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# Notes & News

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## INTRODUCTION

### [Philippians 3:8](#)

Several months back my parents were cleaning out their basement. After 30 years of living in the same house, you can imagine how much stuff had accumulated. In the process of going through it all, they found some things that I had received throughout my childhood – things like games, toys, and pictures. I gave them the go ahead to toss many items into the garbage bin.

But there was one box that was hard to let go. It contained old trophies from my years of playing baseball and basketball. I had not seen those trophies in years, yet for some reason I was unwilling to let them go. They were a source of pride. They made me feel good about myself. I didn't want to throw them in the garbage.

We all want to hang onto things like that. We desperately cling to whatever makes us feel good about ourselves. We want to know how good we are and often want others to know it too.

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul reminds us that there is something far better to hang onto than reminders of what we have accomplished. Jesus and his work of saving us from sin and death is what we need to hang onto. Knowing Jesus and his love is more valuable than anything else in our lives. Paul says nothing else in our life can begin to compare to "knowing Jesus Christ my Lord." In him we have forgiveness and are saved from the punishment our sins deserve. In him we are going to heaven—forever. Now THAT...is worth hanging onto. – [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)

## PALM SUNDAY

The original singing calendar had everyone singing at St. Luke's for Palm Sunday with a practice on the previous Sunday. This has been revised. On Sunday, April 14th, students who are members of St. Paul's and a few other children will be singing at the beginning of the 9 am service while students who are members of St. Luke's will be singing at the beginning of the 8 & 10:30 am services. Please arrive ten minutes before each service to line up. Please contact Miss Hankemeier with any questions. Thank you!

## SCHOOL ALLERGY UPDATE

This update serves as a good reminder to all of us about the allergy policy in place at St. Luke's. Because we no longer have fish allergies at St. Luke's, fish products are welcome in lunches and snacks again. St. Luke's is still tree nut and peanut free for all lunches, snacks, hot lunches, birthday treats, and any other foods during the school day. Please check labels that say "made in a factory with peanuts or tree nuts." Fruit snacks and cheese crackers are sometimes sneaky. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Buch. Thanks for keeping St. Luke's safe!

## SIX FLAGS READ TO SUCCEED

Friday, April 19th is the deadline for the Read to Succeed sheets to be handed in to your teacher. Remember that you should have logged 6 hours of reading to receive your FREE ticket to Six Flags. Hurry up and read because this ticket normally costs between \$68 - \$82! The free tickets will arrive in the middle of May. If you have any questions, please ask Ms. Russ.

## **ST. LUKE'S TIMBER RATTLERS GAME**

Mark your calendars!!! St. Luke's will be heading to Appleton to take in a Timber Rattlers game on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have some fellowship before the game in the parking lot with snacks, maybe some burgers, and games. The game starts at 11:05 A.M. on May 14<sup>th</sup> which makes it an ideal field trip day. Look for permission slip information coming home in the coming weeks.

## **MARCH MADNESS**

The 2019 NCAA tournament is complete and we have a clear winner in the 2019 St. Luke's Bracket Challenge. Congrats to Nick Wilson on his championship bracket! Grant was our 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner. Here are our top finishers!

Mr. Wilson	<b><u>169</u></b>
Mrs. O'Brien	<b><u>163</u></b>
Grant Schaumburg	<b><u>152</u></b>
Raelynn Schaumburg	<b><u>152</u></b>
Mr. Hansmann	<b><u>152</u></b>
Mr. Nelson	<b><u>142</u></b>
Mr. Baumgartner	<b><u>141</u></b>
Lucas Russ	<b><u>132</u></b>
Mr. Weiglein	<b><u>129</u></b>
Owen Reible	<b><u>127</u></b>
Mrs. (Sara) Schaumburg	<b><u>124</u></b>
Leighton O'Brien	<b><u>124</u></b>

## **MUSICAL WRAP UP**

A huge thank you goes out to all who helped make the Trial of the Big Bad Wolf a huge success. We had so many moving parts and it was so neat to see St. Luke's all pulling in the same direction! We had a fun time practicing and creating the musical. We even watched the musical all together on Monday afternoon. Thank you to the 250+ people who watched the theatre stars of St. Luke's act the night away. Great job Eagles!

## **SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES**

In the Documents/Forms section of SchoolCues, there will be opportunities for our students at St. Luke's to participate in various things over the summer. Currently there are theatre, basketball, and wrestling camp opportunities posted. If you know of other camps or activities in the summer that you think St. Luke's students would be interested in, pass them on to Mr. Buch!

## **FORENSICS**

The 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students had some phenomenal results from the St. Paul's forensics meet. We had 12 second place finishes! We also had some more noteworthy results as Nicholas received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon and 2<sup>nd</sup> best in room. Sam received a 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon and 2<sup>nd</sup> best in room. Dawson received a 1<sup>st</sup> place and was 1<sup>st</sup> place best in room! There were so many learning experiences for the students and they have set improvement goals for the next meet at WLA. That meet is Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Good luck Eagles!

## **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.

- Apr 15-21 – Cleaning Service
- Apr 22-28 – Jacob (School)
- Apr 22-28 – Daniels (Gym/Commons)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Singing in church @ St. Luke's & St. Paul's.
- April 16<sup>th</sup> – Forensics @ WLA
- April 19<sup>th</sup> – 12:50 P.M. Good Friday Dismissal
- April 22-26 – Easter Vacation
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Parent Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – No P.M. Busing

## 3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

This week in Bible History we learned about the Emmaus disciples and how Jesus was able to wait until just the right time to reveal himself. We were able to watch a movie that had real actors and the same type of landscape and homes that they would have had in that part of the world. Jesus then appeared to the other disciples as they were huddled together in a room in Jerusalem. He showed his amazing power by appearing to his friends after his resurrection. This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday. Our students are singing at the beginning of 8:00 AND 10:30 church. They will all get a special palm branch to wave while they sing in the procession to the altar. I hope that you are able to start your Holy Week with this joyful celebration of Palm Sunday. We will meet around 7:50 for a practice.

Our “Growing and Changing” unit is ending this week. “Spring Song” was a beautifully illustrated book about many little animals and how they come out in the spring. We enjoyed a beautifully sunny day on Tuesday, when we were able to play with baby goats, guinea pigs, and chicks at the library! Our tall tale this week was “Jack and the Beanstalk”. Each of the children made their own Jack and the Beanstalk. It is lots of fun to see yourself on the smartboard getting your picture taken from a laptop. Isn't technology great?

Our letter friend this week was D for Dudley Duck. Our art creation was three of our favorite “D” flowers...daisy, daffodil, and dandelion. We may have had doughnuts this week. Purely educational though. We used some dough to make the letter D. Play doh is one of the best ways to improve strength in those little hands and fingers. Did you know that play doh was first made to remove soot from the inside walls of houses? When many houses converted away from wood and coal heat, the inventors had to think of a new use for it or they would go out of business. Our letter for next week is L for Larry Lion.

A big thanks to Evelyn for our snack this week. **Mariah** will bring our snack next week. I am planning an end of the year field trip to the New Zoo in Green Bay on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information to follow next week, but if you would like to come along the cost is \$9 for adults and \$6 for children 3 and over. We will be staying for most of the day to get our monies worth. Finally, just a general reminder about April 19<sup>th</sup> which is Good Friday. The children will be dismissed before the church service which begins at 1:00 PM on that day. I would encourage you to make plans to stay for this service and then join us here on Easter Sunday to hear the Good News of the resurrection message. The children have been studying the Passion stories for almost 6 weeks and they seem to know many of the details that Pastor will be talking about in the services. Hope to see you there!

## Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

Our illnesses lingered, but have seemed to be mostly gone this week. Our teacher sounds like Mr. Hank, but we are pushing through that issue and enjoying our phonics issues. Each day we have been going through a little bit more of the Holy Week story in great detail. The children are able to repeat back the story as a review before we learn the new details. We have some great memories!

Kindergarten is continuing to amaze me with their reading abilities. We have mastered all the vowel sounds and are fluent sounder outers. First grade encountered some English mysteries this week. Thank you “Ow” for making us hurt and amazing us. Second grade has been enjoying their compound words. They even got to practice writing them in manuscript and cursive! I'm hoping the spelling test goes alright since they are technically writing twenty-four words! I'm sure their hard work will pay off.

We are finishing up our social studies unit on government. We got a bit side tracked during the musical. Speaking of which, thank you for supporting our endeavor! I was so proud of all the children! We have some great actors and actresses among us! On Monday we enjoyed watching the video recording of our performance. We also enjoyed some extra fun outside in the beautiful weather.

On Friday we are looking forward to walking down to the Oakfield High School to see their production of “Willy Wonka.” What a neat way to see some of our Sunday School friends and to enjoy a nice walk. Feel free to join us at 1 pm on Friday or see the show at 7 on Friday or Saturday or 2 on Sunday.

Just a final reminder that the children will be singing this Sunday at their respective churches. Please have your child ready to line up by ten minutes before each service.

### **2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske**

Our trip to Confections by Joel in Theresa was a success! Did you know cocoa beans grow on trees? Did you know cocoa beans can only grow 20 degrees north or south of the equator? Mrs. Carter said it is a fruit, some people say it is a vegetable. So cocoa beans are good for you! Just wait until your child tells you they choose chocolate for their fruit choice for lunch.

In Social Studies we are finally into the last region of the United States- the West. Sometime in May we will be trying a 50 state and capital test. We also will try a U.S. Map test also.

In math, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are working on some harder concepts. Counting change back is one of them. Also we had to figure out the least amount of change back. That was a little difficult. I told them if I had to get \$0.85 back I did not want to get 85 pennies. We took a couple days on that lesson. We are also learning more multiplication facts so please encourage your child to go through their fact cards at night. This should also be done during the summer at least 3 times a week. It will only help them when they come back for the next school year.

Please check the section in the Notes and News about singing this Sunday.  
Have a blessed rest of your week!

### **5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch**

Our students have been very busy lately. We had the musical last Friday, forensics Tuesday, sang in church Wednesday, had the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade WLA visit Thursday, piano recital this Friday, sing in church Sunday, and forensics next Tuesday.

The first softball game will be held on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 P.M. at St. Luke’s. Softball is open this year for students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The next game is Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M. at St. Luke’s. Mr. Wege and the Waucousta students will be joining us for softball again this year.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking a field trip on May 15<sup>th</sup> to Six Flags Great America. We are working on ways to get discounted tickets. The Six Flags Read to Succeed tickets are not good until mid-June to August.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are reading the Diary of Anne Frank in Literature. There are some adult themes in this book that are good to talk through in a Christian setting. Our students are also going through the Christ Light book “God’s Gift of Sex” in our daily religion study. Our students have been asking very thoughtful questions and handling the whole scenario in a very mature manner. I am thankful for our older students ability to handle these situations.