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# Notes & News

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## INTRODUCTION

“But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.” - 1 Corinthians 1:27

When I dish out ice cream for my two children at the same time, I very purposefully put more in one bowl than I do the other. It's an experiment. Which bowl will the first-comer choose, the one with more ice cream or less?

So far, I've been able to predict the outcome with pinpoint precision. The first to choose always chooses more ice cream. Always. Go figure!

What accounts for this unfailing phenomenon? I think you already know. It's not random, and it's certainly no accident. Like their father, my children are sinful and self-concerned, so it's natural for them to want more of something good than their neighbor. Of course, we sinners want more than the other person. If given the choice, we almost always choose the most, the best, the brightest, the strongest, the most attractive.

How different we are from our holy and perfect God! St. Paul tells us that God is just the opposite. When it comes to God choosing things in this world—especially people—he chooses the opposite of what we would naturally choose. “God chose the foolish things of the world,” Paul declares. “God chose the weak things of the world.”

Is God just being difficult, bucking the trend? No, he's trying to teach us the important lesson that what we judge to be important and best often isn't important or best at all. Our sinful hearts and minds attempt to convince us otherwise, but God puts his foot down by choosing the foolish things “to shame the wise” and choosing the weak things “to shame the strong.”

We see this most clearly in the way that God chose to save us from our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus, who had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, to die an awful death on a cross as our substitute. The cross seems foolish and weak to our eyes, but through faith, we see the opposite, the wisdom and power of God's love for us sinners shining brightly. – [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)

## **\*\*\*SCHOOL CHOICE REGISTRATION\*\*\***

The information has gone out in multiple avenues to parents but the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program enrollment window is officially open. We have begun receiving applicants and are excited to keep the ball rolling on this program. If you are uncertain of what to do, or how to apply, please contact Mr. Buch or Michele Wix. Thank you.

## **PARENT MEETING WRAP UP**

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting on Sunday. It was disappointing to see so many parents not attend the 30-minute meeting after church ended. We will continue to try to look for new times/meeting ideas to improve parent attendance. Main topics covered were School Choice changes and registration as well as upcoming events and happenings at St. Luke's. The minutes will be sent home electronically.

## **WINTER CLOTHING**

Please make sure that children have ALL of their snow clothes EVERY DAY! Some children don't have boots, hats, or waterproof gloves. It makes it difficult to play in the snow when you are missing one or all of these items. If you are able, it helps to put initials on everything! That way we can get the loose items to the correct students.

## 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.

## SPIRIT WEEK

Get ready! Spirit week is almost here! As we send off the Boys A-Team to their tournament on February 21-23, we will show our school spirit during the week. Spirit week will be February 17-21. The winning class at the end of the week will get a special treat! Remember, it's what you wear, not what you bring. Here are the dress up themes:

- Monday: Pajama Day – Wear your best looking PJs or just roll out of bed!
- Tuesday: Twin Day – Match the same as your friend. It could be twins, triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets... you get the idea
- Wednesday: Dress Like Someone You Admire Day – Dress like anyone you admire, a basketball player, author, doctor, principal of a Lutheran grade school in Oakfield, could be anyone, who knows.
- Thursday: Crazy Day – Wear your zaniest outfit!
- Friday: School Spirit Day – Goooo Eagles!

## MAP TESTING

The St. Luke's MAP Test results for the winter testing window yielded some great growth. Here are some highlights from the test results of St. Luke's as a whole.

- Math
  - 78% of St. Luke's students tested above the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile
  - 49% of St. Luke's students tested above the 80<sup>th</sup>!!! percentile
- Reading
  - 81% of St. Luke's students tested either at grade level (41-60<sup>th</sup> percentile) or above the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Language Usage
  - 82% of St. Luke's students tested either at grade level or above the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Science
  - 68% of St. Luke's students tested above the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile
  - 43% of St. Luke's students tested above the 80<sup>th</sup>!!! percentile

## BASKETBALL

The Boys B-Team got a 10-point win at Faith on Friday night. Grant led with a career high 15 points! The A-Team got off to a sluggish start but roared back to bring the game within two points. The A-Team ended up losing by 4 in a tough battle.

Our C-Teams played in the St. John's, Lomira invitational tournament this past weekend. They played their hearts out and we could not be more proud of them. The girls finished with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy and the boys came up 1 point short of consolation. Fun fact, well not so fun fact, the boys lost two games by 2 combined points this weekend. So close!

The A & B Teams were in action Wednesday night against St. John's, Lomira. Both teams ended up losing hard fought games. Talon led the B-Team with a career high 15 points. The A-Team fell just one point short on a tough shooting night from the field. The Eagles shot just 24% from the floor and 22% from the free throw line. Kolby and Talon both finished the A-Team game with 8 points. Both teams are back in action Friday night as we host Faith's 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. Go Eagles!

**\*\*\*Tomorrow's games have been moved up to 4:00 P.M. for the B-Team and 5:00 P.M. for the A-Team.\*\*\***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 3 – April 16 – OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM**
- February 7 – 3K & 4K Field Trip; No PM bussing
- February 7 – Basketball Games Home vs. Faith: **Boys B 4:00 P.M., Boys A 5:00 P.M.**
- February 10 – A/B-Team Basketball Practice – 3:30-5:00 P.M.

- February 11 – K-2 Field Trip; School Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- February 12 – **Hot Lunch – chicken nuggets and tater tots**
- 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 16 – WLA Traveling Choir sings in both services
- February 17 – **no Monday night worship service**
- 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 – Early release 1:15 P.M.
- February 21-23 – Boys A-Team WALL Tournament @ WLA
- February 24 – No School; ECE & Kindergarten Roundup 6 P.M.
- February 25 – **Hot Lunch – hot dogs & mac ‘n cheese**
- February 26 – Ash Wednesday Services 3:30 & 6:30 P.M. with Lenten meal between services
- February 27 – **Hot Lunch – tacos**
- February 27 – Hearing and vision testing in the morning
- February 28 – Basketball fun night for all b-ball teams and their families

## WLA EVENTS

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

### 3K – 4K Notes from Ms. Russ

This week in Bible History, we talked about the importance of memory treasures. These are passages from the Bible that we can memorize to help us remember our Lord and His ways. “Our help is in the name of the Lord” and “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” are just 2 of the great passages that we covered. In our first story, God make the sun stand still so that the Israelites could win the victory. We made an edible sun to help us remember the idea that God even controls the sun! In our second story, we were reminded that our homes should look like the homes of Children of God. If a stranger showed up at your house, would they know that you are a Christian? We used some math and created pentagons and then drew our faithful families inside. Thank you to all the families who attended church this last Sunday. Your children were awesome at praising God with their voices.

We continued our unit on construction this week. We read “Bumbling Building Bugs” and laughed at the silly bugs who thought that one stick would make a good bridge. The children got busy measuring and making their own bridges! (They even measured their teachers!) Next, we read “The Builder and the Oni” which is a tall tale from Japan. Mrs. Wells helped the children make some monsters to go with the story and the letter M. This second story was very similar to the story of Rumpelstiltskin. Through the amazing power of technology, we were able to watch a short video of this tall tale and then compare/contrast with our story about the Oni.

We had a ton of fun with Mimi Mouse and her mini house. We used tooth picks and marshmallows to make mini houses. The mini chocolate chips worked well in our M&M counting book. We used our imaginations and wrote a journal entry about what you would do if you turned into a mouse. Next week, we will be learning the letter “**R**”. As always if you would like to bring an “R” item please feel free to bring it in any day.

A big thank you to Noelle for bringing our snacks this week and happy birthday. **Next week CASSEL will bring our snacks.** We are leaving the parking lot at 8:15 tomorrow morning and heading to Green Collar Grooming in Waupun. Don’t forget a few dollars for lunch at McDonalds. I sent home a pink sheet regarding valentines on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to check the labels before buying any snacks to see if they include references to peanuts or tree nuts. Please attach the printed names to the Valentines to speed up the “hand out” process. On Thursday and Friday the teachers will be in Appleton at Teacher’s Conference. I’m very excited to be spending the 2 days traveling to observe different ECE programs in the Appleton area.

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

Teaching Word of God this week has been extra interesting for me as a teacher. For whatever reason these stories seem to be very well known. We are doing four stories this week including the fall of Jericho, Achan’s sin, and the battle where God made the sun stand still so the Israelites could win. It has been neat to try to spin the story so the children don’t catch on right away so they are still engaged and interested in applying the lessons. It is so neat to see God keeping all of

his promises to the Israelites. He certainly made them into a prosperous nation and then brought them safely back to their homeland and is now making it so they can win the battles when they follow his directions.

Winter has us going a bit stir crazy, but playing in the snow, the Awesome Challenge, and now our Quiet Challenge has us pushing through to sunnier days or a snow day at least... I am part of some teacher groups on Facebook and one of the posts was about programs that can track student sound and alert them or challenge them to be quieter. We gave some a workout and are excited to use them on occasion.

Kindergarten is working hard on reviewing all the Superkids and really nailing down vowel sounds. This would be a great thing to work on at home as well. I really over enunciate the sounds. Mr. Indermuehle can attest to that. /a/ biting into an apple /e/ stick tongue out /i/ squeak a little and make an inchworm with my finger /o/ make a round shape with my mouth /u/ sound like a grunting monkey. This is all a bit much, but it sticks. Eventually.

First grade has been making some of the Rainy Day Projects described in their textbook. I love watching their creativity flow!

Second grade is working with conjunctions and long /e/ spelled in odd ways like "ine." They are also reading about Ms. Blossom's class going to the museum which is what we are doing too! (This happened by accident with my scheduling, but I'm super excited about it!)

We will be leaving at 8:45 am. I originally thought we could leave at 8, but the Milwaukee Public Museum doesn't open until 10. Please pack a lunch in a disposable receptacle. I will bring bags and ice packs. The cost is a little higher than I anticipated since I would like to help offset parking costs as well as the cost of chaperones. If each child could please bring \$15, that would be very much appreciated. If that cost is too high, please let me know. I try to keep field trips around \$20 for the whole year and I know that with the children's museum and this one that I am a bit over budget. I don't want this opportunity to be a burden for anyone.

We are also enjoying some of the new "laws" our class president put into place for the week. We are enjoying playing with toys from home before starting our morning work and also having stuffed animals in all grades for our quiet time. We are sad that he couldn't keep all of his promises like no math for K-1 and no homework. We are learning valuable life lessons!

Thank you to everyone for singing this past weekend. It was so great to hear everyone praising their Lord!

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

What an exciting weekend! Lots of basketball! Both our boys and girls had great games at St. John's, Lomira. We played another game after that which landed us in games on Sunday! Boys played for consolation and lost by 1 point and girls won 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Lots of fun, we saw some great plays, and we saw what we need to work on for next year. Baskets were made this weekend by Wyatt, Harrison, Octavian, Brady, Remi, Finley, and Parker. For the girls, Rae, Leah, Clair R., and Kinsey all made baskets. We are very proud of you all!

I just gave a short report for the PACK meeting, so for those who were not there, here are the highlights:

- Thanks to Jenny Metzger for coaching c team and Ms. Russ for working with K-1 at practices.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math should keep studying multiplication facts!
- I'm looking into a field trip towards the end of the year.
- We started WI history.
- We will be attempting to hatch chicks this spring.
- We have learned all letters in cursive. Hooray!

We will be singing for a lent service on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Mark it on your calendars.

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

One of our afternoon devotionals this week was from I Thessalonians 4:11-12 which reads, "and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody." We used that text to talk about social media and how easy it is to mind other people's business and not our own. I asked students about their cell phones and if they would be comfortable if their parents knew all the apps on their phone. What if your parent used the same apps as you? We discussed that while all apps can be a benefit to us for various reasons, apps like Tik Tok and Snapchat make it really easy to consume content that has foul language and suggestive themes. This is not material young Christians should be viewing. If you have not, as parents, please download the apps your children have on their phones. Help them make Christian decisions with technology.