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The Timber Times  
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## School News

### Mission Offering

Our third quarter offerings are being given to Teen and Kid Closet here in Spokane. Our offering total for this quarter so far is \$209.55. Thank you for your generous giving! Reminder that after today, we have just one more chapel to reach our goal of \$350!

### Basketball

Miss Rosenbaum is still missing a few uniforms. Please return those ASAP.

### Softball/Track & Field

A parent and player meeting is TODAY right after school. If you are unable to come to this meeting make sure to reach out to Miss R. Softball will meet in Miss Rosenbaum's room. Track and field will meet in Mrs. Most's room. \$25 needs to be brought to those meetings for the athletic fee, unless you are coaching. The first practices for both sports will be March 26.

### Junior Choir

No rehearsal this coming Monday. Our next rehearsal isn't until Monday, April 29 from 3:45-4:30.

### March Timber Talk

A group of 7th and 8th graders worked on creating the March Timber Talk video in technology class. Check out the video with the link below: [March Timber Talk 2024](#)



### Holy Week—Extra Worship Opportunities

We take an extra in depth look at Jesus' journey to the cross beginning on Palm Sunday this upcoming Sunday. We will have multiple worship opportunities that we pray you take advantage of!

Palm Sunday 3/24 — 10AM  
Maundy Thursday 3/28 — 6:30PM  
Good Friday 3/29 — 6:30PM  
Easter Sunday 3/31 — 10AM

God's blessings to you this upcoming week as we stand in awe of God's amazing fulfillment of the salvation plan through Jesus!

### Thank You Preschool

A very special thank you to the preschoolers who came to church on March 10<sup>th</sup> to sing! You make our services SO beautiful!

### Parent Conversations

The [parent conversation](#) for this newsletter focuses on keeping our worry as parents at bay. I hope this can benefit you as much as it has helped me in realizing that only God can help ease our minds.



### DC Trip

The kids have returned from their vacation and are exhausted and content at the same time! They have many stories and adventures to share, so beginning after Spring Break, we will share some of the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders perspectives from this once in a lifetime trip! Stay tuned for more!

### 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Teacher

We plan to call a new 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher after the church service on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Prayers that God graciously provides us with a teacher for these grades!

### Early Release/No School Next Friday

Reminder that we have early release next Thursday, and no school on Friday due to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, then we head directly into Spring Break!

### Holy Week Devotions

Martin Luther College (our WELS pastor/teacher training college) has put out a special devotion booklet for Holy Week that you can view [here](#).



## Upcoming Dates

### March

- 26 Softball Practice 3:45-5:00PM — Linwood Park
- 26 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 28 NO Softball or Track & Field
- 28 Early Release — NOON — Curriculum Study
- 28 Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30PM
- 29 NO SCHOOL — Good Friday
- 29 Good Friday Worship 6:30PM
- 31 Easter Breakfast 8:30AM
- 31 Easter Worship 10AM

### April

- 1-5 Spring Break
- 9 Softball Practice 3:45-5:00PM — Linwood Park
- 9 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 11 Early Release — NOON — Curriculum Study (NO PM4)
- 16 Softball Practice 3:45-5:00PM — Linwood Park
- 16 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 18 Softball Game @ LCA 4PM
- 18 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 23 Softball Game @ Christian Heritage 4:15PM
- 23 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 24 Track Meet @ Cheney HS 5PM
- 25 Softball Practice 3:45 -5:00PM — Linwood Park
- 28 Grades 3-8 Sing 10AM
- 4/29-5/3 MAP Testing
- 29 Jr. Choir Practice 3:45-5:00PM
- 30 Softball Practice 3:45-5:00PM — Linwood Park
- 30 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park

## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

After a five-day break, we are ready to get back into the swing of preschool, again. We are now covering a new theme – Pets. We first decided, as a class, what makes an animal a pet. A pet does NOT have to live in your house. Horses, goats, rabbits, ducks, turtles, pigs, etc. make great pets. Some questions to ask which categorize an animal to be a pet: Do you give them food and water? Do you play with them and offer them exercise? Do they have a nice place to sleep? Do they have a name? If the answer is YES, then they are a pet!!

Our centers are geared towards our Pet Theme, also. We have paint stamping in our Art Center . . . stamping with real dog bones. Why not?? Our kitchen set has been transformed into a veterinary clinic located in our Drama Center. The children can pretend to be a doctor and give the stuffed animals a checkup. They can even put bandages on their “patients” and listen to their hearts beat. Our Listening Center has the book, Pug Meets Pig. This is a cute story about two very different pets who eventually become friends.

Along with our new centers, we had a great time this week making a cat puppet and also a green turtle with buttons on its shell. You know by now that we celebrate a color every month. This month is no exception!! We are celebrating the color YELLOW this week!! We are able to find yellow shamrocks hidden all around the preschool room – with the lights on AND with the lights off!! Color days are SO much fun!!

On Wednesday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the four year olds. A note went home this week regarding that fun event. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Next week, we will focus on the letter “Uu”. Four year old classes, please bring a show ‘n’ tell item from home that begins with “Uu”.

Our bible verse we will learn in class is I Corinthians 15:3 “Christ died for our sins.”

Have an amazing weekend. God’s blessings to you!!

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

**Math-** We have been counting coins in Math. I’m so impressed with how well the kids are doing. Please have your child practice at home. You can do any sort of combinations of coins: quarters and pennies, dimes and pennies, nickels and pennies or just the individual coins on their own.

**XtraMath-** In your child’s yellow folder there is information about the XtraMath program that our school uses. This is something we all decided as a faculty would be beneficial to help our students with their math facts. As of right now I am asking that students log in 3 times a week to work on math facts. This will now be part of your child’s homework as well as practicing memory work and reading for 20 minutes a night with you.

**Spring Play-** This year we will be doing the play E-I-E-I Oops! Last week I send home speaking parts in your child’s yellow folder. Please start to go over these with your child. They need to speak LOUDLY and CLEARLY. Please check the school calendar and take note of BOTH dates for the play. Your child is required to be there.

**March Madness-** Who do you think will win? I’m not talking about basketball I’m talking about children’s literature. Check out our bulletin board above the library so see which books are a class favorite.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

I hope you've had a good week!

In ChristLight we are learning about Holy Week and Jesus' death that paid for our sins. In Reading we are learning about the long a sound and different ways to spell it. In Math we started a chapter about money, coins, and counting cents. In Science we are learning about how living things change and make changes to their environment, and in Social Studies we are finishing up our chapter about jobs and needs versus wants.

We are also starting our play practice twice a week. The play will be at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10.

Just to let you know, we are almost out of tissues / Kleenex. If anyone would be able to donate some, it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

God bless you and your family, and have a wonderful weekend!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

#### Christlight/ Memory Work

- 3/26 - The Fourth Commandment
- 3/28 - 1 John 1:7b
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Jesus' Trial Before Pilate; Jesus is Crucified).

#### Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add the minutes to your child’s March book-it calendar.

- Continue to work through the xtra math program.
- Spelling: next week we are working on the digraph er. The digraph er is an r-controlled vowel. It is often used to make the "er" sound at the end of a word. The list is included in your child's orange folder

#### Extra Notes

- Please make sure your child is bringing a water bottle every day!
- March book it calendars will be due after spring break.
- Writing: This week the kids are finishing up their informational writing booklet about the animal they chose.
- Math: some kids are now working on identifying polygons, vertices, angles, different types of triangles, and congruent/similar shapes, while the other group is working on adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers with and without regrouping.
- Social Studies: we are starting to talk about special holidays that people celebrate and different facts about each holiday. This week we talked about St. Patrick's Day, Valentine's Day, New Year's Day, and President's Day.
- Science: we have moved onto the next unit of weather and space. This week we talked about the moon and the phases of the moon. We also started to talk about some of the planets.
- A field trip form was sent home on Monday. We will be going to the Mobius Discovery Center on April 17 in the afternoon. Please read through the information and return the form by March 17 with the money for your child as well as any chaperones that plan on attending.
- We are almost out of baby wipes again, so if someone is able to donate some to our classroom that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

#### Memory Work a week ahead

- 3/26 - John 11:25-26a & Colossians 2:9
- 3/28 - The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed
- It is really important your child is practicing memory work at home, so they can recite it on the due date. If they don't say on the due date, they will be staying in from recess until they can recite it.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child (Jesus is Crucified & Our Savior Dies)

#### Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day, and record it on the March calendar.
- This week in spelling, we are working on dis- words.
- Continue to work on xtramath.
- No spelling next week due to a short week.

#### Extra Notes

- Our next states and capitals test is next Thursday, please remind your child to bring home their study sheet. If they would like to check out flashcards for the weekend, please let me know.
- We are wrapping up our historical figure presentations. Everyone did such a great job! Thank you for helping your child prepare.
- We are going to Mobius Discovery Center on April 24th in the afternoon. Please be looking for a field trip form coming out next week.

Have a great weekend!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

**Word of God** - Jesus finishes the work of our salvation is the theme of the lessons of "Jesus' Crucifixion" and "Jesus' Dying Words" for this week. In response to what our Savior has done for us we want to worship and praise him for the wonderful gift of salvation.

**Reading** - How does a mouse learn about kindness and responsibility from a boy and a motorcycle? Ask a fourth grader to find out, or better yet, read [The Mouse and the Motorcycle](#).

**Science** - We had our test on Heat yesterday, and now we are moving right along to understand more about electricity and magnetism!

**Social Studies**- We have finished our Washington State History reports and are now working on a Washington State book to remember important symbols for Washington. What symbol of Washington is your favorite?

#### EXTRA NOTES:

**Save the date** - We will be going on a field trip to the Spokane House on Monday, April 15 from about 9:30-noon or 1 depending on the weather so we could eat lunch there also. Field trip forms were sent home today. Please return them by next Thursday.

**Spokane Symphony at the Fox Theater** - We are working hard at learning our recorders for the special Link-up concert on May 22. There are some special links online that help the children learn their parts whether it is singing or playing their recorders. We are working on them in class also, but I want to share the link with you, so they can use it at home also. [Link Up: The Orchestra Moves | Carnegie Hall](#) You will need to scroll down to the section titled: Concert Repertoire. From there they click on the song they are practicing. Some we haven't begun yet in class, others they know what part they are practicing. Please reach out if you have any questions. Thank you!

### 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

School just keeps churning along as we are coming up to the end of the 3rd quarter. We've got the usual end-of-quarter events coming up this week and next, which I'll give some specifics about.

In Religion, we have been doing an "Across the Gospels" study of Holy Week, learning the accounts of the main events from the different perspectives of the Gospel writers. This week we looked at the events in the Garden of Gethsemane and Peter's betrayal. In math class, the 5th grade has continued their work with multiplying and dividing with decimal numbers, while the 6th grade has started a study of ratios. In science, students completed their rubber band cannon lab, and will be moving on to a catapult investigation. I apologize for any spontaneous catapults that manifest themselves at your homes. In social studies, we finished up our study of life in the Colonies, and will be taking a test on those lessons, followed by an investigation into the Salem Witch Trials. Finally, in English, our last day working on essays was Wednesday. I am giving students until Friday to get their work turned in, and will be correcting or marking things late on Saturday.

This week marks our last week of spelling class. There will not be a spelling grade on the report card in the 4th quarter. I will be using that time to offer students more opportunity to get their Xtra Math practice done on the computer, and then to work on their keyboarding skills with their Typing.com accounts. Students who have not finished their XtraMath practice by the time lunch recess comes each day will be required to stay inside for study hall to work on that practice.

We are very happy to have Mrs. Benson back in our room this week, and look forward to seeing her pictures and hearing her stories about Washington D.C. as our group anticipates being the next to enjoy that field trip in two years.

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### 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

We returned tired and sore, but what a fun trip we enjoyed together in Washington D.C. Despite this being our biggest group ever, we were still able to see and learn many amazing historical things. I hope that every student was able to take something away from the trip that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Here is the memory work for next week:

Monday 3/25: John 1:29b, John 3:16; Wednesday 3/27: The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed; Thursday 3/28: Hymn 105 verses 1,5,7

The students will be spending their next couple of history classes putting the finishing touches on their Gettysburg presentations. They also will be adding the information that they learned from each of the places that they visited to their presentations. Students may bring their phones to school to get pictures off their phones. Please also encourage your children to bring their notes that they took on the places with them to school.

We will be playing the students immune system games over the next few science classes before we move on to looking at different diseases/drugs that attack our immune systems and bodies as a whole.

Thank you to all of you who made the D.C. trip possible. Whether you served as a chaperone, helped fundraise, or made sure your child was to the airport on time, we could not have done this trip without you! I pray your children can rest up and get the opportunity to share all their amazing experiences with you!

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## We Would Like to See Jesus

The capital city of Jerusalem was bustling with people visiting for the major festival. Among those visitors were Greek pilgrims. They came to Philip, a disciple of Jesus, with a simple request. "We would like to see Jesus."

Perhaps they were curious because they had heard about Jesus' miracles. Maybe they had seen the way Jesus entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey to shouts of "Hosanna" earlier in the week. Or it could be their souls were seeking the truth. Whatever the reason, they voiced the desire that resonates with every human heart. They sought God.

The world is full of people like those Greeks. They are searching for truth, hope, and meaning. They may not say it the same way as those Greeks did, but they ache for a meeting with their Savior.

If you are looking for truth, hope, and meaning, if you are searching for Jesus, there is no better place to look than where Jesus has revealed himself. Jesus shows himself to all through the Bible. God's

Word, the Bible, is where Jesus speaks truth, where God gives meaning to life, and where the Savior provides hope to a desperate world.

If you are a Christian, you live among people who wish to see Jesus, though they may not know it. You can show them Jesus not just through your words but through your actions. When you extend a helping hand to the marginalized, you show them Jesus. When you offer a listening ear to the brokenhearted, you show them Jesus. When you forgive those who have wronged you, you show them Jesus. In every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, and every expression of

love, you reveal the face of Christ to a world in need.

Those acts of love are a reflection of Jesus, of the one who came to seek you out. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. He came looking for you because he loves you.

### Prayer:

Heavenly Father, show me Jesus. Use me to show Jesus to others. Amen.

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Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus."

**John 12:20,21**