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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

Isaiah 50:5-10

The most notorious road in the world is the Via Dolorosa, "the Way of Sorrows." According to tradition, it is the route Jesus took from Pilate's hall to Calvary. You can still walk the Via Dolorosa, though the current route probably isn't accurate. Ever since Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. and again in 135 A.D., no one knows the exact route Jesus followed that Friday. But we do know where the path actually began.

The path began, not in the court of Pilate, but in the halls of heaven. Jesus began his journey when he left his home in heaven to rescue us from sin and death.

This is a path that Jesus didn't have to take. He could have "side-stepped" it. He could have walked away from it. He could have walked the path of glory instead of the road of suffering to Calvary. His own disciples tried to persuade him to do as much. In the Garden of Gethsemane, certainly the devil was making it clear to Jesus what he would suffer on the cross for people like Judas who would betray him, the disciples who would desert him, the chief priests and elders of the law who would taunt him, and for sinful, rebellious people like you and me. Jesus would suffer hell for people who acted like his enemies. He could have had legions of angels come down from heaven to fight for him. And at any point he could have just called it quits. But he didn't.

Isaiah quotes our Savior: "I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting."

But why? It's not only that Jesus suffered; it's that he suffered willingly. Why? Because this was the only way to wash away your sin; this was the only way heaven could be your home. This amazing, loving, merciful Savior, Jesus Christ, willingly suffered for you.

Isaiah shares his thoughts on this wonderful comfort: "Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God."

Indeed. Trust in the Lord. Rely on your God. The One who loves you so much that he willingly did everything necessary for your salvation will never let you down. — www.wels.net

ST. LUKE'S EXTENDED CARE - URGENT

We are in dire need of before and after school care workers at St. Luke's. If you have openings in your schedule from 6:40-7:40 A.M. or 3:15-5:30 P.M., please contact Mr. Buch. The St. Luke's Extended Care program is a vital part of what we do at St. Luke's and we cannot afford to lose it. If you are interested in helping your school and earning some extra money, please consider helping out.

WLA CROSS COUNTRY MEET

The $5^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade students will be participating in the WLA Cross Country Meet on Wednesday, September 26^{th} . The first race ($6^{th} - 8^{th}$ grades) begins at 4:15 P.M. The races step down by grade following the $6^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade race. All St. Luke's students in Kindergarten -4^{th} grade are invited to participate in the cross country meet. The full schedule can be found in the "Document Forms" section of SchoolCues.

APPAREL ORDERS

Apparel orders were sent home with students this week. There is a clothing order and a separate hat order form as well. Please return those together if you would like to get a hat as well as other apparel. The due date for the order will be Wednesday, October 3rd. Please submit those orders by that date so the orders can be returned promptly. Thanks!

MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students completed their first round of MAP testing this week. The Kindergarten and 1st grade students have begun as well. It is definitely a learning curve to get the students on the computers and ready to go, but we are almost done with round 1! The results should come back in a few days.

SCRIP

St. Luke's would like to offer families the opportunity to participate in the SCRIP program through WLA. We have many high school students who attend WLA, and they are willing to be "runners" for the program. If you have never tried SCRIP before, that is okay! It is as easy as filling out the form, writing out a check, and dropping your envelope into the special beige box in the entryway at St. Luke's School. The retailers are giving a portion of their sales back to WLA and to you, the families! There are many different ways that families can use their savings. Did you know that you could apply it towards your St. Luke's tuition? Please see the form for all of the different options and check the option that is best for your family. The envelopes must be at school each week by the end of the school day on MONDAY. The runners will take all of the envelopes and drop them off at the SCRIP office on Tuesday morning. In most cases, the runners would have the gift cards back to school by Wednesday or Thursday. (Susan Wright will call you if there is a hold up with your order.) Each child's teacher will personally hand you the order so that the cards are not lost! The SCRIP program can be used by anyone in the church who loves WLA or may have a child that they want to support who attends St. Luke's or WLA. If you go to www.wlavikings.org website for information, MAKE SURE that you scroll to the bottom of the SCRIP information and read the SCRIP UPDATE. The order forms are located in the office near the school entrance. Please ask Laura Russ, Michelle Wix, or Justin Rhode any additional questions.

SOCCER NEWS

The A/B Team was the Division 2 Tournament Champions this past weekend! In the pool play format, the team won two games and tied the last one to seal the championship. This weekend, Garret Wells, Nicholas Russ, Anna Schwartz, Kolby Trewin, Talon Wix, and Grant Schaumburg scored goals. Great job everyone on a great tournament!

The remaining schedule for the A/B team is a game on Tuesday, September 25th at St. Luke's. We will conclude our season with a soccer fun night on Thursday, September 27th. The night will feature our annual parents vs. kids game and pizza to follow!

The C Team will take action this weekend at the Trinity, Kiel soccer tournament. The schedule changed just a bit from last week's Notes & News and we play at 8:30, 11:30, and 2:30 P.M. Good luck to our K-2 soccer players this weekend!

WALL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the WALL Soccer Tournament effort. A special thanks goes out to Michele Wix for all her work on the concessions organization. It took many hands, but the tournament was a success! You represented your school very well to the rest of our league!

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 17 23 Sankey
- September 24 30 (School) Schraufnagel
- September 24 30 (Gym/Commons) Reible
- October 1 7 Metzger

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 20th A/B Soccer @ St. Luke's 4:00 P.M.
- September 21st Early Dismissal 1:15 P.M.
- September 21st WLA 8th Grade Visitation
- September 25th A/B Soccer @ St. Luke's 4:15 P.M.
- September 26th WLA Gradeschool Cross Country Meet 4:15 P.M.
- September 27th A/B Team Soccer Fun Night
- October 5th No P.M. Busing
- October 19th End of the 1st Quarter
- October 22nd Report Cards sent home

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

Our Bible lessons this week started off with the account of Jesus' baptism. The children reenacted this story and did a great job speaking as if they were John and Jesus. Many of them are eager to see a picture or video of their baptism. Could you share these memories with them? They are excited that they are children of God. If you have questions about baptism, Pastor Schwartz can teach you what you need to know. pastormschwartz@juno.com Our next story was about Jesus being tempted in the desert. This story can be a bit hard for little ones to understand, so we focused on our own temptations and how we can fight against them.

Our books this week were "The Great Shape Hunt" and "The Big Mouth Frog". I really love to have kids act out stories, so we had a great time making a movie of the big mouth frog story. We had a shape race and ran around the room finding shapes everywhere. We even learned about 3D shapes like a sphere, cube, cone, and rectangular prism. On our way to the library, we were keeping our eyes peeled for shapes. We saw spheres that were rocks and cylinders that were telephone poles! Ms. Laurie read books all about fall.

Thanks to Wyatt for all of the snacks this week. Next week it is **EZRA's** turn to bring in snacks. Thanks to Mrs. Schwartz, Thelma Geidel, Sandra Panzer, and Laura Roehl for all of their help in the classroom. I should really name all of them every newsletter because they deserve thanks every week! A wonderful group of parents and helpers joined the class at The Little Farmer. Many hands for many littles always helps to ease my mind. We had a great, although buggy, time. Check out the St. Luke's FB page for pics!

Next week, the 4K students, will begin their PALS (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening) testing. Each day all of the 4K students will complete a small part of the test. Almost all of the testing is done one on one. This means that my volunteers will be working overtime in the classroom. There is nothing special that you must do to prepare, but have them get lots of rest, a good breakfast, and bring a scientific calculator. Ha ha! Just making sure that you were paying attention. These PALS results will be in with their 1st quarter assessments.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

The learning never stops and neither do the adventures in K, 1, 2! (Eyes on you!)

This week our Bible lessons had us focus on obeying our parents and others in authority as Jesus showed us when he visited Jerusalem. He was faithful to God's commands to put him first and take time to worship. We thought back to times when we haven't listened or done what our parents said to do or not to do. We were very thankful for the love and perfection of our Savior! We also learned about John the Baptist's important work of preparing the way for the Lord. We have a similar privilege, but instead of saying Jesus is coming to take away our sins, we get to proclaim that Jesus CAME to take our sins away.

Kindergarten has been gobbling up learning about Golly in reading. He is the Superkid's beloved doggie. He loves to sniff items that begin with G such as gladiolas and garbage! First grade finished up their review of skills and has jumped into new material. Things might get a bit more challenging from here on out. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I will do the same for you. :) Second grade has had an odd week for reading since they began the week by completing the MAPS testing, but they have been deciphering nouns and verbs and have even had to tell them apart when the word is a homonym! I hope this bug stops bugging me!

Speaking of MAPS testing, we have all had a chance to show our brains. I promised the children it would be painless and that these computer assessments are a present for me to see what they are thinking. We loved having the big kids come in to share their computers with us! This teacher is super thankful for touch screens! I cannot wait to see each child's strengths and areas where I can better serve them.

Math 1 is working on all the skills needed to be a successful math student such as listening and following along. They are also working on forming their numbers from 0-9 correctly. We are getting there! We have already come such a long way this year! Math 1.5 has mastered adding doubles and is ready for the next big challenge. Math 2 keeps wanting to be pushed and just can't wait for the page with 100 math facts. These kids LOVE math! In the meantime we will keep reviewing facts we learned last year along with reading the important details on our math sheets.

We were going to start learning about our senses this week, but this teacher used her invisible teacher senses to realize that nothing would make sense since our brains were tested out and our bodies were thrown out of the loop with our confused routine. We will have to wait to SEE about our senses next week.

Finally, K-4 is scheduled to sing September 30th at St. Luke's. We can't wait to praise our Savior in song!

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

This has been a week of tests! Besides a math, social studies, and English test, we also did our 1st round of MAP testing. The students learned how to log in the laptops and do a test independently. Since we took time doing that we haven't had as many classes.

3rd and 4th grades will begin learning the states and capitals in the East Region. We will be learning about jobs and resources in those states. In English we are learning about nouns. I love teaching about the different parts of speech! It is like a puzzle!

Our word of the day has been fun! I think so far I like davenport, trousers and bumfuzzle the most. If you don't know what those words mean ask your children!

Our phonics is coming along! We are learning about consonant digraphs and vowel diagraphs. They have had phonics in their SuperKids- but this is another program that will dig deeper into how we spell and how we can decode bigger words. -- Joke of last week "What shape is difficult to get out of?" A TRAPEZOID

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

On Friday, our 8th grade students will be traveling to WLA to experience a day in the life of a WLA student. There will also be principal's conference on that day at WLA so there will be a substitute teacher in our classroom. The students might know this teacher well.

Next week Wednesday we will be heading to WLA after school to run in the WLA Cross Country Meet. If you are able to help transport students out to the meet, please let me know. The first race starts at 4:15 P.M. for the $6^{th}-8^{th}$ graders.

The upper grade students have been very helpful during the set up for the K-4 MAP Testing. It is a little overwhelming for the K-4 to have all this new info flying at them. Having steady upper grade students willing to help in a kind, Christian manner is what St. Luke's is all about.

In Math 87, there have been many equal groups word problems. Mahe Algebra lessons have dealt with substitution. I guess the students finally got it to work, because I'm getting a substitution teacher on Friday.

The 7th and 8th grade students are studying matter and energy and the difference between weight and mass. Did you know weight is actually measured in Newtons not pounds. When we measure our "weight" we are actually measuring our mass. 1 Newton equals about .22 pounds of force. I didn't think those little fig filled cookies weighed that much, but I guess you learn something new every day.

I see Mrs. Kuske is infringing on my joke telling, so I was going to tell another joke about sodium or something. Then I thought... Na.

Max still leads the way in the NFL Pick'em, but the race is starting to tighten up. The tie in the Packer/Viking game created some weird scores, but here are the full standings:

72.5
57.5
42.5
40
40
37.5
35
32.5
30

Noah	30
Dawson	30
Sam	30
Anna	30
Aleah	25
Owen B.	25
Nick	22.5
Aiden	15