

GREAT START AT LSA – 2011 - 2012

God has blessed LSA in so many ways this summer. Here are a few blessings from the past 12 months:

- 9 new students; 4 from Warsaw, 1 from Sedalia, 4 from Cole Camp (16 non-members),
- painting the classrooms & hallways (LSA Student Council raised \$1,400 for the paint),
- sealing the parking lot,
- tuck pointing the brick work,
- P.I.E. purchasing Smart Boards & cameras for the classrooms,
- a \$5,000 donation to get a dishwasher and cleaning tables (we received \$10,000 last year to purchase a new refrigerator and freezer) for the kitchen,
- 3rd LSA Alumni Reunion celebrating 50 years of Christian education at LSA,
- The many hands that donated their time and talents to the above items
- and so much more.

We are sad that Ms. Sunderman has left LSA, but rejoice with her as God called her to be a junior high math and English teacher in Nashville, Tennessee. Even though we miss having an sixth full-time teacher, the LSA Board of Directors decided in May not to replace Ms. Sunderman's position. The Board of Directors did hire a part-time teacher to give Mr. Andersen administrative time with Mr. Mike Schwartz and hired Mrs. Angie Kollbaum as a part-time aide to help with the larger 1st and 2nd grade class. Like everybody during these difficult financial times, we do more with less, but are comforted God is in control.

Recently we were saddened as Mrs. Debra Eckhoff, our 5th and 6th grade teacher, became sick again. Last spring Mrs. Eckhoff became sick and spent a lot of time working with doctors to find out what may be wrong. Finally, the doctors narrowed down what they thought were the problems and Mrs. Eckhoff had surgery in July. Recovery went well and Mrs. Eckhoff's strength was returning. The first week of the school went well for her. Late that Friday evening of the first week of school, Mrs. Eckhoff's throat began to swell shut requiring a trip to the emergency room followed by a reaction 3 days later to the antibiotic she was prescribed. The doctors quickly surmised that Mrs. Eckhoff was antibiotic resistant, meaning the general antibiotics were not working and they were reacting to her body. The doctors also diagnosed her with being a carrier of strep throat and having a yeast infection in her throat all causing her to be very sick. The infection has to be controlled before surgery can be done, but antibiotics are out of the question. Rest and time will dictate when tonsil surgery will occur and the next course of action. All this as Mrs. Eckhoff's father continues to be gravely sick waiting to be taken HOME. At this time Mrs. Eckhoff will not be coming back to teaching. She does not want to be a carrier of any sickness (cold, flue, etc) to the children, nor does she want to get sick from her students due to her very low immunity. Please keep her in your prayers.

Our theme is "Securing Each Child's Future – Equipped" with our theme verse being: 2 Timothy 3: 16 – 17 **¹⁶ All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

We believe that we have a wonderful core of 87 students, 60 families, 5 teachers, 4 staff members, 1 part-time teacher, 1 part-time aide, 8 Board members, 3 Pastors, 3 Association Churches, many, many, many volunteers, a host of supporters and the reason we are here, **1 SAVIOR!** What a privilege it is to be a part of a wonderful place.

For 50 years LSA has provided Christian education for the families of Cole Camp. By working as an arm of our Association Churches, LSA has taught and will continue to teach the Word of God from the Bible as explained to us in the Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism. We teach confession and absolution of sins. We teach that we are not perfect, but we are forgiven. We teach "Christ-Crucified".

May God continue to bless LSA with another 50 years of Christian education for the people of Cole Camp and the surrounding communities.