

THE COMMUNICATOR

Thankfulness....

By Sophie Lise

This is the time of year when thankfulness becomes an item to discuss and to decorate and even a holiday to spend with family and friends. Thankfulness is something that we are even called to do. God requires it and in 1 Chronicles 16:8 it says “give thanks to the Lord and proclaim His greatness. Let the whole world know what He has done.”

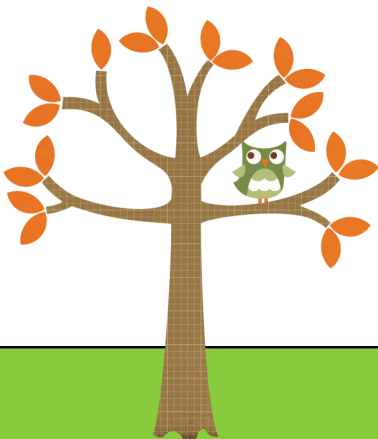
This fall there has been a lot of change in our household in regards to our 3 children. Our oldest 2 have moved out and are attending post secondary schools and our youngest started Grade 9 at LDSS. This was the first year in 16 years that we have not put one of our children on the Listowel Christian School bus.

As the first day of school approached I couldn't help but feel a little torn about how to feel; sad, happy, a little lost or maybe a touch old 😊. LCS has been a huge part of our lives for so many years. Our family has been richly blessed by being a part of this LCS community.

Looking back over our time at LCS, we as a family can't help but be thankful. Thankful for a Christ centered and faith filled education. Thankful for staff members who not only educated our kids, but also loved them.

Thankful for the students who have become our kids' life-long friends. Thankful for an environment that encouraged and challenged

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One Month in and Lots to be Thankful for...

By Ed Boelens

Nine months ago we started planning for September. As soon as the middle of January hit we began to access our staffing needs. By February we were asking families to commit. In March and April we started to hire new staff. For the next few months we continued to plan by making budgets, class lists, bus routes and ordering supplies. We took a break for the summer but finally September arrived. I am always thankful that after the first month all the planning, prayer, and anticipation has resulted in a smooth beginning to the school year. There are many reasons to thank God for the blessings He has showered upon us at LCS.

We are thankful for our staff. This year the twelve of us are working together to develop and re-develop a great working environment by caring for and supporting each other. We have three new staff members joining us this year. Mrs. Van Den Boogaard is an EA helping out in Kindergaden, Ms. Zorgdrager is teaching grade 1, and Mrs. Claus is teaching Grade 2-3. They have each already shared many of their gifts of teaching and passion for students with us. Saying nine months earlier on this article reminded me that we are thankful for the three staff members from last year that all had healthy babies: Mrs. O'Boyle, Mrs. Wright, and Mrs. Koersen. Each of these little babies are gifts from God.

We are thankful for the many families who have chosen LCS for their children. This year we added nine new families and we have 61 families in total. These families bring 134 students to LCS which makes for a very full school. We are very thankful for the support that our families provide to their children and to our staff – words of encouragement and a partnership to educate each child.

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I have loved you"
John 15:12

aspects of our kid's personalities. Thankful for many, many people who we get to call friends because of our connections here at LCS. Thankful for the committee work which also challenged and caused us to get out of our comfort zones, this then allowed for accomplishment and joy. This list could go on but it gives you a sense of what we feel, what we can give thanks for. LCS is not perfect but it is filled with beautiful people; created by God and loved by God.

As we look to the future of LCS how can we not have a thankful heart? Thankful that all the pieces have fallen together for a new school building. Thankful for the effort of all those who have been involved in this process. So thankful for a successful Capital Campaign (still gives me goose bumps when I think about it). Thankful for the past generations who loved LCS and have brought it where it is today.

As we look to the excitement of a new building may we always be always be filled with thankfulness and love for who we are as a school and a community. As I close my little ramble may we look to Colossians 2:7 which says "Let your roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him. So you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all He has done."



We are thankful that we can center our school year around a Bible verse and Christian theme. Our focus this year is from John 15:12 where it states, "My command is this: love each other as I have loved you". On the surface it sounds simplistic, everyone just love each other. However, we all know it is more difficult than that. We are discussing how to love the person beside us who just broke our crayon or said something mean to us. We are challenged to love someone who makes it difficult to work with them, picks on us, or makes fun of us. We are challenged to love as God loves us! God's love can be described as unconditional and eternal. We are learning to love others, not because they deserve it and not because we want something in return, but simply because God asks us to. They deserve to be loved because they are created in God's image. We also know that God's love is eternal. It never wears out, it never stops. That is another challenge for us – not just loving others when it is easy but also when it is hard. Our little tag line is *Nurturing Community* and we feel that if we learn more about love and practice it, we will nurture a wonderful community at LCS.

Even though every day I give thanks for LCS when I go to work, Thanksgiving is a time to reflect a little deeper on God's gifts. Thankfully when I consider them all, there are too many to fit into a small article.

bushels of fun

The artwork you'll see throughout this edition is from Mrs. Heida's Kindergarten classes.

"The ABC's of Gratitude"



Board Report

By Christina Benjamins



It's been an historic summer for the LCS community! After the decision by the membership to purchase the former Central Public School, our "Forward in Faith" capital campaign launched mid-June. Campaign team members and canvassers got right to work visiting donors and carried on through the summer months. On August 4th we were able to announce that we had reached our minimum go-ahead goal of 85% of funds raised. As of this printing we have raised 96% of our total goal of \$2.7 million and continue to work towards reaching 100%. This campaign was done in a short time, over the normally quiet summer months, and right after a supporting church's building campaign. Despite all those challenges it has been a success. We are so thankful for God's blessing on our work and all the glory is His. We are thankful to the entire Board for their commitment through additional meetings and big decisions throughout this process.

The Board is back on a more regular schedule and moving ahead this fall with final preparatory steps for closing the purchase of Central. We look forward to this year of working with the Building Committee as well as enjoying the last year in our current building.

Another item of thankfulness is for the upcoming completion of the constitution review. We thank Garth Bierma, John Greydanus and Ralph Bakker for their commitment to seeing this document be updated and for their wisdom in the proposed changes. This has been on the Strategic Plan for some time and now we are able to complete the task. Remember to review your copy of the constitution and the changes and attend one of the question periods on October 18 if you have questions.

Finally, please join us for our Fall Membership Meeting on Monday November 20th.

We are ever mindful that we stand on the shoulders of those who have served before us and we are grateful for this dedicated school community. We appreciate your prayers and support as we continue to move "forward in faith".

Note to self

Our upcoming Membership meeting is a very important one. We will celebrate the Forward in Faith Campaign, vote on our proposed constitution, and hear about the work of the board and staff at LCS.

**Our next meeting will be
Monday November 20th at 7:30pm.**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

LCS Staff for 2017 - 2018

Mrs. Marlene Heida.....	JK/SK
Ms. Jane Zorgdrager.....	Grade 1
Mrs. Christy Claus.....	Grade 2-3
Mrs. Tanya Delleman.....	Grade 3-4
Mr. Pieter Katerberg.....	Grade 5-6
Ms. Liz ten Brink	Resource,
.....	Grade 7-8
Mrs. Janelle Vogel	Music,
.....	Grade 7-8
Mr. Ed Boelens	Principal,
.....	Grade 7-8
Mrs. Bonnie Jones	EA
Mrs. Pam Baarda.....	EA
Mrs. Julia Van DenBoogaard	EA
Mrs. Rita Ann Feenstra	Administration
Mrs. Erin Hollinger	Custodian

Communicator Layout Designer Needed!

If you are creative and enjoy designing promotional and communication documents, then we have a volunteer opportunity for you! We are looking for someone to take all the articles, announcements and pictures of a Communicator issue and create a attractive communication document. If this is your interest and skill, please call the school to volunteer.

The Country Craft Bazaar News

What is the Bazaar?

ba·zaar /bə'zār- a fundraising sale of goods, typically for charity.

That's what *Google Look Up* will tell you. But the annual Listowel Christian School Country Craft Bazaar is so much more. It's a yearly event that is more fun raising than fundraising. There are games that the kids play (and adults too), a large variety of crafted items made by our talented school community, Christian books, beautiful plants, flowers and Christmas centerpieces, and baked goods to make your mouth water. Oh, and let's not forget the food. The bazaar food is hot, tasty and very affordable and what's better, is that you can enjoy it with friends. As you enjoy your meal, you're bound to sit next to someone and strike up a conversation in no time. Catching up with friends you haven't seen for a while or making new acquaintances is unique to our bazaar – I think that's why the coffee is free, you'll need a second cup!!



New this year: First is the date change. Lord Willing, **Saturday, November 25th from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm** is the new date. Mark that on your calendar immediately. The second is the venue. After each bazaar we hear comments and suggestions on how things have gone. The discussion of venue comes up frequently. This year we have weighed and weighed each pro and con and have decided to host the bazaar in the school. Some of the classrooms will be transformed into fun zones (not that they aren't fun already) and the gym will be a hub of activity. Parking will be available across the street and the halls will be decked and adorned.



Another new feature this year is a **painting workshop** hosted by Mary Slotegraaf. Mary will walk you through step by step to paint a masterpiece that only you could create. The workshop is guaranteed to be enjoyable and educational.

Back by popular demand are the **Toonie Jars**. Fill your jars and send them to the school. Fill a regular empty jar with items such as packs of gum, candy, small toys, marbles, pencils, hot-wheels cars, Lego, hair accessories, electric tape, small hand lotion - you name it. Toonie jars will be available in the Bazaar "Toy Store" but there's a catch. You can't just choose what jar you want to buy. You pick a number and you get a jar associated with that number. It's great fun and surprising.

Your help and donations are needed. The bazaar is not at all possible without your gen-

Don't forget to.....

- ☑ Volunteer for a shift in the **games, kitchen, baking table, toy store** or any where else you like.
- ☑ Bring in your donations of new or gently used toys.
- ☑ Look over the **Grocery List** and see what you can donate.
- ☑ Tell your friends and family. Bring them along with you for a wonderful time of fellowship and shopping!!
- ☑ Contact Karen at 519-357-3357 or krylaarsdam@hotmail.com for more



Saturday, November 25th, 2017 in the Listowel Christian School



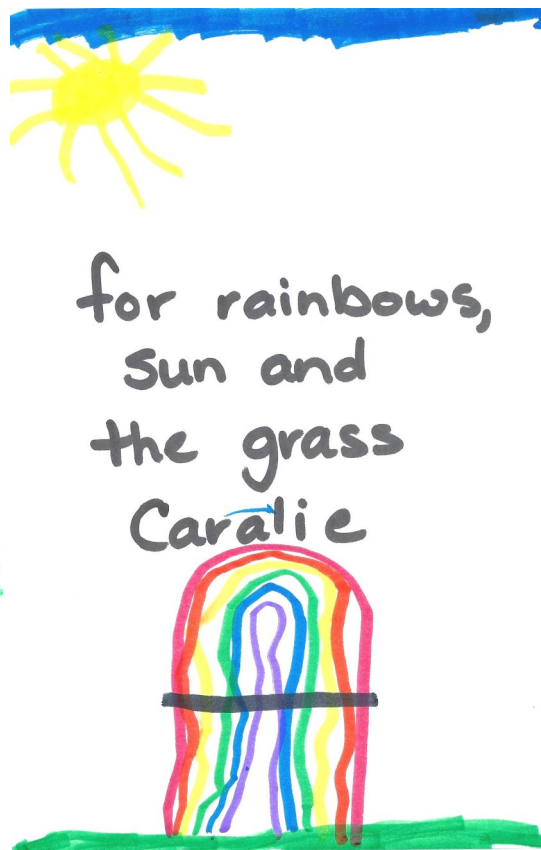
Activities at LCS

Early in September: The grade 7-8 class went outside as a part of their Bible class. They were praying over the burning away of their fears and worries.

Tuesday October 3: We had a Thanksgiving Assembly which included singing. Worshiping and listening to our students sing is a real treat.

Wednesday October 4: We had our Thanksgiving lunch. What a great sight of everyone in the gym eating together. I loved seeing the Grade 7-8 students share a table with the Senior Kindergarten students. As we were provided food we also brought in food to support the Farm Credit Canada in their Drive Away Hunger Food drive.





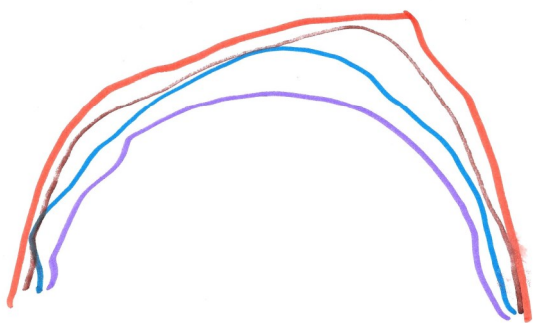
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I am thankful for Papa and the baby



a rainbow Jadon



I'm thankful for rainbows
KYLEA



a rainbow

Darren



a rainbow

Blake



a rainbow

Georgia

Introducing the KIMS

A warm welcome to the Kim Family! Andrew, Christine and their three children: Erin, Annie & Hannah are originally from Seoul, Korea. The Kims now join us from Indonesia where they are tribal missionaries in the Asia Pacific area. Currently on a home assignment, they are living in the Listowel area.

Andrew and Christine enjoy learning new languages, exploring different cultures, and making relationships with those around them.

They homeschool their children while overseas, spend time helping at the Ethnos training centre and teaching the Word to the locals in the Asia Pacific. Andrew really enjoys playing soccer, reading, and exploring the outdoors. Christine also loves to read and study and be outdoors. She also enjoys playing piano and singing with her family.

The Kim family is part of the Bible Chapel in Listowel where they are involved with the young people at church and enjoy sharing their lives with their supporting churches. LCS came recommended by their friends at the Bible Chapel.

Erin, Annie, and Hannah are really enjoying being a part of Listowel Christian School. Erin is enjoying grade six at LCS. She loves to read books, write in her journal, play sports, do karate and sing. She also plays piano and the violin. Annie is in grade three and loves to tell stories (mostly funny ones), dream about her future, run outside, draw princesses, play violin and piano and dance to music. Hannah is in Senior Kindergarten this year. She loves to sing, dance, color, do crafts, and help Christine with everything. Recently Hannah fell in love with caterpillar hunting.

We are glad the Kim family has joined us and we look forward to hearing more about their life experiences in different countries and how they have showed God's love to others.



I am thankful for school!





Activities at LCS

Team Events: Our Grade 7-8 class will be leading the team events this year. We decided on team names along the theme of Disney Sidekicks. The team names are: Abu, Mater, Flounder, Pascal, Olaf, and Meeko.

Terry Fox: We participated in Terry Fox activities. Events included Four Square, Basketball, Soccer Kick, Running, and Refreshments. Students brought money in to support the Terry Fox Foundations. We raised \$400—that was amazing!

Soccer: Our teams practiced through the month of September and had their tournaments on Thursday September 28. The girls were coached by Mrs. Struyk and Ms. Zorgdrager and the boys were coached by Mr. Katerberg. Both teams competed hard and had fun.

Cross Country: Our Cross Country team has been running twice a week in preparation of their two meets. They compete Thursday October 5th and Thursday October 12th. The team is coached by Mrs. Delleman.

Pie Day: And who can forget Pie Day. The gym is full with bags of apples, pails of dough, boxes of pie filling, supplies of gloves and hair nets, pie plates, apple peelers and peeling knives, and eager volunteers. By the end of the day they will turn it all into 74 pie shells, 283 apple pies, 154 strawberry rhubarb pies and 279 apple crisps and a good fundraiser for the school.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

October 9	Thanksgiving Day
October 12	Cross Country Meet in Brantford
October 18	Town Hall meetings (Constitution). Meetings at 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
October 20	Constitution questions are due.
October 23	LCS Information Night
October 26—27	Edifide Teacher's Convention No School
November 6	Calling All Three Year Olds 1:00—3:30
November 17	P.A. Day (No School)
November 20	Fall Membership Meeting
November 25	Bazaar at LCS
November 27	Report cards go Home
November 30	Volleyball Tournaments Parent Teacher Conferences
December 1	Parent Teacher Conferences No School
December 7	Grade 8 Day at Woodland
December 19	LCS Christmas Program 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
December 22	Christmas Holidays begin (3:15 p.m.)



Introducing the Teeninga family.

New to LCS this year are Yolanda, Peter and their children Landon and Kenzie. They live in Wingham and attend Maitland River Community Church.

Yolanda grew up in Wingham, attended Lucknow Christian School, and then F.E. Madill SS. She did her Undergrad at Calvin College and graduated in '04 with a BA in Geography. She is a municipal councillor for the Township of North Huron and currently works for Compuxcel based out of Mississauga.



Yolanda volunteers as a Sunday School teacher, GEMS Leader and the Safe Church Coordinator. She also has coached soccer and baseball and will be one of the trainers for her son Landon's hockey team this year.

Peter grew up all over, but settled in Drayton with his family and attended Woodland Christian High School. He works at Maitland Welding and Machining in Wingham and begins his Millwright Apprenticeship in 2018 at Conestoga College.

Peter is a Worship Leader at their church and has coached soccer and baseball for their children's teams.

Landon is 8 and in Grade 3. He enjoys playing with Lego, science, and building things with his Opa Ritsema. He plays hockey, soccer and baseball. He is loving school so far.

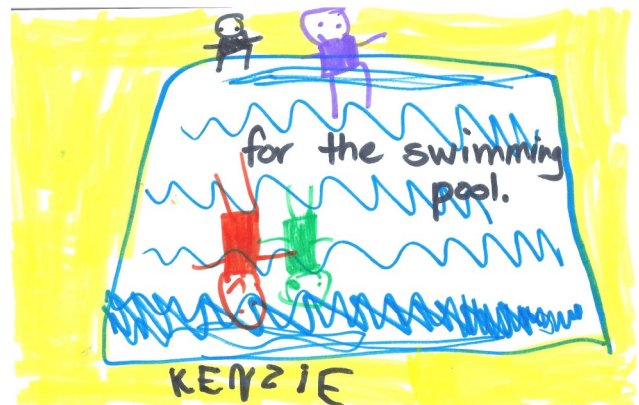
Kenzie is 5 and in SK. She likes to colour, play dress up, and bike. She plays soccer, baseball, and ballet. She enjoys her days off school at Mrs. Jenny's and baby Malcolm's. She loves going to the library and reading.

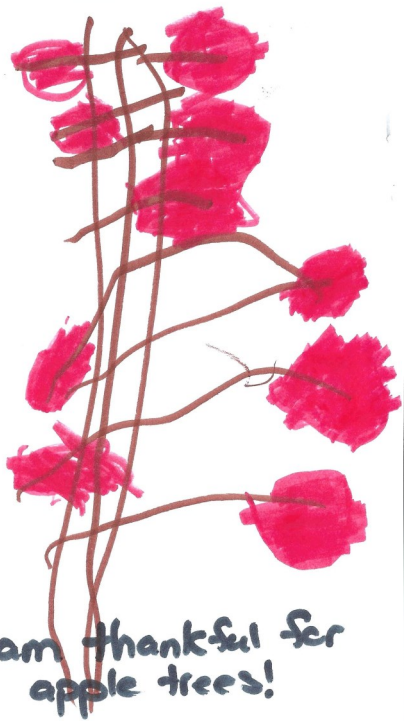
Julio is their exchange student from Spain. He is 16 and attends FE Madill SS. He will be coaching a youth basketball team in Waterloo on Saturday's. He is a straight A student.

When asked what brought them to LCS this was their answer:

"We are very glad that we choose LCS. It was the right move for our family. Both Peter and I have attended Christian schools and feel the foundation and education we received were excellent. We are very pleased with all aspects of the school thus far."

Welcome to Listowel Christian School!





I am thankful for
apple trees!

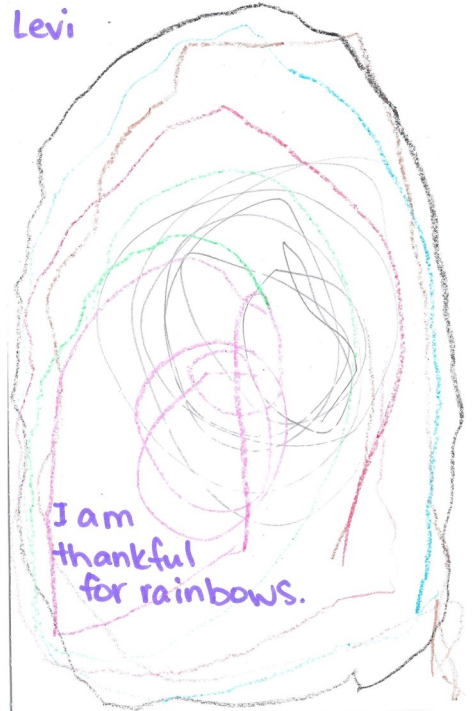
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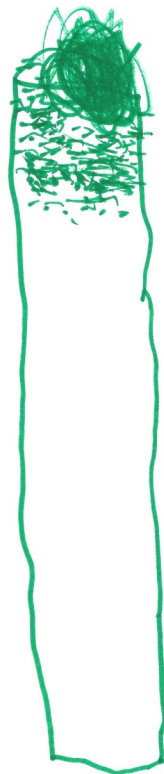


I am
thankful
for rainbows.



rainbow

Carson Savannah



an
apple
tree

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I am thankful for my family!

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I am thankful for a pump!

Trey

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.

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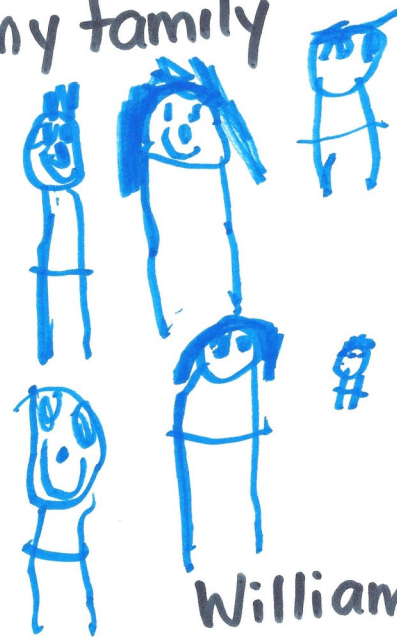
I am thankful for Mommy and trucks



tracing hand
Jake



my family



William

John



my family
and the pool.



a rainbow

Jaelyn



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