

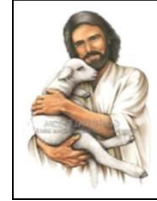
## "News from Your School"

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### **Remote Schooling During a Pandemic**

One afternoon in March, Good Shepherd Lutheran School and Preschool (as well as every other school in our nation) was told to switch normal school operations into distance learning in order to help flatten the curve as the Corona Virus began to sweep through our country. So, we did. The following Monday, the school families picked up their student's supplies and books, and the adventure began. Little did we know at the time, this would become the "new normal" for the remainder of the school year.

But God knew. The scripture from Jeremiah 29:11 constantly ran through my mind during this unusual time: *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to give you peace, not disaster, plans to give you hope and a future."* And, of course, He kept His Word.



3K kept learning as Mrs. Irwin provided monthly learning packets for our littlest learners and support for their families. Parents became co-teachers with Mrs. T., as we completed the school year's remaining curriculum. The elementary students, already in established routines, fell right into a new routine at home. We all had good weeks, as well as more challenging weeks, but God blessed and guided our efforts as we successfully completed the final quarter of the school term.

Now, an equally busy summer lies in front of us. Planning is needed to make "togglng" between school and home learning better, should that come to pass. It requires a solid plan for re-opening school, putting the recommended sanitation and safety protocols into a practical application for our circumstances. We already know school will look and feel different. We already know to prepare ourselves to be flexible about where/how school will be. Most importantly, we know God will make it all turn out according to His plans for us – plans that indeed give us all "hope and a future." All praise and glory are His!

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### **Coming Up .... In a Link Near You .... A Virtual Art Show**

One of the many things that were postponed for another time was our Entertainment Night and Art Show. Over the course of these past weeks, our students kept on making art, and let me tell you, they did a fabulous job! The photographs of their artwork are in the process of being compiled to present as a virtual art show. When it is ready, a link will be provided for you to enjoy their artwork!



*Blessings ~ Mrs. T*