

“News from Your School”

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A New School Year of Bountiful Blessings!

Each September brings a fresh start to another year of learning at Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Our days begin, continue, and end with God and His word at the center of all we learn and do. The blessing of having a Christ-centered education is priceless – and we thank Jesus for this privilege each day!



The 2021-2022 school once again requires us to be mindful of the health protocols that remain in effect due to the pandemic. The size of our classroom accommodates our enrollment of 12 students to be spaced exactly 6 feet apart while indoors. This is optimum for time spent indoors for the length of a typical school day. What a blessing!

This year we welcomed three new first grade students: *Caleb Casper, Madeline Gottowske, and Connor Havlik*. They join our second-grade student, *Macie Irwin*; fourth-grade students, *Levi Gilson, Asher Havlik, and Amelia Shirshac*; fifth-grade student, *Kiley Savage*; sixth-grade students, *Ellie Irwin and Katlyn Savage*; seventh-grade student, *Alexa Gilson*; and our eighth-grade student, *Austin Irwin*. As we work and play together, the blessing of Christian friendship is enjoyed by all.



Another blessing we appreciate each day is our beautiful woodland setting. This year, science class takes full advantage of the rich resource we have right outside our doors. We have noticed a vast variety of mushrooms and different mosses and lichen as we roam our property. We have observed the increase in bee and wasp activity. It was quite exciting when a VERY BIG snake paid a visit to our playground! The flying grasshoppers, dragon flies, butterflies, spiders, and caterpillars are all appreciated. We have found cool rocks and learned how to test them for strength. Presently, we are studying a very unique pine tree – the trunk “curly-queues”!!! There is much to observe in our woods!!!

With our first month of 3K already behind us, our newest little students have good idea of what school looks like and are quickly learning our daily routines. Best of all, is the gift of friendships that have already been made. We spent our first month of school learning how God has made each of us very different, but he loves us all. In October we will be learning all about the days of creation and incorporating some fall fun!



Yes, there is much to be thankful for in our Christian school at Good Shepherd!

Blessings! ~ Mrs. T. & Mrs. Irwin