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## Notes & News

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### **INTRODUCTION**

"After the Lord Jesus had spoken to [the disciples], he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God." - Mark 16:19

"I am left-handed. That puts me in the minority. That also connects me to the Latin root word for left, which is sinister. Furthermore, if that were not bad enough, what about Judgment Day where the goats on the left are told to depart from Christ and enter hell?

Before you start feeling sorry for left-handers, please stop to consider that we are all sinister goats in some way or the other. Every new day is a day of "impending evil." My sinful nature does not take a day off or release its grip from me so that I have the occasional, blissful, sin-free day. No, each day I am aroused to new selfish desires that lead to lust, greed, envy, and the like. Each day a sinful world offers fields of garbage upon which goats may graze.

So, what is a goat to do? Look up! Look up and see the risen, victorious Christ ascend to heaven to sit at the right hand of God. The right hand—a special place of blessing and honor; not to mention power, glory, and might. From this exalted place, Jesus looks down on the world in which he lived as the perfect shepherd of the sheep. He looks with loving forgiveness. He looks on us as the divine mediator of the new covenant of peace.

Jesus sees all that is sinister and still extends mercy and forgiveness over the whole world. He still shepherds his sheep with power from on high. The Lord is my shepherd ... not my executioner. Surely, I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)

### **PARENT MEETING**

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Final Parent Meeting of the year. There will be burgers served and a reminder that Mr. Buch's classroom is responsible for bringing dessert and Ms. Hankemeier's room is responsible for bringing a snack to share. We will have elections for next year's officer roles plus some big announcements for next year at St. Luke's.

### **CHURCH SINGING**

All of our students will be singing in both services on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be singing with the Sunday School and would like to practice between services on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars!

### **GRADUATION SERVICE**

Graduation will be on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. On graduation night, we will have a service celebrating the school year and Christian Education. It will also be a chance for fellowship after the service to commemorate our 3 graduating students this year. After the conclusion of the service, report cards and end of the year assessments will be handed out to students.

### **TIMBER RATTLERS GAME**

We will leave St. Luke's at 9 A.M. on Tuesday. It looks like it will be a beautiful day. Don't forget sunscreen! Remember to bring snacks/drinks to share and the burgers will be provided! We will try to park in the far corner by the grassy area.

### **SCRIP**

Scrip will be running for the summer on Wednesdays from 12:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. at WLA. Thank you to all who utilized this program this year.

### **SOFTBALL**

Good luck to the BOW softball team competing in the WALL Softball Tournament this weekend. Their first game is at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday. Go WarBeagles!!!

### **SCHOOL CLEANING**

The school cleaning schedule will be posted here for the upcoming weeks. If you have never cleaned St. Luke's before, don't hesitate to ask for help. There will be cleaning checklists in the supply room.

- May 7-13 – Schaumburg, Wes
- May 14 – 22 – **Gym & Commons** – Wix
- May 14 – 22 – **School** – Wix
- May 22 – Aug 7 – Roberts (Bet you didn't know the last sign up got stuck with the whole summer)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Timber Rattlers Game
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – WLA Track Meet
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – 3-8 Fishing Trip
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – K-4 Track Meet (Hosted by Redeemer)

### **HOT LUNCH**

This Friday will be a Sloppy Joe hot lunch! We have a few slots left to fill up before the end of the school year. Don't miss your chance to serve hot lunch to the St. Luke's students!

### **PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS**

- Wizard of Oz actors wanted for Summer Theatre Workshop & Performance
  - Kids grades 1-12
  - Tryouts are Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 P.M. – Oakfield Elementary School Stage
  - Questions: [director@oakfieldlibrary.org](mailto:director@oakfieldlibrary.org)

### **3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ**

This week in Bible History we learned about good King Hezekiah. When you are in trouble...PRAY! The three men in the fiery furnace stood up for their beliefs, literally! We made some gooey treats that reminded us of the story.

Our new unit "Getting ready for summer" is concluding this week. Our big book was "We Can!" This book was a great reminder of the many things that the children couldn't do at the beginning of the year, but now they can! "The Ugly Duckling" was our tall tale for this week. Youtube had a very old Disney version that had NO WORDS. Amazingly, they figured out the story and cheered and cheered for the swan at the end. Clearly, the moral of this story is one of kindness and friendship. What a great comfort that we are never, ever alone! We always have a great Friend with us at all times. See how God's Word can make its way into reading class?

Our letter friend was **Kylie Kangaroo**. This is our last letter in the series. Many students have mastered the recognition of the capital letters! Way to go! We have gone into the lower case with the 4K. Next week we will review all of the letters and the 4K children will practice writing them. I was able to finish and record all of the PALS assessments this week. Those results will be coming back to you on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our trip to the Timber Rattlers baseball game is all set for **Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. We have an ECE trip on the morning of May 23<sup>rd</sup> to Festival and McDonalds. If you are able to drive please mark your permission slip. On **Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** we will have our last day of school. We will have a full day of school with awesome activities for the whole student body. Then in the evening we will have a closing service with graduation. This class has really gotten close to these 8<sup>th</sup> graders and will miss them a ton.

A huge thanks to everyone who showered me with gifts for teacher appreciation week. I hope all the moms have a great Mother's Day and will enjoy their very fragile gifts. We have our mass rehearsal at 9:15 with the Sunday school this Sunday. Then on May 20<sup>th</sup>, all of the children will be singing in both services. Happy Mother's Day!

### **Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier**

Now that the weather has turned nicer, time seems to be flying by! The kids can sense it too, but they are trying really hard to keep themselves on the ground.

This Friday is supposed to be the field trip to Miss Hankemeier's house. If the weather still looks poor, we will postpone it to Monday. I'll let everyone know by Thursday evening. I want the weather to be nice so that my basement isn't wet and so they may play outside if they aren't baking cookies or playing with my train.

We enjoyed hearing and retelling the Bible lesson about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. We were in awe how God protected his people from the flames and how he used this trial to bring others to faith in him. We are finishing off the week by studying the account of the writing on the wall that occurred during King Belshazzar's party. God is serious about his consequences for sin. He is also serious about his love for sinners. Romans 3:23 speaks this so clearly, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

We are learning as many math concepts as we can. The lessons that we are learning now will be reviewed naturally in the fall. If your child seems to be struggling a bit, that's normal. This is background work and preparation for the next year.

We are reading as much as we can. Kindergarten picked out the correct photo album titles for pictures from stories they have read this year. (This would have been easier had a photo album not been such a foreign concept). First grade played with words containing "ow" and "ou" and the challenge they present with their changing sounds and positions. Let's go through this again. This is a **brown cow** wearing a **crow**n. She says, "Moo!" This is a tractor **now**ing the lawn. It doesn't say anything because it's a tractor! I **found** the difference! Second grade has been writing some assignments in cursive. They also worked on antonyms.

God's blessings on your week - especially to our dear mothers!! Happy Mother's Day!

### **3rd & 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Balfour**

This week in Christ Light we learned about how God is always with us. King Hezekiah had problems with both enemies of his kingdom and health problems. During both of those struggles, Hezekiah continued to trust that God would provide, and he did. Whether we have troubles with friends, homework, our families, or even our health, we can trust that God will deliver us from that challenge in a way that benefits us and God's Kingdom.

We are still reading *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. This week we have been making connections between the text and ourselves as well as the text and other books we have read. Making connections to what we read strengthens our understanding of what we read and gives us a broader range of background knowledge for the future.

Thank you to all the parents who contributed to our Lemonade Day event. It was a success. Students were able to walk away with \$17.50 each to spend and to save. We gave 10% back to God and we were able to donate nearly \$70 to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Wisconsin. I am proud of the work that the students did and I hope that this opportunity was a valuable learning experience for them.

As the school year is drawing to a close, I would like to give encouragement to everyone to finish the year strongly. The temptation may be to not give it our best effort because we are anxious for a break. Remember who we are working for-it is not ourselves or even the people we love, it is for God.

### **3rd – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch**

The fishing trip has been rescheduled. Its not that we don't like going out in 40 degrees and rain to fish, it's just that next Thursday might be a better day for the fish. We will fish in the morning and then return to school for lunch and the remainder of the afternoon. Pray the weather report stays nice for Thursday! I've been hearing rumors about the fishing trip. Someone said I would be responsible for bringing a nice list of puns to read that day. If you happen to stumble across any, just let minnow.

We concluded our final round of MAP Testing for this year. Students were hoping to improve on their scores from last time. Those results will be distributed with report cards at the end of the school year.

Two of our math textbooks used during the school year made it to the final lesson this week! There will be various review activities and assignments to the end of the year. Congrats to Math 87 and 65 for reaching the end of your book!

The WLA Track Meet has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will be riding out to WLA with Dan Flood and myself. Parents are responsible for pick-up at WLA after the conclusion of the meet. Good luck to our St. Luke's Eagles!