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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 \$243.40. Thank you for your generous giving! Today was our last chapel to reach our goal of \$350 — update after Spring Break with the total!

Early Release / No School

Please remember that we have a half day today, and no school tomorrow for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Spring Break

Easter Break flows right into our Spring Break this year. Blessings to all of you as you spend extra time with your families. If you are traveling, prayers that you get to and from your destination safely! God bless your week!

Softball/Track & Field

Both sports had their first practice on Tuesday. Please make sure to be up to date with the google calendar. There is also a schedule on the sports bulletin board by Miss T's classroom. Please continue to communicate with Miss Rosenbaum if you have any questions.

April Timber Talk

Another group of 5-6 graders put together a video with April updates in technology class. Check out the video with this think: [April Timber Talk 2024](#)



Junior Choir

Our next rehearsal is on Monday, April 29th from 3:45-4:30.

Read 2 Ride

A Read2Ride reading log was sent home today! Please take the time to fill these out with your child! 10 logged reading hours will get you a free ticket to Silverwood!!! Reading logs are due April 19th.

Holy Week—Extra Worship Opportunities

We continue to take an extra in depth look at Jesus' journey to the cross this week. Please consider joining us at St. Matthew during the following worship times:

Maundy Thursday 3/28 — 6:30PM
Good Friday 3/29 — 6:30PM
Easter Sunday 3/31 — 10AM
(breakfast at 8:30AM)

Call Updates

Miss Taasaas is currently deliberating a call to teach Kindergarten in Milwaukee, WI. This past Sunday we called David Zabel to teach 7th-8th grade here at St. Matthew. Currently, Mr. Zabel is teaching in Lake City, MN. Please keep both in your Miss Taasaas and Mr. Zabel in your prayers during this time. Thank you!

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.



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](#).



End of Third Quarter

Fourth quarter will be here when we come back from Spring Break! Congrats to parents, students, and teachers alike for making it 75% of the way through the year! Where does the time go?!

Upcoming Dates

March

- 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

Easter Egg Hunt

If you are looking for a place to take your kids for an Easter egg hunt, Spokane is hosting theirs downtown on Saturday! More info [here](#).



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 27th, 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)

XtraMath- Last week I sent home the paper with your child’s login information. Students need to be working on this a minimum of 3 days a week.

Spring Play- More information about costumes will go home after Spring Break.

Classroom Need- We are in need of Costco baby wipes. If you are able to pick some up I would greatly appreciate it.

Life skill- We completed our 3rd quarter life skill on Wednesday. The students practiced folding washcloths and hand towels, scrubbing tables and sweeping with a dustpan. For our 4th quarter life skill we are going to be sewing our own stuffed bear. This is a little bit more of an ambitious project and I will need lots of help!! I plan on starting this project soon after we get back from Spring Break. There will be a sign up sheet on the classroom door on April 8.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

In Christ Light we are learning about Jesus’ death and resurrection that paid the price for our sins. In Math we are continuing to learn about counting money. In Reading we are learning about how oa and ow make the long o sound. In Social Studies we are learning about landforms and in Science we are learning about changes on our earth.

Today we also had a special guest from our church, Julie. She is blind, and she came to talk to the students about blindness and showed us some braille and other tools she uses.

The coming Memory Work is

Tuesday, April 9: The 4th Commandment: Honor your father and mother that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy a long life on the earth.

Thursday, April 11: Job 19:25 I know that my redeemer lives.

We are starting to do two passages per week to get them ready for second grade.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SPRING BREAK AND EASTER!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 4/9 - The Second Article of the Apostles Creed Part 1
- 4/11 - The Second Article of the Apostles Creed Part 2
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Our Savior Dies; Jesus’ Burial and Resurrection; Jesus’ Grave is Opened)

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: when we return, we will be working on the vowel digraphs ir and ur. These digraphs are usually (but not always)

found in the middle of a word. Your child's spelling list is in their orange folder.

Extra Notes

- March book it calendars will be due after spring break.
- Writing: we took this week to review the parts of speech.
- Math: a group of kids are working on identifying fractions while the other group is working on multiplication patterns/multiplying 2-3 digit numbers.
- Social Studies: we are starting to talk about special holidays that people celebrate and different facts about each holiday. This week we talked about Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Labor Day, and Easter.
- Science: we started talking about some of the planets. This week we talked about Earth, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn.
- The field trip form for April 17 to Mobius was due yesterday. Thank you for returning those. Stay tuned for reminders the week of.
- Thank you to those who donated baby wipes. We are always looking for more as we use those multiple times a day.
- Third quarter ends today. Report cards will come out when we return from spring break.
- I pray you have a blessed spring break! I'm super excited to be traveling down to see my sister and brother-in-law in Florida.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Memory Work a week ahead

- 4/9 - John 3:16 & John 14:19b
- 4/11 - Job 19:25-27
- 4/12 - The 3rd 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' Burial & Resurrection & The Enemies Guard the Tomb)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day, and record it on the March calendar.
- Continue to work on xtramath.

Extra Notes

- March calendars can be turned in the Monday after break (March 8th)
- New spelling lists have been sent home in your child's folder.
- Field Trip forms went home on Tuesday, please speak with me if you did not receive one.
- Report cards will be sent out the Monday after break. Please sign and return the envelope to me.

May the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ fill your heart with hope and purpose this Easter season. Praying that you experience this mighty love in your life. Rejoice for our Savior has risen!

Have a blessed Easter!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - Jesus proves he is God's Son and the Savior by his resurrection is the theme of the lessons of "Jesus' Burial & Resurrection" and "Jesus' Enemies Deny the Resurrection" for this week. In response to what our Savior has done for us we praise and worship the Savior for redeeming us and continue to tell others the truth about Jesus' resurrection and pray for those who reject the Savior.

Reading - We wrapped up The Mouse and the Motorcycle this week. After Spring break we will be reading another book about a mouse. Can you guess which one it might be?

Science - How did the student feel after their electricity lesson?

Absolutely shocked! We are having fun learning about electrical current, resistors, switches, insulators, and closed, open, series, and parallel circuits.

Social Studies- We have finished our Washington State History reports and they have been graded. The rubrics for grading were sent home yesterday. I gave them the option of leaving their reports hanging here for a bit or taking them home today. Now we are working on a Washington State book to remember important symbols for Washington. What symbol of Washington is your favorite?

EXTRA NOTES:

Book-it Calendars are due Monday, April 8th.

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. Thank you for returning all the field trip forms! It helps so much and we have plenty of chaperones, so thank you!

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!

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Happy Easter! Happy end of 3rd Quarter! Happy week-long bonding time with your children!

This week in school we studied the crucifixion of Jesus across the four Gospels in our religion classes. In math, the 5th grade class took a short test on multiplying decimals, while the 6th grade class learned about proportions and ratios. In science, students designed, constructed, and tested catapults to get some hands-on learning with potential and kinetic energy. In social studies, we completed an investigation on the events and potential catalysts surrounding the Salem Witch Trials, and in English, with our essays completed (yay!), we did a short grammar study and assessment on adverbs.

I'll leave you with a quick reminder that there will not be a 4th quarter grade for Spelling Class. See the previous newsletter for more information. Have a blessed break!

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

"It is finished!"-John 19: "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one come to the Father except through me."-John 14:6 This week is Holy week and what more important week is there for not only our salvation, but the salvation of the whole world. The reason we have off school over these next few days is not for extra vacation, but for extra time for worship and contemplation of the great sacrifice our Savior made for our sins. Our salvation is finished and assured, Jesus words from the cross and the empty tomb prove. If the tomb still contained our Savior's body, we would simply be celebrating the death of a good man. The empty tomb proves that it wasn't just a good man who died, but the Savior of the world. Jesus is the way to salvation, because he is salvation. This salvation gives us freedom from sin, death, and the power of the devil.....it gives us life eternal. This is what our school is all about. Our school is here to share the good news of Christ crucified and risen for the salvation of all who believe that he died and was raised to life for them. I pray you have a blessed time this week celebrating with your family the agony and persecution that our Savior went through as a perfect sacrifice for our sins, but more importantly, celebrating the victory that is ours through Christ's resurrection. May that peace and hope go with you every day as you live your life rejoicing that you have a Savior from sin.

Starting April 1st is Spring Break, I hope you enjoy the extra time spent with family and enjoying the spring weather. We resume class April 8th, where we will get back to our normal routine of class.

Your children did a wonderful job on their Gettysburg presentations and on their recap of D.C. presentations. Definitely ask your children to see their presentations if you haven't already.....they are fantastic. Also, the 7th-8th graders will be sharing some information about D.C. in upcoming newsletters, so please take time to read that when it comes out.

God Bless your Holy Week celebrations and your Spring break! See you April 8th!

Fix Your Eyes on Jesus

I don't know about you, but I am easily distracted. So many things come at us from every different direction and want our attention. Sometimes just a voice in another room or something I see off to the side on my desk derails my train of thought and interrupts my focus.

Not everything vying for our attention is bad. There are important people and things in our lives that need our attention. But an inability to focus on one thing at a time can make it difficult to give the important things in our lives the attention they need.

What's getting your attention? Does the devil have you chasing after sinful pleasures and selfish urges with the promise of happiness that never really comes?

Does work or school consume all your energy and focus? Is it hobbies, recreation, sports, money, entertainment? What about family? Many of these things are good things; but they aren't the only thing. And they aren't what matters most. And if they are all we focus on, we'll wear ourselves out with temporary things and miss out on

far greater blessings from our God.

In the next few days, I hope you will join Christians around the world in taking a journey. Set aside time to attend your local church for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services. There, take a spiritual journey as you hear about and meditate on events that changed the course of history. There, tune out the distractions of daily life and just watch and listen.

There, fix your eyes on Jesus, who fixed his eyes on you when he came to die for you. Fix your eyes on Jesus, who let nothing distract him from his mission of mercy to rescue you

from sin and death. Fix your eyes on Jesus, who persevered through adversity to win for you an eternal inheritance.

In faith, see him who loved you enough to die for you. In faith, see him who is waiting for you across life's finish line, waiting to welcome you home.

Prayer:

Jesus, my Savior, fix my eyes on you, as I run life's race, so that one day I will see you face-to-face. Amen.

*Want more daily devotions?
[I get them here!](#)*



And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Hebrews 12:1,2