

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

March 13th, 2023



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

General News & Notes

- **No hot lunch** today or tomorrow!
- The faculty will be serving the **Lent meal** before church on Wednesday evening to raise some funds for our travel to Teachers' Conference in Salt Lake City next fall! Stop by for a walking taco and stick around for worship! The meal starts at 5:00 and church begins at 6:30.
- You may notice some new **security cameras** at the entrances... These are part of a new system that was installed over spring break to make our campus more secure. This new system has doors set to unlock at 7:45 each morning, so please wait until then to enter the building!
- Some **re-enrollments** have been slowly trickling in... If you haven't re-enrolled for next year, please get that done soon so we can do some planning!
- **Enrollment** is now open for all students PreK-8th Grade! If you know someone who is looking for a school, recommend St. Paul's. We'd love to get the chance to chat with them.
- **You're Invited** to a concert from the Luther Preparatory School choir this Friday night at 6:30 in our church. LPS is a WELS high school in Wisconsin. It will be a great concert!
- **Kindergarten** parent info night is next Thursday, March 23rd. Kindergarten Round-Up will happen next Tuesday afternoon.
- **Spring Pictures** are scheduled for next Thursday, March 23rd.
- During the month of March, St. Paul's students have some artwork displayed at the **Norfolk Arts Center** on 5th St. Come enjoy some creativity; it is free!
- **Track** will be starting very soon! Watch for more info on that in the coming days...
- This year's **instrumental recital** is this week! It will be at church on Thursday, March 16th at 6:30pm. All our welcome to attend! Students should get their instruments ready and tuned in the church basement by 6:15pm. Each student taking lessons is participating in at least one song. Students should be daily practicing their recital (and lesson) music so they are prepared! Parents, how are they doing? 😊

Jesus Roots Spirit Fruits

love joy peace
patience kindness goodness
faithfulness gentleness
self-control



Upcoming Events

March 16

Instrumental Recital (6:30)

March 17

Luther Prep Choir Concert

March 18

NELHS Academic & Fine Arts Fair

March 19

PRAISE Choir Sings in Church

March 23

Spring Pictures

March 26

Piano Recital (1:00)

Mission Offerings

Mission Offering: Cross of Christ Lutheran Church was born in the Casitas neighborhood of Mahahual as God lifted barrier after barrier. A second outpost was opened in Pulticub six months later. Pray that God's Word continues to spread there, and everywhere.

Last week's offering: \$80.24

Total semester offering: \$437.42

God So Loved You

John 3:1-17

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

One Sunday, a pastor had a special announcement after church.

"We have a guest today who would like to say a few words to you," he told the congregation mysteriously.

All eyes turned to an old man who slowly made his way up to the front of the church with a walker.

"Many years ago," the old man began, "I went sailing with my twelve-year-old son and his friend on the ocean. A terrible storm suddenly came up and the boat capsized. I was able to grab on the overturned boat, but my son and his friend were quickly being dragged away by the current. Within my reach was a life-preserver tied to a rope. I could only throw it to one of the boys and I only had seconds to decide who I would throw it to."

The eyes of the congregation grew wide as they waited to hear what the man decided.

An audible gasp went out from the congregation when he said, "In the end, I threw the life-preserver to my son's friend."

"I loved my son more than life itself and would have gladly given my life for him, but I knew that he believed in Jesus. We had taken him to church since he was little. I knew where he would be if he died."

"But I also knew that his friend's parents never took him to church. I didn't know if he believed in Jesus. I couldn't take the chance. So I threw him the life-preserver."

The pastor went and put his hand on the old man's shoulder. "That is a true story," the pastor said. "I know, because I was his son's friend."

Today's Bible passage is John 3:16. It's one of the most well-known verses in all of the Bible. It contains all of the love in the story you just heard.

God loved you so much, he gave up what was most precious to him. God loved you so much, he sacrificed his one and only Son to save you.

That's how much God loves you. That's what he gave up to save you. Be amazed by his sacrifice to save you. Cling to that life-preserver every day of your life.

Closing Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for sacrificing so much for me. Help me to trust in and appreciate your amazing love every day of my life. Amen.

Mrs. Mullen's Classroom

Monday Wednesday Friday and Afternoon 5-Day Classes

The Garden of Gethsemane is our bible talk this week. Jesus went to pray and asked his friends to help him pray. We learn that even though we have good intentions we sometimes let people down. We also are reminded that everything should start with prayer. Big or small.

Tuesday Thursday Class

This class will also learn about Jesus at Gethsemane. We will practice praying for each other. I will stress that Jesus loves ALL people! He died for ALL people. We will make a poster that shows pictures of our own families.

All of the children will learn about Irish music and customs. We have weekly readers that feature rainbows. Rainbows in the sky, leprechaun rainbows, and eating a rainbow of healthy food.

All of the children will play a game that maximizes classification skills. I will pick several children that have something in common, The students will have to figure out what is the same. Maybe it's a color, hair bow, or lace up shoes. So many possibilities!

Have a wonderful week walking with Jesus.
Mrs. Linda Mullen



Mrs. Brown's Classroom

Christ Light:

Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem – People welcomed Jesus as he came to Jerusalem. We, too, can use our voices and actions to praise Jesus, our Savior and King!

Memory Work: Psalm 138:1 I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart.

Superkids: Students will review the letters Kk and Qu/qu, and will be reviewing the difference between asking and telling sentences.

Math: The children will be working with word problems and fact families.

Writing: This week the students will continue to make a plan for their fictional stories. Some of the elements they will learn to include in their stories are a strong beginning, a setting, characters, a problem, and a solution.

Unit Studies: This week the children will be working with maps, identifying bodies of water and landforms, and becoming familiar with cardinal directions.

Reading Pockets:

Daily: Reading/blending pages/math facts

Thursday: Read Christlight Bible story – Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem – Worksheet due Friday

Show and Tell: Friday, March 17th – student's choice

Book Orders: Due Friday, March 17th

Mrs. Spreeman's Classroom

Happy Monday! Welcome back to school! Hopefully you all had a nice break from school and are refreshed to come back and finish strong. Thank you for all of the birthday wishes, cards, and gifts. You made my day special and great. The kids did a FABULOUS job presenting *Out on the Town!* They worked hard and I thought it was excellent. Now we are back to regular classes. This week we will learn about y at the end of words saying the long e sound or the long I sound, and ay. Spelling lists for the next two weeks are in folders tonight. We need to finish our nests for Horton, the elephant, to sit on. We will also take part in some St. Patrick's Day science explorations.

Your child will be singing with the Luther Prep School choir during their concert on Friday night. I'm sure it is going to be beautiful and inspiring. Please come if you can.

Today we are celebrating Charlotte. She turned seven on March 10th. God's blessings for a fun year ahead, Charlotte!

Show and Tell this week is: Something Green

HOMEWORK

Monday: read lesson 2B Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane / wksht in journal / read through Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.

Tuesday: math or reading

Wednesday: math or reading

Thursday: read lesson 3A Peter's Sin / child dictated writing in journal/ Matt. 26:41 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation, the spirit is willing, but the body is weak. (Recite Friday)

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Nelson's Classroom

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed some extra family time last week! We are ready to get back to our regular school routine this week! We will have show and tell on Wednesday - all students may bring something that fits in their backpack.

In Christlight we will continue to learn about how Jesus willingly suffered for our sins. Your child's Christlight homework has shifted to a question and answer format. They don't need to write the answers in full sentences. Their memory work is written at the bottom of their worksheet.

In Superkids we are reviewing open syllable spelling patterns, irregular nouns, and finishing reading The Littles. We will have a spelling test on Friday - words were sent home today.

In Social Sciences we will be talking about weather, Nebraska, Pi day, and St. Patrick's Day (if your child has a green shirt please have them wear it on Thursday).

Have a blessed week, Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Rixe's Classroom

The school plays were a wonderful time! Spring break was, too. :) Hope everyone is refreshed and ready to dig into the final quarter; there are still great things ahead. In Christ Light, we have one more parable-- about the wedding banquet. Then we will move on to lessons focusing on Holy Week. Our new language unit is on possessives. Ask us how to form a possessive. (**It gets a little tricky when we work with plural possessives, but we'll work at it.) In poetry we will read some neat poems about elves, broccoli, and sneakers. There is a poetry quiz on the vocabulary on Friday. Saturday is the Academic and Art Fair at Nebraska Lutheran. If your student is participating in declamation, please practice a bit at home, too. Book orders are due on Wednesday, if you're interested in ordering.

"Rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20



Mr. Brown's Classroom

Scholastic book orders will be handed out this week. They are due on Friday.

5-6 ChristLight— Our stories for this week are In the Upper Room and Jesus in Gethsemane. We thank Jesus for giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and for submitting to his Father's will in order to save us. We pray that God's will always be done.

*Memory Treasures: Psalm 31:15a, Psalm 56:11 (both due Thursday)

3-8 Social Studies

- 3-4 will continue learning about the basics of how our country's government works!
- Grades 5-6 will be finishing our first decade of the 20th Century, "The 00's", this week. Students continue working on their 20th Century pictorial booklets as well. Our next decade will focus mostly on WWI.
- In 7-8, we will be studying the first two presidents of our country this week: Washington and Adams. We will also continue to learn a song to memorize the names of the presidents in order!

5-6 Science

- Due to play practice during our last week of school, we were not able to complete the unit on Weather, so that is what we will be focusing on this week. Monday and Tuesday will be spent answer the essential question, review on Wednesday, and test on Thursday.

5-8 Music

- Grades 5-6 have started hand chimes again! We hope to play for a Wednesday Lenten service.
- Grades 7-8 begin learning about one family of instruments more in-depth: percussion.

Mr. Markgraf & Miss Lindemann's Classroom

Welcome back! We hope you had a great spring break... Tuesday is Pi Day! We'll be celebrating 3/14 with some pizza "pies" for lunch... Please bring a circular dessert to share (like a pie...)!

Thank you and great job to all of the students that did such wonderful work preparing and performing our play before spring break! It was so great to see our students using their gifts in a unique way.

The Academic & Fine Arts Fair is this Saturday! We're excited to see our students use their gifts in yet another way.

Course 3 and Algebra will have a math test on Wednesday. In 7-8 science, we are working through a new unit on the animal kingdom – of which we are members! In 3-8 P.E., we will be trying something new called Pickleball. If you've never heard of it, look it up! It's one of the fastest growing sports in America.

In reading we will be practicing our declamation speeches. Students will be performing their speeches on Thursday and Friday of this week. In English we will be looking at different forms of verb tenses. Also, hymn 353 v 1,2 is due on Wednesday.

Ms. Lindemann will be offering after school tutoring in math on Tuesday and Thursdays starting this week until the end of the year. From 3:30 to 4:15 for anyone in Course 2. That may have to change some weeks due to after school activities, but I will let you know at the beginning of the week when that happens.

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