

Dear School Families,

March 15, 2011

There really isn't too much to report this week as once again our board meeting is later this week on Thursday. However many important decisions will be made at this meeting.

The **faculty and staff committee** will make its recommendations as to the faculty candidates at this Thursday's meeting. Once that has been approved and voted on, we anticipate contacting the teachers by next week as to faculty placements for next year. We cannot issue contracts or calls as not all of the congregations have voted on the final budget yet. Once that happens, we will gladly give out calls and contracts. We hope to have all of the congregations voting by the end of the month. We continue to hold discussions about our administrative candidates. We had one more interview this week, and look to make that decision by the end of March also.

The **academic committee** will bring up our dress code and school calendar for a vote on Thursday. They are still having discussions about sports and other extra curricular activities. We are trying to keep everything as it was as much as possible so that a sense of familiarity can continue for both campuses. However, there will be some changes. Just remember, change can be good, especially if we are all working toward the goal of helping our children be successful in all their endeavors.

Remember to pick up your enrollment packet from your school. The enrollment committee was out at both the east and west sites this past Saturday taking pictures for a marketing brochure. Additionally, we would like to work with the parent-teacher leagues from each school to set up a parent meeting at each site in April to discuss all that has been and will be happening. A board representative will be contacting the league presidents shortly.

Remember, the logo contest ends this Friday! Get those logos into your teaches by this Fri., March 18.

The **finance committee** met last week and is working on how best to get financial aid to our families. We are looking to CLEF (Chicagoland Educational Foundation) for some funding and are looking at other sources as well. They are working on application forms for financial aid and how best to spread out the funding we will get. If you know anyone who might be interested in donating to Lutheran Unity, please have them contact a Lutheran Unity board member.

Congratulations to Messiah who voted last Sunday to go ahead with the consolidation! To God be all the Glory!! Our Saviour will vote this coming Sunday and we anticipate a vote to come soon for St. Paul.

Finally, we are glad to report that St. Paul voted to issue a call to a pastor from Texas this past Sunday. This congregation has been in our prayers these past months as they have given careful consideration to the call process. We continue to pray for St. Paul as they await an answer from their candidate.

Once again, if you have any comments or questions, or if you feel that you may be able to help us with contacts for our various committees, please email me at dgrim58@sbcglobal.net. We would be glad to hear your input. Please put consolidation in the subject line.

Blessings,
Caryn Grim