so here are the guidelines for how it works.

#### **Drop-off for Kindergarten-5th grade:**

Students coming before 8:05 will be in ABC Care which will be in the front lobby by the south doors. At 8:05 students are then dismissed to their classes.

#### **Pick-up for Kindergarten-5th grade:**

Students in grades K-2 need to be picked up at their classroom. The south doors will be opened at 3:00 and

parents may come and then wait either in the lobby area or by their child's classroom as it gets closer to the dismissal time.

Students in grade 3-5 are dismissed independently and are not required to have a pick up person at the classroom door.

Students not picked up by 3:30 are sent to ABC Care. The south doors will be locked at 3:30. Anyone one wanting to pick up their child after that time will need to use the EAST DOOR beginning Thursday, September 23.

## Bible Study Opportunity

Quincy Wyatt is hosting and facilitating an in-home Bible study.

**LOCATION:** Mrs. Wyatt is opening her home to host this event. (We are going for a homey, comfortable atmosphere for this fellowship Bible study time.)

**The next time for meeting will be Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30.** Even if your missed the first one, you are still invited to come on board!

If you have any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Wyatt at [wyatt@lutherschools.org](mailto:w Wyatt@lutherschools.org).

### REAP THE BENEFITS OF THE *HE'S WHERE THE JOY IS* LEADER KIT:

- Discover and better understand an intimidating doctrine that is so vital to our faith.
- Explore the Trinity as a whole and examine the role and work of each Person of the Trinity individually.
- Unpack theological truths about prayer and how we can commune with and talk to God.
- Understand how to apply the truth of who God is in the Trinity to your everyday life and how you can relate to Him.



## Back to School Concert

Thursday, September 30th will be



our Back to School Concert and mini-open house.

We are excited to share the music we have prepared, as well as give you a chance to see some of the things we've been working on so far in the classroom, especially as we have moved to using the classical model of education.

You are invited to browse the classrooms beginning at 6:00 with the concert starting at 6:30 up in the sanctuary.

## On the Classical Education Front



Once of the great aspects of Classical Education is how virtues are emphasized and illustrated in the material used in class as well as how we interact with each other through out the day. Each week we

shine the spotlight on a different virtue: What does it look like in action? What are examples we see of this virtue in Scripture? How can we cultivate more of this virtue in our own behavior?

We know that it is first and foremost because of Christ's love for us that we are able to strive for virtuous living. It is now our response to HIS love that we share the fruits of these virtues with others and as we use our talent to serve Him!

We emphasized first KINDNESS:

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32.

Next came PERSEVERENCE:

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,” Colossians 3:23

This past week was ENCOURAGEMENT:

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

It really is amazing how focusing on a specific virtue helps us all be

more cognizant of implimenting it in our day-to-day living, as well as pointing it out to our students. How wonderful it is to hear a student say, "It was hard, but I persevered and got it done!"

Want to learn more about classical ed? See the links below!

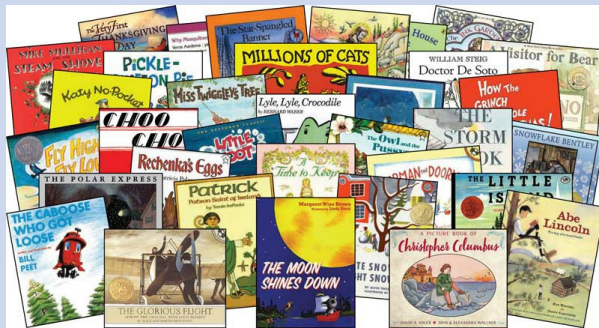
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For more information on classical education, take a look at the updated information on our website under "About Us."

[www.lutherschools.org](http://www.lutherschools.org)

## Our Amazon Wish List



Many thanks to those who were able to purchase books via our Amazon wish list!!

Our classical model enlists a wide variety of books that exemplify quality literature, and we

thank you for helping us fill our shelves with these materials.

"Read Alouds" Each class a special "read aloud" book list of which we only need one of these titles per class. We still have some titles that we'll be needing throughout this school year. Our hope it to have all of our "Read Alouds" purchased for this year and have that treasury thus established for years to come.

**New titles will be added weekly! If you would like to purchase a title in honor of a student, we can certainly make that happen!**

If you would like to purchase a book for our classroom, you can find the titles available through our Amazon wish list. See link below.

Thank you so much!

[Our continuing Amazon Classical wishlist!](#)