

Notes & News

First German Ev. Lutheran School

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NO CPO

Due to this Sunday being Listening Sunday, there will be no CPO. We hope everyone can participate for Listening Sunday. The more people we have participating, the more we will get out of this whole process.

April – Food

25th – Martinez

May – Food

2nd – Schwede

MLHS HOT LUNCH – APRIL 27th

First German is responsible for hot lunch at Lutheran High on April 27th. Each MLHS student is responsible for supplying 2 DOZEN homemade cookies (no Oreos and such). Please make sure the cookies are in the MLHS kitchen by that Tuesday morning. We also need people to help set up, serve, and clean up. If you can help or if you have questions, please call Paul Kerchefske at 683-9346. Thanks for your support of our hot lunch effort.

TUITION ASSISTANCE – MLHS

There is a Tuition Assistance Program that is set up for families of First German that have children attending MLHS or any Synodical High School. If you are interested in signing up for some assistance, please get your written request to Dave Lindemann by APRIL 25th. Any questions regarding the Tuition Assistance Program, please contact Dave Lindemann.

EASTER DAY BAND

Thank you to all of the students who played for Easter. You did an excellent job and many positive comments were heard. Well done! Our next performance will be at the church picnic on June 13th.

TONECHIME CHOIR-PLAYS APRIL 25th

The Tonechime Choir will be playing their last piece on April 25th in the 8:00 a.m. service. Thank you students for your hard work this semester.

CANDY SALE MONEY

We would like all the money back by Monday, April 19th. Thanks again for your support.

LIFETOUCH PICTURES

Picture packets or money envelopes need to be turned in by Monday, April 19th to the school office. Thank you.

DVD – WACKADOO ZOO MUSICAL

They are ready. If you paid for a copy, it was sent home with your child. If you wanted one but didn't pay yet, see Mr. Leckwee in the office. He has your copies ready for pick up. We do have extra copies if you didn't order one, but would like to purchase one. They are \$5.00 a copy.



5th – 6th GRADE FIELD TRIP

On Friday April 23rd, the 5th and 6th graders will be going to the MLHS Musical “Little Women”. The children will need to be at First German at about 8:20 a.m. so we can leave by 8:30 a.m. The play is beginning at 8:45 a.m. We will need at least one extra driver. If you can help, please contact Mr. Siegler.

TRACK PRACTICE

Track practice will start on Tuesday, April 20th. Practices will be on every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Each practice will be at First German unless the team is notified differently.



SOFTBALL PRACTICE

Softball practices will be continuing on Mondays and Wednesdays until our Tournament in Branch on May 7th. More information is coming about the Tournament next week.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Howdy, partner! We are in need of adults and high school students to help with VBS this summer. Please consider offering to help with prep work, teaching, serving snacks, etc. More green sign up slips are in the church lobby. Just fill one out. If you have other interests than those listed, feel free to contact Pastor Schaefer, Joel Ungemach, or Karen Wordell. We'll gladly find a spot for you!



PIONEER NEWS

Monday, April 26th — Pioneer Meeting from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Sunbeams and Buckaroos will be planting flowers and working on a wood project. The *Girl Pioneers* will be working on a Mother's Day project. The *Boy Pioneers* will be practicing archery at Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Monday, April 26th — Pioneer Council Meeting from 8:00 - 8:30 p.m.

MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Little Women – Join the MLHS Roundtable as they present the remarkable tale of the March sisters: Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy, as one of America's most beloved books soars to the stage. Seen on Broadway in 2005, this timeless tale about the power of family, friendship, and romance, is captivating audiences of all ages! Don't miss this richly sentimental favorite with family-friendly appeal. Performances are Friday & Saturday, April 23rd and 24th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 25th, at 2:00 p.m. Reserved seats are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for student/children. Bleacher seats are \$6.00. You may reserve a seat by calling MLHS at 682-0215, ext. 127, Monday-Friday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Get In Shape for Spring! – Tired of the cold? Looking to get out of the house? Want some Christian fellowship? Come join us! Friends of MLHS will again compete against other high schools in participation for the 2010 Bellin Run. Whether you're a walker, jogger, or runner, ALL are welcome. No age limit, just a desire to improve your health. Contact Jeanie Hill at 758-5268 or cjhill@lakefield.net for more information.

Beautiful Property for Sale – MLHS has received a wonderful donation of a residential lot on the north side of Manitowoc. We would like to give the first opportunity to purchase this lot to members

of our Federation. Please contact MLHS Development Director Scott Reinhard at 242-9204 with questions or for information.

Upcoming Events

- Sun., 4/18** -MLHS Sunday @ Trinity, Kiel (8:00 & 10:30 a.m.)
-MLHS Middle & High-School Band Concert (2:00 p.m.)
- 4/23 – 4/24** -MLHS Spring Musical "Little Women" (7:00 p.m.)
- Sun., 4/25** -MLHS Spring Musical "Little Women" (2:00 p.m.)
- Wed., 4/28** -MLHS Starred First Concert (6:30 p.m.)

CLASSROOM NEWS

Sonshine Preschool Notes from Mrs. Schaller

The Bible story for the week of April 19th - 23rd is "Jesus Ascends into Heaven." The 3's will start "April Showers" and the 4's will work on the letter U.

Kindergarten Notes from Mrs. Fischer

This week's Bible lessons were *Doubting Thomas* and *Jesus' Ascension*. It is my prayer that through the teaching of the first Bible lesson the children learned that Jesus wants everyone to believe in him as the risen Savior. We believers should have a desire to tell others about Jesus so that they do not die unbelievers. In the second lesson the children learned the meaning of the word *ascend*. Forty days after Easter, the disciples witnessed Jesus' ascension into heaven. Of course, we weren't there when Jesus ascended, but what we did was tape a picture of Jesus on a helium balloon and we watched that ascend into the sky. It was fascinating to watch just a balloon. It is hard to imagine what it was like to actually see Jesus go up into heaven!



In the centers the children have been busy making wagons and umbrellas. In the Reading Center they are reading!! It is so much fun to watch them read book after book. In Kid's Connection there was a report about a school where the principal set a goal of reading 5000 books. If they

reached that goal, he and another teacher would sleep on the school roof. We thought it would be fun to count the books the class has read so far. We added up the Super Books and the books on the charts they have been marking. Amazingly, they added up to 690!! We are now going to keep a closer count to see if they can possibly reach 1000 books. And no, I am not camping out on the roof if they make it.



The tasks in the Math Centers are to make an April calendar, play Bingo (they win mini erasers), and to play a money matching game.

I sent home a note about going to the Rock K Ranch on Thursday, April 22nd. If you did not receive that note, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

1st and 2nd Grade Notes from Mrs. Korte

We have a few things coming up in the month of April that I'd like to tell you about. We will be going on a field trip to "**Rock K Ranch**" near Greenleaf. They have newborn animals for us to see, they have a hayride, and they also have an area where we may have our lunch. Our tour starts at 10:00a.m. on **Thursday, April 22, 2010**. A note was sent home on Wednesday of this week that has more details for the trip.

On **Wednesday, April 28th**, at 10:30 a.m., the 2nd Grade students will be going over to the Manitowoc County Courthouse to participate in the trial of the "**Big Bad Wolf**". It is a great learning experience and I have a few moms who have offered to take the children over to the trial. I will stay back with the 1st Grade and we will find some activities to keep us busy.

Just a reminder to keep your child reading. The weather is getting nice and the children are outside playing, but just remind them that they need to read too. The April "**Four Seasons Reading Logs**" needs to be in by Wednesday, **May 5th**.

**Another reminder, children may not wear shorts to school until May 1, 2010. That is stated in our school policies. Even though the weather may be warming up, we can wait the 2 weeks to wear shorts to school. Thank you.

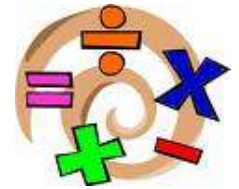
Please look ahead on the upcoming month's calendar. On **Friday, May 7th**, we only have a **half day of school** because the upper grades will be participating in the "Softball Tournament" held at Branch. So keep in mind that the **children will need to be picked up at noon** that day.

Upcoming Events

- Thurs., 4/22** -"Rock K Ranch"
leaving school at 9:00 a.m.
Wed., 4/28 -2nd Grade — "Big Bad Wolf"
Wed., 5/5 -Four Seasons Reading Log due
Fri., 5/7 -Half day of school

3rd and 4th Grade Notes from Miss Wordell

The 4th graders have passed all of the multiplication timed tests for this year. The 3rd graders, being newer to multiplication facts, are still working on mastering the memorization. Most students have passed the first round of timed tests. The students that are ready to move ahead should now begin working on memorizing the multiples of 2, 5, and 8. Continue to review the multiples of 1, 4, and 7. These facts were printed on blue and purple paper in the packet of study materials that were sent home. The next testing deadline to aim for is **Wednesday, April 28th**. Our ultimate goal is to have all of the facts memorized by early May. Keep reciting those counting patterns such as $8 \times 1 = 8$, $8 \times 2 = 16$, $8 \times 3 = 24$ and so on.



On **Tuesday, April 20th**, we will have a quiz on the Midwest State Capitals. Look for the blue list in the Home Study folder. These capitals are numbered 24-35.

Look at the list of Upcoming Events. There are a couple of interesting programs coming up at school. Parents are welcome to sit in on either of these presentations.

Upcoming Events

- Mon., 4/19** -Return Reading Log #26
Tues., 4/20 -Midwest State Caps. Quiz
Fri., 4/23 -Spelling Test #26
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- Mon., 4/26** -Return Reading Log #27
Tues., 4/27 -*Manitowoc County Dairy Ambassador*
1:00 p.m.
-Gr. 3&4 - *Building a Healthy Wisconsin*
Wed., 4/28 -Multiplication Timed Test #2
Thur., 4/29 -*Mr. Brian Williams*
Fur Trader Re-enactor
(School Assembly - 1:00 p.m.)
Fri., 4/30 -Spelling Test #27
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- Mon., 5/3** -Return Reading Log #28
Wed., 5/12 -Multiplication Timed Test #3
Thur., 5/13 -Ascension Service - 6:30 p.m.
K-8 Sings

5th & 6th Grade Notes from Mr. Siegler

On Thursday, April 22nd, we will be going across the street to tour the Sheriff's Department and the jail. This is part of our Drug Awareness Program that we have for the 5th and 6th grades. We are scheduled for a tour at 1:00 p.m. If parents want to come along, you are welcome. We are not to bring any book bags, back packs, purses, alcohol, tobacco, knives, guns, electronic recording devices, and (ironically for a jail) no cell phones. We'll be sure to have the kids leave all that stuff behind at school before we go. Parents, be forewarned that you can't bring that stuff either. Parents, you might also want to take care of any outstanding warrants for your children before we go. Just a heads up there.

Tests and quizzes for 4 - 19 to 4 - 23

Mon.	-Spelling pretest
Tue.	-Catechism test The Conclusion
Wed.	-Reading quiz -Spelling test
Thur.	-Science test chpt 18
Fri.	-No tests

7th & 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Menk

Research reports have begun. Students have been given all of the information they need to make this a successful project. Samples, examples from class, and deadlines have all been given. For more information, check with your child or on the

cover page of our online grading program. **Deadlines** are listed below.

Wed., 4/21	-all notes gathered (10-14 pages)
Tues., 4/27	-outline finished and typed
Mon., 5/3	-all paragraphs typed
Fri., 5/7	-all paragraphs edited
Tues., 5/11	-final pages typed report put together report covered

We have begun our next **ChristLight book entitled "God's Gift of Sex."** Topics include the sanctity of marriage, controlling sexual desires, dating, true Christian love, and physical forms of affection. I would again encourage you to **work through these lessons with your child.** You as a parent can address topics more at your child's level than we can in class. Questions from your child can also be more comfortably asked and answered at home.

Progress reports were handed out again this week. Hopefully you are seeing positive changes in the grades. Please sign and return them by Tuesday.

7th & 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Leckwee

	<u>Tests</u>
Wednesday	- Science Test
Wednesday	- Math Test
Thursday	- Class Trip
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MAY HIGHLIGHTS

- May 1st --- Pioneer Kite Flying
- May 2nd --- Sunday School Sunday
- May 5th --- Kindergarten Visitation Day
- May 7th --- NOON DISMISSAL -- Softball Tournament
- May 8th --- Confirmation Examination Service
- May 9th --- Confirmation
- May 13th --- Ascension Day Service
- May 14th --- Principal For A Day and Track Meet
- May 16th --- Koine Concert with Potluck Dinner
- May 17th --- Pioneers Awards Night
- May 18th --- Talent Show / Awards Night with Potluck Supper
- May 21st --- First German Olympics and Track Meet
- May 26th --- Safety Patrol Picnic
School Registration Evening
- May 27th --- NOON DISMISSAL – Last Day of School
School Registration
School Closing Service with 8th Grade & Kindergarten Graduation
- June 13th --- Annual Church Picnic