Cougar Chronicle

October 6, 2026

Upcoming Events:

Wed Oct 7
8:15 am Chapel

Thur Oct 8
4:15 pm Volleyball vs. Lynd

Sat Oct 10
9:00 am Volleyball at MVL

Sun Oct 11
8 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Fire Prevention Week: This is fire prevention week. The theme is "Charge into fire Safety. Safe Charging is a Superpower." The Marshall Fire Department visited our school today to visit the preschool room and for fire drills as a part of Operation E.D.I.T.H. On Thursday the third grade students will have an opportunity to experience a smoke filled building in a safe environment when they visit a portable smoke house. Everyone is invited to an open house at the fire department on Thursday, October 8th.

MAP Testing: Standardized testing will begin next week. We will be using MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Testing which is done on the computers. Just a reminder that with these tests, the questions gradually get harder or easier depending if students answer correctly or incorrectly to try and give a better indication of where each student is at academically. Each classroom will be staggering when they take the tests to fit each classroom's schedule. Our testing window is through Friday, November 6. Our hope is that this will allow enough time to generate results that can be shared with you at parent teacher conferences on November 12 or 13.

Parent Vs. Kids Volleyball Game: To wrap up the Cougar volleyball season we'll hold our parents vs. kids game the evening of Monday, 10/19. B Team kids and parents will begin playing at 5:30 PM, A Team will follow at around 6:00, and we'll plan to eat around 6:30 PM. Families are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share and pizza will be provided. See you there and thanks for a great season!



October Birthdays

Quincie Goracke-5
Walter Wyffels-6
Cameren Rieke-13
Jace Gorter-17
Kyllian Groeneweg-22
Herbert Wyffels-23
Ava Berg-24
Jade Sieber-26
Adaline Timm-27
Mrs MacArthur-28
Bria Lindstrom-29

Scholastic Book Fair: Samuel Lutheran School will be hosting it's annual book fair, October 20 - 22. Times are: ***Tues., Oct. 20 – 2:00 – 8:00PM, Wed., Oct. 21 – 1:30 – 6:00PM, and Thur., Oct. 22 – 2:00 – 7:00PM.*** Proceeds from the book fair make it possible for Mrs. Paxton to add several more books to our school's library.
Students have the opportunity to use ewallet. Please use this link to assist you https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/samuellutheranschool

1. Sign in or create a new Scholastic account
2. Choose "Create an eWallet"
3. Select "I'm a parent…"
4. Add funds and/or invite family and friends to contribute

You may also use this website to preorder the latest Dog Man #15 book as well as Diary of a Wimpy Kid #21.
I can't wait to see you and your child at the Fair!
Thank you! Mrs. Ellingson

Book Bingo! Families of children in grades PreK-2nd grade-- please join us for Book Bingo on October 20th from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Samuel Cafeteria. All students will leave with a small goodie bag. Winners will receive a FREE book! Bring a family that isn't enrolled at Samuel and earn and additional bingo card! All students must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are encouraged to help their child/children play. The Samuel Book Fair will be open during and after the event. Doors open at 5:45pm. Use the link to let us know you are coming. Hope to see you there!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSde-HdOthgekW6IT-nXXNUR6VVyRSpEIBQd_tLWIRCO0Mcx6g/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Help Wanted: We are still looking for help with our Before and After School Care Program. After school would typically be from 3:00-5:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 2:00-5:30 on Wednesday. Before school would start at 7:30 and hours could vary. We can be flexible in terms of which day(s) you would like to work each week. More hours are possible as well if that is your preference, either in the morning or afternoon. Just reach out and we can work with your schedule! If you enjoy working with kids or would like some experience with ECC or childcare, this would be a great opportunity! If you or anyone you know would be interested in working in our Before or After School Program please contact either Mrs. Martius (smartius@christinmarshall.org) or Mr. Fredrickson (jfredrickson@christinmarshall.org).

No School: There will be no school on Thursday and Friday, October 15-16 as our teachers will be attending the Minnesota District Teacher's Conference in St. Paul.

Pioneers: Pioneers will kick off our 2026 season with pumpkin carving/decorating and some fall games at Samuel Lutheran School on October 18th from 1-3 PM. Please text Wendy at 507-530-4402 by October 13th if you plan to attend so I can make sure to have enough pumpkins.

Pumpkins: Preschool is looking for pumpkin donations for some fun fall activities in the classroom! If you have extra pumpkins you'd be willing to donate, we would be so grateful. Small to large, any size or shape will do. Contact Sarah Martius 507-401-6448. Thanks

Cougar Wear: For those of you interested in ordering Samuel Lutheran Cougar wear, Borch's Sporting Goods has set up an online store for us. Please follow this link to the online store and you can make your selections and then pay online: https://samuellutheranapparel26.itemorder.com/
New items have been added so be sure to check it out!
*If your student will be participating in cheerleading this year, part of the uniform is a white cougar t-shirt. There is a Gilden brand t-shirt in this online store that is available for you to purchase in youth sizes.

Trunk or Treat: The school, congregation, and Marshall community are all invited to participate in our Trunk or Treat event. It will take place on Saturday, October 31st from 12:00-2:00 PM in the Samuel Lutheran School parking lot. Please feel free to share the information for this event with friends and family! We welcome all to come take part in a fun, Halloween activity. If you would like to help in any way (decorating a trunk and handing out treats, candy donation or decorations) please contact Mrs. Martius smartius@christinmarshall.org and let us know!