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# Notes & News

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## INTRODUCTION

### [Matthew 2:4-6](#)

Jerusalem seemed to be the logical place for the Magi to look for the one who was born King of the Jews. After all, where but in the capital city would a king be born? But the newborn King of the Jews was not to be found in Jerusalem. So where would the Magi find him?

Herod called together all the religious scholars and asked them if they knew where this new king, this Messiah, was supposed to be born. The religious scholars knew immediately where the new king was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they told Herod.

How did they know? Had they received some special revelation from God? Had they overheard people talking about some strange events that had happened in Bethlehem some months ago? No. They knew where the Messiah was to be born because they had read the Old Testament. There, in the book of Micah, God had said, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times" (Micah 5:2).

If what the Magi said was true and this new King of the Jews had been born, then he must be in Bethlehem, for that is what God had promised. And, of course, that was exactly correct. Jesus had been born in Bethlehem, just as God had promised. This was just one of the many, many promises of God that Jesus fulfilled throughout his life. And when you take all these fulfilled promises together, they can only mean one thing. Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem as King of the Jews, truly is the Messiah God promised to send. He truly is our Savior.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Children's Christmas Service was a rousing success both at St. Luke's and at St. Paul's. Between the two Sundays, the students spread the word to over 700 people!!! What an amazing blessing to see students boldly proclaiming their faith. To God be the Glory!

## DIVINE CALL MEETING

St. Luke's has called Mr. Josh Schmidt from St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam. He encourages St. Luke's to reach out to him about his call to St. Luke's. His email address is [jschmidt@ststephen.org](mailto:jschmidt@ststephen.org). Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates.

## PRINCIPAL CALL

As many have heard by now, I have received a call to be principal and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at St. Paul, Tomah, Wisconsin. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me and talk about ministry here at St. Luke's and ministry at St. Paul. A divine call is always a great time to evaluate ministry opportunities for a called worker.

## CONCESSIONS NOTE

Parents volunteering for concessions are asked to keep their children in the commons during the preparation time before the basketball games start. Children should not be in the gym or hallways during this time. Children should avoid

being in the kitchen during the food prep time for various safety reasons. Doors to the commons will be closed until the prep work is done. Thank you.

### **MARIAN UNIVERSITY EXTERNSHIP**

Next week, two Marian University students will be observing classrooms at St. Luke's. They will get a chance to go around and see what each classroom does and pick up some handy tips and tricks for their future as teachers. The two Marian students are early in their college careers, and this type of experience can help them determine which type of teaching styles might work for them.

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPENING**

Nathan Kollmann is moving to church council and that will open a seat on the St. Luke's School Committee. We try to avoid having members serve on school committee and church council simultaneously. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, please talk to Chairman Dan Geisthardt or Mr. Buch. Thank you.

### **WLA REPRESENTATIVES FROM ST. LUKE'S**

As part of the subcommittee under the Lutheran School Committee at St. Luke's, three representatives attend one or two meetings a year at WLA. Jim Bilitz's term is up as WLA Rep. If you are interested in serving in that role, please contact Mr. Buch or Mr. Bilitz for more information. Thank you.

### **GIVING TREE**

There are just a few items left on the giving tree at St. Luke's. We cannot thank you enough for donating those awesome items to St. Luke's. We just purchased over \$600 worth of school materials from the giving tree! Your generosity is amazing. It shows your love for your Savior and St. Luke's. January 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last day for the giving tree!

### **BASKETBALL**

The B-Team dropped a heartbreaker to St. John's, Montello on Tuesday night. Leading 14-8 at half, the Eagles couldn't hold the lead and lost 25-24. Grant Schaumburg led the Eagles with 13 points. The A-Team won a nail biter 39-37 against St. Matthew's, Iron Ridge. In a balanced scoring attack, Nick had 10, Max had 9, and Owen R. had 8. The A & B Teams are back in action Friday night as they host St. Peter's at 4:30 and 5:30 P.M.

The C-Team practices today and will take the court Saturday morning for home games. Boys C plays at 8:00 A.M. and the Girls C plays at 8:45 A.M. Go Eaglets!

Next week the A-Team will be traveling to Janesville, WI for a tournament. There is a group of parents who are staying at the AmericInn in Janesville. ANY St. Luke's families who are interested in taking a weekend away to come cheer on the Eagles and have fun at the hotel are more than welcome to book a room and travel with us! It should be a fun weekend of fellowship. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Buch or Mrs. Wix.

Upcoming basketball game schedule:

- Friday 1/10 vs. St. Peter's (H) – B-Team – 4:30pm, A-Team 5:30pm
- C-Team Saturday 1/11 – Boys @ 8am, Girls @ 8:45am
- Tuesday 1/14 vs. Grace (H) – B-Team – 5pm, A-Team 6pm
- Thursday 1/16 vs. Redeemer (A) – B-Team 4pm, A-Team 5pm (Change from original schedule)
- Saturday 1/18 - Mustang Invitational A-Team

### **SCHOOL CLEANING**

Please remember when you clean school to clean the bathrooms in their entirety. We have had periods this school year when the toilets have not been getting cleaned. Please do your best when cleaning those and clean them completely. Thanks!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- January 9 – C-Team Basketball Practice – 3:15-4:15 P.M.
- January 9 – Church Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.
- January 10 – End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- January 10 – Basketball Games Home vs. St. Peter's: Boys B 4:30 P.M., Boys A 5:30 P.M.

- January 11 – Basketball Games C-Team @ St. Luke’s: Boys 8:00 A.M., Girls 8:45 A.M.
- January 13 – A/B-Team Basketball Practice – 3:30-5:00 P.M.
- January 14 – Basketball Games Home vs. Grace: Boys B 5:00P.M., Boys A 6:00 P.M.
- January 15 – A/B-Team Basketball Practice – 3:30-5:00 P.M.
- January 16 – C-Team Basketball Practice CANCELLED
- January 16 – Basketball Games Away @ Redeemer: Boys B 4:00 P.M., Boys A 5:00 P.M.
- January 17 – Early Release 1:15 P.M.
- January 18-19 – Mustang Invitational A-Team Tournament @ Janesville
- January 20 - A/B-Team Basketball Practice – 3:30-5:00 P.M.
- January 21 – Basketball Games Away @ St. Stephen’s: Boys B 4:30 P.M., Boys A 5:30 P.M.
- January 22 – A/B-Team Basketball Practice – 3:30-5:00 P.M.
- January 23 – C-Team Basketball Practice – 3:15-4:15 P.M. (LAST PRACTICE)
- January 25 – Basketball Games C-Team @ St. Luke’s: Boys 8:45 A.M., Girls 10:15 A.M.
- January 27 – A/B-Team Basketball Practice – 3:30-5:00 P.M.
- January 29 – A/B-Team Basketball Practice – 3:30-5:00 P.M.
- January 31 – Basketball Games Away @ Faith: Boys B 4:00 P.M., Boys A 5:00 P.M.

## **WLA EVENTS**

<http://www.wlavikings.org/calendars/>

### **3K – 4K Notes from Ms. Russ**

This week in Bible History we started with 2 lesser know stories from the OT. Our first story was about the 12 spies. Only 2 of these spies believed that the Lord could give them the victory over the people of Canaan. We were able to work on some cutting skills and one to one correspondence by placing our 12 spies on a grid. Our next story was about Korah and his attempt to go against God’s will. God showed the people He was all powerful when he swallowed the “bad guys” up into the ground. Next, Aaron’s staff grew leaves and buds as a sign that his family was to work in the tabernacle. We had a lot of fun acting out this story with our “sticks” and more math was used as we counted them out. After chapel tomorrow, we will start working on our song for church. We will be singing on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in the late service. Following the service, we will have our 3<sup>rd</sup> PACK meeting.

We have begun a new unit on “Animals”. The *Second Street Vet and Spa* is accepting new clients for a limited time. (I am working on a field trip to a local vet office. More info to follow soon!) This week, we read “I Like Cats” and “The Greedy Cat” and then created our own fancy felines. Our letter for this week was “F” for Fifi Fish. We enjoyed making the letter F with fish crackers, falling, fainting, and farting in gym class, and making fruit loop necklaces. We read, “The Greedy Python” and then wrote in our journal about which greedy book we liked the best. The whole class was able to read the Eric Carle book, “Have You Seen My Cat?” That was an easy day, because the kids did all the reading and I just turned the pages!

We used much of this week to work on assessments for every student. Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Bilitz helped me with some of 10 academic skills that we tested for each student. THANK YOU! You will find the student’s assessments in their folders on Monday. As always, if you have any questions about these reports please let me know. There have been some noticeable jumps in academics and some positive changes in behavior. Please, continue to encourage your child in both areas of school life.

On Tuesday, we met Ms. Lori at the library and I was so pleased with our students’ behavior within the extra large group. Many of the other children in attendance were younger children from the area. Our St. Luke’s students showed great patience and kindness when it came to listening and showing respect for Ms. Lori as she read to us. It just shows how much these little lambs have grown in just a few months. They let their light shine and I was very proud! By the way, did you wear your pajamas backwards on Tuesday night? In Ms. Lori’s book, the little animals wore their pjs backwards because they thought that trick would make it snow. Too bad...no luck!

### **Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Mrs. Lawonn**

Happy Epiphany! May we live in the joy of our Savior’s birth all year long! I pray you all had wonderful celebrations with friends and family! Thank you all for attending and bringing your children to attend the Christmas services. Thank you also for attending our wedding! I was amazed at the outpouring of support in the overflowing church! We are so blessed through all of you!

We are doing our best to be back in the swing of school. A wacky December and two weeks off have confused some of us and illnesses keep wanting to pull us down, but we are doing our best to be strong! Thank you to the students for being patient with my lack of hearing for two days. My new meds seem to be clearing up my sinuses.

We are loving our study of how God gave the commandments to the Israelites and are amazed at how quickly they broke their promises to keep all the laws. We couldn't help but to look inward and see that we are just the same in our zeal to be good, but quickly get off track. Thanks be to Jesus for being perfect for us in our place!

Kindergarten jumped right back into learning about Frits and his hobby of fishing. They have also been blending letters into words. More and more lightbulbs are going on. First grade learned that vowel pairs have sibling powers as they work together. Second grade has been multitasking by writing letters to their Florida penpals, starting a new short novel, recognizing nouns, adjectives, verbs, and adverbs, and their daily reading work with new sounds in "gh" and "tion."

In social studies we are studying the presidents. We heard all the names and some neat facts for a few of them. I saw a few politically interested children perk up. We were saddened by how many presidents died quickly in office. I can't wait to continue this discussion in the coming days. We can make so many connections about making a lasting memory for generations to come.

The beginning of the week didn't seem to hold a lot of time for science, but we are going to get our dinosaur unit in for real very soon.

Parents, if you could please make sure that your child has a pair of slippers, hat, gloves, and snowpants each day, that would be great. Even though we don't have a lot of snow, we need these items for warmth and slippers are very cozy to put on between wearing boots at recesses. We like warm toes. Thank you!

### **3rd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske**

Happy 2020! I pray you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years!

First I want to thank you again for the wonderful Christmas gifts! It was so nice that the kids actually were so excited to give me the gifts that they insisted I go first! We had a great last day filled with yummy goodies, gifts, games, and friends. God is so good!

The students also did a great job with the Christmas services! So now it is back to the same old school day. I will tell you that Monday was amazing! They were focused and quiet. Then came Tuesday, and we forgot a lot of what happened Monday.

C team will practice on Thursdays now after school. Games are here on Saturday, boys at 8:00 and girls at 8:45. Wear blue shirts and be here no later than 15 minutes before. Always check upcoming events in our newsletter for any changes!

Here are a few things we will be learning about in the next week or so:

- Writing unit
- Fossils
- Coming to America (not the Eddie Murphy movie) in Social Studies
- WI history
- Square numbers
- Israelites in Canaan

And of course we will be reminded daily about God's great love for us. ☺

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

The upper grades did a great job of returning to school ready to work. We have been able to accomplish a ton this week. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students went to the Career Connections Academy at Moraine Park Technical College on Wednesday. They had an awesome time getting hands on experience at possible career opportunities.

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students gave their Frank Peretti Novel presentations and did a great job retelling the story. It was fun to see how the pictures they drew incorporated different parts of the novel. We will be starting a new novel next week!

This week is the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Report cards will be sent home the following Monday. If you don't see a report card, ask your child. If you don't see your child, it might be because of their report card.