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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

[Luke 9:34-35](#)

"I think God will let me into heaven." This was Tom's response to his friend John's question. He assured John that while he was not perfect, God would certainly choose him before others who were worse than him. John responded to his friend's false sense of security, "I really don't think God would agree with you."

The difference between Tom and John was that Tom looked to what he had done to merit God's choice, whereas John looked to Jesus and what he did to make him worthy.

As I look at myself, how would I answer the question, "Why should God choose to let me into heaven?" Would I review my good works to convince the Lord that I am worthy of his choice? Would I remind God how much better I am compared to other people? Or, would I plead that God should overlook my shortcomings and faults? If I try to rely on what I do to merit God's choice, I will be disappointed, because there is no way I can convince God to choose me based on the record of what I've done.

There is only one hope for me, as well as for every sinner. In a bold and gracious proclamation, God the Father revealed where that hope is found. His words comfort my aching heart and bring peace to my desperate soul: "This is my Son, whom I have chosen."

With these words the Lord turns the focus away from me and places it on his Son. Jesus is not only God's Son from all eternity, he is also the one chosen by the Father to secure forgiveness and peace for all. When I put my confidence in Jesus and the precious work he accomplished, the results are staggering. No longer am I God's enemy. No longer am I rejected because of my failures or inadequacies. No longer am I doomed to be separated from him for eternity. In Jesus, God has washed away my sin and made me acceptable in his sight.

So, why should God choose to let me into heaven? There is only one sure answer, and that is Jesus Christ. Through him alone I stand chosen and worthy of life in heaven. – www.wels.net

DIVINE CALL – MESSAGE FROM MR. BUCH

On February 17th, I received a call to serve as the principal and 8th 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

Next week's musical practice will be the almost the same as this week's. Next week we ask the 3rd and 4th grade students to join the 5th – 8th grade students after school from 3:15 – 4:00. We are already having a lot of fun with this musical and can't wait to start seeing it come together. If you are skilled with costume making or just have a creative mind, please talk to one of our teachers about how you can help with costume design.

ILLNESS

Just a reminder that students with sicknesses or fevers should be clear of their illness for a full 24 hours before returning to school. This will especially help to stop the spread of the stomach bug that has been going around our school. Thanks for helping keep St. Luke's healthy!

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.

- Mar 4-10 – Cleaning Company – for Bosquez
- Mar 11-17 – Beger
- Mar 18-24 – Weiglein
- Mar 25-31 – Cleaning Company – for Rhode

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 1st – P.M. Busing will be available
- March 15th – End of the 3rd Quarter
- March 18-22 – No Busing
- April 5 – Spring Musical – 1pm, 6pm

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

This week in Bible History we studied the parable of the wicked farmers and the parable of the wedding dinner. As soon as the children heard that the owner of the farm sent his only son to the wicked farmers, they made the connection that the story was talking about Jesus. The children were asked to write in their journals about who tells them about Jesus. Almost all of them chose to draw their parents! What a wonderful sign of God's Word in our homes. Parents are definitely their children's first teachers! Acting out both of these parables really helped with their understanding of the stories. Next, we learned that Jesus covers all of our sins with his beautiful, perfect robe of righteousness.

We continued our unit on "City/Country" this week. We read "Apple Farmer Annie" and put on our aprons to cut apples and make some apple muffins. So many math connections are made every time that we bake...It is awesome! We made some apple art with puffy paint! Next we read "Apple Dumpling" which is a silly story about a woman who makes a bunch of trades before she gets the apples that she really needs! We sorted and graphed different colored apples and the older kids were quick to point out that we could sort by shape OR by color!

In Alphafriends, we worked on the letter "V" for Vinnie Volcano. The children did a great job sponge painting to create hot lava. We also played "Hot Lava" during recess. This incorporated the math concept of counting backwards as we waited for the volcano to erupt and go "BOOM!" Next week our letter is "J". If you come across any words that start with the letter of the week, please send them along for our Word Wall. Take a little time to work on the alphabet at home. 3rd quarter will be coming to an end very soon and those children in 4K should be very confident with almost all of the letters.

On Wednesday, March 13th, we will be singing in the 3:30 service. Students will go directly to church at 3:30 instead of being dismissed. They will sing at about 3:40. Then they will come to the pews to sit with you. The service lasts only about 45 minutes with a supper to follow. Please consider staying for the whole service to check out what our church is all about. If you have questions about church membership, please speak to Pastor Schwartz.

Thank you to Ezra for bringing our snacks this week and happy birthday! **Next week Noelle will bring our snacks.** Our snack and lunch time manners need a little bit of a refresher. Children are asked to stay seated on their bottom and focus on their own meal. We have also been trying to keep the burping to a minimum. Please help us out by reinforcing meal manners at home also. Thank you.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

Five consecutive days of school! Will it happen?! It looks like it! We have loved the consistency in our schedule. We especially loved being able to study our Bible lessons fully. We began with Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead before moving to Zacchaeus. The children appreciated knowing that Jesus felt pain like they do. Our study of Zacchaeus led us to research Sycamore Trees. I encourage you to look up a picture. It makes so much more sense to the logistics of the lesson. Zacchaeus was short, but so are sycamore trees. They are low to the ground and then have strong and tall branches. He would have been able to hide from those who didn't like him. This picture also makes it more amazing that Jesus sought him out from among the branches. What great love our Savior had for him and for us! He sought us out too when we were wretched, filthy sinners and made us clean through his blood. This thought has allowed us to talk about the coming season of Lent when we focus on Jesus' life and death.

We had the opportunity to begin a new unit in science. Our social studies tests went well - studying really paid off! We are talking about what makes an object living or nonliving and their habitats. We have had some deep discussions already and are amazed at how God provides for certain creatures in certain areas. On Wednesday I was planning on a twenty minute lesson and we went for fifty minutes with only one stretch break! These children never cease to amaze me!

Kindergarten mastered their doubles plus ones facts this week. Way to go! Those aren't easy! They are also working so hard on blending words and reading longer stories. I'm so proud of their effort and enthusiasm!

First grade is pushing hard on their reading skills. Each day they get a little more fluent. This week we are working on contractions. It's a little confusing, but with more practice it'll get easier.

Second grade is working on writing a poem about a family member. They were afraid at first, but planning out the poem really helped get the juices flowing. I can't wait to see the finished products!

Keep up the great work! Third quarter is ending soon.... :(

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

My apologies for no notes and news from me last week. I was under the weather and home for the day- and totally wasn't thinking about writing something. Thanks to Mrs. Schwartz for covering my classroom for the day!

Well, where did February go? This year is flying by! Our musical is in April and we will really be working on that. Each boy in my class has a small part to say in the play, so that is exciting! They will be part of the wolfpack in The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf.

We are close to finishing the grammar portion of the 3-4 grade English. Then it will be on to writing. We are really enjoying our biography of the Three Stooges. Did you know that Moe, Shemp, and Curly were all brothers?

In ChristLight we are reading about the time just before Jesus is betrayed. Jesus told many parables to the people to teach them about God's love and forgiveness. He wanted people to repent of their sins. This has brought some great discussion on how much God loved us that he sent Jesus to pay for our sins! As of Tuesday, the 3-4th graders recited the books of the Old Testament! Way to go!

2nd grade learned about square roots in Math on Tuesday. They are getting more independent with their directions! They will also have an English test next week on adjectives!

God bless your week!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

The 7th and 8th grade students have begun reading The Diary of Anne Frank. It is a different style literature book than we are used to because it is non-fiction. One of the things we had to remember is that she did not intend for anyone to ever read this as it was her secret diary. Not many of our students would like their secret thoughts published for millions!

The 5th and 6th grade students have been studying the Theory of Continental Drift. Speaking of, the last snowstorm over North America was so bad, I think it caused a continental drift. It has been really interesting for us to pick apart and study this theory through the scope of God's creation. We have had some interesting thoughts about the "millions" of years comments in our book. God could have created things millions or even billions of years old. Has the world been around that long? No. Amazing to see the limitless power and knowledge of God at work in science!

We have just over 2 weeks left in the 3rd quarter. How is your 5th & 6th grade student doing on their memory work progress? Has your 5th – 8th grade student been reviewing work every night? Has your student been using their planner? Give your students reminders on how to be successful. They have the ability!