

"News from Your School"

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"What Are YOU Thankful For?"



That is quite a personal question, isn't it? Depending on what is happening within your family, this can be answered in many ways. And we might all consider taking the time to do that with our families. What a good table conversation that can be as we enjoy the special dinners at this time of year!

Since this is my last year as your teacher, I have had occasion to reflect upon the many joys within my call that have left me very thankful. Becoming a partner with parents in all aspects of the education of their children has been the top thing for which I am thankful. Those family relationships have most often extended beyond the time each was a part of our one room school. What a joy!

Good Shepherd's Pastors and Board of Education have been a huge blessing and support in ways too numerous to even list. And how could I even begin to enumerate the many ways my teacher aid(s) and the many volunteers have helped the functions of the day-to-day school activities?!?! Their time and service has been indispensable. And it goes without saying, the many prayers and support of ALL the Good Shepherd family of Christ has fueled our school in the specialized work of infusing God's word into every aspect of a school day. A significant blessing for which I am thankful is the dedication of Amanda Irwin, our Early Childhood director/teacher. Her love of ministry is so evident!

Of course, the most special of all the blessings are the **children** who are and have been a part of our school ministry since 2005. I remember each of their faces (often making it hard to recognize them now that some are grown adults!). I remember them in prayer often, asking that Jesus keep them close to Himself as they walk through their daily lives beyond our doors. I pray the Holy Spirit continues to build their faith and that God provides for all they need until they, too, see Him face-to-face in Paradise, the best blessing of all.

Thankful for ALL of you! 🍂 Happy Thanksgiving! 🍂 See you in church!!!!

Love - Mrs. 7

COMING UP:

November 7-8: First Quarter Report Cars/Parent Conversations

November 22-24: Thanksgiving Vacation

NOVEMBER 23: Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6:30 pm

December 21: 3K/4K Christmas Program

December 24: K-8 Children's Christmas Service; 7 pm



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Early Childhood News from Mrs. Irwin!



In the month of November, the students will be talking about all the things that Jesus gave us to be thankful for. We will also be talking about forest animals and hibernation. In October and November, we had the privilege of having a high school student shadow in our classroom. She is a junior at Lincoln High School and is taking a class called "Teach and Lead". The students enjoyed having her in the classroom, and it gave her an opportunity to learn more about our early childhood ministry.



The Teachers and Staff pray you have a blessed Thanksgiving Celebration that extends far beyond the special day!

