

HEARTLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Beauty from Hopelessness

People who know me would never buy me live plants as a gift. I have what you might call a “black thumb” rather than a green thumb. A black thumb is officially defined as “a notable inability to make plants grow, a tendency to fail as a gardener.” I do fail. It’s not that I try to kill them; it’s just that they seem to always die. I had a cactus once that I kept alive for almost 3 years. Then, I put it outside for the summer to let it get bigger, and in the fall, I forgot about it. It froze one night, and of course the plant later died. Earlier this spring, I had purchased a couple flowers for my porch with high hopes, and once again, they died. But last week, I walked past the flower pot, and without any “help” from me whatsoever, a pretty pink flower was growing from the wreckage of the dead plant. (see above)

It made me pause and think about Jesus and how he can turn the wreckage and ugliness of sin into something beautiful. Our lives are full of beauty if we pause to look around and consider the small parts of life. Something that seems terrible can turn out good. The dead pot of brown leaves produced a pretty flower. The smallest seeds of God’s Word planted, even inadvertently, can produce faith in people. Students come to Heartland Lutheran from all kinds of faith backgrounds. We try to plant the seeds of His Word, and we know God will do the rest. Jesus doesn’t just love the “prettiness” of the world. He loves us all in our wreckage, death, and destruction. Just as the dead plants in the pot looked hopeless, still a plant grew. Just as our hearts look hopeless, still with Jesus, we grow in faith and love. Jesus died to save us from our ugliness of sin, and beauty comes from what seems hopeless.

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus”

– Romans 3:23-24

–Mrs. Liess

📅 Upcoming Events

- Oct 17-18** Teacher Conference
- Oct 31** Reformation Chapel,
9:45am
- Nov 5** Election Day
- Nov 18** Red Cross Blood Drive
- Dec 5** First basketball games
- Dec 10** Christmas Concert, 7pm
- Dec 18-20** Finals
- Jan 6** Students return
- Jan 17** Middle School Visit Day

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Weekly Prayer Calendar

October

- 1-4** - Give thanks to God for the Fall season, cooler weather, harvest, and changing colors
- 7-11** - Pray for our donors and supporters who give generously to our school and shower us with blessings
- 14-18** - Pray for our teachers and staff as they meet with other Lutheran church workers this week for professional development
- 21-25** - Pray for our school board, that decisions made bring glory to God and His will for our school
- 28-31** - Give thanks for the Reformation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

November

- 4-8** - Pray for the election and those who govern our community and the country
- 11-15** - Pray for our area Lutheran elementary schools
- 18-22** - Pray for our school parents as they guide their children
- 25-29** - Give thanks to God for the blessings He bestows upon us

December

- 2-6** - Pray for our basketball teams as they compete this week
- 9-13** - Pray for our music students as they perform at the Christmas concert
- 16-20** - Pray for our students as they take their final exams and finish up the semester
- 23-27** - Give thanks to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus, as we celebrate Christmas
- 30-Jan 3** - Pray that God blesses us all in the new year

January

- 6-10** - Pray for our students as they return from Christmas break ready to tackle the Spring semester
- 13-17** - Pray for the students coming to HLHS for Visit Day this week