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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

Exodus 3:14

How well do you handle change? If you are like most people, you welcome certain changes and dread others. Some changes give us the excitement of a fresh start. Others make us long for how things used to be.

Our world is constantly changing. The way we communicate, travel, and even think is different than it was a generation ago and just keeps changing. And often, we change right along with it.

Sometimes people expect God to work the same way. God, the world is changing. People don't think and act the way they used to. If you want to stay relevant, if you want to meet the needs of people in the 21st century, you've got to change.

But do we really want a God who is always changing? Do we want a God whose love for us changes from one day to the next? Do we want a God who makes a promise one day and changes his mind the next? Do we want a God who listens to our prayers one day and ignores them the next?

God once called himself something that may sound strange to us. He said, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" When he calls himself "I AM," he wants us to know that he is a God who does not change. His unconditional love will never change. His promises of mercy will never change. His power to keep his loving promises will never change.

What a comfort that is! No matter how fickle and unfaithful we are to God, he is always ready to forgive our failures and rescue us from the wrath that we deserve. No matter how much may change in our lives, God will always hear our prayers and answer them in perfect love. We can count on him at all times, knowing that he will bless us here on earth and forever in heaven, just as he promised.

Rejoice that, in a changing world, we have a faithful and unchanging God! – www.wels.net

BASKETBALL HOOPS

The basketball hoops have arrived! A huge thank you to Brian Wix and Jarrod Trewin for driving 4 hours one way to pick them up! Chuck Schaumburg will be working on fabricating mounts for these hoops. If you have interest and/or skill to help hang them, please let Mr. Buch know. If you would still like to donate to the portable mount we would like to purchase, please talk to Mr. Buch or Dan Geisthardt. Thanks for making this dream a reality!

APPAREL ORDER

Today is the due date for the apparel order forms. Please submit those to Mr. Buch ASAP. We would like to get that order form submitted to Hopper's as soon as we can. If you have any questions about the order forms please contact Amber O'Laire (aolaire@gmail.com).

MILK MOOLA

The date for Milk Moola entries has come and gone. If you still have Milk Moola caps and bag tops please contact Michele Wix. Thank you.

MARCH MADNESS

Two rounds of the tournament are fully completed. The leader in the clubhouse after those two rounds is Josh Metzger. Here is the current top 10 standings. Full standings are found on the St. Luke's Facebook Page. We have 60 entries this year!

Mr. Metzger	<u>95</u>
Owen Reible	<u>94</u>
Owen Bilitz	<u>93</u>
Mr. (Jim) Bilitz	<u>93</u>
Mr. Baumgartner	<u>92</u>
Mrs. (Sara) Schaumburg	<u>91</u>
Kolby Trewin	<u>90</u>
Grant Schaumburg	<u>90</u>
Mrs. O'Brien	<u>89</u>
Joel Schwartz	<u>88</u>
Mr. O'Brien	<u>88</u>

MUSICAL PRACTICE

We are rapidly approaching the performance of our spring musical, "The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf". Next week, practices will be on Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. Remember that Friday, April 5th is the big day! Students will be released after the musical which will be roughly at 2:00 P.M. Students should be back, ready for the 2nd performance at 5:40 P.M. Thanks!

FORENSICS NOTE FROM MRS. BILITZ

Forensics season has begun!! Although I have participated in forensics all throughout my life and am a highschool forensics judge, being a coach is a whole new ball game for me!!! But I'm excited to help your children participate in this great club!!

By now students should have their pieces chosen or written. If not please get in touch with me so I can help them come up with something. All of the 5th -8th graders have chosen categories but if your child does not remember theirs, feel free to email me and I can look it up for you!

Our first meet will take place on April 9th at St. Paul's, North Fond du Lac from 6-8 and our second meet will be at WLA on April 16th from 6:30-8:00. (Specific information about meets will be posted soon.) Although these are competitions, this is just to be fun, I do not want any child to feel pressured to earn top scores. This is a great learning experience and a wonderful skill to build for the future.

Please have your child practice their speech every day. Practice is the most important part! There will be 2 whole group forensics practices on Wednesday 4/3 from 5-6 p.m and Wednesday 4/10 from 5-6 p.m. at St. Lukes. Students should bring their pieces to the practice! If your child will be unable to attend please let Emily Bilitz know (ebilitz@wlvikings.org) or 920-960-2030.

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 25-31 – Cleaning Company – for Rhode
- Apr 1-7 – Roberts
- Apr 8-14 - Scharf

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 28th – Apparel Orders Due
- April 5 – Spring Musical – 1pm, 6pm
- April 9th – Forensics @ St. Paul's, NFDL
- April 16th – Forensics @ WLA

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

This week in Bible History we jumped into the Easter stories! He is risen! He is risen indeed! The bakery was open and the resurrection rolls were baking. Mrs. Schwartz helped out by organizing all of the ingredients for the chefs in the kitchen. Large marshmallows rolled in cinnamon and sugar are the body of Jesus and the “grave” is the crescent roll where he was laid. Once you bake these treats, the body of Jesus disappears, because he has risen. (Check out our FB page to see the process.) Our second story focused on the guards and how they told lies about Jesus even after His death. Sometimes it may seem that a lie is a good choice especially if it gets us out of trouble. But we talked about the fact that God still knows that we lied, even if we trick all of the people around us with our lie.

We began a new unit called “Growing and Changing”. We read “When I am Big” and charted our height on a wall chart and made a list of the things that we need to do to keeping growing. We also read the book “Peter’s Chair” by Ezra Jack Keats. This sweet story talks about how Peter’s furniture is being used for a new baby sister. The children spoke up right away about their experiences and mentioned many, many items that they have had to give away or pass on to a sibling. Our next story was “The Gigantic Turnip”. The children had to sequence the story by putting the story pieces in the right order. Mrs. Schwartz worked on some Easter egg math and the children recorded their masterpieces on paper. They were able to work on sorting, colors, the idea of “half”, and writing their work on paper. WOW!

Our letter friend was **Gertie Goose**. It’s amazing how the children are beginning to hear those initial sounds in words. Asher Cool Dude also enjoyed his special week because **Guinea Pig** starts and ends with “G”. We got out the **glitter** and the **glue** for our letter art. Grapes and goldfish also helped when building our letter G. The 4K worked on the correct letter formation for some of their letters. This can be a great “homework” idea for a rainy day. Our letter for next week is letter E.

Thanks to Evelyn for our snacks this week and happy birthday. Next week it is **Finlee’s** turn to bring the snack. Don’t forget that on April 5th we will be having the play for the K-8th graders. I haven’t heard from any families about problems with childcare or the pick-up time of 12:50 for that day. Please let me know if you need aftercare for your child or if the 12:50 time will work for your family. Thanks for helping to make things flow a bit more smoothly on that day. I hope you and your family are able to check out one of the performances at either 1:00 or 6:00. The children LOVE their friends from the “big kid’s room”.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

The buzz around our classroom continues to tell me that spring is on its way. Even though the weather has been odd, we are thankful to get out and run in the fresh air!

We have been enjoying practicing for the school musical. Boys beware - our girls really know how to swoon and bat their eyes! Girls beware - our boys really know how to cheer! Some of us are a bit unsure about the awkwardness of acting, but each practice helps make us more comfortable!

This week our Bible lessons took place on the Tuesday of Holy Week. The parables contained a bit more law than we are used to, but this has made the children realize even more how precious their faith is. Some children were once again shocked at the audacity of the characters in the story that Jesus told. How could they hurt and kill the servant messengers who were simply asking for the rent payments? We soon realized that while we do not maim the people God has put into our lives, we certainly don’t always gladly hear and learn what they have to say or heed their warnings. Thank God that he sent a Savior to heed the warnings in our place!

Thank you for bringing your child to sing last week and for the second grade parents for bringing your child to sing again this week! Your eagerness to keep watering your child’s faith is soul warming. The next time we will sing is on Palm Sunday. Please stay tuned as we iron out a few details about times and locations. There will be a group rehearsal for the St. Luke’s Sunday school and Adult Choir the week before Palm Sunday for sure.

Kindergarten and first grade both finished another unit this week in reading. Our progress as a classroom is so remarkable! Thank you for practicing with your child at home! It’s really helping. As Ms. Blossom says, “Practice makes splendid!”

Math 1 is adding quite a few new facts to their math fact arsenal. Practice in the car would be beneficial. We need to know how math facts work and also simply memorize them. We are also really practicing the directions of numbers. Chalk and writing in sand or with dry erase markers on counters or tables is a fun way to practice. :)

Finally, just a reminder to please send two snacks with your child each day in addition to a lunch, even on hot lunch days. Thank you!

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

The play is almost here! April 5th is just a little over a week away. I will say all the kids are doing a fabulous job! I can't wait for everyone to see it! Remember that the Wolfpack has to look "cool". Jeans, white t-shirt, maybe some slicked back hair? Jean or leather jacket is an option too.

3-4th graders know we are having a states quiz on Friday. Next week will be a social studies test too. We also are working on a poster about endangered animals, and the boys were excited to look up information on the laptops.

I have a short little visit planned for Confections for any Occasion in Theresa on April 9th. I can get the boys there in my van so I do not need any drivers. Look for a permission slip in SchoolCues soon.

2nd graders just finished writing their descriptive paragraphs. I have to say, they were all very good. Pets were a popular choice, along with one on popsicles, tacos, and a ski hill. We did prewriting, 1st draft, revising and proofreading, and finally publishing. I gave them a little guidance and they really did a great job. Here is one that I really enjoyed about sherbet ice cream. I think you will too!

"I really like sherbet ice cream. It tastes sweet. It tastes like strawberry and orange. It feels soft and cold. Sherbet feels cold like a freezer! My favorite way to eat sherbet is with a cone and sprinkles. And it is amazing for a snack!"

By Peyton

See you next week at the play! God bless!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

The 5th – 8th grade students will be singing in the Lenten service on Wednesday, April 10th at 3:30 P.M. This is more of a reminder for me than anything. Students have been preparing a hymn to sing and we will have a special accompanist on that day as well!

With forensics starting, make sure your students are preparing at home. We will also be devoting time to working on this at school, but there is not much time with all of the regular education classes and preparing for the musical. A note earlier in Notes & News explains more of the practice and meet times. Good luck to the students as they expand their experiences to include public speaking!

We have been studying different forms of energy in 7th and 8th grade science. The type of energy conservation we should be looking at most is how to stay energized through a busy time of the year. The students are involved in so much right now it is important they are eating right, sleeping well, and drinking enough water. Illnesses are running rampant and our students need to be in school. Make sure you are doing all you can to help keep our students healthy. Thanks!

Our musical is going to be a really good time. I mean that. Please invite friends, relatives, grandmas, grandpas, and anyone who might like to laugh. The show will be just under an hour but is filled with funny lines and wonderful acting. Seeing our students grow into these roles has been really neat to watch. There are a few pig puns associated with this musical, I don't want to spoil any of them, so I'll add one at the end of this Notes & News written in invisible oink.