

**CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY MINISTRY**  
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**MEMORY WORK:** We have three new stars who have completed their memory work since our last newsletter. Congratulate them when you see them and tell them how proud you are of them! They are:

SUNDAY: Luke Welk Kindergarten  
Brennen Kemmet 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

WEDNESDAY: Jared Honeyman 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Our teachers work very hard to help our students learn their memory work if the opportunity arises. There are even older students helping younger students on Wednesday evenings if there is time. However, it is difficult to spend the time with them that they really need because there is a lesson to go through each Sunday and Wednesday. ***Parents, we really need your help with this as we continue through our second semester of Sunday and Wednesday school.*** The memory work being learned comes from the Bible and liturgy that will be a necessary part of their worship and faith life for the rest of their lives. Three (3) of the required memory work pieces are included in Luther's *Small Catechism*. Those are The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, and the Ten Commandments. Wouldn't it be great if all of our kids could complete their memory work this year? Please take a moment to check with your child's teacher and/or superintendent and see if he or she still has memory work to complete. Mary Ann, Lazetta, and I would be more than willing and happy to provide you with a copy of what the memory work is. Let's all work together on this so our kids get their memory work done. Who knows, there may even be a special surprise for those classes who all complete theirs!

**WOOHOO AND YEEHAW!** Thank you to all of you who provided our Sunday and Wednesday school kids with donations in our soup pots on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, and to those of you who donated money through our Church office for Haiti. Because of your generosity and willingness to share in the ministry of relief efforts for Haiti, we will be able to send \$1295.51 to Lutheran World Relief. **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!**

Don't forget to walk over to the bulletin board behind the information desk and take a moment to look at our Church School information. On that posting you will find the dates in March that should be noted. Each month that information changes. The information has been put there so you can keep up with what is going on with our kids. Important dates and information are also included in our weekly Sunday bulletins for you. There are many, many dates in March that are noteworthy and are listed below:

**Sunday, March 14** no Sunday school [Spring Break weekend]

**Sunday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 24** kids sing at the 11:00 service  
and 6:15 respectively

**Sunday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 24** Dad and me day for dads and daughters.  
Dads, please join your daughters for worship and Church school on those dates.

**Sunday, March 28 and April 4, and Wednesday, March 31, no Church school**  
Enjoy the Palm Sunday and Easter holiday together!

**Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday** our Wednesday and Sunday school kids will participate  
in the March of the Palms. There is only one service at 9:30 a.m. that Sunday.

Parents, the Team of Education, Mary Ann, Lazetta, Pastor Larry and I would like to invite any one of you who would like to participate on our Team of Education to do so. You are invited to come and find out what we are planning for our kids, give any input and advice you would like to, offer suggestions, or talk about whatever is on your mind. You can be a part of our team and not serve as Team Chair or Council Liaison. The meetings are open to anyone, and you would all be welcomed. The meetings take place on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We'd all enjoy having you be a part of the Team!

**OUR OFFERING PROJECT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH** will be to raise money to purchase hens and chicks through Lutheran World Relief for women in Tanzania and El Salvador. This gift means eggs to eat, eggs to sell, and chicks to grow a flock. Help us empower women in these countries and give the gift that keeps on giving -- independence, sustainability and success. The cost of each gift is \$40.

BZZZZZ BZZZZ BZZZZ What's all that buzzing about? Our VBS curriculum has been chosen and is called "Planet Zoom." The characters bringing us the Bible stories this year are -- are you ready? -- BEES! VBS will be held from Sunday, June 6, to Thursday, June 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the evenings. So, get your bees all in a row and get ready to get buzzy with fun! Applications are available online at [www.lordoflifebismarck.org](http://www.lordoflifebismarck.org), or you can talk to me for more information. As always, volunteers are more than welcome, too! The best part? THESE BEES DON'T STING!

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**4<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YOUTH GROUP:** We will meet on Sunday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. at the Church to go sledding if the weather and conditions allow it.

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**OUR YOUNG FAMILIES' GROUP IS TENTATIVELY PLANNING AN ACTIVITY FOR MARCH.** Watch future bulletins for a date, specific time, and activity!

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Because our April newsletter comes out right before Easter Sunday, I'd like to offer this Easter game to you and your families now. It comes from the March/April issue of *Children's Ministry Magazine* and is called "Jelly Bean Walk." Whole families can play! Play this musical game with colored jelly beans to remind your family of the Easter message.

**The stuff you need:** Large, cut-jelly bean shapes in the following colors: red, green, yellow, orange, blue, white, purple, and pink. You'll also need a CD and CD player, individual bags of jelly beans with the same colors listed, and printouts of the color key that follows.

**Experience it:** Place colored jelly bean shapes in a large circle on the floor, one for each family member, minus one. Play the game like you do cake walk. You walk on the bean shapes until the music stops and one person is out. Continue to take away one jelly bean shape every round until one person is left. Afterward, give each member of your family a bag of jelly beans that includes all the colors from the game, along with the following color key to remind everyone that even Easter candy can help us all remember the true meaning of Easter. Color key:

<b>RED</b> = The blood Jesus gave	<b>GREEN</b> = The grass He made	<b>YELLOW</b> = The sun so bright
<b>ORANGE</b> = The edge of night	<b>BLUE</b> = The sins we made	<b>WHITE</b> = The grace Jesus gave
<b>PURPLE</b> = The hour of Jesus' sorrow	<b>PINK</b> = The hope in our NEW tomorrow	

\*\*\*\*\**God's blessings to you and your families during Lent and Easter! Sandi*\*\*\*\*\*