



St. Luke's
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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

Jesus said to [his disciples]: “Watch out that no one deceives you.” - Mark 13:5

Jesus offered an earnest warning to his disciples. He knew what they would endure while he was on this earth. He also knew what they would endure after he ascended to his Father’s right hand in heaven. Jesus issued the warning because of his sincere love and care for their spiritual well-being. The warning still applies today. I need to take these words of caution to heart, “Watch out that no one deceives you.”

Deceptions abound. Their purpose is always the same because their author is the same. The devil who is a liar is also a master deceiver. He manufactures half-truths with impunity. He manipulates conversations to fit his dialogue. He molds perceptions to accommodate his purpose. Each is a deadly attack designed to destroy my faith.

This is why Jesus’ exhortation is paramount. I need to be on my guard and keep my eyes open. There is never a “time out” from the devil’s attacks. His deceptions come when I least expect them, and they are compelling at my most vulnerable times. I can never let my guard down for a moment.

While my heartfelt desire is to keep watch, I know what often happens. My eyes grow weary because of the strain. I fall asleep because I am exhausted from the battle. Even worse, I tend to minimize the deadly nature of the devil’s deceptions. I need to rely on Jesus’ encouragement. I also need to rely on his strength. He was faithful. He was unyielding. He was victorious. He endured every deadly deception I would ever have to experience, and he overcame them without fault or failure.

Through Jesus I am able to recognize the devil’s deadly deceptions. Through Jesus I have perseverance to keep watch. Through Jesus I have strength to be victorious. – www.wels.net

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 20th 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

Thank you to those who attended the Parent Meeting on Wednesday. These meetings are very important to stay connected to your school. Some of the highlights that were discussed include the upcoming basketball season, concession stand responsibilities, Eaton’s Pizza, Christmas services, and classroom updates. As mentioned in the meeting, our PACK president Aaron Bilitz’s email address is aaronbilitz@gmail.com.

EATON’S PIZZA COUPONS

The Eaton’s Pizza Coupons were handed out last night at the conclusion of the PACK meeting. If you did not attend the parent meeting please check your child’s backpack for the coupon packet. Please do not lose those packets as we are responsible for paying for any coupons that are not accounted for. If you have questions, please contact Heather Nelson. Her email is: hnelson@jfahern.com.

BASKETBALL

Basketball is underway and we are eagerly looking forward to our first game. The A & B Team will play their first game on November 30th at home against Grace, Oshkosh. The games will tip at 4:30 and 5:30 P.M. We would love to see a full house for the first legitimate league games at St. Luke's in over two years! The first C-Team games will be Saturday, December 8th from 8:00 – 11:00 A.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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 20th - THE FEAST hosted by the ECE – 10:45
- November 21st – 23rd – Thanksgiving Break
- November 30th – First Basketball games Home vs. Grace Oshkosh – 5pm, 6pm

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

In Bible History this week we studied 2 more of Jesus' miracles. He raised Jairus' daughter and the young man from Nain. One student remarked that Jesus has said, "Get up" a lot in the last few stories. Good comprehension skills! I hope that you are able to spend a few minutes with the Bible History materials when they come home in the folders. This is a great way to learn a few Bible stories by having your child teach the story to you!

This week we are close to finishing our senses unit. We read "Lots and Lots of Stripes" and "How Zebra Got His Stripes". Painting the stripes onto a zebra with our pinkies was a real workout for the little fingers. We also read some books that showed us that patterns are all around us. We worked in small groups with sorting and color activities. Our Smart table was also great for more fun age appropriate learning games! Then we made our own x-rays with some Q-tips. Thanks to Allie for bringing snack this week. Next week it is **Brynn's** turn to bring in snack.

On November 20th, we will have a short program about the 1st Thanksgiving. Everyone is invited! The 4K will be the Pilgrims and the 3K will be the Native Americans. Please send an old black shirt for the Pilgrims and an old white shirt for the Native Americans. Our program will start at about 10:45 followed by a few games and then lunch for the kids. Please bring along a little lunch for yourself and you can eat in the cafeteria with your child. All students should attend on that Tuesday, and you may feel free to take your child home after lunch if you would like to start your holiday break early! Remember, admission to the show is one non-perishable food item to be donated to the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary pantry.

I have challenged my children to be able to zip their own coats by Monday! I know this seems like a crazy request, but if your child was in 3K last year...they can do it. At this point there are about 6 or 7 that can do this on their own. That leaves 13 children to zip up at every recess and dismissal. That's a ton! Take a little bit of time to see if they can work on this skill. Many of them are eager to try and are so excited when it works! This will also save us a lot of time once the snow starts to fall because, if you can zip your coat, you can zip up your snow pants too!

I hope to see all of you at St. Paul's in Brownsville on Sunday morning to sing "Jesus Loves Me". Their service begins at 9 am and we will sing right away. This would leave you just enough time to travel back to St. Luke's if you intend to go to Sunday school or Bible class at 9:15. If you are not able to make it, please let me know before Sunday. Thanks so much! I know the members of St. Paul's will enjoy seeing little ones singing in their service.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

The theme of the last few school days has seemed to be learning new words in multiple languages. Pastor Jahnke came from WLA on Friday and taught us how to say “The LORD is my rock” in Greek which is “Sali Adonai.” This week we are studying parables Jesus taught about farming. We had to understand what the word parable meant. We had the privilege of singing God’s praises in English, Spanish, and German at St. Luke’s and can’t wait to sing at St. Paul’s this weekend. Every book we read seems to have a new word or five and even the songs we sing have new words. How great to know that God’s message of forgiveness is for all people no matter what language they speak!

We are very attracted to our new science unit - magnets! We were surprised to find that more than 40 things in our classroom are magnetic. We are going to do some experiments to find out about force fields and the strength of magnets. God’s world is so full of mystery. We love to scratch the surface of his gifts to us.

Second grade is reading about a new Superkid. His name is Alec. So far we have way more questions than answers. He doesn’t speak, but he is very artistic and awesome at soccer, but we don’t know how or why! We zoomed through “Nate the Great.” I think we got a few mystery likers out of the book. First grade also met a new character - Dominic and his sister. Dominic got lost when he ran away to play in a mud puddle. This story is allowing us to study VCCV words. We know how to correctly spell hopping and hopped! Speaking of, we had our first spelling test on Wednesday. Kindergarten is reviewing beginning sounds and starting to blend short words. We are learning about Lily and her imaginary lion family.

Our math focus is working with the hundreds chart and finding the patterns. We are also working on the difference between individual and pairs. Here’s my lifelong question - why do we say pants are in pairs if there is only one?? Is it for the two legs? Feel free to enlighten me. :D Right now I am feeling impaired...

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

Where is tennis found in the Bible? In the Old Testament- with Joseph. He served in Pharaoh’s court. When was medicine first mentioned in the Bible? When Moses came down from the mountain carrying two tablets.

One more- who is the greatest entertainer in the Bible? Sampson- he really brought the house down! These riddles actually came from a devotion this week. It was great to see the kids understand the riddles! Guess what is better? Watching each and every one of these 3-4th graders grow in faith. I am amazed and thrilled at how I see them 5 days a week and each day they are reminded of God’s love for them! Their faith grows and they know their Savior died for them so they can be with Him in heaven!

We started science this week and so far so good. We are talking about cells and organisms and even used magnifying glasses to look at the inside of a green onion. Some kids were brave and tasted them. Our room smelled for a few hours- oh well! We will be finishing verbs in English with a test on Thursday. Next up-ADJECTIVES! Fun (for me at least!)

We have a field trip planned for November 19. We will be heading to La Clare Farms to learn about their business of goat raising and cheese and milk making. In social studies we are learning about the four regions of the U.S. and have been talking about economy and jobs in the different area. I believe we will even be able to make something at the farm-yum! Look for a permission form soon on school cues!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

This week was a great learning experience in the ACE Training with Officer Rehfeldt as he brought in the intoxication goggles and we were able to try to do simple tasks with them on. It really showed students the dangers of operating anything while intoxicated, even a basketball! Students asked very respectful questions and Officer Rehfeldt commented on how much he is enjoying working with our students.

As the 2nd quarter gets under way, it is important for our students to stay driven academically. While the basketball and holiday seasons can be exciting, we cannot let them distract us from our schoolwork.

The 7th and 8th grade students have almost finished their literature novel, The Westing Game. The “game” is a 200 million dollar solve the murder case of an eccentric relative. All the people in a new apartment are involved in the game. We think we know the winner, but will the author Ellen Raskin throw us for a loop?

The 5th and 6th grade students have been working on preparing a social studies lesson or mini lesson to present to the class. We have covered this chapter from all angles and the students will begin their presentations on Monday.

Speaking of students and teachers, here is a joke I’m particularly fond of. A student said to their teacher, "I don't think I deserved zero for this exam." The teacher replied, "I agree, but I couldn't give you any less."

Our NFL Pick'em is back where it's supposed to be, with Mr. Buch in the lead! Here are your standings and Go Bears!

Mr. Buch	527.5
Max	497.5
Talon	482.5
Grant	475
Anna	455
Joel	445
Nick	432.5
Owen R.	427.5
Sam	425
Kolby	425
Matthew	420
Owen B.	410
Aiden	390
Leighton	387.5
Noah	375
Aleah	365
Dawson	220