



# Word of Life School News

SUMMER 2020



Hi, Centennial and Word of Life families! My name is Rachel Hoffmann, soon to be Rachel Christie on July 3rd! I will be getting married to Karl Christie who will start his second year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. I am from Buffalo, Minnesota which is about 45 minutes from Minneapolis. Buffalo is a town about 16,000 and has that small-town feel. There are several beautiful lakes around where I live which makes being outside one of my favorite things to do. I enjoy reading, hiking, any physical activity, baking, and watching tv/movies in my free time. My fiance, Karl is from Waukesha which is right in your neck of the woods.

Now that I am about to make the big move to Milwaukee and marry Karl, I am beyond excited to get to know the members of Word of Life and Centennial. I feel blessed to be chosen to serve you. Not only do I look forward to building relationships but as well as growing in my walk of faith with you! Being able to count and rely on fellow brothers and sisters is a wonderful blessing our God has given us through the functions of churches and schools.

As this is my first year as a teacher, I am excited to grow into my passion for educating and learning, especially with your children. I pray that I am able to let my light shine and faithfully use my gifts to edify and uplift my students. I am privileged to have the opportunity to teach the 7th and 8th graders how to grow in their faith and grow their minds to best serve the world in which they will venture and out and prepare for their lives.

## Now Enrolling for 2020-2021 School Year

### Big Changes Coming

There are big changes coming this summer.

1. We say goodbye to Mrs. Erin Pflughoeft (and Tony) and Mr. Chad Clough. We thank God for your service here.
2. Mr. Teri Berg will move from K4 to grades 1 and 2. Mrs. Martinez will remain a part time aide for Math and Reading (ELA).
3. K4 / K5 will be taught by Mrs. Reckzin with help from Mrs. Martinez.
4. Grades 3-4 will move upstairs.
5. Mrs. Christie will be our new 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

**God bless our school and those who serve it. God bless those who are leaving to serve elsewhere!**

## Preparing for Next Year

What will the 2020-2021 school year look like?

We are still waiting to hear from the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the City of Milwaukee as to what they will allow. We think we are ready no matter what. Why?

1. We successfully continued education after the March 13<sup>th</sup> shutdown.
2. We have plans in place to return full capacity, half-capacity or virtually.
  - a. We will take temperatures when employees and students enter the building.
  - b. Hygiene will be a high priority.
  - c. Parents who need to continue with virtual learning only will be listened to and planned with.
  - d. Classrooms have been divided to meet in equal numbers every other day without separating families if the city or state allow us to open at only half capacity.
    - i. Students will attend school two days a week and virtually the other days.
    - ii. Virtual days will be work days and review activities mostly and teachers will be able to assess learning more directly and cover the curriculum.
3. We have learned about virtual learning and are improving technology in the school and upgrading technology used by students at home and school. Families without reliable internet at home can work with the school to ensure learning equity.

We look forward to serving ALL children this fall.

If you know of a family struggling with learning in their current educational setting, encourage them to contact us at 414-813-0820 or 414-281-7808.



## Can you help?

We've had many people volunteer to inspect and keep up the property.  
We've had one of the best turn-out for workdays.

Maybe you can assist with:

1. Running copies.
2. Helping us move classrooms on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.
3. Repair the parking lot wooden fence.
4. Re-caulk around bathroom fixtures.
5. Run cables for video surveillance cameras (all you need to do is climb a ladder and pull).