



EAGLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter for East Linn Christian Schools



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Learning to Share with Those in Need

Krista Wolgamott. Preschool Director

During the last few weeks, the Preschoolers have been learning what it looks like to share our abundance with our neighbors in need. Preschoolers learned about food insecurity and what it meant to be hungry, and then worked together with their families to bring non-perishable food and hygiene products into school to share with our community. Then a few volunteers from St Edward's food pantry came to collect the donations, and will distribute them to families in need. The kids helped load them into the truck. Our goal was to bring in 245 items but we collected over 460 items! Way to go Preschoolers!!

8TH GRADE HEALTH SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT

Megan Eddy, Academic Advisor



During our mental health unit this semester, my 8th grade students, on their own, chose to help support East Linn Christian family staff and student health by creating this chaplain managed prayer box.

Thank you to DeWayne Larsen for donating the box and to the Manner family for donating the material and labor for the sign on the box. Chaplain Jon Bartlow will check the box of prayer requests regularly.

SPORTS UPDATE

Kenny Gerig, Athletic Director



The East Linn Christian boys basketball season ended with a couple of tough losses at the State tournament in Pendleton. The Eagles opened with a contest against the defending state champion Western Christian Pioneers. After charging out to a 25-9 lead early in the 2nd quarter, the Eagles struggled to score the rest of the game and dropped a tough 37-40 contest putting them in the consolation bracket where they lost 46-62 to #1 ranked Mannahouse Christian. East Linn had a number of players earn all-league honors. Cole King was 1st team, Elliot Nofziger and Chayse Beachy were 2nd team, Heath Nichol and Tanner Israel were honorable mention. Chayse Beachy was the Defensive Player of the Year and was joined by Heath Nichol on the all-defensive team. On the girls side, Josie Gruerud was 2nd team and Brooklyn Garber was honorable mention. Josie was also on the all-defensive team. Congratulations on a great season!

Spring sports are underway with a total of 63 high school athletes and about 50 middle school athletes competing in track & field, baseball, golf, and softball. All contests are listed on the East Linn athletics calendar as well as the game changer app. Track & field schedules can also be found on athletic.net. Varsity and JV baseball schedules can also be found on osaa.org. Baseball and softball schedules are subject to change with the Oregon weather and I will do my best to keep them updated on all the apps and websites.

THEATER CLUB PREPARES FOR SPRING SHOW!



The Theater Club is busy working on backstage costumes and props for their upcoming show! The name of their show is "The Great Fairy-tale Mashup" and was written by the theater club!

If anyone has a truck or trailer that would be willing to help transport sets, costumes, and props to and from Valley Life for the show in May, please email Ms. Holt, sholt@eastlinnchristian.org



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Jon Bartlow, Chaplain

Do you have some 'current event' or 'political' concern that really irritates you, and for which you think the answers are obvious? Of course you do, and you are not alone. One that really bugs me is 'climate change.' As a former science teacher I have spent a lot of time studying the subject and often find myself irritated that those who cry loudest seem to promote nothing that would really make a difference. The combination of this and the irrational propaganda such as pictures of the earth on fire (literally) make it hard for me not to scoff openly at the hypocrisy. If that weren't enough, my nearly 62 completed years have witnessed no meaningful change in weather patterns as winter turns to spring and the kids start playing baseball, softball, and running track; unless a brief fear of global cooling in the mid 1970s is figured in. Many disagree with me strongly and that's okay. You may have pressing concerns in another area and wonder how it is possible to make a difference as a Christian. Maybe it is secure borders, the prevalence of prescription drug abuse, growing atheistic globalism, rampant social inequity, pervasive anxiety in youth, or even the current scare we are all hearing about with the failing banking system in the news recently. Whatever it is that draws your ire, there is no end to the fear we could take hold of and run screaming for someone to fix things and protect us from be it in nature, human tribalism, or just the abundance of existential uncertainty we feel.

None of our concerns are a surprise to God, and even the worst of them He already has in hand. With climate change, the silly earth on fire pictures parallel with God's ultimate judgment when he says he will destroy the earth by fire (2 Peter 3:7). But this should not scare the faithful follower of Christ because the Bible also says that for as long as creation lasts "seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter... shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22). That's a promise we can count on amidst the fears the world brings.

The same can be said of the almost ubiquitous pedaling of uncertainty and fear in our day. We have examples in the Bible with men who opposed prevailing culture, listened to the voice of God, and made a clarion call for a better way. Joseph preserved the security of God's people as well as pagan Egypt when he interpreted Pharaoh's dream and presented a plan to overcome widespread famine in the ancient world. Daniel persevered when he stood against the pagan politicians of his day who sought his life and reputation by persuading the king that all who worshiped anyone but him should be devoured by lions. And Nehemiah petitioned the king on behalf of God's people to rebuild and restore that which was in disrepair. ([Read More Here](#))

2023 ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

Julie Lara, Auction Chairman



Our largest fundraising event of the year is quickly approaching and we are still in need of auction items!

How can you help?

We are currently seeking donations of items for both our live and silent auction.

Item Procurement - During our Live and Silent auctions we typically offer a wide variety of items and services. Here's a list of some [donation ideas](#) and past year's best selling items to help you get started! It's best to procure things that you would like to bid on at an auction. If you like it, chances are someone else will too! **The deadline for receiving auction items is end of school day on Monday, Apr 17, 2023.**

When approaching a business or an individual about a donation it is best to be ready to tell them about our organization and what auction funds will go towards.

Here's a [donation request letter](#) that you can use when soliciting. You can also direct businesses to our [school website](#) or our [2023 Auction website](#) for more information about our event!

We also have table sponsorships still available!

Auction sponsors - Auction sponsorships are available for \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,500 & \$600. Here is a [helpful document](#) that you can use when approaching a business or individual about becoming a sponsor.

We are so grateful for those who faithfully support our ministry. Our nearly 460 students have the opportunity to learn and grow in a Christian environment every day because of the generosity of our ELC families, staff and local community!

If you have any questions or would like to help with our event in another way, please reach out to auction chairman Julie Lara at jlara@eastlinnchristian.org or give us a call at 541-259-2304.

TEACHER FOLLOWING GOD'S CALLING

A message from Miss Strait regarding her call to step away from East Linn this spring.

Dear middle school parents -

Proverbs 3: 5 - 6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Sometimes God works in mysterious ways, and we do not understand. Even so, we must full heartedly trust in the Lord and lean on Him for understanding, especially when we do not quite yet understand.

In everything we do, we are to submit to the Lord, and His call on our lives.. and that is what I am doing. I do not quite fully understand, but I do know He is calling me in a new direction. I am sad to leave East Linn. I have loved every moment here! But, as a Christian it is very important for me to trust in the Lord and his calling on my life, even if that means leaving a place I love.

I want my students and colleagues to know that I have made the decision to move on to the next step of my life. I want you to know that you will be missed and prayed for everyday, you are all such incredible individuals and so LOVED BY GOD. If I have taught you anything, let it be that my deep hope was always "That you realize your home is Heaven, your best friend is Jesus, and on Earth you are just a traveler." I hope you always follow after Jesus and answer His call on your life!

~Miss Strait

ELEMENTARY QUARTER DRIVE FOR LAUNDRY LOVE



We recently learned about the Laundry Love Ministry and the 3rd grade students really wanted to do something to help people who are homeless, because the Bible says Christians should help the poor.

Our elementary school, organized by Mrs. Nichol's 3rd grade class decided to hold a quarter drive! They gathered a total of 8,638 quarters which is equal to \$2,159.50. We are praying that lives are changed as you simply show people that you care.

4TH GRADE FUN WITH SCIENCE



HAPPY RETIREMENT KARL!

Our groundskeeper of many years, Karl Helwig is retiring at the end of the month! We are so thankful for his faithful service at East Linn!

Thank you Karl!

