
2020-21 SCHOOL REPORT

Grace Lutheran School started off the 2020 calendar year with much anticipation of a fun winter and spring. Enrollment was at 17: five kindergartners; three 1st graders; one 2nd grader; two 3rd graders; three 4th graders; one 5th grader; two 6th graders; and one 7th grader.

The staff included Ellen Bergstrom (part-time and co-principal), Janelle Hein (grades 3-8 and co-principal), Pastor Hein (morning devotions and grades 6-8 Catechism instruction), and Heidi Nelson (grades K-2).

On January 22, we went Stages Theatre Co. in Hopkins where we saw the production of *The Dot*. In January we also began preparing for our first ever Bible Fair. The lower grade room was writing about Bible stories and the 3rd-7th graders were researching hymn writers. We began preparing for singing with the Immanuel Tour Choir and for our annual Palm Sunday concert. We also had two students who were excited to play in the annual CLC grade school basketball tournament. The basketball tournament came at the beginning of our spring break and after that the school year came to a crashing halt with the Covid-19 shutdown. Sadly, none of the things for which we were preparing were able to take place.

By the grace of God, the teachers and students were able to continue school with a mix of parents picking up weekly work and with internet communications. It was not an ideal situation, but we made it through to the end of the school year.

We were able to begin in-person school on August 31 with several precautions in place. We started the school year with 22 students and we added one more student in September. Of the 23 students, 11 were Grace members and 12 were non-members. The school routine was very different than we were used to, but everyone was thankful to be back to school, and for the most part everyone was able to adjust. There were no fall field trips, no singing in church once/month, no Teachers' Conference, no singing at Northtown, and the Christmas Eve service was limited to Grace members only.

Our staff for the 2020-2021 school year was unchanged from the previous year. Our volunteers included Connie Ahrens, Anita Bergstrom, Sue Anne Kirkham, Rick Nelson, Sue Nelson, and Barb Sydow. It is our continued prayer that the LORD would continue to bless our efforts as we proclaim HIS word to the young souls entrusted to our care. We are thankful that in this ever-changing world, our LORD remains unchanged.

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! Psalm 46:10 – Janelle Hein, Principal

