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INTRODUCTION

“But our citizenship is in heaven.” - Philippians 3:20

If you ever want to take on a sobering read, pick up a book entitled, *The Gulag Archipelago*. The book is a first-hand account of what life was like in a Soviet forced-labor camp during the 1940's and '50's. The accounts of what took place are so powerful and compelling, that in 1970 the book earned the Nobel Prize. Many consider it one of the most important books of the Twentieth Century.

What pulls you into the text, however, is not just the vivid description of what took place. Mixed in with the details of horror, cruelty, and desperation are proclamations of profound insight.

For example, the author unfolds what some Soviet prison guards were willing to do to terrorize and manipulate the inmates. But when he does, he also reveals what the guards feared the most. He says what they feared most is when they dealt with someone who knew that this life is nothing in comparison with the life that is to come—when they dealt with someone who knew that they were only passing through this short life, and that life eternal awaited. Against this kind of inmate, the prison guards were helpless. And because they were helpless, they were afraid.

Think about that for a moment. Through faith in Jesus—who died for your sin and rose from death—you can now look the rest of your life in the eye. And you can do so with a kind of courage that makes the powers of darkness tremble. Will there be days of difficulty in your future? Yes. Will there be days of sorrow? Yes. Will there be days of loneliness, disappointment, and suffering? Yes, yes, and yes.

But our citizenship is in heaven, God's Word says. Heaven is where we belong. Heaven is where we are going. And because that is true, the passing moments of trouble we encounter—as terrible as they may be—are only that, passing moments.

BASKETBALL HOOPS

What a tremendous outpouring of generosity! We have raised over the amount of money to purchase the hoops! With the extra money, we have purchased padding to cushion the three unprotected I-beams in the gym. With any additional funding, we will be purchasing a wall mount for one of the hoops that will be able to be lowered for younger children to practice shooting on. Thank you so much for supporting this project!

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

It has begun! We will correct the brackets as fast as we can and keep the scores updated. We have over 50 brackets entered in our contest this year! Good luck to all St. Luke's students as well as others who are participating. As always, GO BLUE!!!

SIX FLAGS READ TO SUCCEED

READ TO SUCCEED – 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

There is some great progress being made for the young actors and actresses of St. Luke's. What a wonderful way for our students to showcase the talents God has given them. Don't forget the date for the performance is April 5th at 1pm and 6pm!

Dan Geisthardt is organizing a group to retrieve the staging from WLA. Please get in touch with him if you are available to help the weekend of March 29-31. Thanks!

Next week's practices will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. for all students K-8. Please remind your students to practice their parts at home. We need to put away the copies soon!

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 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 trip to the cross on Good Friday. The children learned about the events of our Savior's death, but more importantly they are able to answer "why" Jesus died on the cross. They made little books that moved through the sequence of events on Good Friday. This was a great practice with coloring and cutting.

We are concluding our unit called "Let's Move". We read "Do like a Duck Does". This book had us jumping around and wiggling like a little duck. We had fun singing "5 Little Ducks" and getting out our wiggles when the ducks run away to hide from the Mama Duck. You can see our little painted ducks in the hallway. They were painted with forks! Our next story was "The Dancing Turtle". We used a little bowl to make our own dancing turtles complete with a little flute. On Tuesday, we really got moving with a super long walk back from the library. We went up the Main Street hill and came back down the Second Street hill. We are making up for all of those snowy days we spent inside!

Our letter friend was Iggy Iguana. We worked in our journals writing the letter I and also making a picture of something that we thought was "icky". Our science experiment with melted snow was very icky! After all of the white snow was gone we were left with yucky dirty water! Part of our math lesson was "ice cream" math. We added and subtracted scoops from our cones. The children caught on very quickly to making math number sentences. We worked on patterns and counting and even sharing the scoops! The 4K worked on number formation, by using easy little rhymes to make their numbers. This can be a simple activity for them to work on to pass the time in the car or on a rainy day.

A big thank you to Gracie for bringing our snacks this week. Next week **Evelyn** will bring our snacks. **April 5th** is an early release day. The K-8th graders will be presenting the play "The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf" at 1 PM and 6 PM on that day. The ECE class will be dismissed at 12:50 that day so that we can start the play on time at 1:00. If your child will need extended care past 12:50 please let me know. If ECE children will attend the play, they must be with their parent or guardian as the teachers will be busy focusing on the show. The rest of the students will be dismissed once the play is over which will be no later than 2:00.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

Our classroom is abuzz with many excitements. The first is that we were able to praise our Savior in church as we sang our song, "No One Loves Me More than Jesus." It is my prayer that this is a message the children never forget! Our next excitement is that we are appreciating celebrating Lent and the coming of Easter. On Wednesday we read a book called "The Easter Story" that linked spring and Easter together with symbols of new life such as chicks and bunnies. Our next excitement is working on the musical. We were so nervous last week, but quickly found out that acting can be fun, even if it is a little bit embarrassing. Another excitement was receiving brand new chalk by an anonymous donor. We quickly put that to good use! Thank you!

Entering fourth quarter has meant that we are ready for some bigger challenges. K-1 is working on learning how to play kickball. For some this is their first time learning about bases and realizing that one has to kick a ball and then run right away! Every skill starts somewhere! Another big step is listening to chapter book read alouds without seeing pictures right away! We picked up the Flat Stanley series again this year. The kids are absolutely enthralled. We just started our third one. We literally devour them in a week! Everytime we read one I think it is my favorite. I think I just love them all. I appreciate the opportunity to talk about new places and to expand on more difficult vocabulary words. Reading about new places and things through a familiar character has really piqued our interest. Ask your child about ferries (not Tinkerbell!) and about the uniqueness of the architecture of San Francisco.

Kindergarten worked on writing fuller sentences this week using a model. I am super impressed with their ability to write words lately. Many sounds are heard as they write. So good!

First grade worked on writing fuller sentences that complete an answer and worked on answering questions from a text. Big skills! We can do this!

We have waddled away from penguins and have begun studying about our government. This isn't a very steady transition, but our brains don't work that way anyway, so let's embrace it!

Just a reminder that second grade has been asked to sing along with the third and fourth graders next Wednesday in the 3:30 service. Please let me know ASAP if this is a problem. :) Strength in numbers.

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

Oh- the weather outside's not frightful.

The temperatures have been delightful-

Since there is some school to go-

No more snow- No more snow- goodbye snow!

Third quarter report cards went out on Monday. We are now in the 4th quarter and our class had a talk that we need to finish the last couple months strong. The year is flying by-

What a privilege to be teaching the death of Christ to my class. The boys have come up with interesting questions and even better they know the sacrifice that Jesus did for us! Our God is an Awesome God!

2nd-4th grade will sing NEXT Wednesday at the 3:30 Lenten Service at St. Luke's.

Play practice is going well- the boys are doing a great job as the wolfpack! The play is on Friday, April 5th.

For Math 3 we made some multiplication flash cards. The students should be taking them home and going through them. We just made them on March 19. We will add to them as we go along.

3rd and 4th grades are studying the West states and capitals. Students will be bringing home a study sheet for states and capitals soon- we will be having a test on them in a little over a week.

God bless the rest of your week!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

I showed off my fanhood of the band “Disturbed” on Monday as I was down with the sickness. The flu bug bit hard and I was not able to eat anything for almost two days. I did lose a few pounds though so that's a start on my beach bod. The students did a great job with Mrs. Tetzlaff filling in during my absence.

As the fourth quarter starts, the students were encouraged to write about the year to this point. They were asked to think how they can finish the year strong. I hope this reflects in their daily work. The expectations are highest at the end of the year. Let's do this!

We send one more “Thank You” to our two MLC students, Nathan Lemke and Brad Hengeveld for helping in our classroom the previous two weeks. The students really enjoyed having some young teachers around to instruct. We wish those teachers well in their future careers!