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STEWARDSHIP
Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out” (Deut 28:3-6).

This is God’s promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground or their wombs, their flocks or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or their going out.

But there’s a catch. He would do this for Israel only “if you obey the voice of the Lord your God” (Deut 28:2b). If they did that, He would cause that “all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you” (Deut 28:2a).

If they didn’t obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn’t keep the commandments of the Lord and walk in His ways (Deut 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh, fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit; died for us – in our place and for our benefit; and is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit.

By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon His work and not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and thereby it becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is not in order to receive blessings but because in Christ we already have.

It is with this in mind that we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).

ST. JAMES ENROLLMENT – Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year has begun. Share this great opportunity with everyone you know. I would love the opportunity to talk with families about our school and how they can become a St. James Eagle! Current St. James families, please return your Current Student Enrollment Form to the school office. Thank you if you have already done so.

-Principal Landskroener



SCHOOL ACCREDITATION – St. James Lutheran School is in the process of becoming accredited through the National Lutheran School Accreditation. We are currently in a self-study to evaluate the actual conditions that are related to school quality which are evaluated and measured in seven specific areas. This is important for our school and we solicit your prayers and help in completing this process. Please talk to Principal Landskroener for ways you can become involved. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE for our Technology Committee's upcoming **Spaghetti Dinner** on Saturday, April 6th. Seating will be at 5:00 and 6:00 pm. This is an annual event for the Technology Committee. Money raised will be used to help update our computer lab and classrooms.

AVENGER'S CAMP-This 4 hour event will be held on Saturday, April 13th from 9 Am to 12:30 PM a cost of \$10 per attendee. The camp is themed after popular super heroes and includes door prizes, refreshment, carnival games, drawing class, 2 stem classes, martial arts and an escape room. This event is open to the public. As with the last two years, tur sponsors make this event possible! Sponsor's monetary donations assist in covering the cost of decorations, activity supplies, and food. Sponsorships of \$100 or more includes: names listed on event fliers that go to Quincy and some surrounding schools; advertisement of your business on the school's Facebook page; opportunities to put a flier, business card or promotional items from your business in the events goody bag that is given to all participants; and two event passes. Money raised by this event in previous years went to assist 7th & 8th graders in paying for their end of the year trip and purchased a color printer for the school. For more information, contact Desiree Epping or the School Office.

LIFE IS SWEET 5K – St. James is hosting a *Life is Sweet 5K Run/Walk* on Saturday, June 29th at 8:00 am. We are looking sponsors and runners/walkers to support this activity along with volunteers to help on race day. Additional information will be upcoming. Call the school office with any questions you may have.

BOXTOPS AND UPC LABELS – Please continue to save General Mills Box Tops, Hy-Vee UPCs and Tyson A+ labels throughout the school year. They help support our school library! Thank you!

EAGLE VISION

EVERYONE deserves our respect

ACT with kindness

GOD'S LOVE is our greatest strength

LOVE one another

EVERY DAY live for Jesus

SHOW OTHERS we are Christian

