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The Timber Times  
February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## School News

### Chapel Offering Update

Our chapel offering total is at \$149.91 (we have PM chapel today so no change to the total yet:). Please continue to bring your offerings on Thursdays. Thanks!

### Basketball

Next week there is no practice on Tuesday (2/18) and there is practice on Thursday (2/20) at normal times. See the google calendar for times. Parents, please continue to communicate with your child's teacher if you plan to take siblings out of school early for the games. Thank you!

### Junior Choir

Junior Choir will meet on February 24 @ 3:45 pm in Mrs. Most's classroom. We will be singing for Ash Wednesday Service @ 3:45 pm on Wednesday, March 5.

### Extra Long Weekend

We have off school on Monday due to President's Day and Tuesday is a teacher in-service. God Bless your long weekend, and we will see you at school next Wednesday!

### Pokemon Club

The Pokemon club will be meeting on Friday, February 21 @ 3:45 in the church's basement.

### Used Book Sale

We will be having our annual used book sale March 3-7. Please donate

your gently used books February 7-21! You can drop books off in your child's classroom. We need books for all ages! Books will be sold for \$0.50 each and the money raised will go toward updating novels, picture books, and purchasing audio versions of some of our books.

### Snow Clothes

With the recent snow and cold weather, now is a good time to remind everyone to bring your winter gear! Stay warm out there, people!

### Re-Enrollment Now Open

Please check your email for the links to re-enroll through JupiterEd! Thank you for taking care of this business:) By re-enrolling early, you help Jacob and the rest of the Board of Ed prepare for the upcoming year. We appreciate that!

## Upcoming Dates

### February

- 12 Basketball Game — A Team vs. Christian Heritage 4:00PM
- 13 Adult Basketball 5:30-6:30PM
- 15 A & B Teams — Basketball Games @ Whitworth
- 17 No School — President's Day
- 18 No School — Teacher In-Service
- 19 Lutheranism Intro Class 2:30-3:30PM / 3:40-4:40PM
- 19 Drama Club 3:30-5:30PM — Church Basement
- 20 Basketball Practice — A Team 4-5:30PM / B Team 4-5:10PM
- 20 Adult Basketball 5:30-6:30PM
- 21 DC Hot Lunch
- 21 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 23 Grades 2-3 Sing in Church — 10AM
- 24 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM — Mrs. Most's Room
- 25 Basketball Games — B Team vs. Summit 3:30PM / A Team vs. Summit 4:45PM
- 26 Lutheranism Intro Class 2:30-3:30PM / 3:40-4:40PM
- 26 Drama Club 3:30-5:30PM — Church Basement
- 27 B Team Basketball Party — Naz Gym 4-5:10PM
- 27 A Team Basketball Practice 4-5:30PM
- 28 "Lighten Up!" Dress Rehearsal 10:50-11:50AM
- 28 "Lighten Up!" Performance 6-7PM

Enjoy your long weekend!

NO SCHOOL MONDAY OR TUESDAY NEXT WEEK

## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

Another FUN week in preschool!!! Monday and Tuesday, we had a fantastic time with our Pink/Red Day!! Yup - you guessed it!! We all wore and/or brought something Pink/Red on these days. We even had fun playing hide 'n' seek with Pink and Red hearts!! What a great start to our great week!! This week, the children also had fun sorting Conversation Hearts by colors and writing down how many they found in their cups. And, yes, they got to eat them afterwards!! We had a wonderful time painting our hands and stamping them on a big heart, too!! You will see them hanging in our classroom SO soon!! Hearts and Love everywhere in Preschool!!

We have a new book in our Listening Center - "Yes We Can!" A great story about friendship and encouragement!! We have Listening cans in our Science Center. The children are able to match the sounds of one can to another one. Just tip them and listen!! They can't look inside - they only get to use their ears. We are still talking about our 5 Senses in Preschool this week!! Our Art Center still has our Mystery Box. The children get to reach inside the box and guess what items they feel BEFORE they look at it!! What fun to use just our sense of touch!!

Please have your child sing you our 5 Senses Song - they know it SO well!! We have been singing it for days!!

Today and tomorrow we have our Valentine's Day Parties. What a great time to show friendship and love in our classroom!! Thank you to all of the parents who helped to make these such great days!!

### NEXT WEEK IN PRESCHOOL:

**Christ Light Bible Story:** "Jesus Teaches Peter to Trust."

**Bible Memory Verse:** Psalm 50:15 "Call upon me in the day of trouble."

**Theme:** Presidents

**Letter of the Week:** "Rr"

**Snack Person:** 3 AM Monroe 3 PM Wayne 4 AM Bauer 4 PM Indie

**Upcoming Events:** Feb. 13 Valentine's Day Party  
Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Party  
Feb. 17 NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day  
Feb. 18 NO SCHOOL - Teacher In Service Day  
Feb. 19 Kindergarten Visit Day  
Feb. 26 Career Day  
Mar. 3, 4 Fire Station Field Trip

Have a beautiful weekend with your family!! See you next week!!

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Miss Taasaas does not have a newsletter this week as she has been out for the last couple of days. Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to her return tomorrow!

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

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

Tomorrow we will have a small Valentine's Day party in the afternoon. If you remember, please send along a bag or box in which your child can put their Valentines. But if you forget, no problem, they can just put the Valentines in their backpack. The children in our class are: Hannah, Josey, Joseph, Nate, Grayson, Ellany, Norman, Jamison, Brandon, Allie, Ava, and Paul.

This week in ChristLight we are learning the story of Gideon, whom God called to lead the Israelites in defending themselves against an attacking neighbor nation. In Reading we are learning how oa and ow make the long o sound, as in boat and snow. In Math we started a new chapter, which is about adding higher numbers and getting sums up to 20. In Writing we are learning about when to use commas. In Music we learned about four different ways we use our voices: whisper, talk, shout, and sing. In Spanish we did some review of greetings, colors, and numbers, and learned some prayers.

Our Memory Work for next week is The 7th Commandment: You shall not steal.

Thank you for sending along warm clothes and hats, mittens, etc. for your child!

God bless you and your families! I hope you have a good extra long weekend!

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

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

#### Christlight/ Memory Work

- 2/20 - Matthew 7:7
- Please read the Bible story from this week (The Sun Stands Still; The Israelites Turn Away From God; God Chooses Gideon to Lead Israel) with your child during the weekend.

#### Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add your minutes to your February Book-It Calendar.
- Spelling: next week we will not have a spelling test due to the short week. We will still work through the phonics skill in reading.

**Extra Notes**

Math - we are starting our chapter on place value. This week, we talked about hundreds, tens, and ones. We also talked about expanded form (EX:  $413 = 400 + 10 + 3$ ). Then we wrapped up the week comparing and ordering numbers to 1000.

- Reading - the kids got to read the story "Penguin Chick". This story was a narrative fiction, which tells a true story about a topic. We got to work through the main idea and details of the story. We worked on the phonics skill of "er". Then we finished with talking about cause and effect.
- Writing - we are starting our next writing unit - personal narratives. We got to read some picture books that are personal narrative stories. The kids then started to brainstorm what story they would want to write about.
- Science - we started our next unit about space and weather. This week focused on weather patterns, cloud formations, and the changing of seasons.
- Social Studies - we ended up getting a little behind in social studies, so we started our next chapter this week - discovering our past. We read about America's first people and the explorers that traveled to America.
- Valentine's Day is tomorrow. Please make sure to bring the decorated box if your child choose to do that.
- Grades 2 and 3 sing in church on Sunday, February 23 at 10 am. Please plan to attend. The kids have been working hard on the two songs they will be singing.
- Please make sure to send your child with a bag when they bring their snow gear so their backpacks don't get wet from their clothes. Thanks!

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

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

**Christlight/Memory Work**

- 2/20 - Isaiah 43:11 & Luke 18:13b
- 2/21 - The 6th Commandment
- Please read the two bible stories with your child (Gideon's Call & Gideon's Victory)

**Homework**

- Read 20 minutes a day
- Work on spelling words
- Xtramath practice
- Add minutes to the February calendar

**What are we learning?**

- In math we took our test, and now we are starting measurements.
- In reading we started our new book, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.
- In social studies we have been talking about supply and demand. We have looked at real life examples of each.
- In science we wrapped up our magnet unit with some fun magnet experiments. The students were able to use different magnets and predict what types of things could stick to the magnets.
- We have started our upper case letters in handwriting, and are close to finishing the book.

**Extra Notes**

- We will have no spelling next week due to a short week.
- Please continue to check with your child about any homework they have to complete.
- Due to the temperatures dropping, it is very important your child has the appropriate snow gear to go outside.
- 2nd and 3rd grade sing February 23rd at 10am, please plan to attend.

Enjoy your extended weekend!

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

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

**In the Classroom:**

**Word of God** - Our lessons for this week are 11A - God Calls Gideon and 11B - God Gives Gideon the Victory. These lessons are a great reminder how God can make a reluctant leader into a bold conqueror.

**Reading** - We have finished writing our book reports and sharing them in class today. Next week we will begin our new novel! I can't wait, it is such a fun read too!

**Math** - Measurements is the topic of our newest chapter. We are working hard on metric conversions.

**English/Writing** - We took a break from our personal narratives this week to write a quatrain Valentine poem. We will be sharing them in class today and then hanging them in the hallway to share with you!

**Extras**

- Please remember to bring anything you signed up for and bring the Valentine's day mailboxes tomorrow!
- **Snowy Weather & Recess** - Please remember to send gloves/mittens, boots, and snow pants to school with your child if they want to play in the snow during recess. Your child may also bring a sled to use during recess. They need to sit on the sled and not sled head first. Please make sure your child's name is on the sled, and it must go home on Friday. The school is not responsible for lost or damaged sleds left overnight or over the weekend.

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

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Our student message of the week is from Freddy who says "Bring your coats to school!" Frostbite isn't cool, kids!

In our Religion classes this week, we are examining the period between the Israelite conquest of Canaan and the arrival of the Judges, as well as starting our assessments on the 5th and 6th Commandments. In Math classes, both grades are working on how to divide with fractions and mixed numbers. In Social Studies, we are learning about the effect of Hinduism and Buddhism in ancient India. In English, we are continuing our study of pronouns, while in Reading, our literature circle units are in full swing.

We did not have Science this week because of special classes at the end of the day. When we resume Science next week, we will be starting to look at the origins and nature of life, including a lot of theories involving evolution. I feel it is important to teach these theories and examine them in the light of God's word, so that students can practice their critical thinking skills and prepare for eventually having these theories presented as fact once they enter high school, college, or the workforce. If you would like more specific information about what we plan to learn, please reach out to me with questions.

Just a reminder that with Valentine's tomorrow, we are not having a big party. If your child wants to hand out a small treat to everyone in the class, we will do that at the end of the day. Please reserve grand displays of affection or "prom-posal's" for a time when I don't have to manage the emotions that surround them :)

Finally, just to get it on your calendar, our class will be singing with the 7-8 grade students on Sunday, March 30th!

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

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

**Please refer to My Planbook whenever your child is absent from school. This way they can keep up with their assignments.**

<https://app.planbook.com?t=2011934&k=1234&v=W&y=92524834>

In Bible study last week, we discussed what to say when someone doesn't trust in Jesus, this past week we discussed the topic of being tempted to turn away from Jesus. Can you imagine what it must be like to have a friend or someone close to you having thought of leaving their faith. What could anyone say to convince that person not to follow through with their thoughts. The students learned that they must remember they are the tool that the Holy Spirit is using to talk to the person with those thoughts. They cannot change the heart of that individual. It is only the Holy Spirit with the Word of God that changes hearts. They learned that they present the Word of God and let the rest of it up to the Holy Spirit.

During the week the seventh-grade math class has taken a test on ratios and proportions. Once that was finished, they began a study of "Percent and Consumer Applications". They learned about percents, fractions and decimals and how they are all related to each other. They also learned how to find the percent of a number.

The students have started chapter nine in World History class this week. This chapter covers such topics as the "The Age of Absolutism" under the rule of King Louis XIV and the "The Age of Revolution. They learned about rulers from other countries – Maria Theresa of Austria, Peter the Great of Russia, and Frederick the Great of Prussia. The students did a map study of Eastern Europe which acquainted them with such countries as Poland, Ukraine, Czech Republic, and Hungary.

The students completed the chapter on invertebrates with a culminating test earlier in the week. They have begun a study on Arthropods. This study includes crustaceans, centipedes and millipedes, arachnids and other insects. You know all the tiny things that some people really enjoy or really dislike. They are learning that God has purpose for all the creatures he has created.

During the week the students have continued to write their personal narratives. They are typing this assignment in their Google Docs and will continue to make changes as they go along. In this process they have also learned about some of the tools that Google has to offer while typing in Docs.

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### Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Registration

I hope the first week of registration went well for most of you. Some of the issues/questions that I heard people having were that viewing the handbook required each of you to have access to it before viewing it.....I think we have that fixed. Some of you ran into issues with your online bank account and stripe. I reached out to JupiterEd, and they said that if you aren't seeing the two small deposits in your bank account, then let me know, and they will reset some settings on stripe on their end and fix it. The two small deposits should not take days to receive, so if you aren't seeing them, only received one, or received none, then please let me know. Lastly, we will no longer be using TADS once this school year concludes. So, if you have never logged on to JupiterEd for viewing grades, what we currently use for our gradebook, then please take time to check out some of its features. You can get all kinds of notifications from JupiterEd via email or text. You can get these anytime your child receives a grade you aren't happy with, or you could get notified just once a week as a weekly report. My hope is that having everything in one particular area with your child's grades and their billing/medical/personal information also being in one place will streamline everything that we do, that is once we all familiarize ourselves with JupiterEd.

Our A and B basketball teams will be attending the Whitworth basketball games on Saturday. Hopefully I will see some of you

there. Those games are always fun to go to, and a big "Thank you" to Whitworth for hosting us.

A huge heatwave sweeping through the PNW this weekend, and it looks like it will bring a little snow with it. Enjoy the warmer temps. Don't forget that we don't have school next Monday or Tuesday due to President's day and a faculty in-service. We will be looking at the topic of classroom management again.

God Bless all of you!

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## Here Am I. Send Me!

Isaiah was given an incredible glimpse into the throne room of God. He saw God surrounded by angels—perfect beings created to serve God. These angels had the power and purity to carry out God’s commands flawlessly. Wouldn’t it make sense for God to use these holy creatures to carry his message of forgiveness?

Contrast them with Isaiah. His guilt and sin were magnified in the presence of the Almighty God. He knew that because of his sin, he deserved to die.

Why would God choose someone like Isaiah instead of one of his perfect angels? God delights in using weak, ordinary people to carry out his extraordinary plans. By doing so, he reveals his power and grace, showing it is his work, not ours, that brings about his purposes.

Like Isaiah, we may feel unworthy or unqualified to be God’s messengers. We know our sins, our weaknesses, and our failures. It’s tempting to think, “Wouldn’t an angel do a better job?” But God, in his wisdom, has chosen us. God doesn’t call the quali-

fied; he qualifies the called.

Isaiah’s cleansing is a powerful reminder of what God does for each of us. The burning coal that touched Isaiah’s lips symbolizes the forgiveness and purification we receive through Jesus. Just as Isaiah was cleansed and made ready to serve, we, too, are forgiven, restored, and equipped to be God’s messengers.

### Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for cleansing me of my sin. Help me show my thanks by sharing what you have done for me. Amen.

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“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

**Isaiah 6:5-8**