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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

God's service to his people is ever-faithful! He served the children of Israel through his almighty Word as he promised to give them a home of their own in Canaan. He also served them through the work of his almighty hand as their faith-filled hope of a promised home was finally fulfilled. Buoyed by a bold faith in God's promises, Joshua passionately pledged to serve the Lord.

Such a desire to selflessly serve the Lord does not come naturally. The human heart instinctively seeks to serve the sinful self. Earthly idols abound all around us in the riches and pleasures that appear so attractive. The devil seduces the human heart and enslaves it into serving what is appealing to the eye rather than what is appealing to God. How disquieting it is when we repentantly recognize the countless occasions we have not lived up to the perfect service standards that God deserves and demands!

The Lord heals the haughty heart as he holds out his helping hand of grace to the helpless sinner. Just as he served Joshua and the Israelites through his faithful promises, he speaks to us of his promise to revive the brokenhearted with his free gift of forgiveness. In absolute selfless service to sinners, God sent his dearly loved Son, Jesus, who came to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.

Jesus teaches us that real freedom is found in serving him with all our heart. Like the lifeless idols of Joshua's day, the modern gods that lead the heart to lust after them are helpless to liberate the sinner. They eventually lead to disappointment and eternal destruction. Only in Jesus does the empty heart find everlasting joy and peace. Our Servant-Savior once said, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). Through God's life-giving Word he grants us freedom to serve him gladly and willingly.

Out of heart-felt thanks for our Savior's service to us, we serve Jesus by sharing the Lord's promises with our families. Not only did Joshua commit himself to serving the Lord, he committed his household to the Lord's service too. God's work in the hearts of sinners begins as babies are brought to be baptized. God's service continues in the hearts of his children as parents and guardians share the life-giving Word of God through family devotions.

The Lord kept his promise to give the Israelites a home in Canaan. The Lord has graciously given us the infinitely greater promise of a home with him in heaven. Inspired by his promise of life eternal, we live to serve him with all our heart!

NO SCHOOL/EARLY RELEASE

Friday will be our first early release of the year. We will be dismissing students at 1:15 P.M. If your child needs after school care tomorrow, you must contact Katie Voss or Mr. Buch by Thursday night. Monday, September 3rd will be no school. Enjoy the long weekend!

APPAREL

A remastered St. Luke's logo will be featured on our apparel order that will be coming out either this week or next. Those order forms will be available to all St. Luke's school families as well as our church families. Be on the lookout for the order form! We can't wait to see all our members decked out in St. Luke's gear!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Our first quarter mission offering will go to the Lutherans for Life program. There will be baby bottles coming home this week. You can use those to collect spare change and when they are full, you can bring them back. The final collection will be in October. Lutherans for Life is an organization that supports and helps new parents make important choices concerning the lives of their babies. The staff and counselors rely on your gifts and offerings to provide these life-saving services. For more information go to www.lutheransforlife.org. Please direct any questions to Ms. Russ and check out the display in the entryway of school.

SOCCER NEWS

The Eagles played their first soccer games yesterday in Oshkosh against Grace. B-Team won 3-0. Garret Wells, Grant Schaumburg, and Owen Bilitz had goals in the win! A-Team battled hard but fell 0-3. We saw some excellent passing from both teams and it will be exciting to see the A-Team progress through the year. The Eagles play Thursday night against Redeemer. Next week the Eagles play September 4th @ St. Luke's at 4pm and 5pm and September 5th at St. Paul's, North Fond du Lac. Go Eagles!!!

WALL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

We are in need of much more help for the soccer tournament! September 15th is an important day for St. Luke's. Please consider clicking this link and signing up. If the link isn't working for you, please contact Mr. Buch. Here is the link → https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AVMM8ed5hyoUHQVIbQyq-5wDJL_aN_Fp4oAR25z0tes/edit?usp=sharing

SCHOOL CLEANING

This will be 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.

- August 27 – September 2 – Nelson
- September 3 – 9 – Wiesner
- September 10 – 16 – Voss
- September 17 – 23 - Sankey

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 30 – A/B Soccer vs. Redeemer @ Home
- August 31 – Early Release – 1:15 P.M.
- September 3 – No School (Labor Day)
- September 4 – A & B Soccer @ Home 4:00, 5:00 P.M.
- September 5 – A/B Soccer @ NFDL – 4:00 P.M.
- September 6 – C-Team Soccer Practice 3:30 – 4:30 P.M.
- September 12 – School Pictures
- September 12 – A/B Soccer @ St. Peter's – 4:00 P.M.

HOT LUNCH

The hot lunch schedule has been filling up lately. Check the SchoolCues calendar for long range hot lunches. We will have pizza on Friday, August 31st. On September 4th, we will have hot beef sandwiches. On September 5th, we will have pizza. Hot lunch tickets can be purchased in the office to make the frenzy of trying to find \$2 cash on a busy morning. Talk to Mr. Buch for those tickets.

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

We have finished our second week and all is well! The children are still figuring out the routine and are getting adjusted to the schedule. A big thank-you to Mrs. Panzer, Mrs. Geidel, Mrs. Schwartz, and Mrs. Roehl. They will be coming this year to help out in the classroom each day. What a blessing they are to our school! Since these amazing helpers could join us, I was able to squeeze in some one-on-one assessments with your 4K children. If you are interested in these baseline results please let me know.

This week we read books about friendships and kindness. “My Friend Bear” was a make believe story about a boy and a bear who become friends. Mrs. Schwartz worked on a math lesson involving making shapes to form a play doh bear. She was able to talk about all the different parts of the body and make sure that they were included. “It’s Mine” was a story about 3 frogs who fight a lot. We used our solution cards to talk about how to handle conflicts with our friends. The children learned “5 Little Speckled Frogs” as part of a math activity. “Little Quack’s New Friend” showed us how to make friends with someone who seems different. It was another great time to use our frog finger puppets! We even had an exciting game of “Musical Lily Pads”!

Our Bible History lesson was the wonderful story of Jesus’ birth! Fisher Price makes a neat Little People set of the nativity, which I have been using to tell the Christmas story. We were able to learn the 1st verse of “Away in a Manger” and also a silly finger play about Mary and Joseph and their long trip. I encourage you to use the Bible sheets to review the lessons with your child as part of your bedtime routine. It is amazing what they can remember. As we learn about this little family, please send a picture of your family to school in the red folder. Thanks!

Thanks so much to Caleb who provided some yummy snacks this week. Next week it is Bella’s turn to bring a snack and then it goes back to Caleb again! Thanks to all of the families for the great blessing of snacks every day! This week we also experienced hot lunch for the first time. A bit chaotic, but thanks to Mrs. Wix, Mrs. Wells, and Mrs. Weidner we were all able to eat. Thanks to these ladies for their help at lunch time.

This week Friday, we have a 1:15 P.M. early release. We also have no school on Monday due to the holiday. Take some time to rest from your labors, but don’t take a rest from Jesus. Hope to see you at church this weekend or on Monday night. I encourage you to add our St. Luke’s families to your prayers. By now you know that many of them were affected by the storms and rain! Praises to God that no lives were lost.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

What a week full of lessons both planned and unplanned! What a week of unchanging love from our Father above! When we returned safely to school on Wednesday, we began our day by naming all the scary things we saw. Next we made a list of blessings that came after the weather. Our blessings far outweighed the dangers we had faced. Property damage is nothing compared to our physical safety and certainly nothing compared to our spiritual safety in heaven. Each day is a new day filled with blessings. Before we got sidetracked by the weather, we studied how God revealed to Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary, and Joseph just how and when he was going to fulfill the promise of the Savior from sin that he made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We are excited to hear the fulfillment story in the coming days.

We are officially settling into the school routine. We love to learn and soak in all the information we can. I think I have also figured out all of our academic strengths and opportunities for improvement. Summer school definitely helped avoid some of the summer slump.

Kindergarten has been studying the letter C through their study of Cass. They have enjoyed playing “Cass Can Cook!” They can also write some very nice C’s. In math they worked on writing the numbers 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7. We are also getting better at following multiple step directions and working on our own. Everyday we grow a little bit more.

First grade is reviewing some of the stories they read at the end of kindergarten. It’s amazing to me how much suddenly clicks over time in the reading realm. In math we are solidifying our doubles math facts and identifying numbers to 50 and finding out what comes before and after a number.

Second grade has cracked open the books and first reading magazine. Reading nonfiction never seemed so real before! ;) They are also working on being the leaders of our room. It’s a big responsibility, but I know they are up for the challenge.

One final note - our caterpillars ate and ate and ate and now they are chrysalis's. We are anxiously awaiting their transformation! Waiting is not easy!

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

Well, what a week it has been! Hoping everyone is ok after the weather Tuesday. Maybe sometimes our class can seem like straight line winds or a tornado when we are working hard at homework!!!

This week we have assigned Memory Treasures. Look in the green folder to the page with our story, and your child will have what they need to memorize highlighted. Memorization is great for the mind! Have your child read through it and try saying it back to you. Do it in parts. They are to say it to me the next day.

Miss Hankemeier and I had a discussion last week and we have changed a class I would teach. She is now going to take Social Studies and I am going to teach a phonics class that will give the children another tool in helping them sound out words. This is great for the 2nd grade because they get to do Superkids and my phonics. By doing this we are hoping they will become more confident readers!

Christ Light has been fun reviewing the birth of John and Jesus. What a wonderful gift that our Father has given us!

Remember doors open at 7:40 and school starts at 8:15. If your child can be here 5-10 minutes before 8:15 that would be so helpful to them so we can start our morning routines. It is especially helpful if they have homework questions for me or Mr. Buch.

May you all have a safe and blessed holiday weekend!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

The adjustment continues in the upper grade room. Adjusting to expectations, workload, and efficiency is a new challenge, but everyone has been working hard. The classroom is gelling together very nicely. I have been really pleased with how students are getting to know one another and gaining new friendships.

It has been awesome to have Pastor Schwartz and Mr. Sankey helping our room. Mr. Sankey teaches Christ Light on Monday and Wednesday to the 5th and 6th grade students. On Tuesday and Thursday, Pastor Schwartz takes each group of students for some Catechism instruction. What a blessing to have men helping our students grow in the Lord!

All the 5th – 8th grade students did a whirlwind tour of plants and animals in one day. It was a ton of info and we were able to have some fun with it by playing a few games to see what we learned. Neither science book dives deep into plants and animals this year. It was a good refresher. Here's some animal trivia for you. What's the state bird of Wisconsin? (Your answer would obviously be....Wrong!) It's the mosquito!

7th and 8th grade science is beginning our dive into physical science. I was going to try to get the students excited about inertia but it didn't seem to gain any momentum. We will be studying other types of energy as well as matter. That is one time I am ok with using the word "stuff". Matter is the stuff everything is made of. I'm not going to add any physics puns into this paragraph, they really are no joke and tend to be a relatively dark matter.

The 5th and 6th grade social studies lessons have looked at a wide range of topics from the economy to the geography of North America. We are getting a quick broad look at many topics before we dive into some American History.