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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

[John 20:21-23](#)

A father is about to hand the keys to his 16-year-old for the very first time. After last-minute instructions about buckling up and checking the rear-view mirror, he hands over the keys with a bit of reluctant hesitation. Why? He knows keys come with power and require responsibility.

A living Jesus confidently tossed a set of keys to his disciples. "It's all yours," he says, "I give you the keys to my kingdom." There are earthly keys to a car, house, shed, boat, or bank vault. The keys Jesus gives are just as real, yet so powerful, they open and close heaven itself.

Heaven doesn't have doors of wood or metal, but Jesus has the opening and closing of heaven in mind when he hands off two keys with these instructions, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." One key locks. The other unlocks. One key opens the door of heaven to the person hurt and devastated by the consequences of their own wrongdoing. That person then looks to Jesus and cries, "Lord have mercy on me!" The other key locks the door to a person still tied to their wrongdoings because they are not sorry for their sins. That person never looked to Jesus and asked for forgiveness.

What a powerful set of keys given us by a resurrected, all-powerful Savior! You have Jesus' authority to forgive sins, too. Every time you say, "I forgive you," you are speaking Jesus' words and believing that Jesus untied you from your sins. His death paid for your freedom! His resurrection proves you are truly forgiven! And should you ever be forced to lock up forgiveness, may love for that person be your only motive—a serious warning, a sincere, loving call to repentance

Handle the keys of the kingdom carefully, my friends! Forgiveness is a spiritual power that brings spiritual consequences. Never forget the amazing mercy and grace of God who chose to forgive our sins in his Son and never tires of saying, "Peace be with you!"

EARLY CHILDHOOD AID POSITION

St. Luke's is looking for an early childhood aid for the 2019-2020 school year. The hours of employment will be from 8:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. daily. If you or someone you know is interested in the position, applications are available to be picked up from Mr. Buch or requested via email at principal.buch@stlukesoakfield.com. Thanks!

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

The St. Luke's Run/Walk is rapidly approaching! St. Luke's is hosting its 4th Annual 5K run/walk on May 11th. We are praying for good weather and can't wait for a fun day!

BONFIRE

There will be an end of the year St. Luke's Bonfire hosted at the Wix residence on May 24th. More details are to come but save that date for a fun night of fellowship!

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 14th. 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 14th 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!

MISSION OFFERINGS

Our end of the year mission project is the Kids Care fund which is an extension of our WELS Synod funds. This project is collecting money to send to churches who are trying to start or enhance their VBS summer programs. We are blessed at St. Luke's to have a wonderful VBS program each summer with many, many volunteers. These congregations use VBS as an outreach tool for their church and can have as many as 100 -200 students attend their program. Some of the new camps have included soccer, music, art, theater, and even coding! Each Friday we will collect mission offerings in connection with our chapel service. There are only a few Fridays left! Thank you for your continued support of our mission programs.

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 29 – May 5 – Mouw
- May 6-12 – Bilitz
- May 13-19 – Bilitz
- May 19- Open

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1st – 4th Parent Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
- May 3rd – No P.M. Busing
- May 14th – Timber Rattlers Field Trip
- May 15th – ECE Zoo Field Trip
- May 17th – Early Release 1:15 P.M.
- May 21st – Oshkosh Zoo/Museum Field Trip
- May 23rd – Last day of school/Graduation Service 6:00 P.M.

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

This week in Bible History we learned about Jesus' ascension into heaven. We know that now Jesus is preparing a place just for each one of us! What a wonderful promise we have as we look to the future. We zoomed ahead and also studied Pentecost this week. This was the day that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples in the form of flames. They were able to speak in many different languages and Christian mission work began! We might not speak different languages, but we have many opportunities to tell others about Jesus. I have witnessed many of my little students speaking about their love of Jesus. How amazing to see these disciples in action!

Our big book was "Little Rabbit's Counting Book" and the 4K practiced writing their numbers all the way to 20. Even though this was rather challenging, they gave it a shot! We also read, "Counting Leopard's Spots". Then the children made their own very colorful leopards out of tissues paper spots. Crunching tissue paper into little balls is actually a great exercise for strengthening those little fingers. Our letter friend was Nyle Noodle. We enjoyed making this letter out of noodles! Some of the children are starting to notice letters on their favorite food packages. Nestle Toll House morsels and Nature Valley granola bars also start with N. Our last letter of the year is "K". Thanks to Gracie for the snacks this week. Next week, **Finlee**, will be bringing snacks.

We used some of our instructional time on the PALS testing for the 4K students. This assessment is to measure their academic growth since fall and develop a clear plan regarding kindergarten readiness. This testing will be completed by next Friday. The results will be included with your child's end of the year assessment. Those assessments will be handed out after the closing service on Thursday, May 23rd. If you have any questions about the results please let me know.

At this point we have a few dates on the calendar for May. On May 14th we are headed to the Timber Rattler's game. For this trip, your child **DOES** need an adult to accompany them to the stadium. This is a field trip for the whole school, so those who choose not to come will have the day off. On May 15th we will be going to the New Zoo in Green Bay. For this trip your child **DOES NOT** need an adult chaperone, but you are all invited to come along! Please make sure to hand in those permission slips and money as soon as possible.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

I pray you all had a restful spring break or at least enjoyed the change of pace. I've heard it said that a change is just as good as a rest! I am also thankful that we had spring on spring break. It could be spring once again anytime now. We really want to plant our garden! The children came up with some very ingenious ways of improving our plot this year. A different arrangement and some fencing were top on our list. I was super impressed with the sudden burst of higher level problem solving that began percolating in the middle of our discussion.

We have a few busy weeks coming up with field trips and testing. Please do your best to make sure that your child gets enough rest. I know many sports have begun as well, but let's try to finish strong!

Second grade is loving almost everything about cursive. Many first graders are also trying their hand at this historic artform. There is a wonderful Tedtalk about the importance of cursive for children. Just let me know if you want a link and I would be more than happy to share it with you.

First grade had a challenge this week with deciphering how to read words with "oo" in the middle. Some easily stood out, but not as easily as the moon. They also read a mystery story. We were all fooled by the book thief! Who would expect the librarian?! Knowledge really is power!

Kindergarten did some work with spelling with rhyming. They also really worked on what makes a sentence a sentence. It's not just words and correct punctuation. We had loads of fun with our lesson and even had to take pictures of our work!

We began a new read aloud series. We know we love all the "Flat Stanley" books, but we were also curious about the "Magic Tree House" series. So far we are enthralled. I encourage you to find an awesome series at the library or just ask me for suggestions for fun summer reading.

Information about the Summer Fun program will be coming out soon along with information on our last field trip of the year on May 21st. Have a happy week!

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

Happy May! I am still waiting for some warmer weather.... I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and break from school. I had a nice break from school but was kept busy with planning for school, grocery shopping, cleaning and cooking for relatives that were coming for my youngest daughter's confirmation. So I am happy to be back to my regular schedule!

There is not much school left. I have stressed to the 2nd through 4th graders to work hard yet. Math is getting tougher- multiplying 3 digit numbers, more story problems, more critical thinking. I cannot say enough how crucial learning their multiplication facts are! Please encourage your child to go through them at night. And even during the summer!

3-4 graders will be finishing up social studies next week. We will have a chapter 11 test on Monday, May 6. We will also have a 50 states and capitals test on May 10. They have known about this for a long time. Hopefully they have been looking at the map to see where the states go and review the capitals.

We have started an exciting project in our room! A good friend (thanks Denise Meyer!) bought me an incubator to try hatching some chicks! Everyone is pretty excited! I was able to get some eggs from another friend (thanks Chris Edwards!) who has lots of chickens in Fox Lake and we now are in the process of turning them twice a day in hopes that on May 21, we will have some chicks! I did this last year and it was a lot of fun and super exciting to see the eggs hatching! We won't have them for long because school is out on the 23rd, but they do get pretty loud in the classroom!

Please send back the permission slips for the Timberattler game and for the Field Day at Redeemer as soon as you can. Thanks.

Here are some dates to remember

- May 10-Redeemer Field Day (k-4)
- May 14 Timberattler game
- May 17- Early release
- May 23- Last day of school and we sing for graduation!

Have a great week!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

The students have been busy as we get into the last month of the school year. The 5th and 6th grade students began a new literature project with the book Freedom Crossing. This book is a historical fiction about the Underground Railroad and the sacrifices needed to complete the heroic travels. They will be creating a newspaper front page at the conclusion of the book.

The 7th and 8th grade students have moved to the final section of their English textbook for the year. We are studying everything to do with verbs and tenses. I told the students they were not allowed to run through a campground during the summer, they can only ran... because it's past tense.

Next week Wednesday will be the WLA Track Meet. All of our students will be participating. They will all be transported out to WLA but parents are responsible for picking students up at the conclusion of the meet. The last events should be wrapping up by about 4:30 P.M. If you are able to help drive students to the track meet or volunteer at the track meet, please let me know. Thank you!