

1st Lutheran School
Friday Note
Friday, August 17, 2018

Welcome!

We had a wonderful first day of school, despite the rain. It was fabulous to see your 1st Day photos posted to social media throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who stayed for opening chapel to celebrate the beginning of the year with us.

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Year of Prayer

I ask you to consider joining us for a day(s) this year in specifically lifting up our school, students, families, and staff to the Lord. Our goal is to cover every day of this school year in intentional prayer. This is individual prayer that you can add into your day as part of your prayer time. When you sign up you will be sent an email reminder. If you are inclined to sign up please go to <https://bit.ly/2MGGQfd> (Case sensitive) or scan the QR code to the right.



Christian Character Formation Project

This year we are launching the use of the Christian Character Formation Project (CCFP) for use during morning meeting. The CCFP is a program designed to help students live a life of character with focus on the traits of: courage, diligence, integrity, justice, respect, responsibility, and self-sacrifice. The program is already designed for short daily use with a school wide use of the same lesson each week, lending itself to the way we already have morning meeting set up. Each year will be a different set of Bible lessons on a 4-year cycle.

This program is unique from your typical character education program in that it begins with the framework of that we are children of God, who were made in God's image (based on Genesis creation account) which means we are at our core already filled with this character. However, because of the fall through Adam and Eve's sin, we lost our natural state of character. This program is designed to help students recognize when things are stopping them from living out their natural character and to be able to see character in action.

Each week's character lesson will be based on a Biblical account. We will study the account first through the shoes of the character and identifying the struggles they faced and actions they made, secondly through understanding what is our purpose, identity, and action as children of God using the Bible story as a model, and finally applying the virtue to a modern day context or world perspective.

Every week's lesson contains a parent insight page that we will be able to send home which will provide information such as the Bible lesson, the virtue, some family discussion prompts, etc. This is a great resource that I encourage you to use at home as a family. Our plan is to include it as an attachment to the Friday Note (please note: the insight page that comes home is for the NEXT week's lesson).

I am excited to bring this program to 1st Lutheran. The school I was at in St. Louis (Christ Community Lutheran) served as a pilot school for this program; I served as a pilot teacher within that group to test out new features during the pilot phase and I oversaw the implementation of the program at our elementary campus this last school year. Our staff felt that this program was transformational. The use of the program was identified as a "Best Practice" by the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation team this past spring. As CCFP continues to work with Lutheran schools and make their launch we join 18 other schools as the initial partners in The Lutheran Initiative.

If you have any questions about this program, please visit their website at <https://mycharacterformation.org> or reach out to me. As we get a few more weeks into the school year, I would be willing to provide a parent night program walking through the process and components of the program, if interest exists – just let me know if you or others might be interested.

Family Groups

Today, students were put into multi-grade small family groups that will be used for our morning meeting CCFP lessons. We will also try to use these at other times throughout the year to build cross-grade community.

***Celebrating In Christ,
Mr. Samuel Fishburn, Principal***