



St. Luke's  
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## Notes & News

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### **INTRODUCTION**

#### [Numbers 11:24-25](#)

I wonder what God sounded like?

Moses heard him. The leaders of the people Moses invited around the worship tent in the desert certainly heard him. A few others throughout the pages of the Bible heard the voice of the Lord on those rare occasions when he allowed human beings to listen to him speak. I wonder what it was like? Was his voice loud, deep, and thunderous like the movies depict? Was it frightening? Was it soothing? Was it awe-inspiring? Whatever God sounded like, I wish I could have heard him.

Then again, even if I could hear God's voice that doesn't mean I would always listen to him! In this account recorded in the book of Numbers, there were two elders of the people who didn't come to listen to the Lord. They didn't gather with the other 68 elders at the worship tent with Moses. They didn't follow God's instructions even though they should have known better.

I should know better too. We should all know better! We understand that we are supposed to listen to God's Word and follow his instructions, but we are inconsistent at best. At worst, we are belligerent and rebellious, prone more often to do whatever we want instead of what God wants. I'm not so sure I would want to hear the tone of voice God would use if he were to speak to me!

But he does speak to me. And he speaks to you too. We don't hear his voice audibly as he talks from heaven, but we do "hear" his voice in a very real way through the pages of the Bible. And when he speaks, he isn't angry or bitter or disappointed. He speaks with a softness and with a compassion that comforts our hearts. "You're forgiven," he says. "I have sent my Son Jesus to bear the brunt of the punishment you deserve and have cleared you of any offenses by his cross. I love you because you are my child through faith and I will always be your caring Father."

What a relief! What a message! What a pleasure to hear the voice of our God! – [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)

### **FLU SHOTS**

Some of the flu shot forms have been returned. Remember that flu shots are not mandatory and the date is October 18<sup>th</sup> after school. Forms may be turned in to your child's teacher. If you need another form or have further questions about the flu shots, please let Mr. Buch know.

### **FRIENDS OF ST. LUKE'S DAY**

Thank you to all who attended the Friends of St. Luke's Day. We had a wonderful time hosting everyone and giving them a chance to see a day in the life of a St. Luke's student. A special thanks to Michele Wix for organizing the great lunch for everyone!

### **ST. LUKE'S EXTENDED CARE**

St. Luke's is looking for help on Thursday afternoons in the afterschool care program. If you have Thursdays available and would like to help out your school, please let Mr. Buch know. Thank you to those who have stepped in to staff this program!

## **APPAREL ORDERS**

The St. Luke's apparel orders were submitted to Hopper's for production. We hope to have the orders back within the next few weeks. If you have clothing that you would like embroidered or printed with the St. Luke's logo on it, take it in to Hopper's and they can add that to the order. That must be done this week.

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE BOTTLES**

Just a reminder that the baby bottle collection for Lutherans for Life will end on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please bring them to school on that Friday and we will collect them as our chapel offering. Thanks for sharing your blessings with this mission project.

## **BOOK IT**

4K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade have all begun the Book It program through Pizza Hut! Keep working towards your monthly goal and if you complete ALL of the months, Pizza Hut could award you a \$10,000 scholarship! Free pizza and free money are great reasons to keep reading!

## **ROLLER SKATING**

St. John's, Lomira has invited the St. Luke's crew to join them in a fun night of rollerskating at the Spectrum in Fond du Lac. It will be a fun night of fellowship between our congregations. Here are some more details:

- Location: Spectrum Entertainment Center (Roller Skating Rink) in Fond du Lac  
<http://spectrumskate.com/index.html>
- Date: Wednesday October 24th
- Time: 6:00-8:00
- Cost: \$5/person which includes roller skates, additional \$3 for roller blades.
- Misc: Food and snacks are available at the rink as well as air hockey and other video games to play.

## **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

The Parent/Teacher Conference sign-up sheets have been active since Monday and Tuesday. If you have not signed up for a slot, please do so. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents should sign up for a time with Mrs. Kuske and Ms. Hankemeier. If you are having issues with the SchoolCues sign up, please let Mr. Buch know.

## **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.

- October 8-14 – Russ
- October 15-21 – Schwartz
- October 22-28 – Cleaning Service
- October 29-November 4 – Bosquez
- November 5-11 – Franke

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- October 19<sup>th</sup> – End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Report Cards sent home
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – P.M. Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 24<sup>th</sup> – NO School – Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 25-26 – NO School – WELS State Teacher's Conference

## **3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ**

This week in Bible history we learned that Jesus was not accepted in his hometown of Nazareth. We enjoyed using oil pastels and cooking oil to color a picture of Jesus with a stained glass effect. The children also made their own mini scroll and learned how to spell "J E S U S" because the scroll was written about him! Our second Bible story, taught us a how to read a thermometer! Peter's mother-in-law was very sick with a high fever and Jesus healed her. Many of the children have had a fever this fall, so they were able to share stories of how Jesus healed them also.

Our literature books this week were “All Around Town” and “Stone Soup”. On Tuesday, we were able to check out our town on the way to the library. We had a super time making our own version of Stone Soup on Wednesday. Mrs. Schwartz did a great job being the traveler who tricked the villagers. Mrs. Schwartz must be an excellent cook because most children were asking for thirds!

Once again we were a little bit messy with our letter of the week. Did you know that you can draw in **pudding**? Vanilla or chocolate will work very well! You can also make a P from a **pipe cleaner**! (This is not as messy!) On Tuesday, we made a stop at the Post Office. Ask your child what we did there? Our new Alpha Friend will be...Tiggy Tiger! If you spot any important words that start with the letter T, bring in the label and we will add it to our word wall. We can already read...Smarties, stop, squares, stars, puffs, Pop tarts, and peanut butter! Thanks to Bree who brought snack this week and **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Our snack person for next week is **Mariah**.

If you have any trouble scheduling your conferences, please let me know. I will be working on assessments next week and this assessment will come home on Monday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please remember to bring any questions to your conference. Also, book orders are due on Monday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, the children will be able to wear their Halloween costumes to school in the morning! We will have a little party and parade and then we will change out of them before recess! If you would like to send a special treat or snack, please let me know. As always, please make sure it is peanut and tree nut free.

We have 2 important singing dates coming up in November. November 4<sup>th</sup> we sing at St. Luke's in the 10:30 service and on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> we sing at St. Paul's in Brownsville in the 9 am service. Our friends from K-2 will be joining us as well! We will be singing “Jesus Loves Me” verses 1 and 2.

### **Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier**

As an educator I spend time outside of class planning lessons. Some days I wish I could spend more time planning lessons, but I know that sleep is a thing I need. Some days the lessons go as I planned and some days they fall apart. Sometimes a lesson goes so extraordinary well that the evidence of God simply using me as his instrument is so clear. This was the case on Wednesday morning as we studied the lesson of Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman at the well. All 42 ears were focused on the message of Jesus showing love to all people and explaining that Salvation is for all people regardless of skin or hair color. I mentioned that the Jews and Samaritans didn't get along just as some groups of people didn't get along in the 60s in the United States. Some faces were completely shocked at the idea that they wouldn't have been friends with someone just because of their skin or hair color. We finished the Bible story and then read a book about Martin Luther King which told us in kid friendly language what had been some rules. The children were amazed and sad. The part that made me cry twice was when they began singing two songs at two different times that applied exactly to what I was saying. The point of the book was “Love” and when I asked where love came from, their voices united in answering Jesus and they sang “We love, because he first loved us...” The Holy Spirit was/is definitely at work in the hearts of the children in K-2!!! Mr. Indermuehle and I looked at each other in utter shock at the profound comments and praises that the children made. To God be the glory!!

Another proud teacher moment happened on Tuesday afternoon when three volunteer firefighters came to our room to teach us this year's theme for fire safety entitled “Look, Listen, and Learn.” The man who led the discussion even stopped once to thank the children for listening so intently! (Our ears did eventually disconnect from our brains, but thankfully one child made sure to bring them back connected on paper the next morning...)

Our regular learning has progressed as usual this week. One more interesting lesson happened when the first graders wrote a “fiddlestick” story. The idea is that each child takes a turn sharing a thought. Our story was cute and interesting of course. Then the second graders and I worked on editing and expanding their thoughts. The second graders were shocked at how much length can be added to a sentence when sufficient details are given! Here's what we came up with so far:

First grade: “A cat went to a mall. The cat played on the ferris wheel. Then the cat wanted to go on the Merry-Go-Round. Then the cat got off the Merry-Go-Round and went on a swing. The cat went on a turtle.”

Second grade: “A black cat named Henry went to the Fond du Lac mall. Henry played on the large ferris wheel. Next he wanted to go on the Merry-Go-Round with cheetah poles. After that Henry decided to jump off the Merry-Go-Round and go swinging with his friends. Next he jumped off the swings and landed on the hard green and black turtle statue.”

Great work, kids! Let's keep learning and praising our Savior!

## 2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

A big thank you to all who came to St. Luke's Friend Day last Friday! It was nice to see everyone and be able to show you all what some of our classes are like!

2nd grade will be finishing their personal narrative this week. Since we are diving into grammar this year and it is new to them, we are working through some struggles. Forgetting end marks was a big one- there were some very long sentences! I ended up having individual meetings with them and having them tell me what they really wanted to say. They are working on neatly copying their work to hand in.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades are working on states and capitals. Today we will be learning where the states are on a map. I also am encouraging them to look for answers in their Bible history stories. I really am impressed with the kids in my room being willing to help others. Whether it is finding Bible passages, showing where we are in a textbook, helping pick up crayons or papers.... They all are willing help! They truly show their love for the Lord by helping others!

God's continued blessings on your week!

## 5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

In the recent weeks we have added Quizlet into our repertoire of study and review resources. Each week the spelling words are added to the site and the students can practice and get quizzed online. Students should use this to review the words in preparation for the weekly spelling test.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students finished up their first literature book titled, The Wish Giver. The story had three different storylines running at the same time. It was interesting to see students gather the lessons learned by our main characters. Sometimes a free wish isn't all it's cracked up to be!

In 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade's book, The Westing Game, we are trying to solve a murder mystery. 16 heirs have been selected for a game to win two hundred million dollars. The game is simple: use the clues to find the murderer. We have had a great many theories flying around of who might be the prime suspects and why. Ellen Raskin is doing a good job of keeping us guessing. Who killed Sam Westing? We hope to soon find out!

In recent lessons, some of our math students studied lines and the relationships they can have. Parallel lines have so much in common, it's a shame they'll never meet. We also studied finding complex area and perimeter. There were some answers that were fact and some were just opinion. An opinion without 3.14 is just an onion.

All is right in the NFL Pick'em world. Mr. Buch is back in the lead. After a perfect week including a wonderful Packers loss, some of you might be discouraged. I know there were some upset players after the game. I heard Mason Crosby was kicking himself after the game...but he missed.

<b>Mr. Buch</b>	217.5
<b>Max</b>	197.5
<b>Talon</b>	182.5
<b>Nick</b>	182.5
<b>Grant</b>	175
<b>Sam</b>	155
<b>Anna</b>	150
<b>Matthew</b>	145
<b>Joel</b>	145
<b>Owen B.</b>	135
<b>Noah</b>	135
<b>Leighton</b>	132.5
<b>Kolby</b>	130
<b>Aiden</b>	130
<b>Aleah</b>	115
<b>Dawson</b>	110
<b>Owen R.</b>	102.5