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# Notes & News

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## **INTRODUCTION**

[Matthew 26:1-5](#)

Are you a controller? It seems that most people like to be in control of the situations around them, or at least think they are in control. On Tuesday of Holy Week the chief priests and elders of the people thought they were in control. They schemed to arrest Jesus and kill him. They would wait until after the Passover festival. But, eventually, they were sure, they would get rid of him.

But who was really in control? It wasn't the chief priests and elders. It was Jesus! Even as the chief priests and elders made their plans to arrest and kill Jesus after the Passover, Jesus was telling his disciples that it would happen during the Passover. Who was in charge? Jesus was!

So he remains in charge today. True, we often question his control and even fight against his control. But, thankfully, God's control doesn't depend on how well we follow him. God remains in control whether we willingly bow to his control or fight tooth and nail against it.

Knowing that Jesus was in control of the Holy Week events makes them all the more beautiful, because it reminds us that he was doing all this willingly, because he loved us! Thank God that Jesus was in control then, and that he is still in control today. – [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)

## **EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES**

The Easter season gives an excellent opportunity to worship and reflect on the awesome sacrifice our God made to save us. Here are the St. Luke's upcoming worship times:

- Maundy Thursday Worship – 6:30 P.M.
- Good Friday Worship – 1:00 P.M. & 6:30 P.M. (same service)
- Easter Sunday – 6:30 A.M & 9:00 A.M.
  - Easter Breakfast between services

## **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!

## **ST. LUKE'S RUN/WALK**

We all could use a little exercise to work off the winter hibernation. St. Luke's can help with that! St. Luke's is hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K run/walk on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The event is free and the t-shirt is free but you have to sign up by April 21<sup>st</sup>! Check out the FB page for the link or contact Sara Schaumburg.

## **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.

## **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**

St. Luke's students did it again! This time in forensics our team took THIRD PLACE!!! There were 11 teams competing in the competition and third was an awesome achievement! There was also an omission from the awards portion that made the news even better for St. Luke's. We knew that Sam and Max Hansmann both got 1<sup>st</sup> place and "Best in Room". What we didn't know was that Aleah Weiglein also got 1<sup>st</sup> place and "Best in Room"!!! Congrats Aleah! We also had two other first place recipients in Owen Bilitz and Dawson Lammers. Great job to all our forensics students for putting themselves out there and growing as speakers! Thanks to Emily Bilitz for coaching!

## **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)
- Apr 29 – May 5 – Mouw
- May 6-12 – Bilitz
- May 13-19 – Bilitz
- May 19- Open

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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 doubting Thomas and how he refused to believe without actually seeing Jesus himself. We put a hole in our hand with an optical illusion that tricked our brain into seeing different images with BOTH eyes! But Jesus was not an illusion, or a ghost, or a vision. He was real!!! Jesus said that WE are blessed because we believe even though we have not seen. Jesus did a miracle when he rose from the dead and then when he gave his disciples a huge catch of fish. We went fishing with magnet fishing poles and explored magnets in the sensory table. Thank you to all that were able to make it to sing at our Palm Sunday services. It certainly made the day extra special.

Our last unit “Getting ready for summer” is beginning this week. This unit is a type of recap of some of the skills that the kids will need to make it through summer to the next level. Our big book was “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom!” I hope you enjoyed the coconut trees they made to retell the story. Check out youtube to find the song version of this book. We then read “Chicka Chicka 1,2,3!” This time the numbers are climbing the tree. Our tall tale was “The Tortoise and the Hare”. What a great opportunity to talk about kindness and perseverance.

I will be giving the PALS assessments to the 4K students beginning after we come back from spring break. I am hoping to see some huge improvements since we first took it in the fall. Please make sure that your child has a good breakfast and plenty of sleep. If you have any questions please let me know. Those results will come home with your child’s last report assessment.

Our letter friend was Larry Lion. Check out FB to see videos of our Lemon challenge! We also made some Ls out of licorice and Legos. At this point we have learned almost all of the letters. Take time over the break to work on letter recognition with your child. Some children are ready to write their letters. Always start at the top! We have moved our chalkboard/puppet show theater back into the room and I am amazed at all of the “free writing” on the board at the end of the day! On Wednesday, we make necklaces out of Fruit Loops. (Technically, they were Apple Jacks, but nobody seemed to mind!) This is a quiet activity for strengthening little fingers!

A big thanks to Mariah for our snacks! After our week long break, it is **Gracie’s** turn to bring the snacks. Also thank you to Mrs. Schwartz and Mrs. Panzer for taking charge of the room so that I could attend a college visit with my daughter last week.

I hope to see many of you at the Holy Week services here at St. Luke’s. Don’t forget about the breakfast and egg hunt between services on Easter Sunday. Enjoy your week off and I’ll see you again at the end of April. We have a very fun field trip coming up on May 15<sup>th</sup>. All permission slips and money are due back by May 8<sup>th</sup>. We do need some drivers who are willing to take a few friends in their vehicles as I’m sure not all the parents can attend. If you have any questions just let me know. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

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

I pray this Notes and News edition finds you well and that you have been able to/will spend extra time at our Savior’s feet this Holy Week. We are almost through making our Holy Week books. Please watch for them to come home. I pray this can be a great resource for your child and a way for them to share the Easter story with you and other relatives. This might be a neat way for your child to share Jesus with someone in your family who maybe needs to hear about the love of Jesus.

Spring break may be almost here, but we haven’t slowed down. Kindergarten is working on reading a skit put on by their Superkids friends. We do so love Golly the Daffodil! First grade read about a spat and how Alf and Frits solved their problem by accident. It was a great way to discuss the ups and downs of friendships. Second grade got to read about bees and ironically more about friendships.

Some of our first graders got to work on multiplying by 5 this week. They were sooooo excited! We even got to watch some videos on multiplication songs. These would be a great resource at home. Just type in “Multiplication Songs” in Youtube. We really enjoyed the one that took the melodies from popular pop songs and changed them into fact raps. I will never think of “Whip Nae Nae” the same way!

A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Kuske for teaching the second graders a few more phonics lessons so that I could spend some extra time with my K-1 students in a smaller setting during my cold. I am glad to say that I am able to pronounce sounds normally again. K-1 really enjoyed making an extra craft project. Sally Snail was a spirally success!

Thank you also to all of the children who sang so beautifully on Palm Sunday at our churches. I love hearing the children sing their songs of praise!

God’s richest blessings on your Holy Week worship, Easter celebrations, and your spring breaks!

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

My notes and news this week will rhyme  
Even though I don't think I have the time!  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> should have no homework  
And when I tell them they will go beserk!  
I actually hope that 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math will try  
To look through math flashcards and NOT sigh!  
I told them it's important to keep the facts fresh in their mind  
So when they come back easier math they will find!  
It seems that we all need a little break  
So a week off we are excited to take!  
When we come back there's 19 days left to go  
And I sure hope there will be no snow!  
As we get ready to remember all Jesus went through  
He suffered and died for me and for you.  
So praise Him! Thank Him! He loves us so!  
May our love for Him continue to grow!

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

The St. Luke's students can finally take a breath! Forensics, musical, softball games, singing in church, are all on hold for a while. What an excellent time to take a break from the business and dive into God's Word. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter weekend are excellent opportunities to take a pause from our busy lives and reflect on the sacrifice made to save all. While we enjoy our day to day activities, they are ultimately meaningless without our Savior's extremely meaningful work.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade science text has gone in depth on the ground shaking study of earthquakes and volcanoes. We have been able to study the science and causes behind these natural disasters. Did you know that when an earthquake occurs, tectonic plates are sliding past each other? Did you also know that when an earthquake occurs, the earth talks to it? It says, "You crack me up."

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are writing thesis driven papers for History class. They are studying specific parts of the Dust Bowl, Great Depression, and the New Deal and attempting to prove through research that their thesis statement is correct. It took a while to refine our opening statements to the perfect wording and meaning, but almost all the students are ready to rock on the paper. Prior to starting this research project, we studied all these events. We looked in depth at the causes of the Great Depression. Turns out it wasn't caused by a lack of comedians... who knew?