

awaiting **A PROMISE**

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Spring. I've heard it described in many different ways. I recently shared a creator's video on social media where it was humourously described as winter's hangover, a disappointment, and nature's broken promise. As I look around at the dirt covered snow piles filled with garbage, mud everywhere, and wake up to cool snowy mornings, I can't help but agree. Until I take a more thorough look around and realize that couldn't be further from the truth.

Spring is a season filled with promise. The buds on the trees promising new leaves. The birds' songs promising warmer weather. The flash of green in the daffodils fighting to break through the cold earth promising beautiful flowers. Warm spring sun promising long days filled with summer warmth.

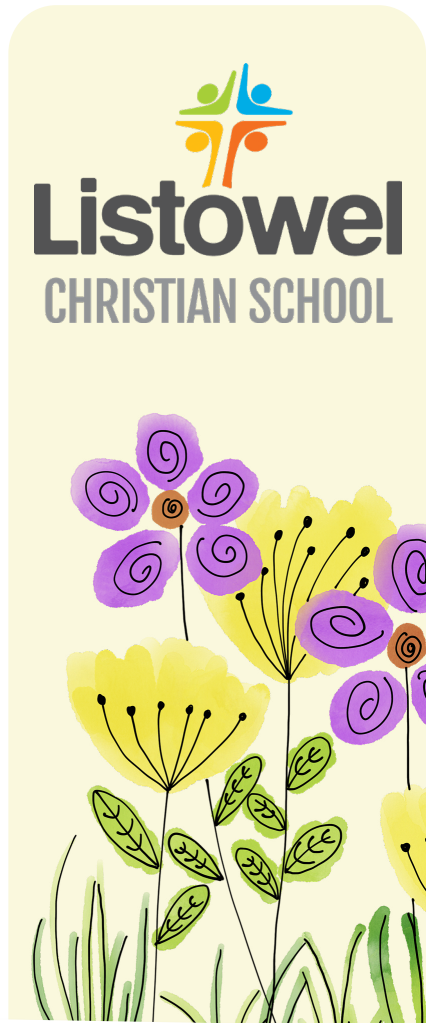
As I write this & think about the promises of spring, we are heading into Easter and I am currently reading through the book of Joshua. Joshua is full of stories demonstrating the fulfillment of a promise that God gave to faithful men many years before. As the Israelites crossed the Jordan to conquer the land of Canaan, most of their actions resulted in the fulfillment of that promise - to live in the land flowing with milk and honey. God came through on his promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Easter reminds us of the fulfillment of another of God's promises. Not only does God promise Abraham that his descendants will possess Canaan, he also promises that "all people on earth will be blessed through [him]" (Genesis 12:3). He gives this promise several times to Abraham throughout his lifetime (Genesis 18:18 & 22:18), and mentions the same promise to Jacob as well (Genesis 28:14). While the promise of the Israelites possessing Canaan came to fruition in a 'short' half millennium, the promise of blessing all the people on earth took a little longer.

Jesus is the follow through on that promise given to Abraham thousands of years ago. Jesus' death and resurrection conquered sin, blessing all the people on earth. Galatians 3 tells us that "those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham" (v. 9) and "there is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female, for [we] are all one in Christ Jesus" (v. 28).

A couple thousand years after that first Easter, we continue to wait on the promise of God. We eagerly await the return of Jesus for in John 14, he said "I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." The Bible is full of God's promises fulfilled. There is nothing to suggest that the long awaited Messiah won't some day return, just as He said!

So as we look around at the messiness of spring, remember that it is the sign of a promise fulfilled - winter is over and new life is coming. And that sometimes a promise is worth the wait. Jesus sure is!



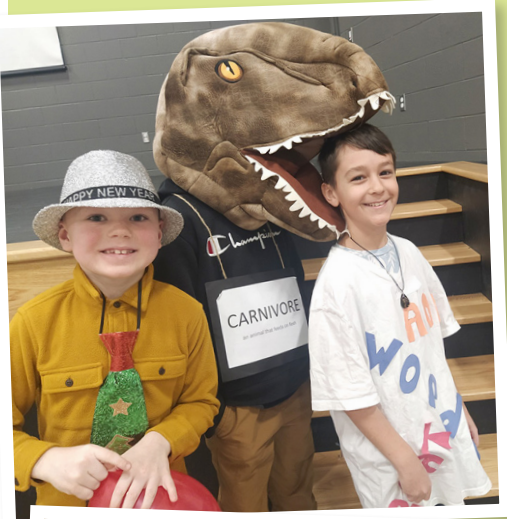
The artwork featured in this issue has been submitted by the Junior Kindergarten and Grade 2 classes.



ABOVE: Marking 100 days into the school year in style.

BELOW: "Dress as a word day"

BOTTOM: Reading in PJ comfort

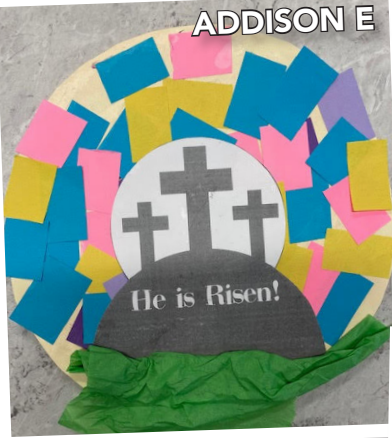


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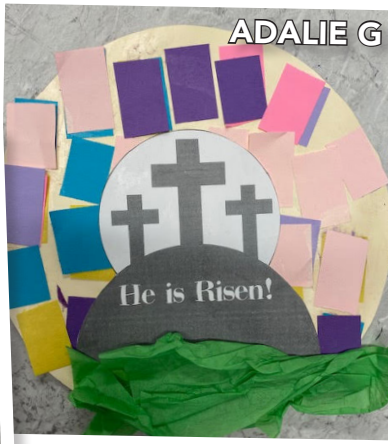
LCS students put on a special program on Grandparents Day telling the story of Joseph with a modern twist. Thanks to all the volunteers and staff who helped make this happen!



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INTRODUCING THE Wagler family

Hi, we are Charlie and Janelle Wagler, parents to twin boys Kody and Tyson who are in grade 2 at LCS. After a couple years at Palmerston Public we decided to make the switch to a Christian school and have been so grateful we did.

We live in Palmerston and have for 13 years. Charlie works for Wallenstein Feedmill driving truck and does construction work on his days off. I am a service advisor at Leslie Motors in Harriston.

We attend Trinity Bible Chapel in Waterloo, which is a big part of how we ended up at LCS since they strongly encourage a Christian education for children. We have seen a huge change in our boys between the public and Christian education system and are excited to continue seeing growth in them.

Kody and Tyson love sports and have just completed another hockey season, which they never get tired of. This is also the first year they have actually enjoyed school, aside from JK which ended at March break in 2020.

We'd like to thank the LCS community for being so welcoming and for your patience as we navigate through what has been a big change for all of us.

BOARD *report*

This report is being written in March and the weather is gloomy on this particular day. I am sure I am not alone in looking forward to warmer weather and all the newness that Spring has to offer. The Board, as a whole, is looking forward to a few activities and changes that will be happening in the coming months. The board members and LCS staff and spouses will be gathering for an evening of socialization later in April. Board members have been meeting with staff during the month of March. The timing of these interviews will allow for discussion within the board before the end of the year. Something else that is upcoming is the changeover in board members as 3 members will be completing their terms later this spring. Myself (Michelle Burgsma), Melanie Meinen (Vice Chair), and Stacy Vidic will be leaving the board. We have carefully and prayerfully considered nominations for their replacement, keeping in mind the skill sets that are being lost with outgoing members.

At our monthly meetings, we continue to focus on

financial stewardship, policy/procedures, COO oversight, and strategic planning. These areas guide a large portion of our discussions and work as a team. We are thankful that Theo VanderGaast is back to regular duties in his role as custodian and grateful that Ed was able to find substitutes to fill in while he was off work.

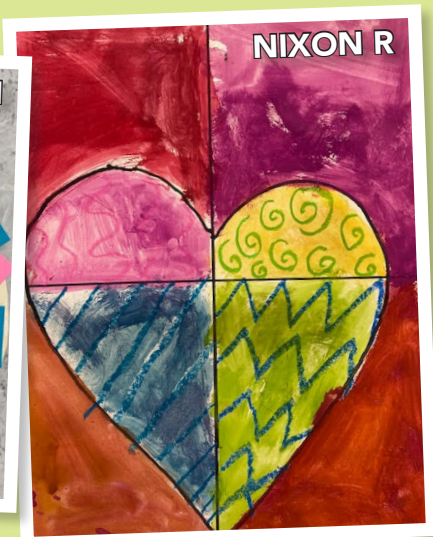
This community really is amazing. The success of the auction and gala is proof of how our members and supporters come together to work towards common goals. Kudos to the fundraising team for all the hard work and long days put into these events. God continues to provide for this school and there are so many ways that we see this each day. The board remains committed to helping to steer the school towards growth and stability with God's guidance and grace. We continue to seek the support and prayers of the LCS community..

In Christ,
MICHELLE BURGSMAN
LCS BOARD SECRETARY



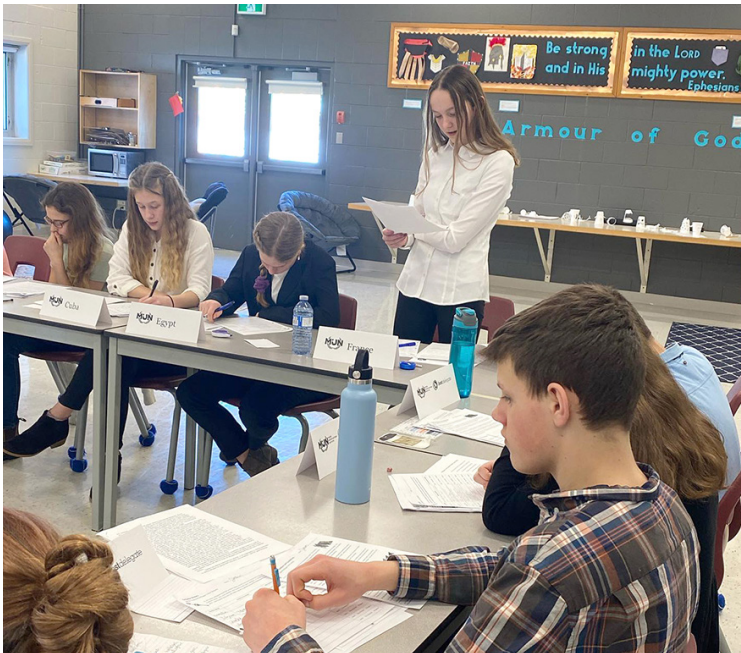
*school
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From dressing up, to Model UN, to playing with connector sets - students have fun while learning and thinking outside the box.





INTRODUCING THE *Wideman* family



Thank you for welcoming us to LCS, we are grateful to be part of this community. Dwayne works in the machine shop at an automation company in Waterloo, and Bev spends her time at home and enjoys connecting with others. Logan (6) is in Grade 1. He loves Lego Club, Secrets of the Hidden Scrolls book series and recess. Benjamin (5) enjoys nailing, sawing and hammering different projects made out of wood. He is excited to attend LCS in the fall. Madelyn (3) likes to play house and create. We are praising God for his faithfulness to LCS throughout the generations, and for the commitment of the LCS staff and volunteers. God is using LCS to show his love to our kids and our community.





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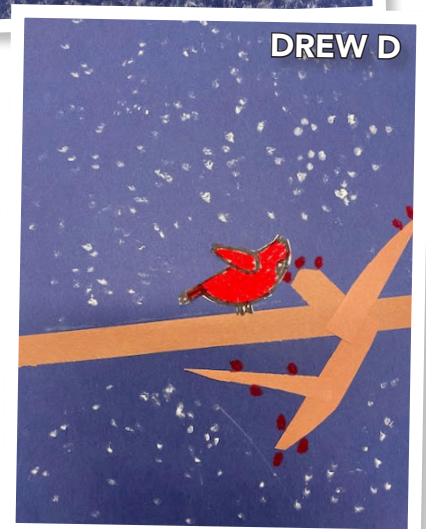
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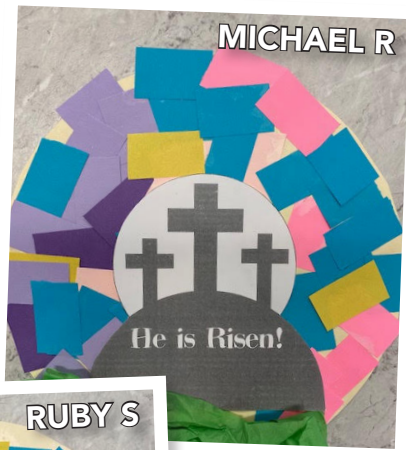
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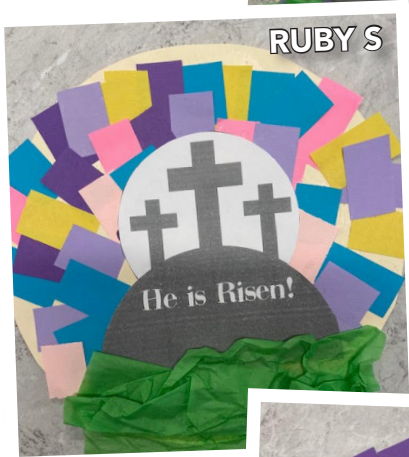
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INTRODUCING THE *Lacasse family*

Hi, we are the Lacasse family, Kyle, Melissa and Blake. We live just outside of Listowel. Blake turned 5 in October and started SK in September at LCS.

Blake is a busy little boy. He loves being outdoors, swimming, skating and playing with all sorts of toy vehicles, especially monster trucks.

In the summer as a family we enjoy pool days, fishing, and just spending precious time together. In the winter we have fun snowmobiling, playing in the snow and skating on our outdoor rink that Kyle sets up.

Kyle grew up in Southampton and attended Southampton United Church. I, Melissa, grew up on our century family farm just outside of Listowel and attended Calvary United Church. Together we were attending Calvary Church until recently we have started at Harriston Seventh Day Adventist.

Kyle is a partner at Knapps Shoes and Clothing with his brother-in-law, and is busy operating the store. I, Melissa, own Anastasia's Fashion Boutique. Once we had Blake I decided to take some time away from my store. I've been absolutely blessed to have been able to spend so much time with him. Now that Blake is in school I will be back to the store a little more.

Neither Kyle or I attended a Christian school growing up, but so much has changed over the years, we knew we wanted Blake to have a Christian education. With a lot of thought and prayer, God guided us to LCS. Our friends Chris and Melissa Stege had their boys at LCS and have always had wonderful things to say about the school. After asking many questions and attending a few LCS open houses we knew LCS was the answer.

We are very happy so far with our decision, everyone has been so kind and welcoming. We've met some wonderful families and friends who have really made us feel welcome and included.

Blake is adjusting to school, he comes home excited sharing his day with us. Blake has loved meeting all his new friends and he absolutely adores his teacher, Mrs. Heida.

We really enjoy being a part of the LCS family and hope to get to know many more of you. We truly feel blessed to have found a school like this, who puts Christ front and centre. Thank you LCS and all who make this school happen.

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

EDUCATING CHILDREN
WHILE NURTURING
FAITH IN CHRIST TO INTERPRET
AND IMPACT GOD'S WORLD



READY, SET, GO!

Off to the races at
Track & Field



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- THURS. JUNE 15** - District Track & Field
- MON. JUNE 19** - SK Graduation
- WED. JUNE 21** - Grade 8 Graduation
- FRI. JUNE 23** - Last Day of School



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