



St. Luke's
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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

"[Christ] has appeared once for all...to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself." - Hebrews 9:26

Harry Truman was taking a bath on the second floor of the White House one day when his bathtub nearly fell through the floor. If it had, the president would have landed in the middle of a tea party being hosted by Mrs. Truman for the Daughters of the American Revolution. He immediately called in experts to investigate the building's condition. What they found was appalling. The 150-year-old structure was on the verge of collapse. As one inspector said, "The White House is staying up through force of habit alone."

The inspection also revealed something ironic. It revealed that, over the years, every time there had been an effort to "improve" the White House, the improvement had only made matters worse. In light of all this, President Truman was determined not only to save the White House, but to do it in such a way that no future president would have to worry about such a project ever again.

Here's what happened. Highly trained crews arrived. They carefully preserved the building's outer shell. They constructed a new foundation, making sure it reached all the way down to solid rock, and not just sand. Finally, they replaced the entire inner structure. They took out all the tired, cracked wood and put in skyscraper-caliber steel. Thanks to Harry Truman, the saving of the White House is about as permanent as permanent can be in this temporary old world.

By nature, your life and mine resembles the condition of the White House when Harry Truman was taking his bath. On our own we may manage to maintain a decent-looking outer shell. But left to us our foundation rests on sand. Inside we are broken. Total collapse is just a matter of when. In addition, anything we do for self-improvement may seem helpful in the short term, but without a radical rescue it only makes matters worse.

And that's why Jesus came. But when he did, he came not just to shore up our lives here and there for a little while longer. He came to deal with our problem in such a way that we would never have to worry about that problem again. He saw how our sin had broken us. He saw how our sin had given us only shifting sand, only the uncertainty of drifting from one thing to the next.

Then he addressed the problem. He confronted our sin head-on. He took it all to the cross and paid for it in full. In its place, he covered us in the holiness of his own perfect life. Now, through faith in him, we are new. Our foundation is Christ. Our future is secure. And because it is, our days of brokenness and uncertainty are no more.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Children's Christmas Service schedule is set! There will be two mass practices with Sunday School and LES students on December 9th between services and December 15th at 9:00 A.M. The Children's Christmas Service at St. Luke's will be December 16th at 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. The Children's Christmas Service at St. Paul's will be on December 23rd at 9:00 A.M. We encourage all of our St. Luke's students to join the St. Paul's Sunday School students on December 23rd. If family/travel conflicts prevent that from happening, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you!

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!

EATON'S PIZZA COUPONS

The Eaton's Pizza Coupons were handed out to all families. 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

There is no basketball practice on Monday. There are conflicts to the schedule. A & B Teams will NOT practice on Monday. Practice will be held on November 26th and 28th at the normal times. The first games of the year are November 30th at St. Luke's against Grace, Oshkosh! C-Team will practice again on November 29th.

GIVING TREE

This year the St. Luke's classrooms will be participating in a giving tree. Requests for the various classrooms will be added to the tree in the school entry hallway. Take an ornament off the tree, place the money into the envelope provided and deposit it into the lock box on the opposite side of the hallway by the fire alarm. Last year, the students benefitted from glitter glue, decorating jewels, baby dolls, a 3 hole punch, rechargeable batteries, classroom pet supplies, headphones, beads, pipe cleaners, card stock, and party/art supplies. Those were just some of the items that were on the giving tree. There will also be a tree at St. Paul's, Brownsville. The students of St. Luke's thank you!!!

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 12-18 – Suprenand
- November 19-25 **School** – Prochnow
- November 19-25 **Gym/Commons** – Hansmann
- November 26 – December 2 – Meisner/Beauchamp
- December 3-9 – Birschbach

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
- December 9th – Children's Christmas Practice Between Services
- December 15th – Children's Christmas Practice – 9:00 A.M.
- December 16th – Children's Christmas Service @ St. Luke's 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.
- December 23rd – Children's Christmas Service @ St. Paul's 9:00 A.M.

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

In Bible History this week we had 2 shorter Bible lessons about the Sermon on the Mount. The first story concentrated on love for one another. The children did a great job listening to directions when they colored only the answers that showed kindness and love. Our second lesson was about letting your worries rest with God. He even takes care of birds and flowers! Christmas is coming and we will be using some Bible time to learn our songs.

This week we began our unit on the four seasons. It's a little hard to talk about fall when the temperature feels like winter, but we are managing. We read "Bear in Sunshine" and "How Thunder and Lightning Came to Be". The children were able to recognize that different seasons mean different clothes. We even pointed out the difference between "outerwear and underwear". We did spend some extra time practicing our play and songs for Tuesday! The kids also worked on costume prep as they designed and created their own costumes.

We have finished our time with Umbie Umbrella and made an umbrella project full of the letter U. As usual, our discussion turned to underwear. Luckily, nobody shared their underwear with the class. The full week after Thanksgiving we will be learning about Yetta Yo-Yo. For that week, please bring in anything that is **YELLOW**. During these couple of days off, take some time to look for the letters that we have worked on so far. They are **S, T, O, P, X**, and

U. Just use your everyday conversation to pull in any letters that they may notice during the day. It is especially important for those children in 4K to keep practicing their letters as we keep adding a new letter every week.

On November 20th, we will have a little “First Thanksgiving” reenactment. EVERYONE IS INVITED! If you are able to come, you could certainly take your child home after we eat to start your holiday early. The play will start at about 10:45 with hopes of playing a few games and then eating our lunch at 11:15ish. Don’t forget to bring a non-perishable food item for the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary pantry in Mequon, WI. Please give me a call with any questions.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

We had the opportunity to study two well known Bible stories this week. The background knowledge we came in knowing allowed us to dig deeper into the meaning of the lessons. We studied how Jesus calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee and how he healed the man who was lowered through the roof. We thought of storms in our lives that God has helped with. It is my prayer that the children will remember that God is in control and can help the storms they face as they get older. We also marveled that Jesus healed the man’s biggest problem first - his sin before healing his legs. May this also be a comfort to us when we face trials and illnesses. Our biggest problem is over and heaven is ours.

Our study of magnets has attracted our attention more than I ever dreamt. We worked on making our own pictures with iron filings, paper, and magnets. We are currently designing our own clay figures that we will magnetize.

This Friday will be Mrs. Baumgartners last art class with us this year. We thank her for her time spent with the children! The children love learning her techniques and I appreciated the hour to get odd jobs done or get a head start on the next week.

We read an excellent book this week called “Someday I will fly.” The premise was about how no one succeeds the first time in the big events in life and how many seemingly small events also take some effort to get right every time. This seemed to encourage us as we learn new math and reading skills, as we learn to tie our shoes, and as we began basketball practice.

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving and taking time to thank God for our many and various blessings. We will be doing a small study of our blessings next Tuesday before break.

Thank you for bringing your children to sing the last two Sundays. It was so great to hear them singing their Savior’s praises. We are beginning to work on the Christmas service already. This year is flying by!

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

I cannot believe Thanksgiving is next week. Time sure flies when we are learning...or having fun! Many blessings to be thankful in our room- here are a few...

1. Everyone is so willing to be a helper
2. We are working hard finding answers in our textbooks!
3. Jesus loves each and every one of us!

The Christmas Program will be here soon! We will be working at memorizing some recitation and hymns. We have already learned two recitations and one hymn. The memory treasure purple folder will not be coming home for the next few weeks because we will work on the Christmas program.

We will draw names for our Christmas party before Thanksgiving. The party will be on December 21. Our gift can be anywhere between \$7-\$10. More information will be coming.

Our field trip to LaClare farms is November 19. Please remember to send back the permission on School Cues. Also send \$5 for the cost of the field trip. I would like to have the money by Friday please. We will be back for hot lunch. Next week will be short- and there will be a Social Studies test on Tuesday for the 3rd-4th graders and an English test for the 2nd graders that will take up time on Monday and Tuesday. It will be nice to wrap those up before the break!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

It is great to see the flexibility of our class. Leighton brought in an old pinball-ish game this week and we turned it into a lesson with probability, percentages, and creating formulas in Microsoft Excel. It was a fun way to learn some necessary skills!

In 2018 a new game was born in St. Luke's Phy. Ed. "Kicky McPinball" has swept the upper grade class. It is a target shooting version of kickball that usually ends with scores in the 60s or 70s. The students love the challenges it brings and it always has a few twists. We had a five point walk off kick into a hockey net to win the game this week.

The 7th and 8th grade students had to hand in their History books this week. They will be working through this chapter just based off of their notes they take in class. It's a great opportunity for them to practice note taking from a lecture style class; something they might see in high school or college. The content covered immigration and the growth of urban areas in the late 1800s and early 1900s. We saw some amazing changes in the United States during that time including the appearance of skyscrapers in city centers. Do you know what animal can jump higher than a skyscraper? All of them, skyscrapers can't jump. Also why do we call it a building if its already built?

The Football Pick'Em standings are heating up. There is lots of shifting from week to week. Check the scores out below!

Mr. Buch	622.5
Grant	585
Max	572.5
Talon	567.5
Anna	565
Joel	565
Sam	535
Owen B.	515
Leighton	497.5
Aiden	490
Kolby	485
Nick	482.5
Matthew	470
Aleah	470
Owen R.	467.5
Noah	435
Dawson	270