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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

“When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.” - Matthew 4:12

Drama draws us in. Tension gets our attention. In an iPad, Netflix, Hulu world, we want life and death, happiness and sadness, an unexpected turn of events, an action hero.

Of course, when you read the Bible, you see all of that. Jesus is special forces tough and superhero strong. Jesus walks on water. Jesus tells the sky to stop raining and the wind to stop blowing...and they listen. Jesus commands fish to jump in a fisherman's net and they listen. The Gospels are a highlight reel of Jesus' power—the Almighty Savior from heaven turning the laws of nature inside out. But he doesn't do that in our Bible reading for today.

Consider the simple words: When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Is there anything miraculous about that?

Usually, we associate a “withdrawal” with a quiet retreat, a concession of defeat. And that would be what we would expect here. If you are Jesus and a friend of your cause garners the negative attention of the authorities and is imprisoned, maybe you try to lay low for a while, withdraw to a less conspicuous place to avoid the heat. But Jesus had just been in the less conspicuous place—away from civilization, tempted in the wilderness by the devil. Withdrawing to Galilee, in reality, meant going to where the people were and where the heat was on, with Jesus now publicly taking up the cause of preaching the gospel in John's absence. When Jesus withdrew to Galilee, he wasn't slinking away from the heat, he was rushing to the frying pan.

That is Jesus. Where we might resort to self-preservation and self-protection, Jesus miraculously, courageously embraces the work of God's kingdom. That's the kind of Savior we have. Giving no thought to his own well-being, he rushes to where his people need him. – 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.

PARENT MEETING – FEB 2

The 3rd parent meeting will be held on February 2nd after the late service. All students sing in the 10:30 A.M. service. The meeting will have vital information about School Choice as well as other St. Luke's happenings. If childcare is needed, the K-8 students will have games to play in the gym during the meeting and the 3K – 4K will be in their classroom. Please make this a priority to stay informed about St. Luke's.

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.

MAP TESTING

This week was St. Luke's MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Testing. It gives us a chance to see where our students measure compared to the national averages. Students take the tests on a computer and the answers are calculated and presented into downloadable data for teachers. This helps teachers modify instruction to target need areas in students.

SIX FLAGS READ TO SUCCEED

Informational sheets went 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

The A & B-Teams will take on Faith this Friday in Fond du Lac. The game times are 4pm for Boys B and 5pm for Boys A. Because of Faith's size, we will be playing their 5th grade team for B-Team and their 7th grade team for A-Team. In a few weeks we play the 6th & 8th grade teams.

We have a home game next Wednesday but it is not a traditional home game. Next week's home game will be played at our 2nd home, St. Paul's, Brownsville! We will play against St. John's, Lomira. The games will be B-Team at 5pm and A-Team at 6pm. There will be a theme again this year, and it is NEON!!! Let's light up the gym with our great shooting and bright outfits!

C-Team takes the court this weekend in the St. John's, Lomira tournament. The C-Teams will be playing three games each and get a chance to finish out the season with a fun weekend of basketball.

Save the date: Friday, February 28th – Basketball Fun Night! There will be some shooting competitions, parent vs. kids games, and season recap. Please mark your calendars A-Team – C-Team families for a fun night!

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 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
- February 24 – No School; ECE & Kindergarten Roundup 6 P.M.
- February 26 – Ash Wednesday Services 3:30 & 6:30 P.M. with Lenten meal between services
- February 27 – Hearing and vision testing in the morning

WLA EVENTS

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

3K – 4K Notes from Ms. Russ

This week in Bible History the walls came tumbling down in Jericho! The children were quickly able to understand that yelling at a wall will never make it fall. It was the power of God!!! We built a big wall out of blocks and then we built a wall out of ourselves. Our second story was about the sin of Achan. The kids learned that when God says something...He really means it! It can be very hard for us to “behave” all the time, but God is always watching us, just like He saw Achan’s secret sin in this story. I hope that you are ready to share God’s Word with others this weekend. The whole school will be singing on Feb. 2nd in the 10:30 am service. Our song, “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” is a great reflection of how our faith translates into actions.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed hot cocoa and some good books with our favorite cuddly animals at the library. The students just love to listen to stories, and this leads us to the topic of **MYSTERY READER!** A mystery reader can come to our classroom, usually at 10ish and read us some books of their choice. (You must have filled out the volunteer paperwork, within the last 5 years, to participate.) The reader will send me 3 clues about themselves to see if the class can guess who they are before they arrive. For example, “1.I am a dad. 2.I see you almost every day. 3.I love the Bears.” Can you guess who the mystery reader is? Feel free to contact me if you would like to read to the class.

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We began a new unit on construction this week. Our animal hospital was replaced with a tool bench and lots of tools for pounding and fixing. We read “Alphabet under Construction” by Denise Fleming. A little mouse “constructs” every letter of the alphabet. The students were able to make letters just like the mouse. Check out the hall for our cool creations. Next, was the story of “The Shoemaker and the Elves”. We turned into little elves and designed our own fashionable shoes. Some had feathers, stickers, jewels, and letters! Our math skills were used when we made a graph of our shoes. Tennis shoes won! This week our B bucket was overflowing every day! The kids get very irritated if I forget to go through the bucket. We had Barbies, a boat, a bus, a ball, a bunny, a bowling pin, and balloons. Blow painting and balloons take a lot of effort and hot air! Our letter for next week is **M**. Thanks for helping your child find items for the letter of the week. It has been interesting to see them make letter/sound connections.

Thanks to Walker for bringing our snacks this week and happy birthday! **Next week Noelle will bring our snacks.** We will be heading on our field trip on February 7th right away at 8:15am. Please be on time that day so that we are not waiting for your child before we can leave. Drivers for the day will be Mrs. Andrus, Mrs. Tadman, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. O’Laire, Mrs. Seibel, and Mrs. Lammers. Our **ECE** and **Kindergarten** Round Up will be held on **February 24th at 6 PM**. This will be a “round up” for those who are interested or enrolled in the program for 2020-2021 school year and any new families who wish to hear about the program. More information to follow soon.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Mrs. Lawonn

The Israelites finally made it to the Promised Land! The 40 years of wandering in the desert ended with Moses getting to see it and then going to his true promised land of heaven. The children picked up on the parallel between wandering and waiting for the promised land for the Israelites and for us. We also spent some time talking about God’s message to Joshua. He had super huge shoes to fill and was mostly likely excited and terrified about this opportunity. God told him four times in a row to be “strong and courageous.” We encouraged each other to pray for a faith like Joshua.

We spent some time taking our standardized tests in the mornings this week. I am excited to see the results!

We concluded our basic study of our government and will be officially voting for class president on Friday. We will also be celebrating the 100th day of school which was on Wednesday according to my calculations. Testing + Wednesday = 100th day on Friday!

Kindergarten is finishing up their work with Hot Rod and will be reviewing the awesome characteristics of each Superkid in the following days. First grade cracked open their second hard cover book. Who knew “y” was so exciting? Second grade said “see ya later” to Golly at the farm. Fewer tears were shed than last year, but the teacher still shed some with a few students. It helps that we know how everything ends. First grade was listening in on some second grade lessons last year it would seem. :)

We are looking forward to singing in church on Sunday during the late service. We are also looking forward to our field trip on the 11th of February and then a short break on the 13th and 14th. Hopefully that will help us kill off some germs. We sure do like to share them. God’s continued blessings to all of you!

3rd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

Here comes February.

I have been noticing some are not keeping a careful eye on their work. Rushing through, “forgetting” it at home, blaming mom for not putting it in their bags, leaving their lunches in the car or at home on the table.... the list goes on. Parents this is not on you! Whenever I hear the “Mom forgot...” or “Dad didn’t do...” excuses, I ask them if their parents did the work. They usually say no. I ask them if the book or lunch was their parent’s. They usually say no. Then I remind them of how they need to be responsible with their own things. They certainly can do it!

We are going full force with multiplication facts. 3rd grade math students have to go through their card daily- they must learn them. MAP tests are this week.

Saturday’s games were great! We lost both but Mrs. Metzger and I didn’t mind! We haven’t had that many practices, and by the time we can get started we only have them for about 50 minutes (I also go through some basic skills during phy.ed). So at practice, we do some skills practice and have also tried to teach them to move around on offense, set picks, look for the open teammate. We also have no inbounds play, we forget to jump in a jump ball, and half the time we can’t figure out who we are guarding on defense, but we are taking steps forward to learn the great game of basketball. They are so young! These 2nd through 4th graders have improved! Mrs. Metzger and I are so proud of them all. The games last Saturday showed us some awesome things! Here are a few:

- Some of the girls were going after the ball and not being afraid to rebound against boys. (Some were better at not being afraid of the ball!)
- Both the girls and boys were trying to pass to the open person. Sometimes their passes were stolen – BUT THEY LOOKED! Hooray!
- We had a few girls shoot at the basket! That was awesome!
- Boys did a great job looking up the court to pass. And there was some good defense!
- Brady scored 2 points, Wyatt had 4, and Harrison (HB) had 9! For the girls Clair R. had 2 points, Raelynn had 3 and Leah had 4!

Our C-team tourney is Saturday and if we do all right we could play on Sunday. It should be a fun day. Girls play at 7:30 (yikes- that is early!) and boys at 10:30. Please wear a blue t shirt. We will have jerseys for them. We also sing this Sunday in the 10:30 service. See you then!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

This week we took our Measures of Academic Progress standardized testing. I am very proud of how well our students stayed focused during their testing. While administering the tests through the computer, I receive alerts when questions are being answered too rapidly. We had very few if any of those alerts which means students were taking their time. Let’s hope the scores reflect the dedication!

The 7th & 8th grade students finished their book, Hatchet. Although our main character was rescued from his multiple month absence from the real world, some weren’t satisfied with the ending. they created an extension to the end of the book to make it end how they preferred. Some of our students had quite creative endings to their stories.

The 5th & 6th grade science lessons covered bacteria and viruses this week. Students were surprised to learn that there are good bacteria! They were also very intrigued by vaccinations and how they work. Maybe someday, one of our students could engineer a virus that would attack and destroy only cancer cells!

Math 65 and 76 have been studying fractions for a while now. It’s almost become an obsession. I knew a guy whose girlfriend broke up with him because of his obsession with simplifying fractions. He didn’t seem to be bothered, when I asked him he said, “Well, hindsight is 1.”