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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

[Luke 9:28-29](#)

Each of the accounts of Jesus' transfiguration begins with a statement that this happened about a week later than what had just been written about. So, God wants those events connected. And just what had happened about a week earlier?

It started out great! Jesus asked Peter, James, and John who people thought he was, and eventually Peter confessed oh-so-clearly that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God! But when Jesus began talking about his suffering and death, Peter took Jesus aside and rebuked him. In response, Jesus said, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns" (Matthew 16:23).

So, now it's a week later, and you're Peter, on this mountain, and Jesus' face suddenly changes so that it is shining like the sun and his clothing become as bright as a flash of lightning. If you're Peter, what are you thinking? Are you thinking, "Oh no! A few days ago, I was rebuking him! Look at him now!!! What was I thinking?"

How easily we question God in an improper way, even "rebuke" God. True? Yes, it's true. We have the audacity to tell God that he is not handling things correctly in our lives or in our world. How dare we!

What is amazing is that Jesus didn't cut Peter off and eliminate him from the disciples. Jesus continued to love Peter. He even invites Peter to come to the mountaintop, to view his glory.

And amazingly, Jesus continues to love you and me too. Despite our failures, Jesus continues to love us. And someday he will invite us to the heavenly mountaintop where we will experience his glory forever.

DIVINE CALL – MESSAGE FROM MR. BUCH

"Thank you to those who have reached out to us personally as well as prayed for us during this call deliberation. A call is always a blessing no matter the decision. It give a chance to learn about a new school, Zion Lutheran. It also gives needed time to reflect on ministry at St. Luke's. Hailey, Emily and I will be returning the call to Zion and will continue to serve here at St. Luke's."

APPAREL ORDER

Another round of apparel orders have gone out to students. There will also be a digital copy of this order form in the "Documents & Forms" section of SchoolCues. Please return all order forms with payment by March 28th. If you have any questions about the orders please contact Amber O'Laire (aolaire@gmail.com).

MILK MOOLA

Please remember that Milk Moola caps and bag tops must be turned in by 3/27. This is a great way to help support our school by saving those caps and bag tops. This will be the last time to collect these items. Thanks!

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!

MUSICAL PRACTICE

Musical practice has been a really fun way to utilize God's gifts he's given our students. Next week's practices will be on Tuesday from 3:15 – 4:30 P.M. and Thursday from 3:15 – 4:30 P.M. These practices will include all students from Kindergarten – 8th grade.

WLA has agreed to allow us to use their stage for our show. We will need assistance transporting the stage from WLA to St. Luke's and back again after. If anyone has a large trailer and some strong arms, we will be moving the stage the weekend of March 29-31. Exact times will be settled when we have a trailer in place. Please let Mr. Buch know if you can help out!

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 11-17 – Beger
- Mar 18-24 – Weiglein
- Mar 25-31 – Cleaning Company – for Rhode
- Apr 1-7 – Roberts
- Apr 8-14 - Scharf

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 15th – End of the 3rd Quarter
- March 15th – Early Dismissal (1:15 P.M.)
- March 18-22 – No Busing
- March 27th – Milk Moola Due
- March 28th – Apparel Orders Due
- April 5 – Spring Musical – 1pm, 6pm

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

This week in Bible History we learned about Maundy Thursday and the events of that night. Jesus washed the disciples' feet and taught them how to serve one another. We played "Helpful Hopscotch" and thought of tons of ways that we can help out at home and at school. This was also a great skill for working on coordination and gross motor movements. Our second story was the account of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. We learned the verse, "Watch and pray," and wrote it on a little fence that we made to remind us that Jesus was in a garden like a park. Don't forget that the Lenten season has begun and we will be singing for the 3:30 service next week, the 13th. All students are asked to attend.

We began a unit called "Let's Move" this week. We read "Thesaurus Rex" and got moving and grooving with the story. We also read the story of "The Gingerbread Man". Since this is a tall tale there are many versions of the story out there. The story, "Gingerbread Man Loose in the School" talked about a gingerbread man who was trying to find his class. The children loved playing with homemade gingerbread playdoh. Thanks to Mrs. Buch for making some real gingerbread men and helping us to decorate them with lots of treats. Jumping Jill had us jumping up and down the hall and learning how to jump rope. It was actually hard to get them to stop.

We are almost to the end of the quarter and it is time for a little change. **Starting next week**, I'd like the children to say their "good-byes" in the hall and bring their items into the room on their own. This is a great time for parents to give their children the responsibility for their school life. (It's also a great step towards preparing for kindergarten!) It may be a little tough in the beginning of the week, but I feel like they are ready to give it a try. If you have a message for me you can write me a note or text me. Thanks for helping with this transition to independence! Please let me know if you have any questions about this transition.

A big thank you to Noelle for bringing our snacks this week. **Next week Jazlyn will bring our snacks.** Wednesday the 16th is the last day of the quarter so I have been busy working one on one to finish assessments before that date. We will certainly have some days off in the attendance category. Please know that we all appreciate it when sick children stay home. I know that it can be rather inconvenient, but it is safest for the whole class.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

Two full weeks of school have really allowed us to pack in the learning! Our Bible lessons are tying in perfectly with the current church year. We learned about Palm Sunday on Ash Wednesday. I am excited that the season lines up so well so that our children can really get a grasp on the meaning of Lent as they study it in school and experience it live at church.

We have also been enjoying our science study on habitats and the special adaptations God created animals with for them to live in their environment. Today we talked about how birds have different sized and shaped beaks for them to be able to consume their favorite types of food. It's amazing to ponder how much detail God put into his creation!

Kindergarten is learning about the Superkids Club! They met all of the Superkids and are all reading well. I love their enthusiasm for more knowledge.

First grade is getting larger chunks of material to read. Some of us are loving the challenge, while others need more convincing. In time we will all be reading with speed and confidence. :)

Second grade finished up their poems. They are treasures to behold! I was very proud of their work overall. This week we began studying our cursive writing in earnest. We have been so excited about this neat and historical art form! We also studied the importance of certain colors and the feelings they trigger in our brains. Ask your child why school buses are yellow and ask them about what other vehicle could be yellow too!

We have been studying our musical as well. Today I acted out parts so that the students could get a feel for how their parts fit into the story. We are excited to be a part of this production! We will be part of the practices next week Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 – 4:30 P.M.

We will be singing in the afternoon service on Wednesday, March 20th. Second grade is also asked to sing the following week with the third and fourth graders to help boost their numbers. Please let me know if this is a problem for you. I know it wasn't originally on the schedule.

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

Another full week of school. We definitely are working hard, and trying to be organized. As a teacher I want to see my students know where their work is, know when it is due, and make good decisions about which homework to get done first. Then I sit back and say, "they are 8, 9, and 10! This is a work in progress!" The strides they have taken have been huge and I am so proud of them. Sometimes we forget homework or get behind. We will continue to work on it and help each other out. They certainly can do it!

As we start the Lenten season, our class has begun reading how Jesus suffered and was getting ready to pay for our sins. We just finished the Garden of Gethsemane and discussed how Jesus knew what was about to happen to him. After he prayed he concluded the prayer with "Your will be done." Since Jesus was true God He knew what was about to happen. And as He was true man he knew it was going to be painful and hard and sad. But he was willing to do all that for us. What a powerful reminder of Jesus's great love for us!

We have been working on the play. The boys are going to be in the 'wolfpack' so they are going to need to dress "cool". Jeans, leather or jean jacket, basically like a mini Fonzie. I was about to mention the Fonz to the kids and then I realized they would have no clue who he is! One mom found online wolf ears and a tail that were cute and reasonable. Or maybe you are crafty and can make something?

We will be having a social studies test next week. I am planning on giving the boys a review sheet to study from.

2nd grade finished a test on Monday in English on adjectives. I am super proud to say 5 got zero wrong and one student got one wrong! Lots of stickers were given out!

Remember Daylight Savings is this weekend!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

This week we had a visitor! Mr. Nathan Lemke, MLC junior, observed and participated in our classroom during MLC's spring break. This early field experience is a requirement of all MLC students from freshman to junior year. As part of this experience, Nathan was able to teach a few math classes, reading lessons, Christ Light lessons, and devotions. Thanks Mr. Lemke for hanging out with us all week!

We jumpstarted into some project based learning activities today and will be continuing to work through them to the end of the school year. Some of the projects students will be working to complete are: turning unused desks into stand-up desks, building a picnic table from scratch, designing and fabricating small, movable soccer goals, completing a nature map of the St. Luke's property, and renovating/reorganizing the back hallway of St. Luke's.

The end of the 3rd quarter is rapidly approaching. Students have struggled lately with responsibility. We have not been studying as well or as consistently as we need to be. Remember that the finished product of a St. Luke's student does not happen until they leave 8th grade, but we want to make sure students are on track for that goal. Creating long term habits now will create long term academic success to high school and beyond.