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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

[Revelation 21:1-5](#)

The Scriptures teach that our present world and all of God's original creation will be destroyed at the end of time. God will, however, make a "new heaven and a new earth." The apostle John was granted the vision of these things fulfilled, and he saw the "new Jerusalem" which is described as "a bride beautifully dressed for her husband." At the end of time Jesus Christ will come in glorious procession attended by his angels to take his bride—the Church of all believers—to his heavenly home for an eternal wedding feast. The heavenly wedding feast of Christ and his church is when the "dwelling of God is with men." The redeemed will see God. In his first epistle John wrote: "We shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). The Church will no longer walk by faith, but by sight. And God's covenant of grace will be established with them forever, for "they will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."

The description of bliss for God's people in this new heaven and earth is comforting: "God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." It is this glorious prospect that for centuries has sustained Christians in the midst of their earthly trials and sufferings. One day we will have the bliss of heaven where there will be no sin and no effects of sin. Nothing will dim the perfect bliss which God has planned and prepared for his faithful people.

Jesus himself gives us assurance that what John saw in his vision will indeed come to pass. He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" All this will take place because Jesus is in charge of making it happen. He is the one who has all power in heaven and on earth is the one making all things new. Jesus' words bring us much comfort and encouragement. No matter what the world situation looks like, no matter what types of persecution or hardship enter our lives, Jesus is in control and guiding everything for our good so that finally heaven and all its bliss will be ours. Jesus declares, "These words are trustworthy and true." We can count on it...Jesus is "making everything new" ...for us! –

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CALLED WORKER GIFT

Dear members of St. Luke's Church and School family,

We would like to thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness this Christmas season. We have all received so many wonderful gifts and cards, as well as a special "called worker" gift. We would ask for your continued prayers and encouragement in 2019. Thank you for the opportunity to serve here at St. Luke's and we wish all of you a blessed new year of God's grace.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Schwartz and family
Principal Buch and family
Mrs. Kuske and family
Ms. Russ and family
Ms. Hankemeier

MOVIE NIGHT AT ST. PAUL'S

Friday, January 18th will be a movie night at St. Paul's, Brownsville. The movies will be shown in the gymnasium starting at 6:30 P.M. Bring chairs, blankets, and snacks if you wish. You don't even have to sneak them in like you do at the movie theatre. There will be two movies shown. One at 6:30 P.M. geared towards younger kids and one directly following for the older kids. All church members and school families are invited!

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The St. Luke's students deserve a huge pat on the back after their excellent work in the three Christmas Services. Going to St. Paul's to do the service was tough because we had never had a dry run there. The students did a great job preparing and adapting to the changes that were made on the fly. What a blessing to have students willing to proclaim the gospel message!

SPRING MUSICAL

This year the students will be showcasing their talents in the play, "The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf". The faculty has been hard at work trying to divide up parts and cast students into different roles. On January 18th we would like the students in the 5th – 8th grades to "audition" for their roles in the play. They have been given short bits of dialogue from the play and they should work on the scene that they were given. Can't wait to see their talents in the new year!

BASKETBALL

The B team was back in action Wednesday night as they faced off against Montello and Iron Ridge. We had two hard fought games. In the first game, Montello jumped out to a 10-6 halftime lead. The Eagles stormed back with a 26-6 2nd half run to seal the win at 32-16. Congrats to Harrison and Octavian for their first B-Team baskets as Eagles! The 2nd game against Iron Ridge was tight the whole way with the Eagles winning 32-27. St. Luke's was led in scoring in the second game by Max with 10 points. The B-Team boys move to 10-2 on the season and 7-1 in conference.

The A, B, and C-Teams hit the hardwood again on Friday night at St. Paul's, North Fond du Lac. The C-Team game tips at 4:00 P.M., B-Team at 5:00 P.M. and A-Team at 6:00 P.M. The C-Team plays Saturday morning at 8:45 and 9:30 A.M. at St. Luke's. Good luck Eagles!

JANUARY 30th BASKETBALL GAMES

The Eagles take on the Chargers from St. John's, Lomira on January 30th. The game was originally going to be played at St. John's. A change has been made to move it to St. Paul's, Brownsville. We are also going to be having a RETRO NIGHT. Parents, especially Brian Wix, this is your time to shine. Bust out some old outfits and go retro! Any era will be welcome as we look to have a really fun night getting to play games at St. Paul's. The games will begin at 5pm and 6pm for B-Team, then A-Team. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed fans!

GIVING TREE

The giving tree will officially be taken down at the end of January. We thank all of you for your monetary donations which have enabled us to purchase so many items for our classrooms. We are truly blessed! If you didn't get a chance to participate in December, don't worry, there are still some ornaments remaining on the tree. You can find the giving tree in the entryway of the school. Please ask any faculty member if you have any questions. Thanks again for your generosity!

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.

- Jan 7-13 – Kollmann
- Jan 14-20 – Zastrow
- Jan 21-27 – Wells

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 11th – Basketball @ St. Paul’s, North Fond du Lac
- January 11th – End of the 2nd quarter
- January 14th – Report cards sent home
- January 18th – Early Release – 1:15 P.M.
- January 18th – St. Paul’s Movie Night – 6:30 P.M.
- January 21st – 31st – MAP Testing Window
- January 30th – Retro Night basketball games @ St. Paul’s, Brownsville 5pm, 6pm

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

This week in Bible History we studied the story of two sisters, Mary and Martha. One of them chose the right way when she sat at Jesus’ feet and listened to His words. The children were able to brainstorm a long list of activities that they love to do, but none are more important than hearing God’s Word. We can all be a “Mary” and choose to sit close to Jesus and hear His words. We do this in church, Bible class, Sunday school, family devotions, and prayer. Our second story was a parable. A parable is a story that Jesus told that has a heavenly meaning. A man invited many guests to come to his banquet, but they didn’t come. Many were too busy or not interested. So he invited other people to come in their place. It is easy for little ones to understand that if you don’t come when you are called you may miss out on something awesome! This is the idea of this story. God invites ALL people to the wonderful banquet of forgiveness and salvation. Unfortunately, many are not interested in hearing God’s Word. What a wonderful comfort we have in knowing that our place at God’s table is certain!

We began our unit on “Animals” this week. The children are having fun with the Pet Vet area. We have many doctors and nurses ready to giving some loving care to your pet. The children are still able to bring in a stuffed pet of their own to play with in this center. We read “One Moose, Twenty Mice” and also “The Three Billy Goat Gruff”. You should find some story puppets in their folders. Have fun with silly voices and actions for the characters of this tall tale...the sillier the better! Since the end of the quarter is approaching very quickly, I have been having fun meeting one on one with the children and seeing lots of academic improvement! Way to go kiddos!

We squished 2 letters into our week this time. We are studied letter “A” and “F”. If you have any words that you would like to send along to school, please do so. Maybe you have Fruit Loops or Apple Jacks at home. Both of these are recognizable words that we could use for our word wall. We are really going to zoom through a new letter each week, so reinforcement will be important. Our letter for next week is going to be **Z**. Good thing Mrs. Kuske gave us a huge zebra for the room!

A big thank you to Ella for bringing our snacks this week. **Next week Conrad will bring our snacks.** Please have your book order in by tomorrow, **Friday the 11th**. Don’t forget to use your Christmas gift for a free book of your choice! Let me know if you have any questions on how to enter the code to get your free book. Finally, we are singing in church on February 3rd in the 8 am service. We will be singing “Praise Him, Praise Him”. Have a wonderful weekend and please look for assessments in the folder on Monday.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

Happy New Year! We started off the new year on a really great note. The children have been eager to learn and have appreciated being back to our normal schedule once again. We loved learning the Christmas service and making Christmas gifts, but that meant a chaotic schedule during the day and all the parties were fun, but our bodies definitely needed the break. We have hit a few walls during the afternoon, but I know our stamina will jump back up in no time! Welcome back!

Our Bible lessons allowed us to focus on two popular miracles that we knew well, but loved hearing again. Jesus feeding the 5 or 15,000 if you count higher and Jesus walking on water are so impressive to imagine and so comforting when our lives are troubled. Our Savior can do anything!

Kindergarten is working hard on blending all our letters together to make words. Changing vowels in the middle is a fun challenge, but most of us aren’t easily fooled between Tic, Tac, and Toc! First grade has hit a new milestone with decoding words with two vowels in the middle of the word. Vowels get to be brave when they have a buddy to stand behind them! Second grade is working on a plethora of new skills all at once along with some review. Some words have extra letters at the beginning that need to be remembered for spelling, but ignored for reading. They also got to study how a dictionary works (Just in case Alexa ever goes on vacation...) They are also working on making speeches that answer

how or why to do something. Food was our introduction and motivation for this project. A creamy, crunchy spider was fun and delicious! On Monday, the second graders will get to share their ordered speeches with their peers. Stay tuned!

Math is going strong. Kindergarten is working on adding two to a number. My clue for remembering those facts is disgusting, but effective. I take full blame for the trick, please don't punish your children. ;)

We began a new science unit on solids, liquids, and gasses. I thought this might bore us since it isn't as attractive as magnets, but it has been solid fun so far! (Is that too reachy, Mr. Buch?) We seemed amazed to find out that water isn't the only liquid. I'm sure gasses will really "expand" our knowledge too!

In gym we have been working on catching and basketball handling. It is amazing to see the progress the children are making by doing a little practice! We even tried to play a game on Wednesday. If you think 5 on 5 full court is exciting, you haven't seen 6 on 6 half court!

Finally, on January 20th we will be singing at St. Luke's during the 10:30 service.

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

Welcome back! I pray you all had a wonderful Christmas break and a blessed New Year! Those two weeks flew by! I just want to thank all of you again for thinking of me and giving me gifts for Christmas- I loved them all!

I am happy to report that the first day back was great! The boys did well in 3-4th and adjusted back to the routine very well! In Christlight we are learning about different parables Jesus taught the disciples and Pharisees. We had a great discussion on the Prodigal Son and how the Father showed great love and pity for his son who squandered away his inheritance. Jesus was explaining that our Father in heaven shows that love for us each and every day!

2nd and 3rd grades are tackling square numbers in math. They know that there will be a quiz on square numbers on Friday. I gave them an orange cheat sheet of the square numbers they need to learn and some have already started!

This week is the last week in the quarter so report cards will go home next week.

Book orders went home Tuesday and are due at the end of the month if you choose to order.

We will be singing next Sunday with K-2. Mark it on your calendars!

Have a blessed rest of your week.

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

The upper grade students hit the ground running after Christmas Break. There is always the temptation to come back sluggish off the long break. We were focused and hard working through the first week. That is a great sign for things to come!

We were awarded 2nd place for the Fond du Lac Christmas Idol contest. We will be able to have a pizza party because of our 2nd place finish. Way to go Eagles! We have another opportunity to sing praises to our king at WLA's Let's Celebrate coming up on January 27th. A school dropped out and we were requested to sing in their place. They must have heard our recordings!!!

As the 2nd quarter draws to a close it is a good chance for students to reflect on their work ethic on the 2nd quarter. For some students it will be a pat on the back. For others, it will be a chance to re-assess effort they put in on a daily basis. We must use the gifts we have been given from God!

I once again dropped the ball on the NFL football picks. We are going to add in some sporting events and keep our running tally going. Maybe we will even discover some sports we didn't even know about yet! Did you know weightlifting is a sport? I only lift weights on Saturdays and Sundays because Monday – Friday are weak days. I've heard there are between 1-2 million baseball stadiums in the world, but that's just a ballpark number.