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St. Luke's  
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# Notes & News

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## INTRODUCTION

“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” - Joshua 24:15,16

If you read a good book, there is some excitement when you reach the end of a chapter. What will happen next? When you finish a chapter in your life, there can be some uncertainty. What will you do next?

Joshua was near the end of his earthly life. Joshua was the man God chose to lead the nation of Israel into the Promised Land of Canaan. Before his death, Joshua gave a farewell address to the people. He said, “Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.”

“Whom will I serve?” That’s an important question for you to ask yourself. Not just at the end of some season in your life. Every morning is a new chapter. You may plan ahead of time that today you will go here and do that. But before you do anything, dedicate yourself to serving the Lord in everything.

Why would you do such a thing? Just remember what the Lord, in his grace, has done for you. Jesus has delivered you from slavery to sin and has given you a place in his family. Amid life’s changes, he is always your rock. And at the end of your life, he will lead you safely through death to the eternal Promised Land of heaven.

There is blessing in serving the Lord in everything. Throw away the idols that you served yesterday because they cannot save you. Turn your heart to the Lord who alone satisfies your desires. Pray for courage. And let the world see, by humble acts of kindness, the choice of your heart.

Say along with Joshua, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

## WALL A-TEAM BASKETBALL HOST

St. Luke’s hosts the Friday games of the WALL A-Team basketball tournament. This is a great day to show our federation schools what St. Luke’s is all about! With that said, we do need help to make this day a success.

We need volunteers for the A-Team tournament:

Link to the sign-up sheet for Friday 2/21 A-Team games being played at St. Luke’s:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qPTFhW4lG4UpaZTSOzj2wiL3Vt9wiJ5fRhBPd64ESpQ/edit?usp=sharing>

AND to get donations for coupons: volunteers to go to event sponsors (fast food restaurants) and request coupons for the shooting contest.

Example: McDonald’s would give numerous coupons for free fries, soft drinks and a few for Big Macs.

If you are willing to help with this, please let Michele Wix know asap. You will need a couple brochures from last year’s tournament along with a list of places you can stop at. We don’t want to duplicate stops, so please don’t request coupons until you checked with Michele Wix.

## \*\*\*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.

## **GRADELINK ENROLLMENT**

An electronic enrollment form for the 2020-2021 school year has been distributed electronically. Please have those enrollment forms filled out by the end of February. This method of enrolling at St. Luke's will save time at the registration meeting in August. If you have any questions about the material please contact the school office.

## **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.

## **BOX TOPS**

Box top submissions are due by Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> for the March submission. If you have questions on what to do with your box tops, please let Michel Wix know.

## **LUNCHTIME ROUTINES**

This request goes out to parents on behalf of the teacher's rumbling stomach's at lunch time. If your child is not able to comfortably use a microwave, please try to avoid sending things that need lots of preparation/microwave time. Our teachers have been spending more and more time preparing student lunches and not enough time eating and managing the students sitting at the lunch tables. Please consider this when you pack your lunches. Thanks!

## **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 B-Team has drawn the 7 seed in the WALL B-Team Tournament. Players will be taking the court at 8:00 P.M. Friday night against St. Paul's, Mt. Calvary. In the regular season St. Luke's played St. Paul's and took a 4 point lead into the halftime break. While still playing strong defense, the Eagles only managed 1 second half point and lost 23-16. This is a game our boys can win! We need lots of fans in the stands cheering on the Eagles on Friday night!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- March 6 – No PM bussing
- March 13 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

## WLA EVENTS

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

### 3K – 4K Notes from Ms. Russ

This week in Bible History, our story centered on the character of Gideon. Once again God uses everyday people to carry out His will. God turned the Israelites’ hearts back to him and gave them the victory over Midian. We used a candle and a glass to see how fire needs oxygen to survive. The soldiers in the story hid their flames in a pot of clay, but then broke the pots to expose their torches. The bright lights and trumpet calls confused the enemy and they were defeated. We are in a daily battle with our own enemy the devil. The children remembered to lean on the Lord when this enemy is trying to overpower us.

Our unit on construction is wrapping up this week. We read “Raise the Roof” and then constructed our houses out of popsicle sticks. This was a great way to have a conversation about shapes and measuring. We also read “The Three Little Pigs” and our actors were ready for the show. Imaginations were hard at work finding props and testing silly voices. The children made their own house of sticks by using toothpicks and yummy marshmallows for construction materials. I think we have some future architects. (This activity can keep your child VERY busy. Leave the mini marshmallows out to get a little hard before you get to work.)

Our letter this week was “R” for Reggie Rooster. We used colored rice to decorate our letter R. Someone brought a rainbow, a road, and a rubber band for the bucket this week. Great ideas! Our letter for next week is C. Please bring in items that start with the HARD sound for C...like candy, comb, and corn. We are waiting anxiously for any Mystery Readers to add to our calendar.

A big thank you to Cassel for bringing our snacks this week and happy birthday!! Next week, **Wyatt** will bring our snacks. Thanks to everyone for the yummy Valentines’ treats that we enjoyed on Wednesday! We hope that you like your cool construction Valentine’s gift. The children worked hard hammering and nailing their artwork.

Just a reminder that we do not have school on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, or 24<sup>th</sup>. However, the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> we will have our ECE/K round up! All students and families enrolled or interested in 3K, 4K, or 5K for next year are invited to attend. This is a great way to get to know some of the new families and meet some awesome little friends in next year’s class. Please RSVP to [lruss@stlukesOakfield.com](mailto:lruss@stlukesOakfield.com) or [ahankemeier@stlukesOakfield.com](mailto:ahankemeier@stlukesOakfield.com). Feel free to invite friends or families who might also be interested.

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

Thank you so much to all of the chaperones who drove and helped watch over us in the museum. On Tuesday we were able to see and learn about so many of the topics we have heard about. We saw mummies, dinosaur skeletons, and an I-max movie about the role of the sun, moon, and stars and how they rotate and revolve.

On Wednesday afternoon we had a small party which included second grade making ice cream. It's never too cold for ice cream!

Thank you also for the extra tasty treats. The children just had to share them right away on Wednesday morning. Thank you!

I'm excited to come back next week all rested with new ideas to implement into our classroom. Enjoy your break and please come back healthy!

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

This week we were visited by Mary Sankey, one of our forensics coaches for 2020. She presented to our students the categories and they selected the category of their choice. In the coming weeks, students will receive a practice schedule and work on selecting and practicing their pieces. Please keep a heads up for that in the coming weeks.

The MAP Test scores came back to students this week. If you have questions on the test scores, please let me know. There were some overall test scores shared in the Notes & News above.

Enjoy your long weekend students!