

**National Lutheran Schools Week was January 26th-February 1st! Pastor Dennis would like to reflect on the lessons and activities the students at the Academy learned throughout the week. Here are a few words from Erin Norman, the Academy teacher!**

**2nd grade:**

They are working on memorizing Psalm 100. They learned what a psalm is and how the psalms are incorporated into everything we do. The boys recognized this psalm from Matins which they do every morning.

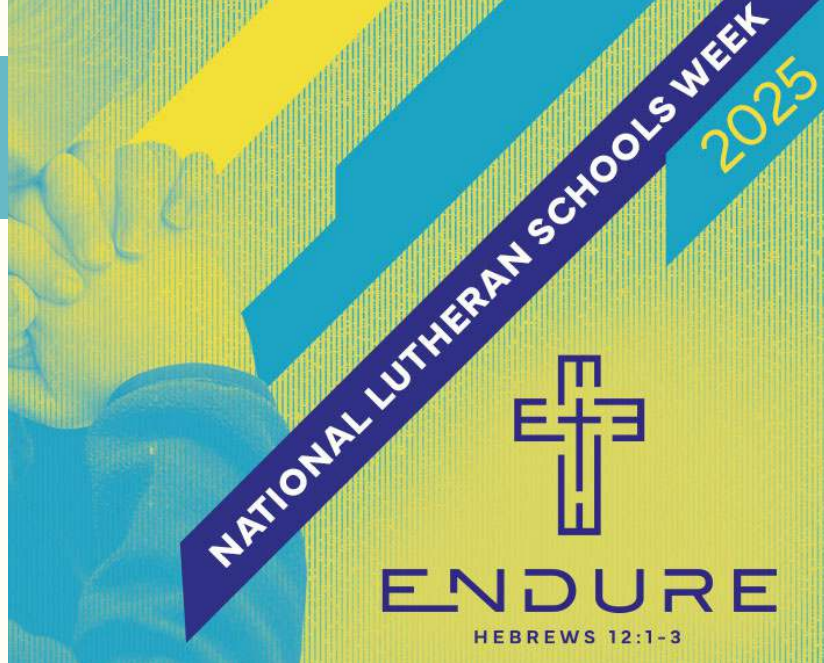
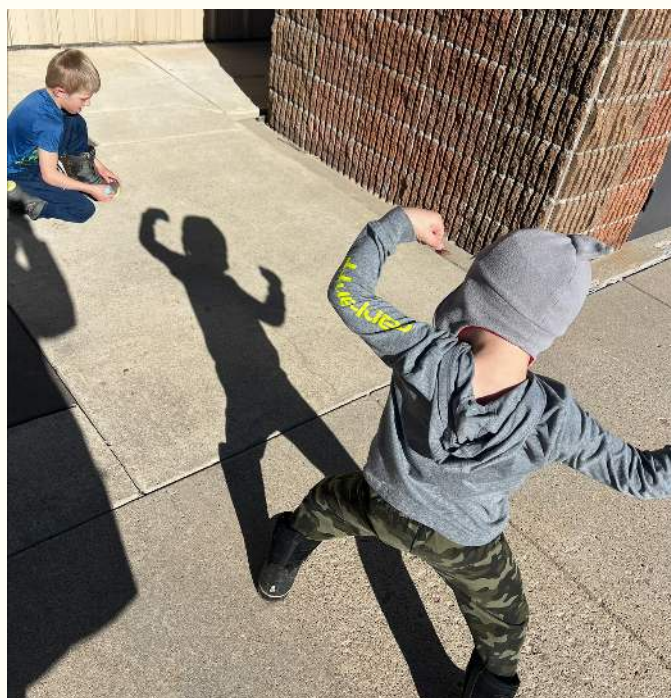
**Kindergarten:**

I read to them a story of Solomon's wisdom (the story of the two women who came to him in a disagreement over a child) and how he asked the Lord for that wisdom (1 King 3). They are memorizing a passage from Proverbs.

*"A soft answer turneth away wrath."*  
Proverbs 15:1

Groundhog Day was Sunday, so the students learned about the history behind the holiday and what a groundhog is. They went outside on this beautiful day and traced their own shadows with chalk.

From the Bible I read to them Genesis 2-3 which is about Jacob meeting his wife Rachel.



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## WEEKS SIXTEEN THROUGH NINETEEN

January has flown by, and I am slowly planning field trips for the rest of the school year. If you or someone you know is an experienced gardener, I'd love to talk with you about some things I'd like to do with all the students; this includes the little garden area we have here at the church.

The first week back in January we had a visit from the Raptor Center. They brought four birds to show us; a Saw-Whet owl named Doolittle, a Barn Owl named Soren, a Broad-Winged Hawk named Gaia, and an American Kestrel named Joplin. It was an exciting morning seeing the birds up close and learning how different they all are. God's creatures sure are amazing. Second grade has been cruising through Little House in The Big Woods. Kindergarten has been making so much progress in math that their teacher has had a hard time staying one step ahead of them! The students also learned about the planets in our Solar System.



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We visited The Journey Museum this week. They watched a video on the big screen about the Solar System and walked through the museum learning about local history. Art for this week was studying Van Gogh's Starry Night. They painted their own version with paint and shaving cream. That was quite a sensory treat for them. The classroom smelled like Barbasol the rest of the day. They also learned about the different phases of the moon.

We visited the Rapid City Library where the boys each checked out a book and were fascinated by how big the library is. Maybe some day we'll get to visit an even larger library.



The boys learned about the different states of matter this week. They made popsicles to see how a solid can turn into a liquid. They also boiled water to see how water can go from liquid to gas.



The book of the week was Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening (written using the poem by Robert Frost). They painted their own version of snowy woods using crayon and water colors. They were expecting the paint to cover the crayon and were surprised when it didn't. There was a lesson on the Arctic and Antarctica as well.

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Our field trip this week was visiting Friendly Horizons of the Black Hills assisted living home where the boys sang songs and played the piano for the residents.



They also learned the history behind Groundhog Day. Using sun paper, the students created their own shadows with objects from outside. They also traced their own shadows using chalk. Someone had the great idea to draw a chalk city and the boys brought their own matchbox cars to use in that city. We were grateful it was such a beautiful week! In music the students have been learning to sing the Doxology, God's Own Child, and a song called 50 Nifty United States.



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# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



JOSIE MORRIS

Please welcome Josie Morris, soon to be married to our own Andrew Wagner! Josie and her daughter, Zipporah, live in Rapid City. She enjoys reading, traveling, spending quality time with friends and family, and good conversation! She is excited to be a part of the DSLC family and looks forward to getting to know more of you all and sharing in fellowship.

We are happy to have Ethan and Abbie Maas join us at Divine Shepherd! Ethan and Abbie currently live in Box Elder and enjoy getting outdoors with their dog Maverick, watching movies/tv shows, trying new restaurants, puzzling, reading, and playing tennis! Ethan is an Air Force officer and working towards his master's degree. Abbie is a teacher, currently working from home for Imagine Learning!



ETHAN & ABBIE MAAS

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# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Lincoln Andelt Steve Curlee Colton Hedeem Carol Jung Tanner Sumption
3rd	Ashley Brunmaier
4th	Jacqueleen Baker
5th	Beth Audette
7th	Colter Lapcinski Liam Purcell
8th	Holden Burg Tessa Halvorson Jayce Marks Randy Mosel
9th	Gary Vermundson
10th	Knox Mitzel
13th	Cindy Klein Wezley McKinstry
14th	Shea Horton

16th	Athan Dobbs Cassandra Miller
18th	Ron Johnson Trace Koepp Dana Reiprich Aaron Sutton
22nd	Brynlee Delaney Reagan Wombold
23rd	Mike Burgee Pete Eliason Carson Phillips Huxley Radensleben
24th	David Hanson Earl McKinstry
25th	Esmae Brandt Makeda Sumption
27th	Rick Rathert Ron Uecker Amanda Horton

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

<b>2nd</b>	<b>Karen Bartling Jesse Roberts</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Keira Cleland Brodie Eisenbraun</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>Grace Eliason</b>
<b>8th</b>	<b>Sarah Halvorson Bev Johnson</b>
<b>9th</b>	<b>Ruth Sperlich</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>Trent Jensen</b>
<b>14th</b>	<b>Raylea Webber</b>
<b>15th</b>	<b>Gordon Quam</b>
<b>17th</b>	<b>Riley Geidel Ray Reynolds Danni Reher</b>
<b>19th</b>	<b>Abby Dathe</b>
<b>20th</b>	<b>Jill Tobin Herman Wahl</b>

<b>21st</b>	<b>Hannah Anderson</b>
<b>22nd</b>	<b>Lance Kaleda</b>
<b>24th</b>	<b>Carl Petersen</b>
<b>25th</b>	<b>Garrett Burg</b>
<b>26th</b>	<b>Marvel Jacobson</b>
<b>27th</b>	<b>Titus Sutton</b>
<b>29th</b>	<b>Ethan Hedeem Marilyn Suckut Brayden Swane</b>

# FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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12th	Walt & Mary Ricker
14th	Davis & Abby Dathe
15th	Mike & Dana Reiprich
24th	Alvin Jr. & Abigail Kelly
29th	Eric & Lalenia Seifert Bill & Valerie Thompson

*Happy  
Anniversary*



**\*Is your birthday or anniversary not listed? Please let the church secretary know and she will add it to the list!**

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<b>1st</b>	<b>John &amp; Faun Harmon</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Ron &amp; Bev Johnson</b>
<b>9th</b>	<b>Darrel &amp; Jacquleen Baker</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>Gordon &amp; Leota Quam</b>

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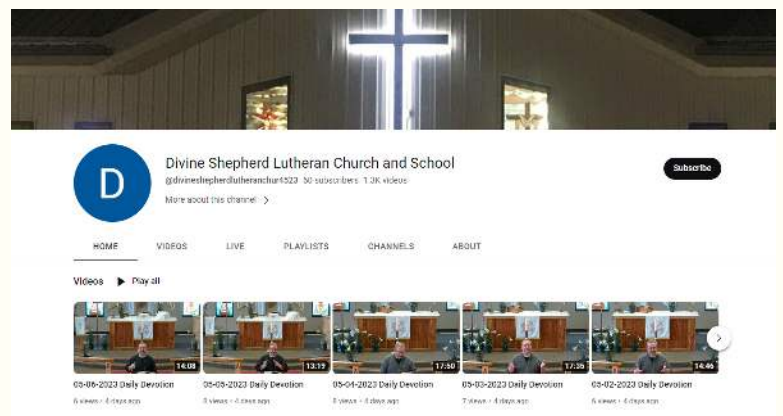
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Announcements can be sent to the office manager by noon every Thursday. Please email her at [dslcsecretary@divineshep.org](mailto:dslcsecretary@divineshep.org) or call **605-787-6438**.

Any information about church events and services can be found in the announcements that are handed out at each service as well as on our website: [divineshep.org](http://divineshep.org).

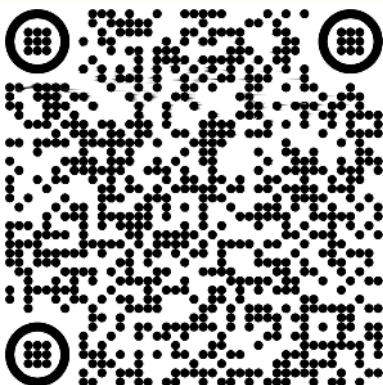
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# FEBRUARY & MARCH EVENTS

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## FEBRUARY

<p>19th &amp; 22nd</p>	<p>Volunteer at the Piedmont Food Pantry from 9am-12pm! Sign up at the church or notify Katie B in the office!</p>
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## MARCH

<p>22nd</p>	<p>Annual ECC &amp; Academy Legacy Banquet at Angel's Catering 5 pm-8 pm</p>
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Contact the Church & Academy Office Manager for Calendar Updates or Questions.  
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