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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

[Isaiah 49:6](#)

A young father holds his baby in his arms and talks to him about his plans for their future together and his hopes and dreams for his child.

He promises, "We'll play together and work together. I'll teach you how to ride a bike, throw a football, and use a saw. Together we'll change the oil in the car and plant a garden. I'll pray with you and for you. And when I'm disciplining you and forgiving you, listening to you and loving you, I pray that you will see in me the unconditional love that God has for you.

"And when we go to church together, I pray that my faith and love for God will be unmistakable in the way I sing and pray, in the look on my face and the joy in my voice. And I pray that you'll take that faith with you, as you go off to college and move out on your own, as you become a teacher or pastor, an engineer or doctor, as, Lord-willing, you raise a family of your own. I've got big plans, big dreams, for you, my child."

Before he sent Jesus into the world, God the Father told his Son about the big plans he had for him. He would restore the tribes of Jacob and bring Israel back to God. But he would also be a light for non-Jewish people and bring salvation to the ends of the earth. Only Jesus could carry out these plans. And he did so perfectly.

Many today try to make Jesus into a Savior just for some. But God had bigger plans for him. He came to be the Savior for all. He came to be my Savior and yours. Jesus lived as the perfect Son for all people so that God will count you and me as his forgiven children forever. What big plans! What a perfect Savior! – www.wels.net

*****SCHOOL CHOICE REGISTRATION*****

Please see the separate information for the enrollment process into the Wisconsin School Choice Program. If you have questions about enrollment, or the application process, please contact Mr. Buch or Mrs. Wix. Both would be happy to answer questions or even help walk you through the process. If you think you might be close to qualifying, please look into it. A school choice voucher gained this year or next would ensure full coverage of tuition for that child through their high school years at WLA! The registration process opens on February 3rd.

DIVINE CALL

Joshua Schmidt has accepted the call to serve as middle grade teacher at St. Luke's. Starting on July 1st, he will be officially serving at St. Luke's. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he begins preparing for the transition to a new ministry. Also keep St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam in your prayers as they call a new teacher.

PRINCIPAL CALL

Thank you to those who prayed for our family during the past weeks. We have returned the call to St. Paul, Tomah and will continue to serve you at St. Luke's. The ministry here at St. Luke's is exciting and we hope to see continued growth of our church and school.

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.

MAP TESTING

Next week will begin the 2nd round of MAP Testing for our St. Luke's students. We are excited to see student's growth areas and dedicated to working towards improving the areas of student need. Please do your best to help your student succeed by making sure they get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast each morning.

SIX FLAGS READ TO SUCCEED

Informational sheets are coming home about the Read to Succeed program. Any reading from November to April counts towards the 6 hours. This year, parents have the responsibility of registering and logging hours. Deadline is April 17, 2020. Students from Kindergarten through age 12 can participate.

BASKETBALL

Last Thursday night, the Eagles traveled to Redeemer for a pair of games. The B-Team came out on the front foot and never looked back. The final was 36-15 in favor of St. Luke's. Grant led the way with 7, Xailias had a career high 6, and Leighton chipped in with 5. The A-Team came out sluggish and let Redeemer hang around. Eventually, thanks to the help of the 6th graders, the A-Team took control and finished strong with a 53-34 win. Owen R. had a season high 17 points in the win.

The A-Team players and parents had a really fun weekend of basketball and fellowship at the tournament in Janesville this past weekend. The Eagles went 2-1 and won 3rd place. Thanks to the fans for making our last game really loud!

On Tuesday, the A & B-Teams traveled to Horicon to play St. Stephen. The B-Team started slow, but came on strong at the end and ended up losing by 2. Talon finished with 11 and Grant had 8. The A-Team got a shot of what A-Team speed is really like and lost 60-29. Our boys responded with a really great effort in practice the next day.

The C-Team wraps up their final regular season games this weekend with a Boys game at 8:45am and the Girls game at 10:15am. Good luck C-Team. The information for the C-Team tournament in Lomira will be handed out today. Check your child's folder!

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 25 – Basketball Games C-Team @ St. Luke's: Boys 8:45 A.M., Girls 10:15 A.M.
- January 26 – Voter's Meeting 11:45A.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 30, Thursday – HOT LUNCH by Lorilyn Geisthardt, Breakfast - pancakes, etc.**
- January 31 – Basketball Games Away @ Faith: Boys B 4:00 P.M., Boys A 5:00 P.M.
- **February 3 – April 16 – OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM**
- February 1-2 – C-Team Tournament @ St. John's, Lomira
- February 2 – All Students sing in 10:30am service
- **February 2, Sunday – PACK Meeting after late service**
- February 3 – A/B-Team Basketball Practice – 3:30-5:00 P.M.

- February 5 – Basketball Games Home @ **BROWNSVILLE** vs St. John’s, Lomira: Boys B 5:00 P.M., Boys A 6:00 P.M.
- February 7 – No PM bussing
- February 7 – Basketball Games Home vs Faith: Boys B 5:00 P.M., Boys A 6:00 P.M.
- February 10 – A/B-Team Basketball Practice – 3:30-5:00 P.M.
- February 11 – School Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- February 12 – A/B-Team Basketball Practice – 3:30-5:00 P.M.
- February 13 – Church Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.
- February 13-14 – NWD Teacher’s Conference – NO SCHOOL
- February 14-16 – Boys B-Team WALL Tournament @ WLA
- February 17 – A -Team Basketball Practice – 3:30-5:00 P.M.
- February 19 – A -Team Basketball Practice – 3:30-5:00 P.M.
- February 21-23 – Boys A-Team WALL Tournament @ WLA

WLA EVENTS

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

3K – 4K Notes from Ms. Russ

Our Bible class centered around God’s promised land of Canaan. God once again parted the water so the people could cross, just like at the Red Sea. During this second half of the year we will be focusing on following directions when working on our activities. Many children think they know what to do and they try to zoom ahead before the directions are given. The children did a great job listening even with 4 sides of their Bible pages to complete! Way to go! We also heard about Rahab and how she protected the spies. God spared her life, which we will hear more about next week.

We have concluded our unit on “Animals” this week. We read “Animal Babies” and “Who is in Rabbit’s Cave?”. We used our gym time to hear some echoes and imitate our best animal walks. You can check out our counting book of our favorite animals. The children used their cutting skills to make their own non-fiction animal book. We also made some zig zag art to show how Zelda Zebra can zip and zoom. Did you know that a Z could turn into a zebra? Our letter for next week is going to be **B**. If you find any items that start with **B** you can bring them in for our **bucket**. The children have been doing a great job catching on to our letter people and their songs. If you would like a list of letter people and their songs, please let me know.

On Tuesday, Ms. Lori read us some non-fiction books about birds. Our class is really starting to LOVE non-fiction and we are learning so many cool facts. Ms. Lori was amazed that we knew all the bird names in her magazine. Next week, we can bring a stuffed animal along to the library for story time.

A big thank you to Daisy for bringing our snacks this week and Happy Birthday to Daisy and Josie! **Next week Walker will bring our snacks, and happy birthday to him, too!** Our next singing date is fast approaching. We will sing on Feb. 2nd in the 10:30 am service. Our next field trip is on Friday, February 7th. I have heard from some parents who are able to drive. Thank you! If you can drive, please let me know and I will add you to the list. We are getting a 3 for 1 field trip with a visit to Green Collar Groomer, Veterinary Village, and McDonalds. Tours and goodies at all 3 places should keep up busy.

We will exchange our valentines on February 12th. We will NOT be having a “party” because we are off on the 13th and 14th. I will send a list of names home next week. The kids can cut and glue the names onto the valentines to save time. Remember that any treats must be peanut free.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Mrs. Lawonn

January days drag after the excitement of December with all the celebrating. The Israelites felt their days dragging too after the excitement of leaving Egypt had worn thin. Then the people finally got near the Promised Land of Canaan! We are getting ever closer to the next month! Then the Israelites stumbled and did not trust that God would give them the land he promised to them. We stumble when we don’t trust in God to provide the next thing we need in life. The good news is that God sent a Savior for the Israelites and for us too to save us from our sinful stumbles. Trust in the Lord with all your heart as we journey to our Promised Land of Heaven!

Last week ended on a great note. We loved having an extra day with the college students. They enjoyed us too! This week I could feel the doldrums of January setting in, so I started up a new “challenge.” The children have been creating good habits and I keep track on their charts. They can earn x’s which total up to a trip to the treasure box for

clean areas, not blurting, etc. Our new challenge was for “being awesome.” I have been giving x’s for God pleasing behaviors such as helping friends, being the first one to do a direction, working really hard, having a great attitude, etc. The children have really risen to the occasion and have been doing awesome things. It is so easy to notice the “bad” but so much more uplifting to recognize the good. Sin is still present and addressed as needed, but our days have been brighter as we encourage each other to praise our Savior!

Second graders are thinking hard about what makes a good leader and how they might make a good class president. They are also thinking of changes they would make. I am very entertained. Next week they will make some speeches and k-1 will get to vote. The winner will get to make good on their promises for a week. (Within reason of course....) :)

We have loved our study on dinosaurs. It is amazing to see how intricate God was when he made all the different types. We are also using our imaginations and problem solving skills to think about when and how they perished. We have much to ask God when we get to heaven!

Thank you for responding about the field trip. I’ll have more details for you when we get closer. We should be set on drivers! Thank you!!

Finally, PreK-8 will be singing on February 2nd in the late service. I look forward to hearing them sing of God’s love!

3rd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

We will be taking some open book tests in Social Studies. We took one Monday that went pretty well... a few are still working on the concept that if they look hard enough, the answer is there in the text.

We will be starting some MAP testing next week. Please make sure your child gets a good breakfast and enough sleep the night before.

We are going to finish up our cursive next week. After that we will concentrate on mastering our letters by doing some copycat writing together.

C practice this Thursday after school. Game on Saturday.

If your child wishes to bring valentines for their class, we will hand them out at the end of the day, on February 12.

As I mentioned last week, we were working on answering a question in detail. The question was this: Would you like to be a secret agent like Roxy Riggles in our short story *I Hate Ninjas*? Why or why not? List 3 reasons and examples of those reasons in your answer. This was a challenge to get the students to think up examples and I helped quite a few jog their creative minds coming up with ideas. I chose a writing to share with you because I thought this student did a great job with her reasons and examples. I only helped her with her closing sentence! Enjoy!

I would not like to be a secret agent because I can get really hurt. For example, I could fall off a cliff. I would also be in danger as an agent. People would come and fight me. I would also have to work and be undercover. I’m not good with keeping secrets. I even tell my mom what I get her for Christmas! I think I will stick with being an artist! Olivia

Have a great rest of your week!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

The 5th & 6th grade students are learning about bacteria in science class. Did you know there are three general shapes for bacteria? They are spheres, cylinders, and spirals. Students were able to identify the different needs bacteria had and even how they reproduce. We saw the tip of a pin at 560x zoom and saw how many bacteria live on it. No wonder we use a lighter or hydrogen peroxide to kill the germs!

This week the 7th and 8th grade students created DC motors out of circle magnets, paper clips, and wire. It was neat to see them work on the science behind the motor. All students were able to get their motor working, even if it was only for a short time. Speaking of motors, Darth Vader actually needed motor oil to fully function, but it had to be *sithetic*. A friend bet me that I couldn’t turn spaghetti into a motor vehicle. She was really mad when I drove pasta.