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# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

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## Welcome Back

It's amazing that we are already embarking on a new school year. Everyone has been working hard around school setting up classrooms, planning lessons, and preparing for the students. I am looking forward to a great year of JOY-filled days!

## Forms

School families have a number of required forms to fill out and return at the start of the year. Thank you to the many families who have already completed this! It is a great help to our staff. Visit our website for a list of required forms. You may print out your own or request copies from the school or office.

## Soccer

Practices begin the first day of school. Reminder that practices are at the Lewiston Elementary School.

## School Lunch

Due to construction delays, the kitchen is not yet ready to prepare meals for students. That means during the first week all K-8 students must bring a cold lunch. A letter was sent home explaining all of the details. Please be conscious of following the guidelines for the lunches. Remember NO nuts or peanut butter!

## Morning Assemblies

All K-8 students will go to the gym as they arrive at school. Staff will provide supervision. Students may walk, read, study, or visit with friends. At 8:00 sharp, we will begin our days together with opening prayer and announcements before going to the individual classrooms.

## Afternoon Preschool

There are several openings for afternoon preschool. Please invite and encourage your friends and neighbors to send their child. Afternoon session begins at 12:30 pm and ends at 3:00 pm.

## MAP Tests

A big change this year is in our testing. We have used the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills for as long as I can remember. This year we are transitioning to a test produced by NWEA. MAP is Measure of Academic Progress. This test will be a great tool for teachers to improve instruction to meet individual needs of students. There are a number of great benefits to the test

- Web based
- Shorter testing time
- Scores correlate with skills
- Quicker results
- Measure of individual student growth

Teachers have been preparing for this through online training and a workshop at RCLS.

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## **Chapel Projects –**

### **First Quarter:**

Will's Aide Fund – Will is entering his 5<sup>th</sup> grade year at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Cullman, Alabama. Will has Muscular Dystrophy and is wheelchair bound. The school is facing a challenging situation as it is lovingly working to meet Will's physical needs as well as his spiritual needs through Lutheran education.

Military Project – Also in the first quarter, we will use chapel offerings to help support the Military Project through Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. This projects helps supply copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* and *Small Catechism* as well as other resources to chaplains and military personnel serving overseas.

**Second Quarter:** Tornado Relief in Pilger, NE

**Third Quarter:** Hearts for Jesus

**Fourth Quarter:** LAMP Ministries and Help at Home (our way of helping families right in our church and school community)

More information on future projects will be in upcoming Principal's Pages.

### **Magazine Sale**

Our annual magazine fundraiser happens during September. If you are interested in ordering or renewing magazine subscriptions, please contact one of the school families. New this year, we will also be offering a variety of photo related items to create personal memories for you. Students will have the information soon.

## **School Gift Registry**

We often have families ask how they can help support our school. First and foremost, we ask for your prayers. Pray that God blesses our staff with wisdom as they work with one another and with our students each day. Pray for our students that they may be excited to grow each day both intellectually and spiritually.

Some families like to do more and often want to purchase an item for classroom use. With the help of the website [www.myregistry.com](http://www.myregistry.com) our staff has put together a list of items that we would like to have for our classrooms and school. If you are so moved, visit the website and search for our registry under the name Immanuel Lutheran. Click on the non-profit tab and the link with our name. From there feel free to browse the list of requested items.

### **Dates to Remember**

Sept. 2	First Day of School!
Sept. 3	Parent Meeting 7 pm
Sept. 10-12	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Camp Omega
Sept. 9-23	Magazine Sale
Sept. 9	Soccer at Resurrection
Sept. 13	Cross Country at Winona
Sept. 16	Soccer at RCLS
Sept. 18	Soccer at Winona
Sept. 22	Cross Country at RCLS
Sept. 23	Soccer at Plainview
Sept. 26	Soccer at Lake City
Sept. 29	Cross Country at Game Haven (Rochester)
Sept. 30	Soccer Playoffs (Plainview) Mid-Quarter

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