



St. Luke's  
OAKFIELD

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## Notes & News

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### INTRODUCTION

We live in troubled times, but that has been a fact throughout the history of nations. Permanent peace doesn't exist on earth, although in 765 B.C. the ten northern tribes of Israel thought they had it. Once a part of the great Kingdoms of David and Solomon, Israel was now divided. The ten northern tribes, still known as Israel, had fallen into open idolatry and immorality. Judah, the two tribes to the south, wasn't doing much better. Injustice was rampant in Israel. One writer describes Israel at that time as "politically secure and spiritually smug."

Our holy God was justly offended by the sins of Israel, and threatened imminent destruction by the hand of enemy nations, which ultimately did happen. But ironically, at this point Israel still asserted that the Lord God Almighty was with them.

God chose a shepherd/farmer to announce impending judgment. Yet, Amos also offered a message of grace and hope from God: "Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is." That seems overly simplistic: "Seek good, not evil." How would you apply this to your life? How would you define those simple words? "Evil," perhaps, is most easily defined, but maybe not so much when our sins include complacency and smugness regarding our relationship with God.

"Good" is a profound word in the context of the holy will of the Lord God Almighty. In his holy eyes nothing short of perfection is good. Yet, the forgiveness of sins won for us by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, his Son, is GOOD NEWS, the gospel of salvation for sinners. Now, as redeemed children of God, "good" includes everything that describes the life of faith to which we are called and to which we are guided by Scriptures. It involves living and growing in faith, eager to share our faith in Jesus with those who need to hear the GOOD NEWS.

How do we "seek" good? Since the Holy Spirit creates faith in us by the gospel, the "seeking" begins there. None of us can be perfect till we are in heaven. Therefore, "seeking good" is a part of humble daily repentance. Trust in Jesus, plus "seeking" the guidance of the Scriptures in Bible study and worship, asking the blessing of the Holy Spirit, define "seeking good" for every facet of our lives.

That's godly advice from Amos, in troubled times, and all the time! – [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)

### PARENT MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> parent meeting of the year is coming up on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. There will be classroom updates, organizational and procedural information for St. Luke's. These meetings are very important to stay connected with your child's education! More information on the meeting will be coming soon.

### EATON'S PIZZA COUPONS

Each year St. Luke's does one fundraiser that helps our school afford some of the things we would not be able to normally afford. Each family will be given 51 Eaton's Pizza coupons to sell. More instructions will be on the packages that will be handed out. If your family would like more than 51 coupons, please let Heather Nelson know. PACK fundraisers are done with the goal of completing a project to enhance or maintain what God has given to St. Luke's. No PACK members should ever feel obligated to participate in St. Luke's fundraising. While we recognize that opinions vary on this matter, your own conscience serves as your best guide in determining whether you are serving "for the money" or "for the Lord". With that being said, if your family wishes not to participate, please let Heather Nelson know so she doesn't have to prepare coupons that won't be sold. Her email is: [hnelson@jfahern.com](mailto:hnelson@jfahern.com)

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

Thank you to those who have stepped up to fill our Extended Care positions. We have all positions currently filled and even a few subs! Thank you for helping your school and its families!

## **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 tomorrow 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 should be working on 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**

Parent/Teacher Conferences are next Tuesday and Wednesday. Please be on time for your conference and please be mindful of the 20-minute time slot. Thank you for being dedicated to your children's education.

## **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 15-21 – Schwartz
- October 22-28 – Cleaning Service
- October 29-November 4 – Bosquez
- November 5-11 – Franke
- November 12-18 – Suprenand
- November 19-25 **School** – Prochnow
- November 19-25 **Gym/Commons** - Hansmann

## **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
- November 1<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Basketball Practice (A/B – 3:30 – 5:00 P.M.)
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Early Dismissal – 1:15 P.M.
- November 7<sup>th</sup> – Parent Meeting – 6:00 P.M.

### 3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

This week in Bible History we learned where Jesus found his first disciples. His first followers were found fishing on the Sea of Galilee. We had a fun time acting out the story of the great catch of fish. Jesus told Peter (and us) that he would be catching people instead of fish. We were able to find a lot of people to put into our collage. The scissors were very busy! The next disciple was Matthew, who was found collecting taxes from the people. Jesus very simply says, "Follow me," and just like the others, he also follows. The kids had a great time making footprints because they had to have their feet painted so they could follow Jesus too.

This next unit is called "The Five Senses." Our books this week were "The Body Book" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". We found out that it is very hard to function when you cannot use one of your senses. Our sensory books have to be read with only your sense of touch. No peeking allowed! I have been able to use some of the extra time to do some one on one assessments with the children. It's amazing to see some of the growth since the first week of school! **Have you been working on your Book IT calendar?** The 4K may hand them in at any time once they have completed the 9 books.

The kids painted **Tiggy Tiger** with their **Toes!** Check out FB to see how they did. Some of them caught on rather quickly! As we walked to the library we saw a **T** on a stop sign and 2 clothesline posts shaped like **T!** Our new Alpha Friend (in 2 weeks) will be...**Ozzy Octopus!** The children can bring 1 thing from home that is **shaped like an O.** Send it along any day of the week. Thanks to Mariah for our snacks this week! Next week it is **Conrad's** turn to bring the snack. The following week it is Josie's turn to bring a snack.

On Monday, I will be sending the assessments home in the take home folders. I also completed the PALS assessment with each 4 year old, so those results will be sent home as well. If you have any questions, please make a note of them and we can address them at our conference on Tuesday or Wednesday. All of the teachers will be traveling to Milwaukee for the WELS State Teacher's Convention. I always come back with some new and fresh ideas! Enjoy your short week!

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

This week our Bible stories took a different turn. We had been studying Jesus' miracles and how people were flocking to see him. Our lessons this week showed us a different view. When Jesus went back to his hometown, his message that the people were sinners, but he was the Savior that had come to redeem them was not well received. In fact, the people tried to push him off a cliff, but Jesus used his almighty power to simply walk past them and continue sharing his message. Our second lesson showed us how an evil spirit denied Jesus, but how Jesus once again used his almighty power to call the spirit out. Some of us were shocked that people were not listening to Jesus' message, but in further reflection we saw that we do the same when we don't gladly hear and learn God's Word at school, home, and church. This led to a discussion on how we can be active participants in church. We can follow along in the hymnal or the bulletin and look for words and songs we know. We can sing and hum along. We can also listen intently to what pastor is telling us.

This week in preparation for second quarter, we began a new routine. In the morning we still came in greeting each other and telling others things we couldn't hold in, but then we sat down and began to work on handwriting and writing and phonics skills. How it is already almost second quarter, I don't know.

On Monday we will be going on our first field trip. It is very far away, but we should be able to make it - even by foot! We will be walking to Miss Hankemeier's house (0.5 miles away) to do multiple activities. We will follow recipes to make pumpkin, apple, and blueberry pies. We will view and play with a model train. We will compare and contrast pumpkins and clean out the insides. We will also enjoy a lunch and play games.

On Wednesday we had an opportunity to do some work with upper graders. We enjoyed seeing what they learn in math and they enjoyed seeing what and how we learn. Then we took some time to read to and have them read to us. I absolutely love the relationships the children want to create across the grades. This is so unique to St. Luke's!

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

We finished our book by Dave Barry called The Worst Class Trip Ever. It was about an 8th grade class trip to Washington DC that goes horribly wrong but turns out good in the end. As a teacher who stresses out about class trips it made my imagination run wild! Speaking of trips, I am still trying to figure one out. I have one scheduled for the spring to my neighbor's candy store in Theresa. Joey is blind and makes chocolates, and works behind the counter. I have been trying to figure out something that goes with our Social Studies units...since we are talking about different regions in the U.S. We are learning about businesses and economy. I thought, "Great! Maybe we could tour Seneca and see how they can their vegetables and get them out to our stores!" That would be super interesting to see how they do that- so I called. They will give a tour but they said it would have been better to come in September when they are really busy. I was sad- but I will get us there next September! Thought about a pumpkin farm but I know lots of kids go to those- and the weather has been crazy! So please bear with me and forgive me for not knowing what to do yet!

The bottles I handed out for coins for mission collection for Lutherans for Life is due FRIDAY. This coming Friday. If your child has collected anything please send it to school with them this week!

Phonics this week is about the vowel diagraph oo as in hook, and oo as in tooth. We also will learn the FLOSS rule on Friday. Any time we have a one syllable word with a short vowel that ends in a f,l,or s, we have to double the last letter. Examples are whiff, off, bill, buff, toss, FLOSS...

I love seeing the progress in the grades! We all have worked so hard since the beginning of school! Keep it up!

Math with 2-3 grades has been getting more challenging. Working on calendars, mental computation, and ordering 3 digit numbers. In Social Studies we are learning the South. Your child should be starting to look over states and capitals soon. They seem to love to learn them!

A journal assignment we did recently had the students writing a short description and picture of their favorite food to eat. Pizza was pretty popular. One student told me he loved BACON. I could tell he loved it because he wrote a little story about it and kept talking about it. Made us all hungry. I think I cooked bacon the next day.... I told him he has to meet my dad.... who also loves bacon...

Have a great week!

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

This week we wrap up the first quarter. Students will have a chance to review the test scores from the MAP Testing and their report cards with me next week to discuss a plan for improvement and success! A reminder to all parents that academic success looks different for each student. If you have multiple children, that academic success will look different with each child. Remember we always want to be improving, but still have to celebrate the incremental improvements and small successes.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students began their new novel, Holes. We see a character who catches some bad breaks. He has found himself in a very difficult situation. It will be interesting to see if he can dig himself out of this hole.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science lessons focus on elements, compounds, and mixtures. I tried to tell a chemistry joke the other day, but there was no reaction. We studied the differences between compounds and mixtures. There are a few defining characteristics that help tell the two apart. I'm going to take it easy on the puns this week. You all have suffered enough.

The standings remain the exact same for the NFL Pick'em this week. You might be wondering, "How can that be?" Well you see, someone forgot to pass out the score sheets. We will try again next week. Go Bears.