

NOTES and NEWS

First German Ev. Lutheran School

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DIVINE SERVICE STRENGTH

Living in God's world as God's people is not an easy task. We have obstacles to our faith and opposition from many different angles. The threats from Satan, the world, and even our own flesh can become immense. With God's gift of children, Satan marshals his minions for a whole new set of attacks. My wife Anna and I have discovered this sad truth already, and our daughter Ruth is only a week old! That's why the comfort we receive from our God is so precious. That's why the strength to live **MUST** come from him. This week's Sunday morning services (8:00 & 10:30 a.m.) have this special focus: *Christ Makes the Model for Christian Families to Follow!* His love and comfort give us reason to love and comfort one another, especially in families. Come and be strengthened by his divine service!

Pastor Schaefer

SPIRITUAL & PARENTAL GROWTH

In an attempt to help each of us grow as parents and spiritually, there will be an article attached to our Notes and News that is taken from a Newsletter put together from our SYNOD. The newsletter is full of wonderful articles that are very practical for each of us. Please take the time to read through them. Each article has a different emphasis, but very useful none the less.

THE MAGIC OF SCIENCE

Last Friday we had our school assembly. This didn't start out the way we were all hoping. I received a call at 9:00 a.m. from the company informing me that the presenter was stuck in traffic in Chicago and would be an hour late. The unfortunate part was that Bethany was about to get into their bus and come on over. But, all things worked out, the children from Bethany waited patiently in our gym for about 45 minutes and the show took place at about 10:30 a.m. He was a very entertaining man and we all learned how science is a part of a ton of different subjects in life. Your children were supposed to try a glass trick on you. You'll have to ask them to show you if they haven't yet.

CPO - TOPIC - DISCIPLINE

WHAT - We will plan on finishing our lesson in our Bible Study which is designed to (1) help us grow in our understanding of some of the principles God gives us about discipline, (2) help one another with ideas that have worked for us, and increase our ability to use discipline in a God-pleasing way for God-pleasing results.

WHO - Anyone and everyone who is interested in studying God's Word and discussing relevant topics to our lives. This is intended to be for all parents/families of our school and church.

WHY - It is a great way to grow spiritually with those around you, and gives you an opportunity to get to know other parents in our school and other family members in our church.

FOOD - This weeks providers of food is the Schaller family. Thanks so much. Next week The Liermann's are up.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Monday, October 19th is going to be the Picture Retake day. If you are a Preschooler and you didn't get your picture taken the first day, this is your chance. Anyone who isn't happy with the first picture, this is your opportunity to get that redone. Any questions please contact Mr. Leckwee.

Remember that if you cut your pictures, they are now officially yours. You will have to pay to have the next set taken.

BAND LESSONS

There will not be lessons on the following Thursdays:

October 29th
November 5th
November 12th

Mrs. Schmill has given the kids plenty to work on in the meantime. There will still be SATURDAY BAND on November 7th and the 14th. She will provide subs for those days.

MILITARY RECOGNITION

Join in the Veterans' Day celebration! Do you know that more than 75 names and information sheets were submitted when the request went out for a listing of military service members with ties to our congregation? On Sunday, November 8th, you are invited to attend a special program giving recognition to First German members who have given military service to our country. A brief program involving all of the school children will take place in church that morning, following the early service. The program should begin shortly after 9:00 a.m. After the program, refreshments will be served, and everyone is invited to view the Social Studies Fair projects. Mrs. Pam Duveneck will also have a book display set up with items from "The Read Apple Bookstore" that will be available for purchase. The display will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We hope you can make it to this special Sunday event!

CAPITAL CIVIC CENTRE TICKETS

The Capital Civic Centre is offering a special to families to attend the Symphony Orchestra concerts. Entire families can attend a concert for only \$25.00! "Family" tickets include balcony seats for up to two adults and an unlimited number of children 17 and younger. Reservations must be made to receive the discount. Contact the Centre for more information at 683-2184.

LUTHERAN PIONEERS

Saturday, October 17th - Michigumi District Bike Hike. Bikers will meet at Neshota Park (take 42 to Two Rivers and turn right on 22nd street) by 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 24th - Annual Costume Party
- Start planning your costume now and don't miss this fun event. Permission slips were sent home today. Please return the bottom portion to the school library by Monday, October 19th. All children are invited and you may also bring a friend. **Cost to Non-Pioneer children is \$2.50 to cover cost of meal and treats.**



Monday, October 26th - Pioneer Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. The *Sunbeams* and *Buckeroos* will be working on Christmas projects. A photo will be taken of your child, so please have them dress appropriately. The *Lutheran Girls* will be working on a scarecrow project and the *Boys* will be finishing their campstools.

VOLLEYBALL NEWS

The A-team has their final tournament this Saturday at MLHS. It all begins at 9:00 a.m. If you have the time, please come over with your Spartan gear and cheer them on.

CROSS COUNTRY

First German competed well in the annual cross country meet at MLHS held Wednesday, October 14th. We had a very small team this year – 2 boys (Jacob Pekarske and Jonathan Menk) and 1 girl (Gina Strzyzewski). Since we did not have enough participants to make our own teams, they combined our boys with St. Peter's, Sturgeon Bay to make a team. Our combined team earned first place. In addition, Jacob finished first overall for the boys.

MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Lancer Singers Pancake Breakfast – The Lancer Singers have an exciting opportunity to travel to Arizona for the WELS National Choral Fest this coming April. As part of their efforts to defray costs, the Singers & Parents are holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 18th, from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. There is no charge for the breakfast, but a free-will offering is appreciated. So meet in the MLHS Commons after church, and enjoy a great breakfast!

Lancer Cards are Back! – Don't miss out on the many great discounts available through area businesses, just by flashing this card! Cards are available for \$10 in the MLHS office or by calling Rich Schmidt at 682-8673. (The cards are also available in our church office. Just ask Linda for them.)

Fine Arts Work Day – The MLHS Fine Arts Department (Music, Drama, & Art) needs some helping hands to re-locate and organize costumes, stage sets, art equipment, materials, etc. Many hands make light work, and this is a great way to join together in helping MLHS make the best use of the equipment it has been blessed with. Date, time and further details to come.

WIAA Playoff Season is fast approaching for football, volleyball teams, and cross country teams. Schedules and locations are determined on short notice, so visit www.mlhslancers.com for up-to-date information on all your Lancer teams! To view the entire MLHS calendar, visit www.mlhslancers.com/publications.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

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| Sat., 10/17 | -Grade School Volleyball Tourney
@ MLHS |
| Sun., 10/18 | -Pancake Breakfast sponsored by
Lancer Singers — 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. |
| Sun., 10/25 | - MLHS Fall Concert — 7:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 11/1 | -Area Reformation Service @ MLHS
4:00 p.m. |

CLASSROOM NEWS

Sonshine Preschool Notes from Mrs. Schaller

Last week we started on the stories about Joseph. This week we will continue with “Joseph Becomes Ruler”. This is a wonderful example of how God uses what others intend as evil for our good. The 3’s will start the theme “Fall”. The 4’s will finally get to the letter D, d. (Somehow we got way behind what the calendar says.)

Kindergarten Notes from Mrs. Fischer

One of the memory treasures for this week was *He who belongs to God hears what God says*. The Holy Spirit has put faith in our hearts. He has made us God’s children. Since we belong to God we want to share God’s Word with as many people as possible. Sometimes people might not listen to us just like the people in Nazareth would not listen to Jesus. Should this stop us from sharing God’s Word? No. Keep spreading the Gospel and pray for those who will not listen.

There are new Reading and Math Centers this week. The centers for math are: identifying missing numbers between 1-20, graphing pattern blocks, creating ABC patterns and a computer program which has them match numbers to sets.

In the Art Center, the children are making uppercase and lowercase A’s out of *Apple Jacks*. In the Reading Center, they are cutting out pictures of things that begin with /a/, taping the pictures to a toothpick, and then sticking the toothpick into an apple. In the Writing Center, the helper is practicing the short sound of /a/ with the children and reading the book *Zack’s Alligator* to them. After that, they go to their drawing journals and print the sentence *My alligator and I like to _____*. They also have to find a hidden A and two a’s on an alligator in their journals. The final thing is to color the alligator. In the Listening Center, they are hearing the book *Little Mouse and the Big Red Apple*. In the Computer Center, they are matching the initial sounds of words.

Home Practice for the weekend: They will bring home a sandwich bag with the finger play *Five Little Monkeys* in it. Have your child glue the alligator together and then have fun reading the poem. I would like your child to print 4 words that have the short a sound in them on the alligator’s light green tummy. Please return the alligator on Monday.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The children will be singing during the 8:00 a.m. service this Sunday, OCTOBER 18th. Please bring your child to the Kindergarten room by 7:45 A.M. They will be singing from the front of the church. After the children’s sermon, they may come sit with you or stay with me. If your child is going to sit with you, please make sure he or she knows where you are. Please come and let us worship together. Thank you.

Mrs. Fischer

1st and 2nd Grade Notes from Mrs. Korte

Thank you for the response for the “Reading Program”. I will get the information to you as soon as I have finalized it.

Our field trip to Manitowoc Lutheran High School was great. The children got to learn a few songs from Mrs. Schmill. Then we went to the weight room and got to lift some weights with the help of Coach Lindloff and Mr. Buch. We got to meet Mr. Steinbrenner, too! Then the children had some time in the gym. They even got to put on a Lutheran High basketball jersey and had their name called out as they came onto the basketball floor. Some of the students at MLHS held up their hands as our students entered the gym. Mr. Buch then gave us a tour of the music wing and the rest of the school. Thank you Mr. Buch for a fun learning experience.

We sing this Sunday at the 8:00 a.m. service. Please be in the Kindergarten room at 7:45 a.m. so we can warm up our voices. We will sing in the front of church. The students will stay up front with us until after the Children’s Sermon. They may then come to sit with their parents if they wish. Remember that we sing next Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Mrs. Korte

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Sun., 10/18** -Sing in the **8:00 a.m.** church service
- Sun., 10/25** -Sing in the **10:30 a.m.** church service
- Thurs., 10/29** -**No School**
 - State Teachers’ Convention
- Fri., 10/20** -**No School**
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3rd and 4th Grade Notes from Miss Wordell

The book reports went over well in class this week. The students told interesting facts and gave good evaluations of their books. The short speeches they made will be good practice for future public speaking assignments. Look for another book report

assignment to be made during the second quarter of the year.

Here is an update on Bob the Caterpillar. It was written by Emily Schaller, one of our third grade girls.

We Miss You, Bob!

Bob was a Monarch caterpillar. Miss Wordell caught him, put fresh milkweed leaves in a jar (along with Bob). Then Bob made a chrysalis. After 2 weeks he came out. On the day he came out of his chrysalis he died. Sad, but true. All God's wonderful living things die. Abby and Clara shed some tears, but Miss Wordell cheered them up.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mon., 10/19 -Return Reading Log #6
-PICTURE RETAKE DAY
Thur., 10/22 -Science Test
Fri., 10/23 -Spelling Test #6

Mon., 10/26 -Return Reading Log #7
Wed., 10/28 -End of Quarter 1
Thur., 10/29 -No School
Fri., 10/30 -No School

5th and 6th Grade Notes from Mr. Siegler

We are approaching an October 23rd deadline for the Social Studies Fair project.

We did an experiment in genetic variety by "raising" a few generations of plogglies. Plogglies are little marshmallow and pretzel creatures. While not being particularly nutritious, they are kind of cute. The experiment was a success with lots of variation in the genome, but I'm sad to report that the classroom environment was not healthy for the ploggly species. There are no survivors.



Tests and quizzes for 10 - 19 to 10 - 23

Mon. No tests
Tue. Catechism quiz Q 43 - 48
Spelling pretest
Wed. No tests
Thur. Spelling test
Reading quiz
Fri. Catechism quiz Q 49

CHURCH SINGING - GRADES 5-8

Important announcement! Please be sure to put our next singing dates on your calendar - November 15th & 22nd. We will still sing on both dates, but the times have changed. On the 15th grades 5-8 will sing in the early service, and on the 22nd grades 5-8 will sing in both services. Sorry for any inconvenience. .

SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR DEADLINES

Fri., 10/23 -final summary typed
(handbook pg.9)
Wed., 11/4 -display board complete
(handbook pgs.10-11)
Thurs., 11/5 -judged presentation / interview
(handbook pg.8)
Sun., 11/8 -presentation of ribbons and displays
(in gym)

7th & 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Menk

Book reports are due on Monday. All cards should be received in the morning. These next few weeks are very busy preparing for tests and the Social Studies Fair. Plan to work ahead. The November book report is due on November 23rd. It should be a fiction book that includes animals and their relationship with each other or with people.

The last **progress reports** for the 1st quarter were handed out today. Please use them to encourage progress these last weeks of the quarter. Signed slips are due on Tuesday.

7th & 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Leckwee

Things are going well. Some are starting to get in the habit of looking over their notes and it shows. We are beginning a new unit in PE class. Depending on the weather we are going to be trying out Pickle ball or Floor Hockey. If it is nice outside, we will play pickle ball, but if we need to stay inside, floor hockey will be the game. Hopefully exercise will be involved with all of it.

TEST FOR NEXT WEEK

None -

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If you would like to receive Notes & News by e-mail or just one copy of it, please stop in the office and see Mr. Leckwee, or send an email to fpls@lakefield.net and we will put you in the data base.