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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

[Isaiah 40:30-31](#)

Little kids like to run everywhere. It doesn't matter how short the distance. It can simply be from one side of the room to the other. The three-year-old is more than likely going to run that distance.

Part of the reason they do this is that they have short legs and need to take way more steps to cross the room than fully-grown people do. But, they also run because they just have lots of energy. As an adult, can you imagine every step you take being a running step? You would probably be ready for a nap well before lunch.

Yet even those children with seemingly endless amounts of energy grow tired after a while. Eventually they grow into adults, and their levels of energy decrease, and weariness sets in more quickly. What a beautiful promise we have from the Lord that he will give us renewed strength! To "run and not grow weary"—it sounds too good to be true. Yet, it's a promise from the Lord so we know that it is.

Those who know that Jesus is their Savior, who treasure the full and free forgiveness that is theirs because of his death on the cross, can walk with a little extra spring in their step. The pressing weight of sin and guilt does not slow them down, and they know that their relationship with the almighty God is one that is defined by his love and will last forever.

When that relationship is fully enjoyed inside the gates of heaven, then their youth will truly and fully be renewed. None of the physical problems, none of the aches and pains that seem to grow more severe with age will be present there. Knowing that day will come gives the believer in Jesus a little extra energy in life as well. – www.wels.net

WINTRY WEATHER

With the sudden influx of winter weather, please remember to send your child with the appropriate gear to be outside. Yes, even 8th graders can play in the snow ☺. If the weather brings cause for a cancellation, you will be notified via KFIZ, WBAY, the St. Luke's Facebook Group, and a SchoolCues textcue. At any time if you see Oakfield Public Schools are cancelled, St. Luke's will also be cancelled. If you have questions please contact Mr. Buch.

PARENT MEETING

The 3rd of 4 parent meetings will occur on February 6th at 6:00 P.M. These meetings are important to stay informed on current events at St. Luke's as well as upcoming events and important information at school. Please mark that on your calendar and make it a priority!

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK

School spirit week will be the week of the B-Team tournament, February 4th – 8th. The week of the A-Team tournament we only have 3 days of school. Students and classrooms are encouraged to dress up to show school spirit! Classrooms will be competing for the best dressed room each day! Here are the dress up days:

- Monday – Pajama Day – A perfect fit for Monday morning.
- Tuesday – Senior Citizen Day – St. Luke's students + 70 years in the future!
- Wednesday – Crazy Day – Craziest outfits imaginable!
- Thursday – Western Day – Dress from the wild west!
- Friday – School Spirit Day – Everyone dress in your Eagles blue, white, and red!!!

BASKETBALL

The B-Team boys played a game at Faith, Fond du Lac last Thursday. It was a very tight game, tied at halftime. The Eagles jumped out to a strong 2nd half lead but Faith battled back. The Eagles finished with a 31-25 victory led by Kolby with 11 points! The B-Team is now 12-2 overall and will play another conference game against Peace, Green Lake on Saturday, January 26th at noon.

The C-Teamers will be back on the court for their last home games of the season. They will play at 8:00 A.M. and 10:15 A.M. Come out and support your Eaglets!

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!

ST. PAUL'S OPEN GYM

St. Paul's will be hosting an Open Gym from 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. this Sunday night. Students 4th grade and up as well as adults are invited to attend. Games such as kick ball and basketball may be played. If you have more questions about this opportunity please email Gregg Hansmann at g.hansmann@enterprisetd.com.

GIVING TREE

There are only a few more days to contribute to the giving tree. Thanks to smile.amazon.com we are able to double dip on the donations by getting a percentage of the donation back! Thank you to all who have grabbed ornaments and donated to St. Luke's. Almost all of those ornament items donated are already in use for the St. Luke's students!

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 21-27 – Wells
- Jan 28 – Feb 3 – (School) Pitzten
- Jan 28 – Feb 3 – (Gym/Commons) Lammers
- Feb 4 – 10 – Trewin
- Feb 11 – 17 – Wix

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 21st – 31st – MAP Testing Window
- January 26th – C-Team & B-Team basketball at St. Luke's
- January 30th – Retro Night basketball games @ St. Paul's, Brownsville 5pm, 6pm
- February 4th – 8th – School Spirit Week
- February 6th – PACK Meeting 6:00 P.M.
- February 8-9 – B-Team Basketball Tournament

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

This week in Bible History we read the story of the rich man and poor Lazarus. All of the riches in the world will mean nothing when it comes to eternity in heaven. Jesus promised that he has a room waiting for us in his mansion. We used some glitter glue to color that beautiful heavenly home. Then we were able to eat a little piece of heaven when we made blue sky jello! Our next story was about the rich young ruler. He thought that he had done enough good things to earn himself a place in heaven. However, Jesus could see that he loved his possessions more than he loved Him. The only way to heaven is through faith in Jesus our Savior. We made a camel and a needle to remind us about the love of riches.

We are sad that our good friend Serenity has moved away to Milwaukee. She has been here at St. Luke's for about a year and a half and has become an important part of our classroom. We pray that Serenity makes lots of friends at a new school and also stays close to Jesus. Please include Serenity and her family in your prayers.

Our group is a tough bunch and we made it to the library before the snow flew. What fun to see Mrs. Bilitz there! She was our guest reader for the day. We were even able to read the books WITH Mrs. B! Thanks for reading to us! This leads us to the topic of MYSTERY READER! A mystery reader can come to our classroom, usually at 9:45ish and read us some books of their choice. (You must fill out the volunteer paperwork to participate.) The reader will send me 3 clues about themselves to see if the class can guess who they are. For example, "I am a dad. I see you almost every day. I love to drink water." Can you guess who the mystery reader is? Feel free to contact me if you would like to read to the class. lruess@stlukesOakfield.com

We began a new unit on construction this week. Our animal hospital was replaced with a tool bench and lots of tools for pounding and fixing. We read "Alphabet under Construction" by Denise Fleming. A little mouse "constructs" every letter of the alphabet. The students were able to make letters just like the mouse. Next, was the story of "The Shoemaker and the Elves". We turned into little elves designed our own fashionable shoes. Our math skills were used when we made a graph of our shoes. Tennis shoes won! Benny Bear had us blow painting. It takes a lot of effort and hot air! Our letter for next week is **M**.

Thanks to Josie for bringing our snacks this week and happy birthday! **Next week Daisy will bring our snacks.** The ECE class will be singing on Feb. 3rd in the 8 am service. Please meet in the classroom by 7:50 to warm up. This song is special because we will be using instruments while we sing. You won't want to miss this! Our ECE and Kindergarten Round Up will be held on February 18th at 6 PM. This will be a "round up" for those who are already enrolled in the program for the 2019-2020 school year. We hope to see you there.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

We began our week with the Bible lesson on the Good Samaritan. We had excellent discussions on how we get to heaven - through faith, not works - and also how to be a good neighbor. We even tied this lesson into our study of Martin Luther King Jr. We have some super deep thinkers! They made some connections that I hadn't made before.

We have been set to begin MAP testing this week, but illnesses and our blessed snow day put a damper on our testing joy. We will begin today no matter what. We will also have our second Bible lesson about the unforgiving servant.

Kindergarten is finishing up their study on Frits. Most of us are able to decode 3 or 4 letter words without much difficulty. Keep working on those vowels - that's our struggle. Feel free to exaggerate those sounds - I do!

First grade is entering the land of chapters in their Superkids book. This means a bit more reading work, but they are up for the challenge. The first graders in Math 2 are also continuing to enjoy their hundred math facts. This is a first for me. Usually they are excited for the milestone and then devastated by the third page. Not this year! Keep it up!

Second grade is continuing their study on the parts of a play. They also began diagramming an invention and writing about how it works. We have some very creative engineers! I just might end up getting a laundry robot that takes my clothes from upstairs through my kitchen and down to my basement. Stay tuned. :)

First grade scratched the first lesson in their social studies book about wants and needs. I enjoyed teaching this unit last year and I am excited to teach it again this year.

Stay warm and enjoy the snow!

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

How do you spell cold with 2 letters? I-C.

Yesterday's snow day, I believe, was officially my first! I think I have had a couple late starts so I hope everyone rested up and enjoyed their day! We have been doing MAP testing this week so the amount of homework is lessened. We have two more tests to go and our room should be finished.

We also will be working on our play soon- it is called "the Trial of the Big Bad Wolf." The boys are going to be part of the "wolfpack". It is pretty funny!

We will be having an open book science test tomorrow. We are working on being able to find answers in our text. These books are new to the boys so I figured this would help them.

If you plan to order books from the January book orders, please do so by Monday, January 28. The February ones go home next week.

Also- great job on singing last Sunday! Thanks to Mrs. Bilitz for all her work that went into the song-it was beautiful!

Have a great rest of the week- be safe, stay warm, and God bless!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

The St. Luke's upper grade students had a very different week. We began by knocking out 3 of 4 MAP tests in the first two days. A snow day Wednesday left us not a lot of time to prepare for WLA's Let's Celebrate. There has been a change to the schedule on Sunday. We will sing at 12:35 P.M. Students should arrive at 12:05 P.M. Again, schedule change for this Sunday. Arrive at 12:05 P.M. and sing at 12:35 P.M.

The upper grade students also helped the K-2 students log in and prepare for their MAP tests. It was great to see them working together. The working together didn't stop at the computers though. With snow on the ground, and big piles in the parking lot, it gave a great chance for everyone to play together and enjoy the snow!

The 7th and 8th grade students have been studying atmospheric and fluid pressure during science recently. It has been some interesting research to find the actual science behind every day activities. Did you hear why the hydraulic engineer recently quit his job? I guess he couldn't handle the pressure.