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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

Luke 4:1-4

When temptation comes along, how do you react? Do you give in every time? Do you fight it for a while but then grow weary? Do you go for a long time without giving in but then indulge? Everyone has felt the lure of temptations from the devil.

What is the best way to fight those temptations? Jesus shows us the power of fighting temptation with words from the Bible. "It is written," he says, and the devil has no answer. Whatever God says in the Scripture is absolute truth, and it is powerful against temptation.

You will find that turning to a pertinent Bible passage in a moment of temptation is helpful. The Word of God is a powerful weapon against our old, evil foe—the devil. He was defeated by Jesus, and he has no answer to the powerful words of Jesus.

When you have given in to a temptation and you are feeling guilty, it is also helpful to turn to a Bible passage: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Cling to God's words of forgiveness, and trust that the victory of Jesus over the devil is your victory as well.

BASKETBALL HOOPS

Some exciting news for St. Luke's!! We have a tremendous opportunity to replace the side hoops in the gymnasium at a very reasonable cost. If you recall, one of the side hoops in the gym had to be taken down because it was so unstable. The other hoop is not far behind it. These new hoops will be just like our main hoops; official size with glass backboards. While the opportunity is great, there is still a total cost of \$1500 for four hoops. If the Lord has blessed you with the ability and desire to help with a gift toward this purchase, we are asking for your support. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of our students each and every day. Please talk to Mr. Buch or Dan Geisthardt if you are interested in making a gift for this opportunity. A donation in any amount will help. Thanks 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).

MARCH MADNESS

March is upon us. That means basketball craziness all month. All St. Luke's parents and members are invited to compete against the students in a bracket challenge. The brackets will be released Sunday night. Grab a bracket from the entry way of school on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday and submit it to Mr. Buch by Thursday morning to enter our competition. If you would like to print your own bracket and submit it, that will also be accepted. Good luck to all entries!

SIX FLAGS READ TO SUCCEED

READ TO SUCCEED – Last week students (K-7th) received a recording sheet from the Six Flags Program that rewards readers. The due date is April 19th and the goal is a simple 6 hours. This time CAN be the same Book It time, just logged on both sheets!!! SCORE! In May, your child will receive a ticket to Six Flags in Gurnee Mills. Get reading and get ready for some rollercoaster fun! Please direct any questions to the teachers.

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!

MUSICAL PRACTICE

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!

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 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 18th – Report cards sent home
- 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 continued our Lenten walk with the story of Peter's denial of Jesus. The sound of a rooster crowing was a horrible reminder to Peter that he had pretended not to know Jesus. He was devastated, but forgiven. (Ask your child about the rooster that they created and see if they can recall the story.) Our story continued as Jesus is lead to Pilate. While this part of the story can be a bit frightening, I continue to remind the children of their Easter promise. We were able to spread this news on Wednesday, when we sang our song in church. "Do you know who'll stay with me? Jesus will!" Thanks to all the families for making special arrangements for a special message.

We continued our unit called "Let's Move". We read "We're Going on a Lion Hunt" and had a great time doing all the actions with the song version of this book. The children wrote in their journals about how we are safe around water, since the girls in our story go plunging into a pond! Another similar book was, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". The children used their higher level thinking skills to compare and contrast the two stories. We also read the story of "Rabbit's Rope Tug". I hope you have fun hearing a retelling of this tall tale with the story pieces the kids made. Our letter friend was **Hattie Horse**. The children made their own decorative **horse** and also a crazy **hair** person. Some of the

children tried to **hula hoop** and **hopscotch** at the same time! We are almost finished with all of our letters. Don't forget to keep on reinforcing them as you go through the weekend.

Much of our week has been focused on assessments with the students. I met one on one with each child to check their retention of many of the letter and number concepts. Friday marks the end of the quarter, so assessments will be coming home on Monday. Please remember that the 4K students are hoping for 2s and 3s on their report. The 3K students are doing just fine with 1s and 2s. As always, please contact me with any questions that you may have about the report. During the 4th quarter, I will be giving the PALS assessment to the 4K students in preparation for Kindergarten. This is just a repeat of the same assessment that they took part in during the fall.

A big thank you to Jazlyn for bringing our snacks this week. **Next week Gracie will bring our snacks again.** .You may have heard that I was home sick on Monday. I was hit with the nasty stomach flu. I am so grateful to have Mrs. Schwartz and Mrs. Panzer who bravely met the Monday challenge head on! Then on Wednesday, the rest of my family was struggling with the same bug and Mr. Buch stepped in for a bit in the morning. Hopefully, next week will bring some healthy bugs to my house!

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

The third quarter is quickly coming to an end. This is typically my favorite quarter of the school year. Everything really gels in the classroom and all the skills we work so hard on at the beginning of the year really come to fruition and we start to soar. I'm optimistic that we will continue to fly since it seems as though we have so much more time together. That is one positive of a late spring!

We had the opportunity to study two more parables this week. We really enjoyed acting out receiving more talents and repeating the line, "You're fired!" The children seemed to understand that God wants us to use the gifts he has given us in his kingdom and not to hide them. I love being able to help them hone their gifts and abilities in use for God's kingdom. I also loved the reactions of a few students as I told them the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard. They were appalled that someone who only worked for one hour got the same pay as someone who worked all day. They were outraged! Then I explained that the same is true for people who come to faith later in life and they were in silent contemplation. We understand that even though we have faith our whole lives or most of it, we still don't deserve eternal life in heaven. This is a free gift given to us by our loving heavenly Father. I also used an illustration of the comfort believers have all through life about the forgiveness of their sins and the assurance of eternal life in heaven. It's like an added bonus.

Kindergarten blew me away again this week with their fluency. Blending letters has clicked for all of them and many of them needed more challenging readers. What an awesome blessing!

First grade really got into some difficult material. Their stories are longer now and one of them contained many Spanish words that even their teacher struggled to read clearly! We worked on words with "ar," "or," "er," "ir," and "ur." Many times I am thankful that our room isn't close to the main doors since we often sound like animals and pirates trying to read!

Second grade had the opportunity to work with conjunctions and they loved them, but they weren't sure if this was a good new topic or just a silly antic from their teacher. (Yes. I tried to be funny. Yes. I failed I'm sure!)

Last week the children begged to study about penguins. I did some more schedule rearranging to squeeze in a small unit. So far we have studied where penguins live, what eats them, what they eat, how tall they are, and some of their defining characteristics. This is seriously one of the most enthusiastic classes I have ever had when it comes to studying a new topic. It's great!

Finally, we are singing towards the beginning of the 3:30 pm service next Wednesday, the 20th. Second grade will also sing the following Wednesday with the third and fourth graders as well.

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

It has been so nice to be able to enjoy the outside in not so frigid temperatures! Hoping one day we will see green grass again!

Report cards will be handed out on Monday. I realize this is a long stretch of time with no break or should I say snow days? But I will be reminding the students that this is not a time to hand in work that is subpar. We are moving into the 4th quarter- I can't believe it- and we have to continue working hard.

Second grade is doing a unit on descriptive paragraphs. Next week we will begin writing our first draft. We are working on prewriting this week. They will be having a test Thursday in Math as well as a final phonics test before report cards are due.

Third and fourth grades finished our book about the Three Stooges. We are learning more about prefixes and suffixes in our phonics reviews. We will also begin writing a narrative story. This will be new because we have been concentrating on grammar. Hopefully all of our hard work will pay off.

Play practice is coming along- the wolfpack is doing amazing work! I mentioned for costumes last time to dress like you're "cool". Jeans and a white t shirts are the best. If you have a jean or leather jacket that would work too but it isn't necessary. Ms. Hankemeier is working on wolf ears!

May God bless your week ahead!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

We had another visitor in our classroom this week from MLC. Brad Hengeveld is an MLC junior. He is completing his MLC Early Field Experience III. He has had an opportunity to teach a number of lessons this week. The students have really enjoyed getting to have two MLC students join us this spring. Thanks to those men for practicing their teaching skills at St. Luke's!

As the musical gets closer, students will be taking a portion of the school day to practice for the final performance. Remember to invite family, friends, and neighbors to the show! Is the Big Bad Wolf really big and bad? Is he innocent or not? You will have to find out on Friday, April 5th at 1pm and 6pm. I don't have any great theater jokes but I cannot wait for *opening* night. I once knew a bad actor who lost his job. It worked out though, he got a job in demolition and finally brought the house down.

The forensics process has begun with our 5th – 8th grade students. All students will be participating in forensics and are in the process of determining which pieces they will be completing. The majority of practice will happen at home with a few instructional opportunities from Mrs. Bilitz, who is our coach this year. Last year's forensics competitions were an awesome way for St. Luke's to show the God given talents of its students. I can't wait to see our kids in action this year! The forensics meets this year are at St. Paul's, NFDL on April 9th and at WLA on April 16th.