



St. Luke's  
OAKFIELD

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Christ centered education since 1975

## Notes & News

[www.stlukesoakfield.com](http://www.stlukesoakfield.com)

[principal.buch@stlukesoakfield.com](mailto:principal.buch@stlukesoakfield.com)

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### [Jeremiah 31:7-9](#)

A year ago, Christians, especially Lutheran Christians, celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Five hundred years ago, all of Europe was caught up in a time of unparalleled change. The Reformation changed how people looked at God and at themselves. Five hundred one years later, very little has changed.

Lutheran Christians still look upon God as a God of grace—a God known primarily for his loving forgiveness of sins, based on Christ's sacrifice.

Lutheran Christians look upon themselves as sinners and saints at the same time. They believe in and practice confession and absolution. They have a sure and blessed hope of heaven based on the promises of God and the completed work of Christ.

So, while little has changed for Lutheran Christians, we can also say everything is changing and that change happens every day. Every day the Holy Spirit is bringing people to faith or renewing faith that had faltered and waned. Of course, this is not just a Lutheran or Reformation thing. This is the work of God that Jeremiah prophesied about. In our reading, we see sharp contrasts indicative of great change. The people of God—the ones he saved for his own glory “sing for joy” and “come with weeping.” They “shout” and they “pray.” The blind, the lame, and the expectant mothers return to their God on a “level path where they will not stumble.”

Everything changed for God's Old Testament people Israel when they heeded the words of the prophets. When they listened carefully to men like Jeremiah and Isaiah, they saw God's grace and mercy—his loving desire to be in relationship with them. They saw their sin and their need to repent and everything changed.

There was reformation well before there was the Reformation. God has been changing people since the fall into sin. He has been and still is calling us home on the path of salvation he established through Christ, leading us by faith step by step. This reformation is the change that brings us home.

### **FOOD DRIVE**

Each year the ECE classroom does a collection for food pantries in need. This year we are collecting for the food pantry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. WLS is the school where all of our WELS pastors are trained. Many of these men have young families and are also working as well as attending school full time. The food pantry can be a great resource to help the students make ends meet. Nonperishable food items, paper products, baby items, and gift cards are all welcome for the pantry donations. November 20<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of the collection. You can find the bins in the hallway at school or the narthex of church. Our class thanks you for sharing your blessings with others!

### **PARENT MEETING**

Next Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Meeting of the year. These are very important meetings to stay in the loop with all things St. Luke's. The meeting will start promptly at 6:00 P.M. and there will not be childcare available. There will also not be a meal or snacks. We are trying to get right to business as this is a busy time of year.

### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Thanks to parents for making it to the parent/teacher conferences. It was great for your teachers to get to chat about your child's progress. Another thank you to those who organized the delicious food for the teachers. It was a true blessing to be able to have that food during our breaks!

## **EATON'S PIZZA COUPONS**

Each year St. Luke's does one fundraiser that helps our school afford some of the things we would not be able to normally afford. Each family will be given 51 Eaton's Pizza coupons to sell. More instructions will be on the packages that will be handed out. If your family would like more than 51 coupons, please let Heather Nelson know. PACK fundraisers are done with the goal of completing a project to enhance or maintain what God has given to St. Luke's. No PACK members should ever feel obligated to participate in St. Luke's fundraising. While we recognize that opinions vary on this matter, your own conscience serves as your best guide in determining whether you are serving "for the money" or "for the Lord". With that being said, if your family wishes not to participate, please let Heather Nelson know so she doesn't have to prepare coupons that won't be sold. Her email is: [hnelson@jfahern.com](mailto:hnelson@jfahern.com)

## **BASKETBALL**

The basketball season is officially underway. The 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys began practice today. Normal practice times for the A & B team will be on Monday and Wednesday. C-Team practices will normally be on Thursday from 3:30-4:30 P.M. After A & B practice next Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, players will be invited to stay for a team meal and will be able to stay until the PACK meeting at 6:00 P.M.

## **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.

- October 29-November 4 – Bosquez
- November 5-11 – Franke
- November 12-18 – Suprenand
- November 19-25 **School** – Prochnow
- November 19-25 **Gym/Commons** - Hansmann

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- November 1<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Basketball Practice (A/B – 3:30 – 5:00 P.M.)
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Early Dismissal – 1:15 P.M.
- November 7<sup>th</sup> – Parent Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
- November 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thanksgiving Break
- November 30<sup>th</sup> – First Basketball games Home vs. Grace Oshkosh – 5pm, 6pm

## **3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ**

Our Bible History stories continued with some stories about Jesus and his miracles! We had a great time acting out our story about Jesus calming the storm. There was lightning, thunder, and even some waves! Then we played "Be Quiet!" with the big parachute in the gym. It took a lot of strength and coordination to make that parachute quiet down. Our sensory table was used for a fun game of "Sink or Float" when we learned why the disciples' boat started to sink. Our next story was Jesus healing the paralyzed man. The children tried to pretend they couldn't use their arms and legs for one full minute. I hope you can act out the story with your own man from the story.

Our new unit about the senses has been really interesting. Our books this week were "Red is the Dragon" and "How Cardinal Got His Red Feathers". We concentrated on the colors this week and tried our hand at mixing the primary colors together to make new colors when we did marble painting. The 4 year olds worked on recognizing the color words by finishing their own color wheel. Hopefully, they can tell you how it works. We also set up our sensory table and filled it with colored rice and beans. The children use cooperation, measuring skills, eye-hand coordination, imagination and quite a few other higher thinking skills when they play at the sensory table.

Our week was full of costumes and candy. Ms. Laurie treated us to a party at the library and then we had a fun Costume Day at school on Wednesday. Thanks for keeping all of the treats peanut and tree nut free.

This week our Alpha friend was Ozzy Octopus. We had fun painting with the letter O and finding many things that look like this letter. Everyone got a chance to make the letter "o" out of Cheerios. We also painted using carrots! The wooden pieces from "Handwriting Without Tears" were introduced this week. The children can use these pieces to

make the capital letters and recognize them before they even try to write them. Thanks to Josie for our snacks this week. For the next 2 weeks it is **Allie and Brynn's** turn to bring in snack.

For the past 4 years, my class has presented a short skit to the parents about Thanksgiving, on the day before our break. This year it would be November 20th. The cost for the play is one item for the food pantry collection for Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. (WLS is the school where all of our WELS pastors are trained.) It is a very low budget production, but the children do learn a little bit about the 1<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving. If we begin our skit at about 10:45, that would give us enough time for some songs and games. If any parents would like to help with this dramatic reenactment please let me know. More details to follow soon.

This Sunday we will be singing in the 10:30 service with our friends from Ms. Hankemeier's room! Please arrive at about 10:20 so that we have everyone ready to sing. We will meet in the K-2 classroom at the end of the hall. Children can go back to their parents after our song is done at the beginning of the service.

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

First off, I want to thank all of you for meeting with me for parent/teacher conferences. I greatly enjoyed sharing your child's progress with you and I appreciated your responses and feedback on areas of improvement.

Our field trip way back on October 22nd, was a huge success. We couldn't have done it without our great chaperones. Thanks to them we were able to bake multiple pies and a carrot cake while simultaneously playing outside and in my train room.

This week our Bible lesson focused on Jesus calling his first disciples. We realized that we can be like the disciples as we share the love of Jesus in our homes and communities. On Wednesday we had a special lesson on the life and impact of Martin Luther. The children really seemed to appreciate the symbolism of the Luther Seal. We were dead in sin, but Jesus loved us so much that he died for our sins. Now when God sees us, he sees spotless people who will go to heaven to live with Jesus eternally.

First and second graders have finished their first social studies tests. They did great work and delved into the nonfiction texts. Next week we will begin our study on magnets. (I feel like Mr. Buch would have a good pun here.)

Second grade is in the middle of reading a book called "Nate the Great." He is a child detective. The class is still deciding if they like mysteries or not. In the meantime, they are doing plenty of writing about Nate. First grade's story this week is "The Monster Under the Bus." It was quite fitting this week since our imaginations have been going strong with halloween make-believe. We enjoyed thinking of times our imaginations got the better of us. Kindergarten is learning about Sal. They had fun making a craft with multiple purposes. With a little stretching (literally) the paper plate became a snake, slinky, scarf, and spring!

Math 1 is tackling some challenging math facts.  $9 + 9$  sure is tricky! Remembering how to write 12 and 20 is also a challenge. I have full confidence that we will sort this out. :D Math 1.5 is working on even and odd numbers and adding 2 to a number. Math 2 is working on finding missing addends. This is great practice for Algebra.

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

I hope everyone had a wonderful break last weekend! Thank you to all the parents I visited with over parent/teacher conferences! They were a success- and the food that people brought was delicious! Thank you so much! I feel very blessed to be at St. Luke's!

3-4<sup>th</sup> grades will be starting a new book for a book report very soon. Our states and capitals quiz for the south is on Friday. We will begin Science this week which means a new textbook and more changes. I have been very proud of their ability to adapt to changes in the schedule. We also are going to work on memorizing the books of the Bible, starting with the Old Testament. I tried a song and it didn't seem to be too popular with them so we are working at the books in sections.

I also am THIS CLOSE to scheduling a field trip for November. I will send out a note on school cues soon.

The students have been a little JUNGLI since they have been back. Lots of chatting and excitement to be back in school- it is sure wonderful to see! (Our word of the day Tuesday- jungli means wild)

Happy Reformation Day! God's Blessings to you all!

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

We continued our ACE training with Officer Rehfeldt this week. This week's study was about the responsible use, ages, and laws concerning alcohol. Students asked appropriate questions and Officer Rehfeldt did a great job answering. I do have a joke about a bar since we are on the subject. A weasel goes into a bar and the bartender commented that he had never seen the weasel before. The weasel, not too upset by the bartender's remarks, but thirsty nonetheless, just wanted to order. "What'll it be?" the bartender finally asked. "Pop," goes the weasel.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade literature book is really heating up. The murder mystery has been solved...we think. It will be interesting to see how the book finishes and who gets the two hundred million dollars. We have only a few chapters left to finish all the different story lines in this book.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been challenged to improve their test preparation strategies. Each student is different and needs to figure out what preparation strategy works best for them. We just took a social studies test and will hope to see improvement from this test to the next!

We made up for our missed week in NFL Pick'em and then promptly missed the next week. Here are the current standings:

<b>Talon</b>	347.5
<b>Max</b>	342.5
<b>Mr. Buch</b>	327.5
<b>Grant</b>	320
<b>Sam</b>	315
<b>Noah</b>	310
<b>Nick</b>	307.5
<b>Joel</b>	285
<b>Owen B.</b>	275
<b>Matthew</b>	265
<b>Owen R.</b>	262.5
<b>Leighton</b>	257.5
<b>Anna</b>	250
<b>Aleah</b>	235
<b>Aiden</b>	230
<b>Kolby</b>	220
<b>Dawson</b>	175