



## Elementary School

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### WITNESSING AT THE SPAGHETTI FACTORY

One of my proudest moments as Principal at Unity comes when outsiders compliment our students and teachers. If someone makes a positive comment, I'm quick to pass it along to everyone, letting everyone know how pleased I am that we made a good impression.

During the last week of school, the Fifth and Sixth Grades took a field trip to the Science Center, The Arch, and then had lunch at the Spaghetti Factory on the Landing in St. Louis. The total group was about 30 students, teachers, and parents.

When they arrived back at school, one of the Fifth Grade students immediately came up to me.

"Guess what, Mr. Miller?" I could tell he was eager to share something. "At the restaurant, the waitress said we were the best-behaved group she's ever served!" Needless to say, I was proud and we shared a high five.

After school, Mr. Belli shared an even more important anecdote. When the students were served their meals by the waitress, all waited to pray before digging in. With their teachers' guidance, the whole group prayed the Common Table Prayer, just like at school.

Our students rarely pray quietly, and the Spaghetti Factory was no exception. When the prayer was completed, Mr. Belli looked up, and, to his surprise, the entire restaurant had become quiet. Everyone stopped talking as our students prayed.

Great job, everyone, for being God's people in a public place. You are all missionaries!

### THANKS TO MELHS

Throughout the year, we have need for transportation for small groups of students. We are grateful to Metro East Lutheran High School for allowing us to borrow one of their short buses on these occasions.

Special thanks to Mr. Kostencki and Mr. Redden for making this possible. Your partnership is much appreciated.

### SUMMER IMPROVEMENTS

It's another busy summer at Unity. Summer School classes were held every day during June for 35 students. We had 20 students attend the Neil Reising Basketball Camp at MELHS. Later in July, we will have VBS, put on by the Youth Group from Zion Lutheran Church in Aniwa, Wisconsin.

Work on the building also continues. Mr. Scott has a new floor scrubber to help strip and wax all the floors. He's also refinishing classroom doors and painting trim.

Major projects include re-paving the parking lot (looks great!); replacing HVAC units on the roof; remodeling another bathroom (major work); painting the gym and putting in a new floor; installation of a new playground structure (watch for volunteer day); re-surfacing and painting the west exterior wall; installation of computer lab and smart boards.

*If you would like to make a special gift toward the support of these programs, please send to the school, appropriately marked. Matching funds for these projects are still available from the Lutheran Foundation.*

### WANTED

Used Risograph. If your school or congregation has a used Risograph you are willing to donate, please let us know. We will pick up!

Ebay Store Manager. Someone to spend 3-4 hours every two weeks to post listings on Ebay and make shipments of sales. You will be trained! We have lots of items to sell, we just need someone to do it.

### WISH LIST

As we prepare for the new school year, we are in need of lots of school supplies. Please go to our website for a complete list – [www.unityesl.org](http://www.unityesl.org)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- That the Spirit would direct new families to enroll at Unity.
- For Shamaurie, as he gets used to his new home.
- For our Unity Board of Directors, and for the Personnel, Finance, and Building and Grounds Committees.

*Encouraging, educating, and preparing children for responsible living in Christ's Kingdom.*