

THE COMMUNICATOR

Guest Editorial— submitted by an LCS Supporter

My Redeemer lives!

Spring, my favorite time of year! It means the end of winter!!

I love hearing the birds in the morning and seeing new life shooting up from the earth. The days are getting longer and I don't need all the layers of clothing before going outside. It is a new beginning, a fresh start of another growing season.

It is the time of year in which we remember the crucifixion of Jesus.

"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8)

There is no greater love than that! Christ died for me!

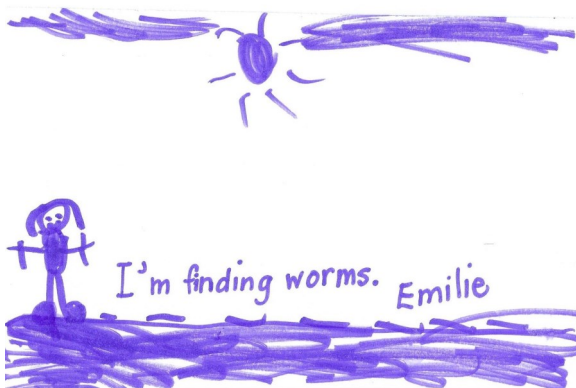
"In Him we have redemption, through His blood the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with Gods grace" (Eph 1:7)

Just like spring, I am made new!

Not only once a year, but every day, God will forgive my sins as long as I accept Jesus as my Savior. I can start over, again and again.

A new growing season every day. But we have to keep in mind that nothing grows by itself; we have to feed our spiritual lives by feeding it with daily devotions, bible reading, prayer, and staying in touch with God our creator.

Lets remember and lets celebrate that He is risen from the dead. He lives!



In this edition, please enjoy the Spring pictures created by Junior and Senior students.



The Board of LCS has been meeting on a very regular basis. In fact, over the last four weeks, they have met three times. A few times this year, when meetings were required over one agenda item discussions and decisions, we have met through Google Hangout, an online meeting format where everyone can simultaneously communicate visually and verbally. That has been interesting and effective for short meetings.

One of our Spring tasks is to find new Board members. With the resignation of Jim Thalen, Andrea Bootsma has agreed to fill his term which has one year left. We are very excited about those who have allowed their names to stand for the LCS Board and look forward to enjoying their gifts. Those nominated are: Daniel Angst, Arnold Bosman, Larry Robson, Jill VanderWier and Rich VanDonkersgoed. The vote will be for three new members and we wholeheartedly endorse all candidates.

We are thankful for the small committee who reviewed and edited our constitution, prepared it for lawyer's approval and now have it ready for the membership to approve. It was a big and important task and it is good to have it completed. In the fall we will vote on this document and when we do, we require all members to be present. We will inform you when that meeting will be.

The budget process is also a very intense time. The Finance Committee creates the initial budget proposal but there are always a few variables the Board discusses that impact the final budget and tuition amount. This year, prompted by the consultant we met with, we are committed to not only reviewing our expenses and cutting costs, but also reviewing our income and trying to attract more families. A new committee was struck called "Welcome to Christian Education", to investigate opportunities to help families overcome the initial shock of full tuition. We await their proposal.

There is no doubt the near future looks exciting. At the same time, it comes with a significant work load and many meetings. Please hold the Board members up in prayer as they seek to follow God's will for LCS and serve Him.

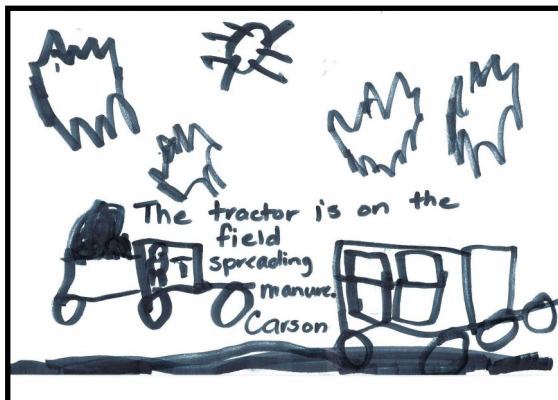
- Christina Benjamins, Acting Board Secretary

Spring Auction Update

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everybody who took the time to attend the LCS Spring Auction last Friday. It was great to witness the inter-generational, community support for LCS.

With your help, we raised approximately \$30,000. Thank you to everyone who contributed donations and/or services and also to those who bid on them. Once again, the auction was a rewarding experience.

THANK YOU!!



Listowel Christian School Membership Meeting Monday April 24, 2017

- 7:00 Refreshments are served
French Café served by Grade 7-8 students
Menu includes coffee and crepes
- 7:30 Regular meeting begins
Topics include:
Approving the 2017 – 2018 budget
Voting for new Board members
Revealing a new LCS website
- Presentation of the Facility Enhancement
- Follow-up
Special voting meeting on Monday May 15, 2017

We cherish your input and support.

School Theme: Go Fish!

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” Matthew 4:19

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT—

Spring, Easter and LCS – New Life!

As we enter the Spring season, we also enter the season of Lent and prepare for Easter. Easter is a humbling time when we realize that Jesus died for our sins, my personal sins. How humbling to think that he loves us so much, loves me so much, that he endured the cross for us, for me. Wow, how humbling and yet how energizing it is. Because of his sacrifice, I am encouraged to live for Him, share His story, and proclaim His victory. The Easter story is empowering.

Spring and Easter are also times when we reflect on new life. In the resurrection of Jesus, we have new life – eternal life! In the Spring season, we anticipate the new life of nature; the grass breathing its green life, the trees blossoming in the new life of leaves, and the fields covering the bare ground with the new life of the fall's potential harvest. The warmth of the air and the brightness of the sunshine encourage us in a new spirit to enjoy the outdoors more than we did in the coldness of the winter. This new season of Spring and Easter offer us optimism to serve another day.

There are good reasons to be optimistic at LCS (the Community of Character trait for March was optimism). It remains a very exciting place to be. Every day we have the opportunity to interact with wonderful children, teach them new things, and nurture them socially, emotionally, physically, academically, and spiritually. Wow, what a task and yet, with a great staff, we see progress on all levels. We also interact with parents and LCS supporters at functions like the auction which are more reasons to be optimistic.

Spring is also a time for us to look forward to new things at LCS. Spring is a time of staff transitions. We have several teachers leaving us again this year: Ms. Van Rooyen is leaving to live in Jarvis with her soon-to-be husband. Mrs. O'Boyle and Mrs. Wright will be taking one year maternity leaves and Mrs. Koersen is finishing her contract but will also be having a baby this summer. There is optimism for a healthy Kindergarten class in four years! Each of these teachers have been a wonderful blessing to the students and staff at LCS as they each invested their gifts into our lives. They will each be missed, even if it is just for a year for two of them. To fill the voids, we have added staff as well. Mrs. Vogel will be returning from her maternity leave. And finally, we hired two new staff members for next year: Mrs. C. Claus and Ms. Zorgdrager. We feel very

For
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John 3:16



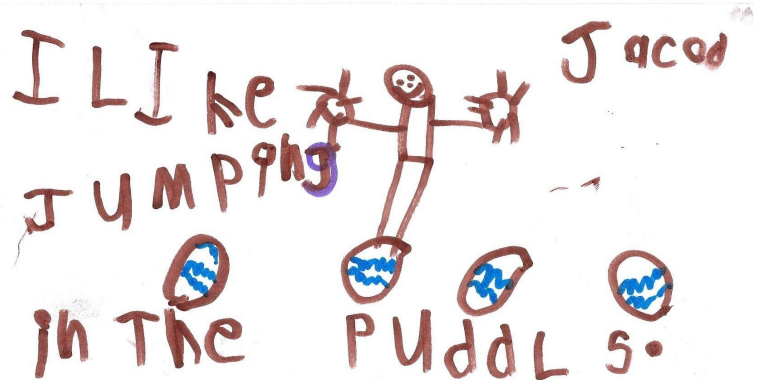
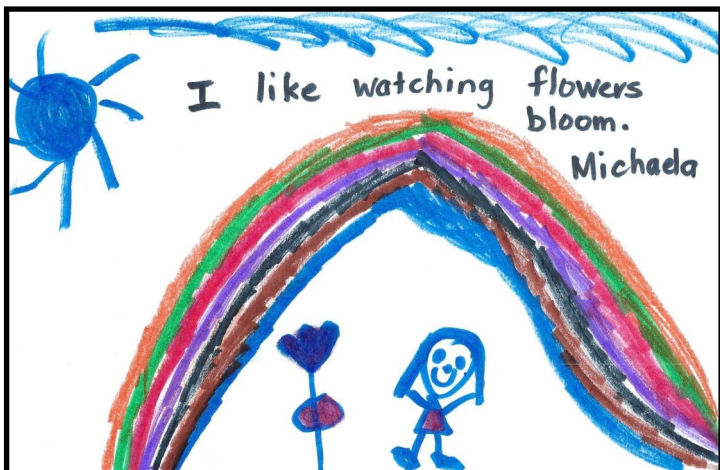
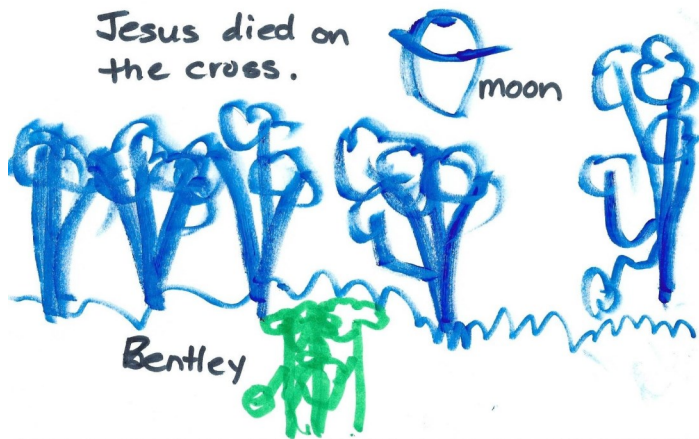
The Grade 7-8 class re-enacted a medieval combat complete with shields, masks and swords. The noodle swords made it a safe activity!

Spring is also a time where we search out new families. This year there has been a significant level of interest in our school with many calls or emails of inquiry. At the time of writing, we already have six new families either registered for next year or have promised their registration. There are a few more potential families and we interact with them regularly. We are optimistic that our student body will reach 130 students again next year.



For me, the people part of the school is the most interesting and rewarding. Inviting new families and serving current families brings daily excitement for me. In order to continue to promote our school so we attract those people, we have initiated a few promotional opportunities. We hosted the Listowel Ministerial meeting and provided the breakfast to create working relationships and awareness of LCS within the Listowel churches. Next year we will expand our audience to all pastors in the area LCS serves. We also created an advertisement that will be displayed on reusable shopping bags coming out this summer from Shoppers Drug Mart and we are continuing our sponsorship of the Character Run. And finally, we upgraded our website (come to the Membership meeting to see the website revealed). This Spring is exciting as we observe new things happening at LCS to encourage new life.

As the weather changes and Spring breathes new life into creation and the Easter celebration of the resurrection breathes new life into us as Christians, so does the excitement of seeing God use His people to breathe new life into LCS. God has blessed us with great people to work with, interact with, learn from, and be blessed by and He continues to provide new people during times of change. Because of Him, there is optimism at LCS.



LCS ACTIVITIES



Assemblies: We worship together and participate in devotions. Here, the Grade 1-2 re-enact Luke 5: 1-11 and the SK and Grade 1-2 students lead our singing with actions and .



With Spring weather comes indoor recess times. Students love them but don't ask the teachers about them.



Left: Art class—a masterpiece in the making.

Centre: Pajama day and snuggling up with a good book before March break.

Right: Ski day—where are the brakes!!! It looks easier than it was.



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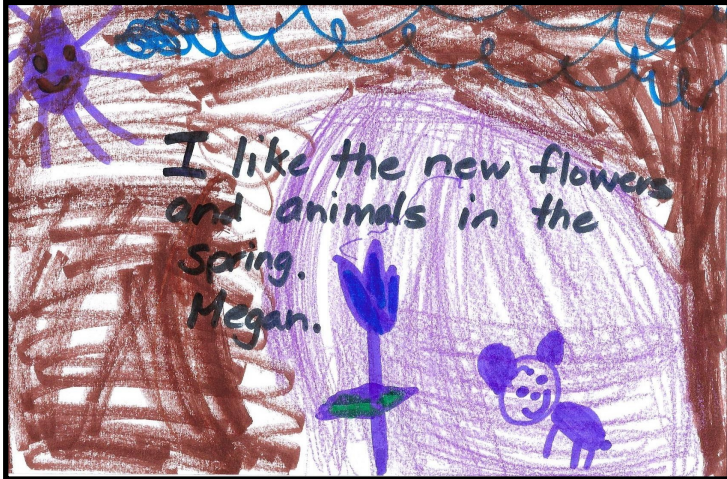


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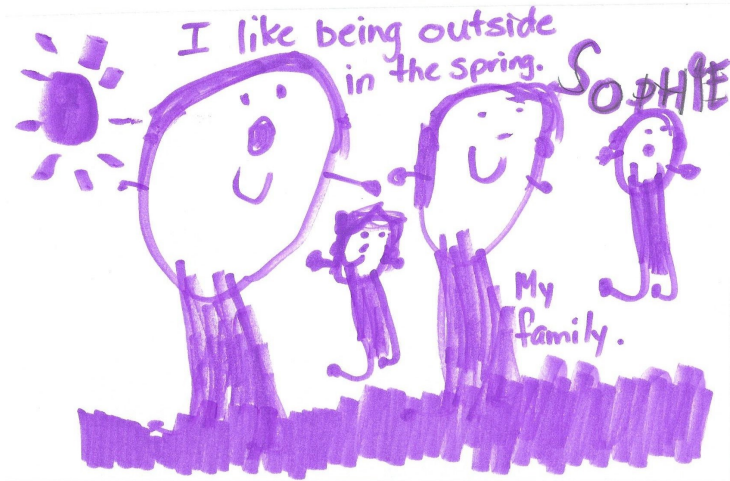


I like the new flowers and animals in the Spring.
Megan.



Andrew

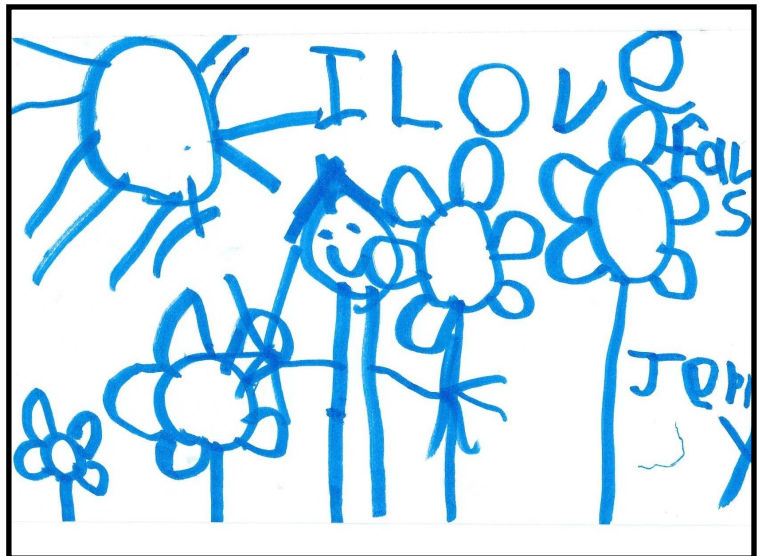
I like to play in the mud.



I like being outside in the spring.

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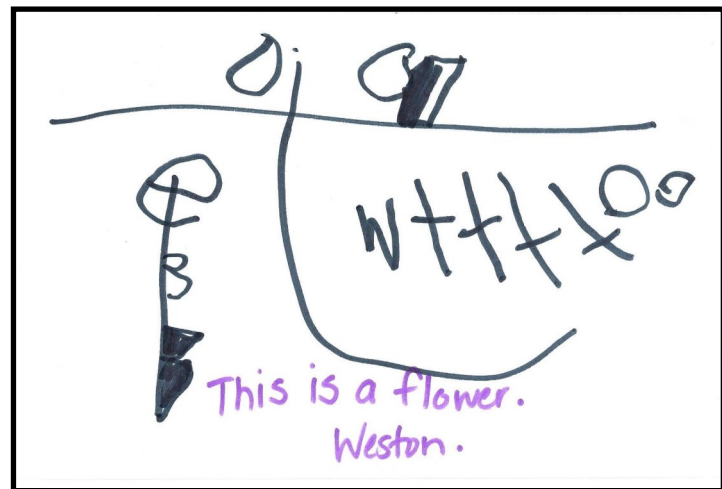
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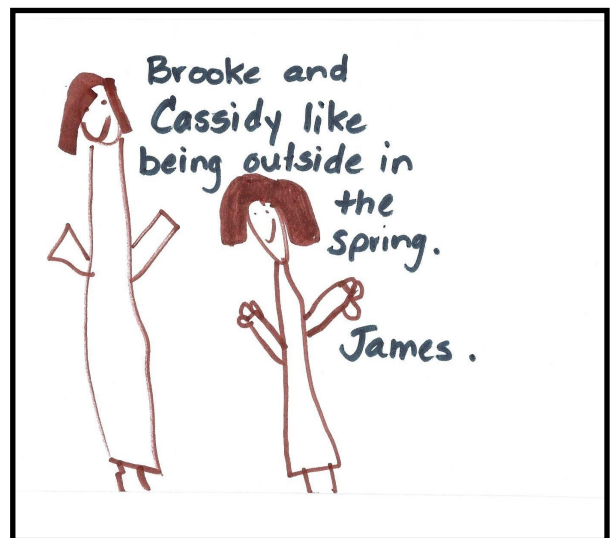
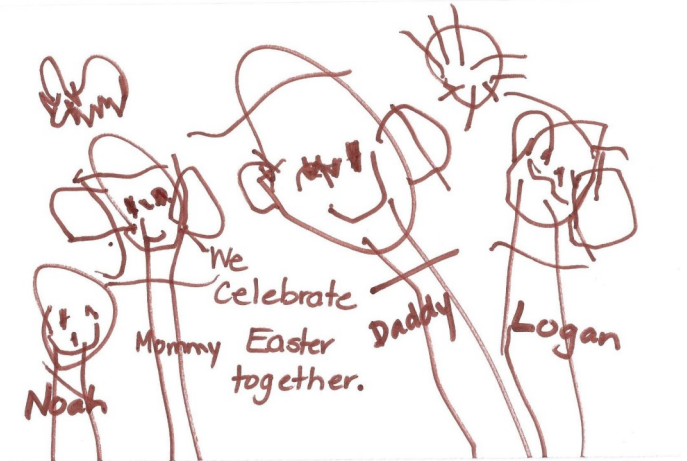
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Mission: LCS is a growing elementary school through excellence in Christian education in a nurturing environment supported by a diverse Christian community.

Our vision is that the vibrant community of Listowel Christian School will expand its relationships with the broader community through engaging our students in educational endeavors which puts their faith into action.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The fundraising committee is looking for individuals who could assist us in organizing the annual golf tournament scheduled to take place on May 27 2017. We could really use your help, especially if you have experience with golf tournaments. Please contact the school or a committee member if you are willing to help us out.



**LCS Annual
Golf Tournament**



Saturday, May 27, 2017



Thank You



New: "LCS Buy and Sell" on Facebook, a place where you can sell your stuff and donate money (all or part) to the school. Please search for this group if you haven't been added yet and, of course, then invite all your family and friends! If you post an item for sale and more people reply as interested, the first one to reply "interested" gets first in line. If you sell something you can send the money to the school office in an envelope marked: "LCS Buy and Sell".

Gift Card Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who purchases gift cards! Gift cards can be pre-ordered on a monthly basis.

Order forms are available from the school office (office@listowelchristianschool.ca) or by contacting Martine (519-275-1236).

Thank you for your continued support!

Upcoming Events

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| April 24 | Spring Membership Meeting |
| April 29 | Spring Clean-up of LCS grounds |
| May 1 | Christian Education Assembly |
| | Carnival fundraiser for EduDeo |
| May 2 | Celebration of Learning |
| May 4 | GrandParents and GrandFriends Day |
| May 15 | Special Membership meeting |
| May 19 | LCS Track and Field |
| May 27 | LCS Golf Tournament |



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