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# Notes & News

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### [Deuteronomy 26:5-10](#)

After accomplishing some great success in life, perhaps you have been given the counsel: “Don’t rest on your laurels.” A sign of victory in ancient times was to wear a wreath made of laurel leaves as a kind of crown. To rest on your laurels, then, means to be so satisfied with your past achievements that you make no further effort to improve. Such a person basks in the glow of glory years gone by.

When the people of Israel entered into the Promised Land after wandering in the wilderness, they would be tempted to “rest on their laurels.” After years of suffering, they had found success. They had journeyed to a land “flowing with milk and honey” with rich soil that produced abundant crops. But Moses reminded them that the laurel wreath of victory was not theirs to wear. The Israelites, descendants of Abraham, owed everything they had to the Lord, the God of their fathers. When they were helpless, the Lord had saved them from slavery and had led them safely to this new land. By all rights, the Lord deserved their thanks and praise.

Can Christians be tempted to rest on their laurels? After all, we believers have been promised an eternal home in heaven. As God’s children we have the privilege of going to him in prayer. By his grace we even see some successes in our struggles with sin and may have been able to resist temptations that have been the ruin of others around us. But no, the crown of victory does not rightly belong to us. We sinners could never earn peace with God ourselves. It was won by Christ Jesus the Son of God, who with his outstretched arms on the cross defeated sin, death, and the devil for us. He gives salvation as a gift to all sinners through faith. We rest secure on Jesus’ laurels—his victory—rather than our own. And responding to such a Savior in faith and gratitude, we bring the firstfruits of godly living, setting apart for him the best of our resources, our schedule, and our heart. – [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)

## **DIVINE CALL – MESSAGE FROM MR. BUCH**

This past Sunday I received a call to serve as the principal and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Zion Lutheran School in South Milwaukee. This is another opportunity to examine the ministries at St. Luke’s and at Zion. Please pray for our family as we deliberate such life changing opportunities. Thank you.

## **MUSICAL PRACTICE**

Practice for the Spring Musical, “The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf” will begin next week. We will be putting out a weekly practice schedule to begin our musical rehearsals. Next week Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 – 4:00 P.M. all 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to stay for practice. If that is a problem, please contact Mr. Buch.

## **PARENT MEETING**

Thank you to those who attended the parent meeting. The minutes from the meeting are attached to the end of this Notes & News. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please review the minutes and ask your child's teacher if you have questions about something. The next Parent Meeting is May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

## **BASKETBALL**

Thank you to all who made the basketball season a success. It was a huge blessing to be able to have an A and a B-Team at St. Luke's. That is the first time in a long time we have had multiple teams during a season. Another thank you goes out to our coaches and concessions workers who made the season really fun. FYI: by hosting the games on Friday night of the WALL Tournament, our school profited \$1322!!! Wow! Some of those funds will go to purchase new soccer jerseys for next fall!

## **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.

- Feb 18 – 24 – Draves
- Feb 25 – Mar 3 – Cleaning Company
- Mar 4-10 – Schaumburg
- Mar 11-17 - Beger

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 1<sup>st</sup> – No P.M. Busing
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- March 18-22 – No Busing

## **3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ**

This week in Bible history, we learned about Jesus and his feeling on the topic of money. The children learned Jesus wants us to be responsible with our gift of money and use it wisely. He also wants us to set aside some money for a church offering. These offerings can be used to spread God's Word in Oakfield and all around the world. We were able to examine coins and discuss their differences. On Thursday, the children will all get an offering envelope which you can use for Friday's chapel service. The offering will be used to spread the good news in one of our many mission fields.

We finished our unit on construction and began our unit on "City and Country". We read "Down on the Farm" and "Subway". Next we read "The City Mouse and the Country Mouse". These stories helped us to review the difference between the city and the country. Each student was able to create their own book page by writing the reasons that they loved the city or the country better. The children did a great job expressing their reasoning. Currently the city is in the lead mostly due to Taco Bell and Dollar General. We traveled to the library after missing out on the library last week. The kids were able to listen to me read this week. Callie Cat and Queenie Queen made an appearance. Even though we have had several days off, we are still whizzing through those letters. Next week our letter is V.

A huge "thank you" to all who were able to join us for the ECE Round Up. It is amazing to think that the year is going so quickly and another new class is preparing to enter St. Luke's. What an awesome blessing! We had some fun listening to a Bible story, building with candy, making crowns, playing in shaving cream, eating a snack, and reading a silly story. If you thought of any questions that were not answered on Monday night, please let me know.

## **Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier**

Four consecutive days of school in a row is a blessing we had taken for granted. This will certainly be a winter to remember. The children continued their zeal for hearing Bible lessons during our short times together and now this longer week as well. We are studying interesting lessons about what it means to be a Christian. The tax collector, the man healed from leprosy, and the man who forgave his son are great examples of faith and living lives of thankfulness.

Our newest adventure this week was learning how to “study.” We have been working through our current social studies unit on needs and wants and saving and producing and consuming for weeks now. We were finally able to review this week, but remembering new vocabulary words that were only touched on and then interrupted by snow has made the sound of crickets very loud... Second grade learned how to write out the answers to a review and then how to quiz themselves. First grade learned how to look through their pages and find the most important information - highlighted and underlined words. Great life lessons here!

Second grade was finally able to crack open their second Superkids book. We are full-blown concerned about who is going to adopt Golly the dog. We were also shocked to find out that Golly had owners. He seemed to just always hang around and do his own thing. We have some solutions and we can't wait to see if we are right! Keep those tissues handy! I am!

First grade is learning how to compare objects and how to spell them correctly. That flower is pretty! Ooh! That flower is even prettier! OOOOHHH! That flower is the prettiest! (I'm sure we will be able to say that soon when Spring happens!)

Kindergarten is continuing to over enunciate vowel sounds and some of us are shocking our teacher at the amount of skills they have secretly been possessing. So great! Keep it up!

As a classroom, we are working really hard on teamwork and expressing ourselves clearly. More great life skills!

Finally, I just want to say how I'm already getting excited for next year. A few of the incoming kindergarteners were able to visit on Monday night and they were such an enthusiastic group!

Final finally, please know that my door is always open and my phone and e-mail are on. No concern is too big or too little to address. I love to hear from you and I do my best to respond within 24 hours. Blessings!

## **5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch**

Getting back into a normal routine was a very weird thing to do. We have had so many weeks of bizarre scheduling that it was refreshing to start the path to normalcy again. Please remind your students to do 5-10 minutes of reviewing each night so the night before tests does not feel as stressful.

We will be having Deputy Rehfeldt back into our classroom tomorrow for a final lesson in how to treat others. He will give a law enforcement perspective and it will be great to be able to apply our Christian values to that. We thank him for all his work he has done in our classroom this year!