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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

[1 John 2:1-2](#)

The only way you can go to heaven is with a “not guilty” verdict. Heaven is a perfect place. In it dwells the perfect God and only perfect people—people who are “not guilty” of any kind of sin. So, how does our verdict read? A thorough comparison of what God demands of us in his Word with what our hearts and lives look like, makes the answer obvious.

God demands that we always give him first place in our hearts. Every time we value our relationship with hobbies, possessions, or family members more than we value our relationship with him, we are “guilty” of sin before God. God demands that we be kind, compassionate, patient, and forgiving towards others. With every unkind word we speak, impatient reaction we have, and act of withholding forgiveness from someone who has wronged us, we are “guilty” of sin before God.

God demands that we use our language to honor him and serve others. Every time we lie, let a bad word slip, use our words to tear someone down rather than to build them up, we are “guilty” of sin before God. Sin permeates our lives through and through, because sin permeates the very nature of our hearts. Every sin we commit makes us “guilty” before God. Is there any hope of going to heaven?

God tells us in his Word: “If anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sin, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” Through Jesus’ righteous life and the atoning sacrifice for our sin that he made on his cross, he has taken away our sins and given us his righteousness in return. In doing so, he has given us the perfection we need to live in a perfect heaven with our perfect God for all eternity.

Every time we sin, Jesus speaks to his Father in our defense, reminding him of that perfect life he lived in our place and of the sacrifice he made for our sins. And the verdict spoken by our heavenly Father because of Jesus Christ: “Not guilty!” —www.wels.net

CALL

It was announced various times in church over the past few weeks but Mr. Buch has received a call to teach at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee and also be the varsity girls’ basketball coach. A divine call always serves as an opportunity to assess the ministry of the current call as well as the new call. It is a time to consider, through prayerful thought, where the Lord might best be served.

TALENT SHOW

Even though the weather was not completely cooperative, we got all the auditions completed! Thanks to those who adapted their schedules to make it work! A reminder that the Talent Show will be at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, April 27th. We do need help setting up the stage and retrieving it from WLA. If you have access to a large truck/trailer and can help on Friday, please let Mr. Buch know. To the students who made the show, keep practicing your talent!

ART WALK

In addition to the talent show, students are invited to showcase their artistic skills on April 27th. We will have an art walk set up in the building where students can display their various artistic talents God has blessed them with. All art projects need to be at school by Thursday, April 26th.

SINGING IN CHURCH

The original singing schedule had PreK-8 singing in church this Sunday, April 22nd. We will not be singing as a school choir on that day. The Adult Choir will be singing instead. We look forward to worshipping with you!

ENROLLMENT FORMS

Two weeks ago an envelope went home to each family with enrollment forms for next year. Please enter the information and send those back as soon as possible. Also included was a calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Buch. Thank you.

WLA PART TIME BAND POSITION AVAILABLE

The WLA Band Program is looking for a part time instructor for the Grade School Band Program. Duties include teaching lessons during the school day at our WLA Schools and assisting with group band rehearsals. A complete job description can be found at www.wlavikings.org or by contacting our band director Kevin Ehlike. Email: kehlike@wlavikings.org - Phone: 920-539-4041

FORENSICS UPDATE FROM MRS. BALFOUR

Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came to support St. Luke's students at WLA on Tuesday! Our 3rd-8th grade students worked so hard to do their best and it was validating that so many came to cheer them on. I have had many students already asking if they can do it again next year. I am so proud of what they have accomplished. They all went from knowing virtually nothing about forensics to all having successful performances at the meet. I believe as the years continue, the St. Luke's team will only grow stronger. This extracurricular truly provides growth for your child's future. Every single person uses speaking and listening skills in one way or another. It is wonderful that grade school forensics offers that practice early on in life. I would like to acknowledge how each student did at the meet; they all did wonderful! Earning a first place score: Talon Wix, Mara Trewin, Owen Bilitz, Grant Schaumburg, and Kyle Kollmann. Second place scores: Brayden Voss, Leighton O'Brien, Lyndon O'Brien, and Lucas Russ. Third place scores: Noah Kollmann, Nick Russ, and Kolby Trewin.

TIMBER RATTLERS GAME

St. Luke's will be heading to another Timber Rattlers game this year! The date that seems to work the best for the Timber Rattlers organization is Tuesday, May 15th! This game is available to our students as well as any friends or family that would like to attend. We will do some tailgating prior to the game. It is a 12:05 P.M. first pitch. More details will come out in the coming weeks. Mark your calendars!

SCRIP

Remember that SCRIP is available to be taken to WLA. SCRIP is a way to order gift cards for things you use every day. The SCRIP program can start helping you earn tuition dollars at WLA. It is a benefit to both you and WLA. If you have questions about the SCRIP program, talk to Mrs. Russ.

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.

- Apr 22-29 – **Gym & Commons** – Geisthardt
- Apr 22-29 – **School** – Geisthardt
- Apr 30 – May 6 – Schaumburg, Wade
- May 7-13 – Schaumburg, Wes

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 20th – Early Release (1:15 P.M.)
- Apr 27th – Talent Show
- May 4th – Early Release
- May 9th – WLA Track Meet
- May 15th – Timber Rattlers Game
- May 18th – K-4 Track Meet (Hosted by Redeemer)

HOT LUNCH

Next week Tuesday will be Pigs in a Blanket and Soup, Thursday will be a pizza hot lunch! The sign up for the last portion of school is in the narthex. Don't miss your chance to serve hot lunch to these wonderful 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 25th @ 1:00 P.M. – Oakfield Elementary School Stage
 - Questions: director@oakfieldlibrary.org
- Outdoor Adventures
 - April 19th @ 6:00 P.M. in the Oakfield Community Room
 - Liz Roy shares fun facts about local wildlife areas
- Belle Reynolds School Forest Tour
 - April 20th @ 1:45 P.M.
 - Meet at the water tower

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

This week in Bible History we continued talking about some of the “not so great” kings of Israel. King Ahab and Queen Jezebel were the worst of the worst. We used our fingerprints to make tiny grape vines. This was a reminder of Naboth who was an innocent man who got in the king's way. The children wrote about items that they REALLY REALLY wanted in their journals. Then we made up a prayer asking God to help us to be happy with the things he has given to us. On that note, one of the students came in this week with a bad “boo boo.” He told me the story of how it happened, but at the end he added one more detail. He said, “My dad said a prayer to Jesus and asked Him to help me with my boo boo. And I think it might already be working.” This moment was so powerful to me as a teacher because it affirms the fact that the parents are the 1st teachers for their children. The teachers at school are really 2nd in line in their lives. Thank you for your continued efforts to support these little ones in their faith.

We had a very exciting day on Wednesday! Since Serenity joined the team, our Wednesdays should be full with 16 kids! This is the first week that everyone was healthy and we had all 16 children here. Thanks to Laura Roehl and Kathy Hinze who were here to help me throughout the day! Our “Growing and Changing” unit is ending this week. “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” was a beautifully illustrated book about all of the neat parts of a butterfly's life. We enjoyed making and eating our caterpillars and using patterns to make our own hungry caterpillar. The snow did not scare us as we made our way to the library on Tuesday. Our tall tale this week was “Jack and the Beanstalk.” Each of the children made their own Jack and the Beanstalk. They had lots of fun seeing themselves come out of the printer. Isn't technology great?

Our letter friend this week was D for Dudley Duck. The kids brought in many different D items. Some of the D items were dolls, a dog, a dolphin, a Notre Dame shirt and a Dab shirt! We may have had doughnuts this week. Purely educational though. We used some dough to make the letter D. Play doh is one of the best ways to improve strength in those little hands and fingers. Did you know that play doh was first made to remove soot from the inside walls of houses? When many houses converted away from wood and coal heat, the inventors had to think of a new use for it or they would go out of business.

Our letter for next week is L for Larry Lion. If you would like to bring in an “L” item next week please do so. A big thanks to Rilynn for our snack this week. **Ean** will bring our snack next week. Friday is early release at 1:15. One final note about the skit. Don't forget to have your costumes ready by Wednesday the 25th. We are having another practice with the staging. We will keep all of the costumes here so that they can change at school on the night of the skit. Our skit is very short, so please don't stress about elaborate costumes.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

Happy Spring! Oh. Wait! Well, at least the snow reminds us of how our sins have been washed as white as snow! In Bible History we studied how God cared for Elijah in his ministry and how he began to train Elisha. We enjoyed the picture of Elijah being taken up to heaven in a whirlwind. This was very timely after we practiced for a tornado last Thursday! We are excited to hear how God helps Elisha in his ministry. We know that God was with Elijah, will be with Elisha because he was able to split the Jordan River with God's help, and we are confident that God is and will be with us!

We are continuing to work hard in all that we do! We are nearing the end of our space unit. We have studied all of the planets and can tell the difference between an asteroid and a comet. We are working on putting together our planet diagram.

We are more than excited for our talent show acts. We can't wait to show you our live book and our Superkids song! Please remember to send in the costume parts next week. The props are working out great!

Second grade is continuing to work on their cursive skills. It is improving little by little. First grade is working on getting all of their letters neat and tidy. Kindergarten is working on making sure all of their letters are formed correctly. We just finished up another "Stanley" read aloud. This time Flat Stanley was visited by a genie and he and his family made wishes. We came to the conclusion that not everything that we want is something that is good for us. How blessed we are to have a God who hears our prayers and knows what is best for us!
Enjoy your snow! Spring is coming!

3rd & 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Balfour

This week in our Christ Light lessons we learned that unbelievers we encounter can be challenging to our faith. God's prophet Elijah faced an uphill battle when confronting the wicked King Ahab and Queen Jezebel regarding idol worship and sinful life styles. Not only were they risking their own eternal well-being, but as leaders of Israel, they were leading the Israelites to worship false gods. Armed with God's word, Elijah prevailed in his work as a prophet. We also will prevail, but while here in this sinful world, we will encounter unbelievers who challenge our faith.

In reading, we are still working on the novel, *Frindle*. We have learned that we need to really slow down to understand what is going on. During a chapter we were trying to summarize and had a very difficult time. We went back, reread, and it made so much more sense. One of the reasons I love using novels to teach reading is that it requires a much larger investment of time and effort than short stories. It is awesome to see students understanding progress. We wrapped up our forensics season with the WLA meet on Tuesday, so that frees up more time for our next projects!

Lemonade Day is going to be taking up lots of our time in the next three weeks. Students are making plans on how to advertise their stand so they can get the most business possible. We will also be doing a taste test of different types of lemonade so we can make plans on what we will serve. Students will then be calculating how much profit per cup we can make. All of this is very involved, but I believe it is such a valuable lesson in money management.

3rd – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

Another week to be proud of our St. Luke's Eagles! They did a phenomenal job at the forensics meet at WLA. We came home with various ribbons and even a few firsts! Way to go Eagles!

The 8th grade students are preparing lessons for History. They are studying societal changes prior to the Civil War. We might have some future teachers in the room!

The 5th and 6th grade students started to expand some of our English skills by adding in a supplemental resource on the computer. It references the grammar tasks and skills we study during the lessons. I'm gonna learn these kids if it's the last thing I done.

We have been preparing for the talent show this week and will continue to do so next week. Even though this is a busy time students still need to stay focused on their academics. We have some exciting acts that are being prepared. Make sure to spread the word to friends and family about April 27th!