



St. Luke's
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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

Jim was a salesman. He traveled to visit his customers. He always left them a business card, so they would be able to contact him again later.

God uses his people as his calling card. On his people, he imprints his promises: "I will be with you. I will be near you. I will never leave you nor forsake you. I will always, always listen when you pray." And a host of other promises. On his people, he imprints his laws: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love your neighbor as yourself." And he added a fully fleshed out code of conduct for his people's society, worship, and personal life. God wanted his people to be his calling card. The people of other nations would see Israel and see God's promises and commands stamped across the fabric of their lives. And it would have worked...

Except his people sinned. They fell away from God again and again. They disregarded his commands and promises and turned to other gods.

How about you? Do you represent God well? Do you display God's commands to the world by the way you live? Do you promote God's promises by what you say and do? Or are you guilty of giving God "bad press?"

God in his mercy sent another calling card: his own Son. In his Son, people of every nation can see the imprint of God's righteousness, God's laws. In God's Son Jesus, the world can see God's love, God's promises. Jesus not only publicized God well in life but connected lost souls with God through his death on the cross. People from every nation who believe in Jesus not only learn about God, but know God as their Father, receive forgiveness of sins, and live forever.

God forgives you through Christ. And in grace, sends you out as his calling card into the world. – www.wels.net

ST. LUKE'S EXTENDED CARE

St. Luke's offers before and after school care to our students. We have had the blessing of having Katie Voss run our extended care program since it began. The Voss family has accepted a call for Nathan to serve as a staff minister in Mankato, Minnesota. What a blessing for the Voss family, but it does leave a big hole in our extended care program. If you are interested in finding out more about how you could help work shifts in the program, please talk to Mr. Buch or Katie Voss. The payments will still be done the same way, and Amber O'Laire will be handling that side of things. One reminder about after school care, please send your child with a snack! If you want to send bulk snacks please contact Amber O'Laire. Thanks!

MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Next week begins our K-8 testing through the MAP or Measures of Academic Progress. It is one of the tools the teachers at St. Luke's have as a way to assess students and measure skills that are emerging and skills that are mastered. The tests will be conducted on the computer and the results will come back within a few days of test completion.

SOCCER NEWS

The soccer team played some soggy games this past Tuesday. The A-Team played a tough game against Mt. Calvary and lost. The B-Team played against Faith immediately after and kept the game 3-3 until the final ten minutes when Faith was able to take the lead and win 5-3. Scoring in the B-Team game were Owen Reible, Owen Bilitz, and Grant Schaumburg. The Eagles are back in action on September 12th @ St. Peter's. C-Team practices will be the next two Thursdays in September leading up to our tournament in Kiel.

WALL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The sign-up sheet is starting to fill up, but we still need more helpers! The link will be shared below. The tournament is an excellent day for St. Luke's to showcase our talents and abilities! Please consider signing up if you haven't. Here is the link → https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AVMM8ed5hyoUHQVibQyq-5wDjL_aN_Fp4oAR25z0tes/edit?usp=sharing

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.

- September 3 – 9 – Wiesner
- September 10 – 16 – Voss
- September 17 – 23 – Sankey
- September 24 – 30 (School) – Schraufnagel
- September 24 – 30 (Gym/Commons) Reible
- October 1 – 7 – Metzger

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.
- September 13 – 5-8 Canoe Trip
- September 15th – WALL Soccer Tournament @ St. Luke's
- September 18th – A/B Soccer @ St. Luke's – 4:00 P.M.

HOT LUNCH

We have had an awesome string of hot lunches coming through right now. As the schedule sits, we have at least one hot lunch per week through at least the beginning of October! Woo hoo!!! If you are interested in signing up for more hot lunches, the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Next week Tuesday and Friday will be hot lunches.

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

God's wonderful plan of salvation was taking place right before the eyes of the wise men. They knew about the promises of long ago and they followed the star for a long time until they found the little boy named Jesus! The children walked and walked just like the wise men. It was a really long trip. Then they brought their gifts of gold and "smelly stuff". Our fine motor skills were put to the test when we sewed our own special star. Every good story has a "bad guy" and King Herod was definitely bad. Jesus' family had to run away so that Jesus wouldn't be killed. Thankfully, our lives are not in danger but God does protect us from many different things in this world. Our short paper book showed some of these dangers and how Jesus watches over us!

This week we began our Houghton Mifflin Pre-K Literacy Series. Each week we will have a big book and a fable. This first theme is "Feelings". We read the book "Lots of Feelings" and "The Little Red Hen". We worked on shapes this week and made some interesting faces out of all different shapes. Make use of your car rides or supper time to

look around and notice shapes that are all around our world. The children also did a great job sequencing their story of “The Little Red Hen”. I have 3 different versions of this story and they were quick to find things that were the same and things that were different. Both of these tasks are very important when developing those higher level thinking skills.

Mrs. Geidel and Mrs. Schwartz helped us on our walk to the library this week. We were just checking out some books this week. Did you know that there are a bunch of rules in the library!?! We were given a compliment when the librarian told us that we were very quiet. But, she did mention that we probably pulled too many books off of the shelf, because she said she might have to be there late to put them all back!

Thanks to Bella for bringing in our snack this week and HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Caleb! Next week we will have **CALEB** bringing in our snack. If you’re having trouble thinking of snacks to bring that are nut free, then please check out www.SnackSafely.com and look at their safe snack guide. This list gives you many brand names that will make choosing safe options quick and easy! Book orders are due on Sept. 15th. Your order online is the easiest way to rush the order to scholastic. Let me know if you need help logging on. Also please keep your pumpkin farm permission slip in a safe place, or send it back right away if you are able to make plans that quickly, and start praying for clear skies and sunshine!

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

“Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!” No, I haven’t completely lost it already. This week we studied the Bible lessons of Jesus’ birth and Jesus going into the temple to be named when he was 8 days old. We all marveled at what an enormous blessing it was for both Simeon and Anna to be able to hold the baby Jesus. I’ll never forget 21 faces picturing themselves holding a special baby and then imagining if they were really holding Jesus in their arms instead! We also began learning the Nunc Dimittis (Simeon’s song). I enjoy teaching our young lambs parts of the liturgy so that they can become active worship participants. You may have noticed young voices singing the gospel response on occasion.

Reading has been an adventure that has had everyone on board. It took a little while for us to figure out that three groups can go on separate adventures with one leader and co-captain (Mr. Indermuehle), but we are getting more independent and patient. Kindergarten just finished up their first book of the year and have moved on from cooking with Cass to making odd things with Oswald. We learned that odd isn’t bad. Odd makes each of us unique. (Some of us are odder than others *cough, Miss Hankemeier*). :D First grade is over halfway through their review and introduction to our beloved story characters. Second grade is keeping busy with a review of digraphs. We SHall be quiet even if we caTCH a WHiff of cake.

Math has gotten into a rhythm as well. Kindergarten has mastered the 2-3 step directions that it takes to work on their math assignments. They even blew me away with their ability to write 8’s! Usually this is a lesson filled with tears every year, but not this one! Way to go! Others of us got to delve into some really tough math facts. Adding zero is almost incalculable.

On Wednesday we had a wonderful discussion after we read “My New Best Friend” by Mo Willems. We learned that it is a blessing to have new and old friends. We ended the activity by making pictures of us with old friends and taping them to pictures of our new friends to create an even better masterpiece. We are meshing well overall considering we have children from three different schools merging into one beautiful class. We just needed a little guidance to continue spreading out.

We are “patiently” waiting for our chrysalis's to transform into beautiful monarch butterflies. So far, no action in over a week. Even accidentally knocking into the net once an hour hasn’t helped them change....

We are super excited for C team soccer to start. It has been the topic of discussion all week, especially by some of our quieter students. Go EAGLES!

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

Every day in class we do a Question of the Day. It is a fun way to get to know each other. Tuesdays and Thursdays are Math questions, usually story problems that if they get it correct can earn them an incentive sticker or jelly beans, starburst or skittles. Mondays and Wednesdays are free for all; either a word game or fun “this or that” questions. Doritos or Cheetos? Doritos won. Shark or dolphin? Dolphins won. Friday is our Joke of the day- corny jokes with a play on words. Some don’t get the punchline so it is fun to get them to understand!

What do you get when you throw a bunch of books into the ocean? A “title” wave!

We are all working at learning how to write sentences that have a subject (naming part) and predicate (action part). 2nd and 3rd grade will have their first math test of the year on Thursday. 3rd and 4th grades will be having a chapter test in Social Studies on Friday. I am trying to teach them to look over their vocabulary notes. We will see how it goes in a couple days. ☺

I have also had a couple instances when a student has told me he or she couldn’t get work done. I do drop the grade if it is late. I need to stop it from becoming a habit. I will remind them again how important it is to get their work done on time.

Memory Treasures are going well so far! I am still learning what each student is capable of. I have been pleased so far! Keep up the good work! We are just starting to learn about the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. Lots of great questions and discussions!

Have a great week!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

THE CANOE TRIP FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th HAS BEEN POSTPONED. There is a new schedule. The river levels were too high and fast for us to safely navigate without using some Oregon Trail techniques to stay upright. We will be heading to the Fondy Sports Complex at 9:30 A.M. and spending time on the aqua park. We will be back by 3:00 P.M. The canoe trip will be next Thursday, September 13th. If you are able to make it, please contact Mr. Buch if you have not been contacted.

As we get into the test taking routine, please encourage your student to study for a little bit each night in science and social studies. By the time the tests come around, the material will be already cemented in their brains! It is a great practice and study habit to engrain now. It will serve them well in high school!

The 5th and 6th grade students are wrapping up their introduction into our science book. The first segment gives an overview of many general things we will need to know before getting into our content. We studied the International System of Units, something not overly familiar with our U.S. Customary System brains. We talked about the Kelvin scale for measuring temperature and how it is generally used for measuring things at very low temperatures. At zero degrees on the Kelvin scale all particle motion stops. Did you hear about the man who cooled himself to absolute zero? Don’t worry he was 0 K.

The 7th and 8th grade students are studying some of the beginning battles of the civil war. When the Battle of Bull Run started, many of the civilians and even a few senators went out to watch the battle. We might think it’s *udderly* ridiculous for civilians to go watch a battle, but it was *cowmmon* practice back then. You might be thinking, “Manure making some bad puns today.” Ok, I’ll stop.