



STUCO and Beta Club serving at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in January.

Congrats to 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Hanke and family! Welcome to the world Elena (Ellie)!

WORD OF LIFE
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Achievement Testing Next Week

This message is to inform you about changes with our standardized testing materials for the 17/18 school year. We (as well as most of the other Lutheran Schools) have made to move from Stanford 10 to Iowa Assessments.

As you already know, we will have our Kindergarten-8th graders take the Iowa Assessment the week of April 16th. It is very important to for students to get a good night's sleep that week and to be present at school so that they can perform to the best of their ability.

The main reasons for making this change is that the Stanford 10 has communicated for the last three years that they are going to stop making the test. The Lutheran Schools in Missouri have been researching a change in testing materials for years and we are all ready to make the change over to Iowa Assessments.

The Iowa Assessment has exactly the same testing style and format as the Stanford 10. We had the option for students to test online but decided to keep it pencil and paper as we feel it is more user friendly for all students. Also, if there would be any problems with the internet even one of the days we would be testing, results would not fair well for the students.

Word of Life takes a Standardized Test to monitor individual student progress. We want to be able to see what personal strengths each student has and if there are any struggles. This information helps us help them accordingly. This is only one of many measuring tools that we use during the school year.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this change.

Alicia M Klug – Principal

Marketing and Outreach News

The registration fee increases on May 4th. Please return your enrollment forms for the 18/19 school year at your earliest convenience or if you know you will not be returning please contact Megan Arnold.

The Today & Tomorrow Educational Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications. The reapplication deadline is May 1, 2018. Please contact Megan Arnold for more information or visit ttof-stl.org.

FREEDOM RUN! Christian Friends of New Americans' 5K Run/Fun Walk will be held at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo 63105, **Saturday, April 28**. Register **9:00 am/Start 10:00 am**. Bring your family and friends. Sponsor and run with a refugee child. Wheelchair accessible. Register by **Friday, April 13** and get a free tee shirt. This benefit supports CFNA's work with refugees and immigrants from around the world. Go to www.cfna-stl.org/walk/ for all the details. **PRIZES and SURPRISES GALORE!**

School Mission Statement

Word of Life Lutheran School is committed to providing a high-quality educational program in an environment where Christ prevails, where a child's human and spiritual needs are met, and where love, dignity, and professional accountability are valued, promoted, and implemented.

Word of Life PTL News

Please join us for our end of the year PTL General Assembly Meeting on Wednesday May 9th at 6:30 PM! Our K-4 students will be singing, we will learn about some fun events coming up next year (including the Back to School Picnic) and elect some new executive board members.

The Word of Life PTL has truly appreciated your continued support throughout the school year at our restaurant nights and would love to see you again! Please join us on Thursday, April 26th, at The Stellar Hog on 5623 Leona St., St. Louis, MO 63116. This restaurant is owned and operated by a WOL alum, who is graciously giving the PTL a percentage of the profits earned for this day. The fundraiser is taking place all day, from 11am-9pm, so feel free to dine out for lunch and dinner!

Did you know? Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up on the week of Monday, April 30th.

2017 – 2018 Dress-Down Days

Every Friday, students can wear Word of Life spirit wear on top, but still need to wear everything else in dress code OR they can pay \$2.00 for a complete dress-down day.

The money collected will go to help with lunch assistance. In addition to the options above, all students can have a complete dress-down day for free on the following dates: **Friday, April 27th**

Friday, May 25th

News & Notes

We are pleased to kick-off our **Spring Fundraiser** and partner up with BoBo's Fundraising. We will be offering BoBo's Just the Good Stuff Brochure, which features BoBo's St. Louis-Brand Pizzas, cookie dough, desserts, chocolates, and cheese and sausage products to choose from. The profits from this fundraiser will be used to directly benefit the students at Word of Life Lutheran School. The fundraiser will run from April 13th – 27th and the orders will be delivered Tuesday, May 15th. More detailed information will be coming home with the students today!

Word of Life Class Trip Fundraiser - JJ Twiggs - The 8th grade class at Word of Life will be attending their class trip next month. To help support the cost of the trip for our students and chaperones, we have a restaurant night scheduled for Tuesday, April 17th at JJ Twiggs on Hampton. We are not limited to certain hours so go for lunch, dinner or both! Thank you for our support!

Both Ascension and St. Lucas are beginning **new member classes** now. If you interested in learning more about those, please call Ascension at (314)832-5600 or St. Lucas at (314) 351-2628.

PLANT SALE – SATURDAY, APRIL 28 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. AT WORD OF LIFE. IT'S ALMOST HERE! Despite recent winter weather, **Spring IS coming!** Just a quick reminder that Monday April 16 is the last day to turn in your order forms for annuals, perennials and herbs so you can make sure you get what YOU want. Need a form? Just visit <http://ascensionstl.com/plants> to download pre-order forms and view pictures of the plants OR stop at the plant sale table in the church lobby anytime to pick up a printed order form. We plan to have an expanded selection of annuals at the sale and our Ascension Men's Club will be selling 'On the Run' breakfast sandwiches for energy while shopping. Once you make your selections, you can have your child bring the order form/check to WOL and it will be delivered to Ascension Lutheran Church. Or drop your check and order form anytime in the green folder on the plant sale table in the church lobby, making the check payable to Ascension Lutheran Church, memo line: plant sale. **Spring IS coming!** We look forward to seeing you on Saturday April 28 at Word of Life! Thank you for your support.

This season, Word of Life is partnering with the Lutheran High School Association for a special event--**Lutheran Schools Day at the Ballpark!** You are invited to join with other Lutheran school students and families at Busch Stadium on **Sunday, April 22 at 1:15pm** as the Cardinals take on the Cincinnati Reds. Discounted tickets in the "Lutheran Schools Section" are just \$20 each (face value \$58). Sign-up to sit with friends by indicating Word of Life on the ticket order form AND \$2 from each ticket purchase will be donated back to our school! Please stop in the school office if you have any questions about this event.

Principal Call Update

The Principal Call Committee consists of three school board members, two teachers, one of our association pastors, and a parent (who is also an educator). The committee has reviewed a list of potential candidates and narrowed it down to three. Currently, the committee is in the process of interviewing candidates. According to the committee chair, the goal is to extend a Call to a candidate by the end of April.

April 16th – 21st**Monday, April 16th – K-8 Iowa Assessments**

3:15 – 4:30 PM: Track Practice @ WOL/Francis

7:15 – 8:30 PM: Junior Winds Rehearsal @ LHSS

Tuesday, April 17th – K-8 Iowa AssessmentsAll Day & Night: 8th Grade Fundraiser @ JJ Twiggs**Wednesday, April 18th – K-8 Iowa Assessments**8:15 – 8:45 AM: Chapel led by Bob Polansky from Camp Wartburg & 5th Grade

3:15 – 4:00 PM: Student Council

5:30 – 7:00 PM: Track Practice @ LHSS

Thursday, April 19th – K-8 Iowa Assessments

6:00 PM: School Board Meeting

Friday, April 20th – K-8 Iowa Assessments 7th Grade Visit to LHSS**Saturday, April 21st – Green Park Relays Track Meet @ LHSS****Upcoming Dates**

*April 30th: Early Dis.
 *May 3rd: Pre-K Mom's Night - K-8 Gym
 *May 7th: 7th Grade Field Trip to Springfield, IL
 *May 11th: Kindergarten Field Trip to Faust Park
 *May 15th: 8th Grade's Last Day of School/ Awards Assembly & Yearbook Signing
 *May 16th – 18th: 8th Grade Chicago Trip
 *May 22nd: Kindergarten's Last Day of School
 *May 23rd: Kdg Grad.
 *May 24th: 8th Gr Grad.
 *May 25th: Last Day Pre-K Closing Programs K-8 Field Day Early Dismissal End of the 4th Quarter