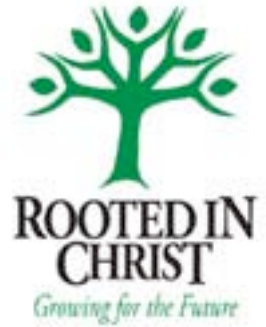


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The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.
(Deuteronomy 31:8)

Final Test

As we close out the 2004-05 school year this week, I'd like all of our students, especially our graduating class, to consider one more final exam. ("Arrrrrgggg!" scream the eighth graders. "No more Tests, please!")

Relax. On this final exam there are only 4 questions. When you compare that to the 200,000 or so questions the average 8th grader answers by graduation time, it's a pretty short test. Yes, this is definitely a test an 8th grader at St. Matthew's can pass, although I think I'm safe in saying most 8th graders in the U.S. would flunk the test. Here are the questions.

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| Q: Who am I? | (look up John 1:12) | |
| Q: Where did I come from? | (look up Ps. 119:73) | |
| Q: Why am I here? | (look up Matthew 5:16, 28:19) | <i>Answers on last page.</i> |
| Q: Where am I going? | (look up Revelation 2:10) | |

Parents, why don't you use this as a short Bible study with your family this summer. See if they can give you the answers without even looking up the passages. Then look up the passage and discuss the answer it gives.

Graduation and Closing Service

Tomorrow night is the final official gathering of St. Matthew's School families this year. At 7:00 p.m. we will join in a closing worship service for all children and their families. This service will also be when we hand out diplomas to our graduating 8th graders. A special reception for the 8th graders and their families will take place in the church basement following the service.



Parents, we will also be handing out report cards right after the church service. The teachers will be in their classrooms following the service to hand out the report cards (8th graders will receive theirs in the church basement).

Lost and Found

The lost and found table is out for one final time in the entryway of school. Please take a look to see if any of the clothing belongs to your son or daughter.

Pre-registration Forms Due

Pre-registration forms were sent home last week. Each family should have received one. If you didn't receive a form, please contact the school office right away. Pre-registration forms need to be in by the end of the week!

Individual Voice Lessons Offered

Many of you know Josh Wendt, a member of our congregation, who is a senior at Martin Luther College, our teacher training college. Last summer several of our students took individual voice lessons from Josh, and he is willing to give lessons again this summer. Josh is also planning on giving piano lessons over the summer. His lesson charge is \$10.00/half hour. For more information, you can call Josh at 262-370-1984.

Schedule for the Week

TODAY 5/25

- Grade 8 to Chicago
- Grades 5-6 to Miller Park
- Pre-Kindergarten Entertainment Night - 6:30

THURSDAY 5/26

- Graduation / Closing Service - 7:00 (Pick up report cards afterwards)

FRIDAY 5/27

- Last Day of School (Dismissal at 11:00)
- PreK to Riverside Park
- Kindergarten Graduation - 10:00



Answers to "Final Test"

Q: Who am I?

A: a child of God

Q: Where did I come from?

A: God made me

Q: Why am I here?

A: let my light shine / make disciples

Q: Where am I going?

A: crown of life / heaven

**The First Day of School
Next Year is:**

Monday, August 29!

BIRTHDAYS

Angela Goessner (5/26)

Abigail Monis (5/26)

Joseph Dovník (5/28)

Teagan Richman (5/28)

Garrett Neumann (5/29)

Brandon Olson (5/31)



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St. Matthew's Lutheran School exists to make disciples for the Lord's kingdom through Christian education, assisting parents in the training of their children as we grow in God's inerrant Word, serving and glorifying Him.