



# THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE - JANUARY 2011

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## Faribault Lutheran School

FLS is a shared ministry of Peace and Trinity Lutheran Churches

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### Epiphany Light

I love cartoons. In my younger years, I would spend hours paging through comic books. I would look diligently through the daily newspaper to find the comic strips. Sunday papers were always the best because the cartoons seemed more "alive" when they were in color. "Peanuts", "Blondie", "Garfield", "Calvin and Hobbes" – I loved them all. If I wasn't reading the comics, I was attempting to copy them or invent some of my own. One of the first things I learned was how to illustrate a revelation or fresh idea coming to a character. Yes, that's right, the old "illuminated light bulb over the head" trick. It may seem a bit cliché to some, but it is quite the appropriate illustration, and one with which teachers and parents can easily identify.

It is easy for a teacher or parent to visualize the "old light bulb" when they see the eyes of a child light up with understanding when they finally "get it". How exhilarating it is when a young child first sees the light and is able to read! What a pleasure it is when a fifth grader finally understands long division, or when an eighth grader grasps how to solve a difficult equation in algebra. Seeing the light bulb of understanding light up in the eyes of students is one of the true joys of teaching.

During the season of Epiphany, we talk a lot about those things which are newly revealed and brought to light. The mystery of God's plan of salvation through the promised Messiah was hidden from those walking in the darkness of sin and unbelief in the Old Testament. In the same way, it is a mystery to our generation, hidden behind the facades of false hope built by the prophets of counterfeit religions and pagan philosophies. God's plan of salvation cannot be comprehended by worldly wisdom. It cannot be discovered by scientific methodology. It can only be received by Divine revelation. God mercifully revealed His plan of salvation in and through Jesus Christ in His Holy Word. By the power of the Holy Spirit He has worked faith in us as His precious gift. We are privileged to share that gift with the world around us.

Rejoice that God has chosen you to lead others whom He loves out of the darkness of sin into the light of eternal life by sharing His Holy Word during this Epiphany season and throughout the New Year.

### Registration Opens Soon

Do you know a family who would like to send their child(ren) to Faribault Lutheran School? Now is the time to start or continue talking with them about enrolling their children at FLS. Registration will be opening soon.

Do you know someone who **SHOULD** consider sending their children to FLS? Now is the time to start talking with them also. We ask you to do two things. First, talk with this family about FLS and what it can do/has done for your children. Secondly, put them together with school administration for further conversations. Have this family (or you) call the school office at 334-7982 with this information.

Oh, there is a third thing that some of you could also do. Many people need financial help. Are you able to make a contribution to help a family send their child(ren) to FLS? If so, please contact the school office or Mr. Witt.

### Annual Basketball Tourney

The annual FLS Basketball Tourney is scheduled for January 14-16, 2010. Over the years, this tournament has been an exhibition of good basketball and great Christian sportsmanship. Moreover, it has served as a venue to renew old acquaintances and friendships. Games will be played on Friday night, Saturday afternoon and early evening, and Sunday afternoon.

### New Board Member

With the changing of the calendar year, comes changes to the FLS Board of Directors. Mrs. Deb Malmanger has agreed to serve another term representing Trinity. JoAnn Miller will be taking the seat vacated by Melissa Illsley as a representative of Peace. Thank you, Melissa, for your years of hard work and dedication. Welcome, Joanne.

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in a loving Christian environment.**