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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

Malachi 3:1 "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

In our world, promises are often broken. As parents, we sometimes have to break promises to our children when circumstances outside of our control change. Children make promises to clean their rooms and wash the car but are then distracted or find something more fun. Just because someone makes a promise does not give us the certainty it is going to be kept.

Except when God makes promises. He always keeps his promises. He promised he would send a messenger to prepare the way for the Messiah. God kept that promise when he sent John the Baptist who prepared the people for the coming Messiah by calling them to repentance. After Adam and Eve fell into sin, God promised he would send a Savior who would crush the devil's head and reconcile God and man. God kept that promise when he sent Jesus into the world who lived perfectly as we could not, who died on the cross to pay for our sins, and who rose from the grave to conquer death. God has kept every single promise he has ever made!

This gives us the peace of knowing he will continue to keep every promise to us. We don't have to fear the problems we face or be filled with anxiety over what is to come. God has always been faithful to his promises and always will be. May this truth bring you peace today. - www.wels.net

COOKIES & CAROLING

The first Cookies and Caroling was a rousing success. The ideas were already spinning for next year! The group visited different areas of the Oakfield Community and spread the message of Jesus as well as a few fun songs. Things wrapped up with hot chocolate, hot cider, and a few leftover cookies. This is something you definitely don't want to miss next year!

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The day is fast approaching! We have one more mass rehearsal on 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.

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. There will also be a tree at St. Paul's, Brownsville. The students of St. Luke's thank you!!!

BASKETBALL

Last week was an awesome weekend of basketball. C-Team got their first games under their belt and we had some first baskets ever as an Eagle made by Caleb Nelson, Finley Geisthardt, Raelynn Schaumburg, Garret Wells, Octavian Meisner, and Wyatt Schraufnagel. Way to go! The B-Team played two games Friday night and won both. They competed in a tournament on Saturday and went 3-1 finishing in 2nd place! That brings the B-Team record to 7-1 to start the season!

St. Luke's has another big weekend of basketball coming up! Friday night the team travels to Mayville for a B-Team boys game at 5pm and an A-Team boys game at 6pm. B-Team boys please be there by 4:40 P.M. On Saturday, the schedule will be as follows:

- Christmas Practice – 9:00 A.M.
- C-Team vs. Faith 1 – 11:00 A.M.
- C-Team vs. Faith 2 – 11:45 A.M.
- B-Boys vs. Mt. Calvary – 2:00 P.M.
- A-Boys vs. Mt. Calvary – 3:00 P.M.

The following Wednesday, the A & B Teams will be in action at home against St. Peter's. B-Team will tip at 4:15 P.M. and A-Team will tip at 5:15 P.M.

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.

- December 10-16 – OPEN
- December 17-23 – Cleaning Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.
- December 24th – January 4th – Christmas Vacation

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

This week in Bible History three of Jesus' disciples were able to see his "glory" when he was transfigured right before their eyes. Next, Jesus taught us what it means to be a friend to others. We made "helping hands" as a reminder that our hands should be used only to give glory to God. Finally, we worked through the parable of the servant who did not forgive. We made some neat binoculars so we could look out for chances to be kind and forgive. Much of our morning time was spent working on the Christmas service for Sunday! Can't wait to see you there!

This week we have been having fun with a mini unit called "Winter Fun". We started off with the Jan Brett book, "The Hat". The children drew some pictures of animals wearing clothes, just like in this funny book. Then we read "Dream Snow" by Eric Carle. This book has plastic transparencies of snow on each page and a musical song at the end. COOL! "Which Shoes will you Choose?" is a cute little book about the seasons and how we have to change our outfits depending on the weather. Finally, we read "The 12 Jingle Bugs" which is a very special pop-up book. Next week we will read a book about the true meaning of Christmas every day of the week!

On December 21st, all 3K and 4K students are asked to be in attendance. We will be having a Christmas party starting at about 10:00. We will play some Christmas games, eat Christmas snacks, and open Christmas presents! Don't forget to bring along your exchange gifts! Thanks to the Pitzen family for all the snacks for 2 weeks. Next week it is **Aubree's** turn to bring snack.

The excitement of Christmas can make us lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. Make sure that Jesus is at the center of your holiday plans. Check out www.stlukesoakfield.com for a full listing of the special services here at St. Luke's. We kick off the season with our Children's Christmas services at 8 and 10 **this Sunday**. Students should be in the classrooms no later than 7:45. Students will remain in the classrooms between services and the teachers will feed and entertain them! Please speak to me ahead of time if you are not able to make it to one or both of these services.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

Each day in December seems to bring one more item to add to the schedule. Each day brings more chaos and excitement into our room. Each day I get to remember the true meaning of Christmas among the hustle and bustle as we practice for the Christmas service or as we read a book in our advent calendar. I pray you are all able to take time to focus on the true point of Christmas. We have a Savior who came to live, die, and rise again for our miserable sins. This message won't change regardless if all the preparations have been finished that we deem important.

Our Christ Light lessons this week have allowed us to study two more miracles that reminded us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." We got to witness the faith of the centurion (ask you kids what that means) and the faith of the Gentile woman. We were so glad to be reminded that Jesus came for all people and that he always hears our prayers.

Our main focus this week has been turning all our attention on our practices for the Christmas service. We know our parts very well and are close to knowing all logistics on when to sit and stand. Since this is such hard work for our brains, we have had smaller lessons in math and reading and have spent our extra time making Christmas gifts for our families. You can expect some odd shaped packages coming from a backpack to you in the days to come.

Speaking of gifts, you can send in the Christmas exchange gifts anytime from now until next Wednesday. I feel more comfortable having them a few days in advance. :)

This week we said "See ya later" to Jonah Voss. Tuesday and Wednesday saw some shedding of tears, but we are comforted knowing she has family in the area and that someday we will be together forever with her in heaven.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who has anonymously donated gifts to our classroom through the Giving Tree! I am speechless. We have been able to order so many nice things from more chapter book sets to sleds! Thank you!

Final Finally, we can't wait to play basketball again on Saturday! We had so much fun playing on Saturday! GO EAGLETS!

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

Countdown to Christmas begins! What a joyous time to be talking with the students about the greatest gift we have ever been given! God's perfect gift of Jesus! Joy to the world the Lord is come!!!

This week we have been practicing for our Christmas service which is this Sunday at 8:00 and 10:00. Please have your child to school by 7:40. The following Sunday we will do the service at St. Paul's, Brownsville, at 9am.

We are all set to volunteer at Second Impressions in FDL! We will be sorting hangers, hanging clothes, carrying boxes, etc. What a great way to show our thanks to Jesus by helping others! Hoping for a good weather day that day!

Students can bring their Christmas gift starting December 17. We are planning to have the party the 22nd. Looking forward to it!

This week Brynn and Brayden had their last day of school. They are moving to MN. There was some sadness that day and the following one also. We all pray they have a smooth move and enjoy their new school! We will miss them.

As you may have noticed the homework load has been lighter. We are practicing for Christmas so we are unable to get everything in. For some reason the children are not complaining.....

We will see you all on Sunday!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

The upper grade students have been working hard on their Christmas parts and are ready to lead the worship over the next two Sundays. It will be an amazing blessing to get to share the message of Christ's birth that we take for granted so often.

We have had very messed up daily schedules with the Christmas practices and all other classroom happenings. It is important that our students stay focused even in the business of the season.

We submitted a song to Sunny 97.7's Christmas Idol Contest. Our song will be played on FM 97.7 on Tuesday, December 18th at 3:20 P.M. Make sure you listen in! Voting will begin on December 23rd and votes can be cast by email. More information on the voting will come next week.

We got back at it with our NFL football picks after a three-week hiatus. The leaderboard was shaken up a bit but I remained at the top thanks to a great Bears win over the Rams. Here are the standings:

Mr. Buch	737.5
Anna	640
Talon	627.5
Noah	595
Max	587.5
Owen R.	587.5
Grant	585
Nick	582.5
Joel	565
Leighton	542.5
Aleah	540
Sam	535
Aiden	525
Owen B.	515
Kolby	515
Matthew	495
Dawson	365

Disclaimer: I was told, after the teachers did their editing, that I did not add a joke this week so here goes:
"The Packers season."

Here's to hoping they don't make me eat my words this weekend.