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# Notes & News

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## INTRODUCTION

“The LORD is your life.” - Deuteronomy 30:20

You are a young, adult male—nineteen years old. Through good coaching and hard work, your basketball skills have just given you a contract in the National Basketball Association. You are about to enter a world radically different from the world you have known. It will be different because this new world does not involve just basketball. This new world involves media, being a celebrity, agents, and sponsors. It involves threats to your privacy, constant travel, and suddenly possessing more money than you’ve ever seen before. And it involves all the temptations that go along with it.

It is for these reasons that the NBA insists that, before you enter this world, you get together with all the other rookies for four intensive days of listening and learning. In these four days, Hall-of-Fame players and other mentors sit down with you to impress upon you not only the things that matter but also warn about those things that can ruin your career and life.

When Moses wrote the book of Deuteronomy, the Lord was about to bring the people of Israel into their new home—the Promised Land of Canaan. Before he did, however, he gathered them together for some intensive days of listening and learning. This new land was prosperous and rich, a land “flowing with milk and honey.” But there was something else. It was also a land where they would face temptations and distractions—from the distractions of a prosperous life to the temptations of a pleasure-obsessed culture, to their own sinful tendency to lose focus. God knew how easy it would be for his people to forget what mattered. And so he reminded them, “The LORD is your life.”

God tells you and me the same thing. Your life rests in the One who created you. Your life rests in the One who went to the cross on your behalf, to wash you clean of your every wrong—including all the times we have turned our priorities into ugly chaos. Your life rests in the One who promises to guide even your dark and bitter moments for your good. So, remember, the Lord is your life. – [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)

## SPECIAL DISMISSAL NOTE FOR 2/21!!!

Due to the WALL A-Team basketball tournament starting at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, parents are asked to please pick up their students **from their classrooms**. We will have many visitors in the building on Friday and we want to ensure the safety of all our students. Thanks!

## WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

Next week begins the Lenten season of the church year. That means Lenten services each Wednesday as we follow Jesus walk to the cross. Our students will periodically sing for these services each Wednesday at 3:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.

## WALL A-TEAM BASKETBALL HOST

Tomorrow is the day! Our school gets to host the boy’s division 1 and 2 for the league tournament on Friday. If you are signed up to help, thank you! It will certainly be a busy day at St. Luke’s. Thanks to Michele Wix for organizing all of our workers at St. Luke’s. Our A-Team takes on St. Paul’s, Mt. Calvary in a first round matchup at 6:00 P.M. at St. Luke’s! Come cheer on our boys!

## **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 Michele 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**

What a fun week! We had a blast dressing up and acting silly! Check out the St. Luke's Facebook page for more pictures!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- February 21 – Early release 1:15 P.M.; A-Team boys vs. St. Paul's, Mt. Calvary – 6p @ home
- 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 – **Box Tops due**
- 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; games start at 5p, food to follow
- February 29 – St. Luke's enrollment due for 2020-2021 school year
- March 4 – Lent services 3:30 & 6:30 P.M. with meal between services
- March 6 – No PM bussing
- March 11 – Lent services 3:30 & 6:30 P.M. with meal between services
- March 13 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- March 13 – Early release 1:15 P.M.
- March 18 – Lent services 3:30 & 6:30 P.M. with meal between services
- March 23-27 – No bussing all week
- March 25 – Lent services 3:30 & 6:30 P.M. with meal between services

## **WLA EVENTS**

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

### **3K – 4K Notes from Ms. Russ**

This week in Bible history, we learned about Samson. We played “Foxes in the Field” and made some Samson headbands. Samson had very, very long hair, but that is not what made him strong. The children figured out the real source of Samson’s strength was the Lord. God’s amazing power and wisdom is with us daily as we breathe, blink, swallow, and grow strong muscles. The “EYECLOPS” was awesome for looking closely at our hair and other parts of our bodies. Let’s always use our bodies to praise Jesus. Samson lost his power when he chose to disobey God. May we always stay close to our Savior!

One way that parents and teachers can reinforce our Bible truths is through daily devotions. Our class has started having a devotion every morning, right before our Bible lesson. We are using the book, “Little Visits with God”. Go to the Northwestern Publishing House website, [online.nph.net](http://online.nph.net), to find a ton of devotional books. Pastor Schwartz may have other great ideas or books that you can use in your home. The back of the Bible story sheet has wonderful ideas that you could use for a short devotion at bedtime or around the supper table. Devotions can take 5 minutes or only 1 minute. Our classroom devotion takes less than 2 minutes, but it can lead to a bigger conversation about the truth of the lesson. At our conference last week, we were reminded that parents are truly their child’s first teacher. Please consider adding some “faith time” to your home routine.

We finished our unit on construction and began our unit on “City and Country”. The construction area has been switched over to a fruit and vegetable market. Our books for this week were “My Farm” and “The Billy Goat in the Garden”. We played games where we counted animals, matched colors on ducks, and tallied the legs on farm animals. They have A LOT of legs! Callie Cat was too easy for these big kids! The children counted marshmallows into their cocoa and beans into their coffee. Next week our letter is Q. If you can think of anything that starts with Q, please send it along for our letter bucket.

On Monday, we studied George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We used our magnifying glasses to study all kinds of money and coins! There are presidents’ faces on them! Then we made some silly masks so that we could look like these famous presidents. We added this fake money to our fruit and vegetable stand. It is fun to trade money and check out at the stand. There is even a phone so that we can call the farm for more produce.

I hope to see all of you on Monday evening at 6 PM for our open house and Kindergarten round up. I know that all of you are “pros” in my classroom now, but you will have a chance to meet some new parents and kiddos who are just beginning their journey here at St. Luke’s. So many students have joined us, simply because of a friendly parent or family. The 4K will have a great time meeting with Mrs. Lawonn and checking out their new classroom. Please make sure to RSVP if you are able to attend.

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

“For the Lord and for Gideon!” Our Bible stories this week have focused on the life of Gideon and how God used him to rescue the Israelites from the hands of the Midianites. Gideon’s 300 soldiers were proud of their leader and ready to fight however he asked. They believed along with Gideon that God would provide the help they needed to defeat their enemies. As Christians we can also shout the same message at the beginning with a little different ending. May we ever shout, “For the Lord!” in all we think, say, and do!

We have loved spirit week. It gets us quite riled up, but all in good fun. We are really hoping for a win on Thursday with “Wacky/Crazy” day. As one kid put it, “We are crazy enough every day without dressing up!” This is a true statement, probably due in large part because of the teacher.

On Wednesday, we used our outfits to write great paragraphs in second grade. A topic sentence with supporting details was easy to write out since we had done so much thinking about planning who we would emulate.

On Tuesday our brains started to shut off a little, so we decided to wage war. Well, war with cards. The teacher wanted to help her kindergarteners quickly identify higher and lower numbers while encouraging some good camaraderie and social work. War broke out and will probably be a daily ending activity for the foreseeable future.

Kindergarten has officially jumped into the world of the Superkids Club! They have spent the week learning about what a club is and what to do when you have an idea, but can’t quite go through with it. Brainstorming and perseverance go a long way in making dreams come true!

Kindergarten is also working hard on the doubles plus ones facts. Parents, please keep reviewing the doubles facts. This will make our new facts come much easier. Thank you!

First grade got to put some of their background knowledge about amusement parks into use when they read their story this week. So much learning really does take place outside of the classroom. Thank you, parents, for exposing your children to all sorts of different adventures.

Stay warm!

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

Sometimes as I read through my Christ Light lessons, I am struck by the awesomeness of God's love. He is always ready to forgive, is always wanting us near Him, and always wanting us to look to Him for strength. As I readied myself to teach the lessons of Hannah and Samuel, I marveled at the faith of Hannah. She was waiting so long to be a mom and then being so thankful for that gift that God blessed her with she had Samuel work in the temple to learn more about God. How amazing was her love for the Lord? Daily we talk about God's great love for us and how he sent Jesus to die for the sins of the world. God's love for us is amazing too!

We will be starting an art project soon that will take some time. It is some needlepoint on a plastic canvas. We tried it last year with my small group of boys and every 2<sup>nd</sup> grader that came in our room asked if we could do it again this year. So we will try! It should be fun!

We set aside Wisconsin history this week to learn about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln for President's Day. We will be back to WI history next week.

We will be finishing our unit on punctuation and capitalization soon. We are beginning a short unit on the Layers of the Earth.

Our spirit week has been fun! Our room won on the day we dressed as people we admire! Way to go 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders!

May God bless your weekend ahead!

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

This week has been a really fun week of dressing up in the classroom. We had some really clever outfits from our students. It's always great to see the older students getting involved in the school events. It makes for a good time with our younger students!

Friday, Mrs. Tetzlaff will be staying all morning because I will have to be at WLA to set up the girl's side of the tournament. Then I will be rushing back here to make sure everything is good to go for our games! Thanks to all who help make this work!