

March 5th, 2020



St. Luke's
Oakfield



Notes & News

Christ centered education since 1975.

www.stlukesoakfield.com

principal.buch@stlukesoakfield.com

INTRODUCTION

[Romans 5:19](#)

A basketball player got hurt in the big game. There was no way he could make a meaningful contribution to the outcome, much less finish the game. The coach had to send in a substitute. It ended up being a good move because the substitute ended up winning the game for the team.

We have all heard stories like this. In some ways, it is the same thing that happened to all people. We all needed a substitute—not to win the big game, but to save us from our sin. You see, we have all inherited sin from the first man who ever sinned, a man named Adam. This is what our Bible reading for today refers to as “the disobedience of the one man.” His disobedience made all of us disobedient. And this disobedience ruins our relationship with our holy heavenly Father.

We could never save ourselves, no matter how hard we tried. In order to save ourselves, we would need to be perfect every single day of our lives. The trouble is that we are not perfect.

Because we couldn't do it, God sent a substitute, Jesus Christ. He was perfect, in every way. This is part of what our Bible reading refers to as “the obedience of the one man.” Jesus lived as our Substitute, doing what we could not do. More than that, he willingly went to the cross to suffer and die to pay for our sins. Again, he was acting as our substitute, because he was punished in our place. In addition, Jesus rose from the dead, showing that he had won the victory. He shares that victory with us. Heaven is waiting for those who have been brought to believe in Jesus as their Savior.

We thank our God for sending in the substitute, Jesus Christ, for through him we have the victory.

BASKETBALL FUN NIGHT

Thank you to all who came to basketball fun night. It truly was a fun night. We had some great competition and fellowship between parents and players and it will definitely be on the calendar for next year! A special thanks to our coaches this year for C-Team: Jen Kuske, Jenny Metzger, and Laura Russ, and our coaches for B-Team: Gregg Hansmann, Jenny Metzger, and Brian Wix. We couldn't have had such a great season without you!

LENTEN SINGING SCHEDULE

- Wednesday March 11th – 5-8 – 3:30
- Wednesday March 18th – K-2 – 3:30
- Sunday March 22nd – 5-8 – St. Paul's, Brownsville – 9:00 A.M.
- Wednesday April 1 – 3-4 – 3:30
- April 5th - Palm Sunday - PreK & K-4 - 8 & 10:30 at St. Luke's, 5-8 – 9:00 A.M. at St. Paul's

WLA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

On Tuesday, March 10th at 9:30 A.M., St. Luke's 3-8th grades will be attending the show “Matilda” by Roald Dahl. There are some more grown up themes in this play, which is why the K-2 will not be attending this year. We do need drivers for this event. If you are able to drive and attend the show that day, please let Mr. Buch or Mrs. Kuske know. We currently only have 1 driver! We need more in order to be able to attend!!!

WLA VALEDICTORIAN

We are extremely proud of all our St. Luke's graduates, but a special recognition goes out to Emily Kollmann who was recently announced as the Valedictorian of the 2020 graduating class. Congrats to Emily on her hard work and perseverance through the academic rigor it takes to complete such a task. Great job!!! You might know Emily from our Continued Care Program. She works on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at St. Luke's!

PANCAKES FOR PARENTS

On Wednesday, April 8th, we will be enjoying a bit of breakfast and fellowship. All parents and students are invited to stop into school early for "Pancakes with Parents". An RSVP will be coming your way via School Cues.

We are looking for a few volunteers to flip some pancakes so that the food will be fresh, and donate the drinks and pancake mix. K – 8th grade students may stop in from 7:00 am – 8:00 am. Children can head to their rooms at 7:40 like usual, but must be in their classrooms by 8:15. The ECE group will come in from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. (The ECE group will be leaving for a field trip around 9:00 am.) ECE families, please speak to Ms. Russ if you are unable to stop in during your time slot and we can slip you in with the earlier group. If you would like to help, please speak with Ms. Russ.

SCHOOL CHOICE REGISTRATION

The information has gone out in multiple avenues to parents and 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 deadline is rapidly approaching! 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.

BASKETBALL WRAP UP

Our basketball seasons are now completed. Both teams grew and developed tremendously. Thanks to our 8th graders for a great final season. Here is our season by the numbers:

- B-Team: 7-9 season record
 - Leading scorers: Talon – 113 points (7.1 ppg), Grant – 109 points (6.8 ppg)
 - Single game high: Talon – 15 points, Grant – 15 points
 - Free throw percentage: Leighton – 47%
 - Three-point percentage: Grant – 25%
 - Field goal percentage: Garret – 45%
 - Team defense – 23.1 points per game allowed
- A-Team: 10-13 season record
 - Leading scorers: Owen R. – 147 points (6.4 ppg), Max – 138 points (6.0 ppg)
 - Single game high: Owen R. – 17 points, Kolby – 15 points
 - Free throw percentage – Nicholas – 59%
 - Three-point percentage: Talon – 42%
 - Field goal percentage – Aiden – 40%
 - Team defense – 38.3 points per game allowed

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NOW – April 16 - OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM**
- March 6 – No PM bussing
- March 10 – **HOT LUNCH** – chicken tenders & fries; WLA Children's Theatre – Matilda; Grades 3-8 will be attending; Forensic practice 4:30-5:30p
- March 10 – School Board meeting 7p
- March 11 – Grades 5-8 sing in 3:30p Lent service; Lent services 3:30 & 6:30p. with meal between services
- March 12 – Church Council Meeting 6:30p
- March 13 – End of 3rd Quarter
- March 17 – Forensic practice 4:30-5:30p

- March 18 – Grades K-2 sing in 3:30p Lent service; Lent services 3:30 & 6:30p. with meal between services
- March 19 – Forensic practice 4:30-5:30p
- March 20 – **HOT LUNCH by Tadmans – menu TBD; Early release 1:15p**
- March 22 - Grades 5-8 sing @ St. Paul's, Brownsville 9a church service
- March 23-27 – **NO BUSSING ALL WEEK**
- March 23 – Forensic practice 4:30-5:30p
- March 25 – Lent services 3:30 & 6:30p. with meal between services
- March 27 – Forensic practice 4:30-5:30p
- March 31 – Forensic practice 4:30-5:30p
- April 1 – Grades 3-4 sing in 3:30p Lent service; Lent services 3:30 & 6:30p. with meal between services
- April 2 – Forensic practice 4:30-5:30p
- April 3 – School Musical – Sacred Concert
- April 5 – PreK – 4th grade sing in both Palm Sunday services 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.; Grades 5-8 sing 9a at St. Paul's/Brownsville Palm Sunday service
- April 6 – Forensic practice 4:30-5:30p
- April 7 – Forensic practice 4:30-5:30p
- April 8 – Pancakes with Parents; K-8 breakfast from 7-8a; ECE breakfast from 8-9a; ECE Field Trip to Festival Foods
- April 9 – Forensic practice 4:30-5:30p; Maundy Thursday service 6:30p w/Communion
- April 10 – **No Bussing; Good Friday dismissal at 12:50p**; Good Friday services 1:00 & 6:30p w/Communion
- April 12 – Easter services 6:30 & 9:00a; breakfast between services; Resurrection egg hunt 8:15a
- April 14 – NFDL Forensic meet - optional
- April 17 – Grace, Oshkosh Forensic meet 6p - optional
- April 22 – WLA Forensic meet - required

WLA EVENTS

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

3K – 4K Notes from Ms. Russ

This week in Bible History we studied the story of Samuel and his early life. Samuel's parents taught him about the true God when he was very young. Just as Hannah had promised, they took him back to the church and he stayed there to serve the Lord. Children don't have to live at the church to serve the Lord in his house. Showing respect for church property, sitting quietly, walking instead of running, and cleaning up in their pew are all ways that small children can serve the Lord. Then the Lord spoke directly to Samuel in the night. We played, "Eli! Samuel!" which was a twist on "Red Light, Green Light". Then we used some of our quilt material to make Samuel a little blanket for his bed.

We continued our unit on "City/Country" this week. We read "Apple Farmer Annie" and put on our aprons to cut apples and make some applesauce cake and applesauce. Your children are great cooks! Thanks to Bonnie Pieper for the huge bag of apples! Next, we read, "Apple Dumpling" which is a silly story about a woman who makes a bunch of trades before she gets the apples that she really needs! The children tried hard to stack some apples, but a 3 apple tower was as high as they were able to go.

In Alphafriends, we worked on the letter "V" for Vinnie Volcano. The children did a great job sponge painting to create hot lava. We also played "Hot Lava" during recess. This incorporated the math concept of counting backwards as we waited for the volcano to erupt and go "BOOM!" We put our science hats on and tested some recipes for making our own erupting volcanoes. Next week our letter is "J". Your "J" items are welcome! Take a little time to work on the alphabet at home. 3rd quarter will be coming to an end very soon and those children in 4K should be very confident with almost all of the letters.

Thank you to Ezra for bringing our snacks this week and happy birthday! Next week **Daisy** will bring our snacks. Our snack and lunch time manners need a little bit of a refresher. Children are asked to stay seated on their bottom and focus on their own meal. We have also been trying to keep the burping to a minimum. Please help us out by reinforcing meal manners at home also. Thank you.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Mrs. Lawonn

God's plans are certainly not our plans; they are better. This thought could not have rung truer for Naomi. A famine took her and her family away from their home in Bethlehem to the foreign country of Moab. This was not her plan

at all, but while they were there, her sons were able to marry nice ladies, one of which became a Christian. The next plan took Naomi's husband and sons away, but that led her back home to Bethlehem with her God-fearing daughter-in-law who would be a close relative of her Savior!

On Monday I was able to attend a conference in Brown Deer with Mrs. Kuske where I learned about the most recent praiseworthy books. I am excited to read many of them to the children. Thanks to Ms. Russ and her uncanny ability to get one of the new books from the library, I was able to read one right away this week! A huge thank you to Ms. Sara Schmeling for taking such good care of our lambs. The kids learned much and enjoyed her company.

On Tuesday we just had to celebrate Dr. Seuss's belated birthday. We read extra books and did extra rhyming. We also ate through the day with strawberry-banana hats and even bravely tried green eggs and ham. We do so like (parts of them) Sam-I-Am!

Second grade has had a difficult week with illnesses. Three have been gone each day. At least they have been taking some turns. K-1 is forbidden to let it spread. Hand washing and extra squirts and reminders of how to cough have been the unwritten lesson plans.

We have been continuing our unit on emotions. We learned that it is perfectly fine to feel angry and we discussed different safe ways to work with it. If you hear your child screaming into a pillow, don't be alarmed. This is one of the ways that we can safely and kindly get rid of pent up frustrations. Deep breathing is the best way, but our bodies sometimes need a bit more.

First grade math has been working hard on "borrowing/stealing" in math. They are catching on quite quickly. Kindergarten math students have been working on telling time to the half hour and grouping items to count by 5's and 10's. Both activities would be great to try at home. We enjoyed playing a clock game that is set up very much like Candy Land. I loved the kind words I heard and the attitudes. We are certainly growing up!

Happy Spring and please stay healthy!

3rd – 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

Happy March! Here are some highlights of the week!

- Mr. Bilitz taught for me as I went to a reading conference in Milwaukee with Mrs. Lawonn and Mrs. Kiecker from St. John's. He survived! Hooray! And a big thank you to Mr. Bilitz!
- We are going to see the play *Matilda* on Tuesday, March 10. We are looking for drivers. Please let me know if you can help out as soon as possible!
- Our classroom is in teams or pods for a few weeks. I am hoping they can encourage each other to do their work, be organized, and keep their area clean. We have team names too! There is WDC, Supreme Team, The OKBG's, and SupreSchaumCongJacob.
- End of 3rd quarter is next Friday already! 4th quarter here we come!
- Our class will be singing on April 1st and Palm Sunday. Our Sacred School Concert is April 3rd.
- Hope you all have a fabulous week!!!!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

The 7th and 8th grade students started a new novel this week called Paperquake. This book is a puzzle mystery that will require some careful connecting of the dots to figure it out. It is set in San Francisco during the near present day, or early 1900s. It might be too early to tell. There are a lot of themes that are very applicable to 7th and 8th grade students. Hopefully we can put this puzzle together!

I added a note in a few weeks ago about the internet access and content that our students use. It does not seem as though that was taken seriously. Do you know what videos your children are watching on Youtube? Do you know what apps your children have on their phones? Do you know the content they are being exposed to? Please, do some research. Comments and references are being brought into the classroom that are not what we would expect of a Christian student. Please help your child in this area. If you have questions, please let me know. Do some research for yourselves please! While we do not want students to be in a bubble, we do want to help them make good choices about the language and content they are exposing themselves to.

This week we were busy in the afternoon building spaghetti bridges! Our students designed and built bridges and we will do the testing for these bridges on Monday! The students were instructed to explore the pastabilities with their bridge designs. I have to admit, some of them were pre-pastarous. The real winner will have the highest strength to weight ratio for their bridges. I'm sure after some of these bridges collapse, we will say "Pasta la vista."