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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

[Daniel 7:13-14](#)

Do you wish you could look into the future and see what will happen with all of those American politicians elected earlier this month? Skeptics might say that if the past is any indication, whatever happens won't be as good as the political leaders predicted it would be.

Our Bible reading for today looks into the future work of a leader, and the news is better. Jesus is that leader. You did not choose him to be your leader. Instead, the Ancient of Days, God the Father, chose Jesus from eternity to be your Lord.

Every promise Jesus made has come true so far, and you can be sure that all of his promises will continue to be fulfilled in the future. How can you be so sure? Jesus is fully human—true man. But he is also fully divine—true God. After he died, he rose from the dead, and soon he will come with the clouds of heaven. God the Father wants you to know that, although Jesus is a human being, he has the same authority, glory, and power that he has as God from eternity. He is both God and man, and that's great news for you.

As God and man in one person, he will continue to rule forever. You don't have to worry about him being overthrown or replaced with a different leader who has a different agenda. He understands what you are going through. He sympathizes with your weaknesses, and he promises to help and strengthen you.

Worship this leader because he lived a perfect life in your place. He died to take the punishment for your sins. He promised that, through faith in him, you will join him in heaven. And he says that he will take care of your present the way he has also taken care of your future.

Be glad that you don't have to worry about his leadership. Glorious Jesus rules eternally for your welfare now and for your future in heaven.

DIVINE CALL – MESSAGE FROM MR. BUCH

A divine call was extended to me from Christ Lutheran Church and School in Big Bend, Wisconsin. The call opportunity is to serve as the 5th and 6th grade teacher, along with serving as the principal. There are also opportunities for coaching and music if I would desire that. Christ Lutheran School has 78 students this year. If you have more questions or discussion about the roles and responsibilities of the call to Christ Lutheran or the call I am currently serving at St. Luke's, feel free to reach out to me. My cell phone number is 920-973-0439 and my email is principal.buch@stlukesoakfield.com. Please keep my family and me in your prayers as we deliberate where best to serve God's people.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Children's Christmas Service schedule is set! There will be two mass practices with Sunday School and LES students on December 9th between services and Saturday, December 15th at 9:00 A.M. The Children's Christmas Service at St. Luke's will be December 16th at 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. The Children's Christmas Service at St. Paul's will be on December 23rd at 9:00 A.M. We encourage all of our St. Luke's students to join the St. Paul's Sunday School students on December 23rd. If family/travel conflicts prevent that from happening, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you!

EATON'S PIZZA COUPONS

Please return the Eaton's Pizza Coupons to St. Luke's as soon as you are able. The deadline is November 30th. As soon as we have all the packets back, we can start wrapping up the fundraiser. Thank you so much to all who used their time and their talents to serve the ministry at St. Luke's.

BASKETBALL

The first basketball games are this Friday! What an exciting time for basketball to be back at St. Luke's. We hope to see many parents there supporting their Eagles in the new jerseys! The B-Boys will tip at 4:30 P.M. and the A-Boys will tip at 5:30 P.M. Please consider signing up for some of the future concession stand opportunities by clicking on this link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15kzb2_GdFRUg2B-KZ2y0W5RaSgYky31W-fqxfoDchzw/edit?usp=sharing There was a slight problem with the link earlier but it is all cleared up now.

Basketball gives students a chance to praise their Savior with how they conduct themselves on the court. Parents, this is an opportunity for you as well to be witnesses. Yes, there will be adversity during the game and things will be wrong and unfair. There should never be a time when we let our Christian values be compromised over something like a basketball game. Cheer, encourage, and support your team! Let the coaches give the instructions, and the refs manage the game. St. Luke's is excited for a season to prove what we are made of as young men!

GIVING TREE

This year the St. Luke's classrooms will be participating in a giving tree. Requests for the various classrooms will be added to the tree in the school entry hallway. Take an ornament off the tree, place the money into the envelope provided and deposit it into the lock box on the opposite side of the hallway by the fire alarm. Last year, the students benefitted from glitter glue, decorating jewels, baby dolls, a 3 hole punch, rechargeable batteries, classroom pet supplies, headphones, beads, pipe cleaners, card stock, and party/art supplies. Those were just some of the items that were on the giving tree. There will also be a tree at St. Paul's, Brownsville. The students of St. Luke's thank you!!!

SCHOOL CLEANING

This is your friendly reminder each week of who is on for school cleaning. If it is your first time cleaning, don't hesitate to ask a teacher or Mr. Buch what to do. Please ask Mr. Buch for the school cleaning keys prior to your time to clean. Cleaning checklists will be found in the cleaning supply closet.

- November 26 – December 2 – Meisner/Beauchamp
- December 3-9 – Birschbach

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 30th – First Basketball games Home vs. Grace Oshkosh – 4:30pm, 5:30pm
- December 9th – Children's Christmas Practice Between Services
- December 15th – Children's Christmas Practice – 9:00 A.M.
- December 16th – Children's Christmas Service @ St. Luke's 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.
- December 23rd – Children's Christmas Service @ St. Paul's 9:00 A.M.

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

This week in Bible History we learned about how John the Baptist was killed just for telling someone about their sin. Telling someone that they have sinned is never easy. Thankfully, little children have their parents, teachers, pastors, and many other adults to steer them down the right path. The children had a great brainstorming session naming all of their important role models. In our second story, Jesus reminds Simon Peter that he came for all "sinners" no matter what their sin. What a great comfort to know that our Savior covers all of our sins with his perfect life, death, and resurrection. We had fun eating at a table just like Jesus and his disciples. We practiced "reclining" at the short table and it was not very easy. Check out FB to see our snack time photos.

This week we continued our unit on the four seasons. We read "Swan Harbor" and "The Mitten". Our first book was a counting book so we played a little bit of matching math with our ducks on the pond. We were even able to turn it into a game of memory. Playing a game together is a great way to build so many social as well as academic skills! Then they had to work their little fingers while they were sewing their own mitten. You can act out the story with the animal pictures and the string can easily be untied.

We headed out to the library on Tuesday. Ms. Lori read us some books about cold, cold winter. The children decided that next week would be PANCAKE DAY! So, Ms. Lori agreed that she would look for pancake books and we would make some pancakes! We were able to see the workmen putting up the Christmas decorations on Main Street. If you have not gotten a chance to see Oakfield at night, it is worth a drive down the streets.

Yetta Yo-Yo had us working with a lot of yarn this week. Then we did a lot of work with lacing cards so that we would be ready to do our Mitten project. A great "Y" word that we practiced was "YES!" (Hopefully this rubs off at home too.) Next week we will study the letter "W". The children are welcomed to bring any labels or words that they find that start with "W". Thanks to Aubree who provided us with super healthy snacks. Our snack people for the next 2 weeks are Rilynn and Grayson!

A big "thank-you" to everyone who came to see our little skit last week. I'm not sure it was worthy of an Oscar, but hopefully they learned something and you were entertained. Extra thanks to everyone who brought something and helped to set up and take down the feast! Our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary donations made their way to Sem this week with the help of Vicar Horn, who you may remember helped to serve us here during the vacancy. His car was loaded to the brim and he also carried Kwik Trip gift cards with him as well. God's blessings to the future pastors!

Our gift exchange will be very simple. Girls will buy a generic toy for a girl and the boys will buy a generic toy for a boy. Please keep your gifts between \$7-\$10. We don't need the gifts until Dec. 21st when we will have our Christmas party. Each gift should have a tag that shows who the gift is from. We have started working on our parts for the children's Christmas service which will take place on Dec. 16th at 8:00 and 10:00 am. We would like to have ALL of the children participate in these services.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

Happy Thanksgiving! I pray you all had a most wonderful celebration with family and friends thanking God for our many blessings! We jumped back into the swing of school once we looked at a calendar and realized that it wasn't quite Christmas yet and that we have some weeks where we can do some more studying.

Our Christlight stories have allowed us to see how two different people and their families were able to give thanks when Jesus raised them back to life. Jesus raised Jairus' daughter and the young man from Nain by the power of his word. We are also comforted by knowing that because Jesus lives, so will we forever in heaven!

Second grade is mastering a new concept in language arts right now. They are working on how to properly format quotation marks and commas in their sentences. I tried to use the example of holding up quotation marks in the air to show that someone was actually speaking and explained how that used to be the cool thing to do. They didn't believe me. Miss H lost a bit of her cool factor this week. ;) First grade entered the realm of magic "e." So many more words come to life once they realize that an "e" at the end of the word makes the first vowel long. It's so fun to open up a kit and get a kite! If you cut carefully, you can make a cute cat! Kindergarten has loved learning about Icky this week because he loves the tv. I lost a little cool factor with kindergarten too because I felt I needed to explain the picture of the television from the 90s. Having to get up to change a channel or having a humongous boxed big screen tv baffled them. Sigh. I'm still cool. Right? ;)

We got so familiar with magnets, that we started to repel, so now we are studying a unit in our social studies books in first and second grade. We are taking a look at continents, countries, and states and what is included in each of them. Kindergarten has been doing a fabulous job of working quietly on projects or playing nicely while we discuss the terms. I am so proud of how independent they have become in just a few short months!

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break! I enjoyed my time visiting with my sisters in law and my daughter who is away at college. Definitely so much to be thankful for!

Our Christmas party will be December 21. Gifts can be brought to school Monday December 17th. We are working hard on our recitation and songs for Christmas. We sing every day and I will be asking them to recite verses for memory treasures.

We are beginning the Midwest region in social studies. The students have new flashcards to work on for memorizing the states and capitals. I have a tablet I brought from home that has some fun states and capitals games on it. They will have access to it. Science started also- it is a pretty challenging book that has us learning about organisms. We are doing a lot out of our books -that includes quizzes. It is all open book right now.

Soon we will be switching over to writing our assignments in cursive. We will start out with a few subjects and eventually will write cursive in all.

Please remember to send hats and gloves with your child so they have it when we do go outside! Fresh air is good for us (even though they would choose the gym)!

I will leave on a weather joke. Why is it always cold at Christmas? Because it is in DecemBRRRRRRR!!!!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

Mrs. Kuske is going to get her Notes & News privileges revoked for all these bad jokes. I'm just glad I would never do something so *unbearable*. Actually, things have been going pretty well in our classroom and I'm not sure if it is the fact that the Chicago *Bears* are leading the division, but that can't be hurting.

The 5th and 6th grade science has been studying rocks. We were studying the rock cycle, which is not the name of a band to my knowledge, but it should be. Students learned that the rock cycle never ends. We did a virtual lab that tested rocks by their categories, and we got a few too many wrong. Some were embarrassed but it just showed we had some more learning to do.

We received the backing track to "Joy to the World", which we will be submitting to the Sunny 97.7 Christmas Idol contest. We will be singing this in 3 part harmony; Soprano, Alto, and Bearitone. I'm really excited to see how it turns out!

The 7th and 8th grade students are studying forces and motion in science. We looked at the forces necessary to move a wheelbarrow versus a bearricade. We studied net force and what it takes for something to be put in motion. An unbalanced force means motion, a balanced force means no motion, and a long, long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away...

We will be completing our annual "Two Minute Tree" on Friday. The students already think the tree is going to look grizzly. I'm sure it will be up to my decorating standards. Look for that video to come out in the Facebook group.

I'm sorry for all these references to my dear football team from Chicago. Some of you are probably thinking, "Is it pawisible that Shakesbear wrote this article?" Some may be quite sick of having the same joke repeated over and over again. Well, you know how the old saying goes... You'll just have to grin and.....tolerate it.