

## It's All About Jesus

### UNITY LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY Begins Our 2017/2018 School Year With Much Excitement



#### What Do the Teachers Say about 2017/18?

Mrs. Dickerson (PreK 3) - "I'm really excited about this school year because of the opportunity it gives me to teach the little ones about the love of Jesus and what He has done for them and for what He continues to do for all of us."

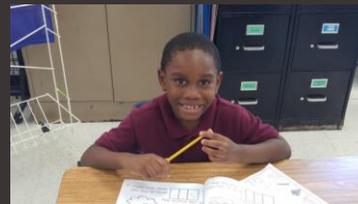
Ms Tisdale (PreK 4) - "I am excited about the new school year because I am getting a whole new class, new lessons, and new staff. I'm also excited because I have a chance to teach new things to my students, while having fun!"

Mrs. Hamrick (Kdg) - "Kindergarten is gearing up for a great year! We're excited about our 'inquiry time' every afternoon, when we will use all the new skills we're learning to explore building, researching, and working cooperatively!"

Mrs. Venable (1st Grade)- "I love a new school year! I enjoy getting back into a routine with new students, new parents, and new things to learn and explore together as a class. I am looking forward to a new group of children who I will be able to teach both our curriculum and the love of God in my classroom."

Mrs. Gratteau (2nd Grade) - "I am excited to show and share God's love, not only to my students, but their families as well."

Mrs. Stallworth (3rd Grade) - I'm excited about the new school year because the new year brings a fresh beginning. It's the start of a clean slate for the student, parent(s) and me working together in one accord, pledging to do what God wants us to do to His glory."



Mrs. Sayles (4th Grade) - "There's just something about a new year that screams hope and possibility. I will get to witness my kids making new discoveries and growing in their relationships with each other and with God."

Mrs. Hardieaway (5th Grade) - "This year has started off with a bang for the first time in nine years. I have 22 students and 80% of them are returning students. As always, I'm excited about Jesus(!) and the new behavior curriculum."

Mrs. Gould (7th Grade) - "I am excited for this new school year because I am looking forward to all the group and individual hands-on learning I have planned."

Mr. Williams (8th Grade) - "I am excited about the new school year because of the many new faces that will be joining the school this year along with my eighth grade class. I am also excited because my class size has doubled from previous years!!!"



**"It's All About Jesus"**

*Our Theme for 2017/2018*

## Volunteers Are Needed:

Library - Our library will be up and running soon. We can use people to help with restocking shelves, reading to students, and other general duties.

Parents For Unity (PFU) - Is always in need of dedicated parents and grandparents. The Fall Festival is coming up on Saturday, October 28 and the planning is going on right now.

"When I'm 64" - Beatles Festival is in need of volunteers to help in the welcome tent. The event will be held in Prairie Town, IL on Saturday, September 9 all afternoon. Please see the announcement included in this newsletter for more details. All proceeds for this events go to support Unity School.

## Health & Wellness

On Wednesday, September 23 the staff at Unity received CPR training through the Red Cross.



Unity Sunday - Please join us for Unity Sunday on Sunday, August 27 at Unity Lutheran Church. The Unity School Staff dedication service will be held. The children will also be singing. The service begins at noon. Unity Lutheran Church is located at 4200 Caseyville Ave., East St. Louis, IL 62204.

**Come out and worship with us!**

## Wishlist

Here are some things we can use right now:

- Large pencil boxes
- An altar cross for our 'Belong To Jesus Time' altar
- Not all our classrooms have a cross on the wall. We could use several (specifically Kdg, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th). They do not need to be the same.
- We are in need of a riding lawn mower. Our current riding mower is wearing out

### Are We Making a Difference?

As of Friday, August 25 Unity Lutheran is serving 184 students from 126 families in East St. Louis. Our students hear the *Word of God* every day. They take what they learn home to their families. By supporting Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School you are helping us to reach well over 200 souls every day!

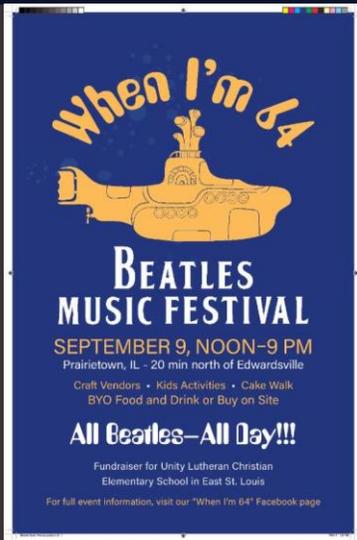


### Help Us Tell the Unity Story

People love stories. Stories are interesting, fun, sad, compelling. Stories are a way that we can connect to others. One of the things I am working to do during my first year as Development Director at Unity Lutheran, is to connect with others. I do not know most of you. I want to get to know you. And I also want to continue telling the Unity story to others. I ask for your help with this. Please be an ambassador for Unity as you are out and about in the community. If you learn of a group, organization, or individual that is looking for a speaker, please help me to connect with them. You have my permission to share my contact information with them. We thank you so much for your prayers and support of time and dollars. Unity would not exist without you.

Peace and Blessings,

Dr. Bruce McLaughlin  
Development Director  
Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School  
bmclaughlin@unityesl.org  
618-874-6605



*"For with God, nothing shall be impossible "*  
*Luke 1: 37*



STAY IN TOUCH



1600 North 40th St., East St. Louis, IL 62204

Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School  
1600 North 40th Street  
East St. Louis, IL 62204