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The Timber Times  
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## School News

### Basketball

The A team is traveling to Tacoma for a tournament with the other WELS schools in the PNW. Good luck to them! Thank you to the parents, players, and coaches for your time and dedication throughout the past few months of basketball. We couldn't have had a successful season without your help and support! Thank you!

### Softball/Track & Field

Due to the number of kids interested in spring sports, we need to split the meeting times. There will be an informational meeting for softball on March 18 at 3:45 in Miss Rosenbaum's classroom. Track and Field will follow the softball meeting at 4:00 in Miss Rosenbaum's room.

### Support DC Kids on Their Journey to Washington, DC!

Spring is here, and it's the perfect time to spruce up your yard! DC Kids are ready and eager to help with your yardwork needs, whether it's raking leaves, trimming bushes, planting flowers, or other spring cleaning tasks. By hiring our hardworking kids for your spring yardwork projects, you'll not only get your yard looking great but also help them raise money for an exciting educational trip to Washington, D.C.

Here's how you can get involved:

**What We Offer:** In the months of April and May, yardwork services including raking, weeding, planting, and more.

**How You Help:** 100% of your goodwill offering will go directly to supporting their trip to D.C.

**Why It's Important:** This is an amazing opportunity for our kids to experience the nation's capital and grow through education and community service. Hiring DC Kids not only makes your yard look great but also gives them a sense of pride and accomplishment as they work hard toward their goal. It's a win-win!

To schedule your yardwork appointment or learn more, please contact Hailey Landrus at 509-552-9989.

### Long Weekend

We have a super short week next week — school on Monday-Tuesday only! The teachers are headed to Spring Teacher Conference in Salem, OR. Enjoy your extra long weekend, and be sure to quiz your teachers on what they learned while they were away!

### Lenten Worship

Lenten worship continues on Wednesdays after school until Holy Week. Please join us for these services — they are a great way to keep your focus on the life of Jesus throughout the Lenten season! Also, the DC kids are hosting the Lenten suppers after church — they would love to serve you and are asking for donations for their upcoming trip!

### Call Updates

Miss Rosenbaum continues to deliberate her call to Palm Coast, FL. Please continue to keep her in your prayers and reach out if you'd like to share your thoughts!

### Pokemon Club

The Pokemon club will be meeting this Friday, March 14 @ 3:45 in the church's basement. New members are always welcome and you don't need to have any cards to join, we'll happily help you out. Please just ask Mrs. Most for an enrollment form.

### Panda Express Fundraiser

The Panda fundraiser is BACK and this time we are supporting our lovely DC kids! Orders for March 28, 2025. Please use [this link](#) or the QR code below to place your orders! NOTE: online orders only;) follow the steps on the website!



### Meal Train

Sophia Schupp — one of our aftercare workers and big sister to Georgia and Cora Hohenthal — was recently released from the hospital after a multi-week stay due to abdominal pain and other symptoms. Although she's been released, she is still very weak and has

## Upcoming Dates

### March

- 13-15 Junior Eagle Classic — A Team
- 14 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 18 Softball Info Meeting — Miss Rosenbaum's Room 3:45PM / Track & Field Info Meeting — Miss Rosenbaum's Room 4:00PM
- 19-21 No School — Spring Teacher's Conference
- 19 Lenten Worship 3:45PM
- 26 Lenten Worship 3:45PM
- 27 Early Release — NOON / NO AM4 Preschool
- 28 Quarter 3 Ends
- 28 Grade 2 Field Trip — Mobius
- 28 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 28 Panda Express fundraiser
- 30 Grades 5-8 Sing — 10AM
- 31 Report Card Handout

### April

- 4 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 7-11 No School — Spring Break
- 16 Grade 3 Field Trip
- 17 Science Competition — AM
- 17 Early Release — NOON / NO PM4 Preschool

a long road to recovery ahead. We put together a meal train for Sophia and her family, so if you'd be willing to drop off a meal for her at school, we will gladly pass that along. You can sign up for a day [here](#). Thanks!



### Chapel Offering

Our chapel offering total is at \$322.10. Thank you for continuing to bring those offerings on Thursdays! Remember, our offering is going to support Pastor Weibe and his ministry in Kelowna!

### Youth Group

What's better than seeing your friends at school every day? Hanging out together for youth group of course!! 5th grade on up — join us at the church this Sunday 3/16 from 4:30-6:30PM for bible study, Mario Kart, and snacks!

## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

WOW!!! What a wonderful and WILD week we are having in preschool!! We introduced our new theme: Safari and Zoo Animals. Our main focus will be on Safari animals and their habitat, but we will touch on Zoo animals and their man-made habitats, also. The big question we are going to try and answer these next two weeks is, "What makes a good home for animals?"

The children had fun painting camouflage binoculars this week. With a Safari hat on our heads and binoculars for our eyes, we are going on a Safari Hunt today and tomorrow!! What animals will we find? Ask your children what they saw!! The four-year old classes also had a great time painting with marbles. A white horse with black paint and marbles becomes a zebra!! We sure love this kind of painting in preschool. And SO nice and neat for everyone!!

With a new theme come new Centers!! Our Drama Center now has MagnaTiles. The children have a blast using their imagination and building their creations together. Fun in the Drama Center!! Our Science Center has two Busy Boards. There are SO many locks to lock, buckles to buckle and shoes to tie. What great hand/eye coordination is being mastered. Our Sensory Center now has squares of mock animal fur. The children get to match the plastic animal to the fur that the animal might have. SO much FUN in preschool!!

I still have a sign-up sheet for our Parent/Teacher conferences – both morning and afternoon 4-year old classes. We really can accomplish so much in only a 10-minute meeting. Sure would love to visit with you. Please check it out!!

#### NEXT WEEK IN PRESCHOOL:

**Christ Light Bible Story:** "Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem"

**Bible Memory Verse:** Psalm 103:1 "Praise the Lord."

**Theme:** Zoo/Safari Animals

**Letter of the Week:** Review P, Q, R, S, T

**Snack Person:** 3's AM Dawson 3's PM Wayne 4's AM Hallie 4's PM Sydney

**Upcoming Events:** Mar. 19 - 21 NO SCHOOL -Teachers' Conference

Mar. 26 - Kindergarten Visit

Mar. 27 - NO AM PRESCHOOL - Teacher Work Day

Apr. 7 - 11 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

Apr. 14 & 16 - Preschool Easter Egg Hunts

Apr. 17 - NO PM PRESCHOOL – Curriculum Study

Apr. 18 – 21 NO SCHOOL - Easter Break

See you next week for a short week!! God's Blessings!!

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

**XtraMath** — I have noticed a HUGE improvement from the students who are doing XtraMath on a regular basis. They are no longer using their fingers to add. It's so exciting to see what consistency can do! Please continue to have your child work on this a minimum of 3 days a week.

**Science Showcase** — A list of materials that your child and their partner will need was sent home on Wednesday. Please bring all materials to school by Monday, March 24. This needs to be put in a bag labeled with your child's name on it so we can keep track of it.

**BookIt Calendar** — Pizza coupons were sent home on Tuesday.

**Literature Bags** — These will be sent home today, March 13. Please remember they are due March 18. We have a short week next week so they need to be returned on time.

**Art** — We learned about Henri Matisse and how he "painted" with scissors. Your child's Matisse inspired art is hanging on the bulletin boards. Be sure to check it out! It adds a fun pop of color to our classroom.

**Book Bracket** — We are so close to determining a winner. Ask your child what books we have read and what they have enjoyed about them. Sometimes I'm surprised at their choices and it's so interesting to hear their rationale for why they picked a certain book.

#### Nightly Homework

- Have your child read with you for 20 minutes. Fill out the BookIt calendar.
  - Read the short a and short e booklet as a review.
- Memory Work
- XtraMath

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

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hello, First Grade Families!

This week in ChristLight we learned the story of how Saul became king of Israel. In Reading we learned how the common endings -s, -ed, and -ing affect words, such as in plays, played, and playing. Our Reading Song this week is "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" from the musical Oklahoma. In Math we started our chapter about geometry. I think the kids like it so far. In Writing we are talking about the different parts of a sentence. In Music we learned how to sing "sol" and "mi" and made up patterns with those two notes. In Spanish we are reviewing the months and the Lord's Prayer, and are learning some weather phrases. Tomorrow, as well as next week, we will take some time to build our Science Showcase projects. Thanks so much for getting the materials!

Next week there is school only on Monday and Tuesday. The rest of the week we teachers will be at a conference in Oregon. There's no Memory Work for next week because of the short week.

God bless you and your family! Enjoy your five day weekend!

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

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

#### Christlight/ Memory Work

- 3/18 - 2 Timothy 3:15
- 3/25 - Acts 5:29b
- 3/27 - The Second Commandment
- Please read the Bible story from this week (God's Answers Hannah's Prayer; Eli and His Wicked Sons) with your child during the weekend.

#### Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add your minutes to your March Book-It Calendar.
- Spelling: we will not have spelling due to the short week. We will use the two days to receive phonics skills from the past few weeks.

#### Extra Notes

- Math - we wrapped up chapter 9. This week, we talked about regrouping twice when subtracting, estimating when adding or subtracting, and working through problem solving strategies. The kids then took a chapter test.
- Reading - The kids got to read a story called "From Seed to Plant". This story is an informational text as it gives the life cycle of a plant. We talked about text and graphic features. Then we got to discuss cause and effect again. We worked on words with au, aw, al, o, and a.
- Writing - we are continuing our informational writing unit. The kids wrapped up taking notes on their chosen animal. This week, we focused on making a title page, choosing the main details/facts they wanted to share, and writing the table of contents.
- Science - This week, we learned about Jupiter and Saturn.
- Social Studies - We are going to start talking about some important historical figures. This week we talked about Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr.
- We have a field trip coming up on Friday, March 28 from 1:00-3:00. A field trip permission form came out last week. Please return the form signed along with the money by March 18.
- Science Showcase due date #1- students need to provide a list of materials they are planning to use along with a diagram of their initial design by tomorrow Friday, March 14.

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

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

#### Christlight/Memory Work

- 3/18 - The Eighth Commandment
- Please read these Bible stories with your child (Saul Serves God as King & Saul Turns Away From God)

#### Homework

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

#### What are we learning?

- In math we are starting chapter 9 which consists of different types of lines
- In social studies we are finishing up our tournament to see who won. The kids have done outstanding work.
- In reading we started our new book, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.
- In writing we are learning about comparative and superlative adjectives.

#### Extra Notes

- The first checkpoint of the Science Competition is due this Friday!
- Please continue to check with your child about any homework they have to complete.
- No spelling next week due to a short week.
- I was just informed from the weather station that there is a potential government shutdown, but will not know for sure until

Friday. So there is a possibility we can't go on our field trip next Tuesday. I will keep you posted.

- Our next field trip will be on April 16th, more details to follow.
- I will be gone at a teacher's conference Wednesday-Friday next week. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Enjoy your 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 2A - Saul is Chosen and 1B - Saul is Rejected.

**Reading** - We have begun our newest novel by Beverly Cleary, The Mouse and the Motorcycle.

**Math** - We are wrapping up our chapter on Statistic and Probability on Friday. We'll begin learning about fractions after the break next week.

**Science** - We have begun our final unit on physical science with the study of sound and light. This week we learned that light travels in a straight line, but we can make it bend.

Your child can bring in their Science Showcase diagrams and sheet to be checked by tomorrow. I am also sending them home with a journal to fill out as they are working through the testing and results.

**Soc. St.** - We wrapped up chapter 6 about the government today. Up next, Working in Washington.

#### Extras

- Please send a jacket or a sweatshirt with your child each day as it is still a bit chilly during the first recess of the day.
- As a class, they have earned the reward of having a movie party. We will be watching, "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" on Tuesday, March 18 in the afternoon. They can bring an extra snack to eat during the movie.

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

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Our student message of the week comes from Luca who says "I'm a queen!" I hope you all have a healthy dose this week of the same self-worth that Luca has!

In our classes this week, we are starting on the stories of Samuel, Saul, and David in Christ Light, while we have an assessment on the 7th & 8th Commandments in Faith Foundations. In Math, the 5th grade class had a test on adding and subtracting decimals, while the 6th grade class has been working on interpreting and organizing data. In Science, we are continuing our study of fossils and organisms. In English, we are looking at verb tenses, and we have been working on group presentations for Reading class.

Big thanks to Mrs. Benson for helping put together our classroom bulletin board in the church basement. Our classroom is being featured this month, and there are some "snapshots" of our school year so far. If you have pictures that you've taken of the class while attending a school event or helping with a field trip, I'd love for you to send them to me so I can add them to our board.

Our class is scheduled to sing with the 7th & 8th grade students in church at St. Matthew's on Sunday, March 30th. Please try to be there if possible. I always enjoy the opportunity to worship with my students!

Tomorrow is the first check-in date for our science showcase. Students should have a diagram of their project drawn up, along with a list of materials they plan to use. If anyone would like to take advantage of it, I will allow students to stay in my classroom after school on Tuesday the 18th until 4:30 to get some help on keeping their project moving. Please let me know if you plan on having your students stay.

### 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>

Pastor only had one Catechism class this week because of the basketball tournament this Thursday and Friday. Although the students did get to go through a Bible lesson this week. They looked at the following topic: "What to Say When Someone Pressures You to Sin?". It isn't always easy to say no to friends when they want you to do something that goes against what God commands. What the students learned this week is that they stand to lose a very precious gift – Jesus's love and heaven. When someone pressures them to sin, they are asking them to betray God and asking for His punishment. So, when someone asks them to sin, they learned to ask God for the strength to say "NO".

The seventh-grade math class took a test on the concepts taught in chapter 7 earlier this week. They now have begun to study Data Analysis and Statistics. They have learned about "Samples and Surveys", "Measures of Central Tendency and Range", and how to "Interpret Data." They will learn how to choose the right graph to display different data such as bar graphs, circle graphs, and histograms.

The students finish chapter ten on Australia and Oceania in History class last week. They have reviewed and tested on the material taught in chapter ten earlier this week. The students have begun a study of "European Transformation". In this chapter they will learn about the rise of the middle-class citizen, the age of industrialism and the beliefs and expressions of the time. These events take place between the late 1700's through the 1800's.

Earlier this week the students reviewed the material taught on arthropods in science class and have taken a test. They will begin a chapter on the different kinds of vertebrates the Lord created for this world of ours. They will study such things as ectotherms, reptiles, amphibians, and fish in the coming days.

In English/Language class the students will continue to study the rules of capitalization.

Quote for the week – “You just can’t hand a packet you!”

Mr. Z

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

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Helping out at the arena

Looking for a little side hustle that doesn’t involve you taking foot pictures and selling them on Facebook Marketplace? St. Matthew currently has a group of 9 people that volunteer their time to raise money for the school down at the Spokane Arena and Spokane Stadium. We have had information in the newsletter for quite a few weeks in regards to this opportunity. It is a great way to network with other people connected to our church and school, as well as meet other people from the community, all while we are raising money for the school.

Well, we have sweetened the pot for all of you. Should you choose to go through the hassle of getting your liquor license and food handlers permit (which I have all the information for you regarding this aspect.....and the fees are reimbursed to you by St. Matthew), then we will give you a \$75 credit for tuition per time that you help out. What’s the catch? You may be stuck working with me for the evening.....which may not be worth the \$75, but if you are willing to take that gamble, then this could be a great option for reducing your monthly tuition costs.

There wouldn’t be any certain commitments on your end. I typically send out a text or email with available dates for working, and it is usually first come first serve for volunteering. I pray this opportunity can be a blessing for many of you, as your service will certainly be a blessing to your school.

Our A team basketball is headed over to Evergreen Lutheran High School this weekend to compete in a basketball tournament against many other WELS grade schools. There will likely be an opportunity to watch the games online, and I will share that information with you all when I know it. Pray for safe travels for everyone heading over there, have a great weekend, and see you on Monday!

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## What Everyone is Looking For

You can go and see all of it—garments, instruments, and furniture. An organization called The Temple Institute of Jerusalem has, at tremendous cost and utmost care, recreated everything needed to begin regular temple worship in Jerusalem. Carefully embroidered clothing and special furniture covered in gold are all there and need only one more thing: They need the next great high priest to be appointed.

Of course, that isn't going to happen.

People have poured their hearts and souls into finding a high priest. Some do it by recreating expensive priestly garments and furniture like The Temple Institute of Jerusalem. Others aren't as flashy but are trying to create a new priesthood just the same. They hope that through some series of good deeds, right prayers, or other efforts they are being made right with God.

We are all searching for a high priest—someone who will make us right with God.

The good news is that we already have that person

who has made us right with God. We have a Great High Priest in Jesus Christ. He didn't do it through his work at the temple or by saying the right prayers. He did this at great cost, but not with gold or silver. He is the Great High Priest because he made the perfect sacrifice of himself for the sins of the world. He is the one who even today is interceding for us in heaven, saying to God the Father, "All their sins have been paid for."

Everyone is looking for someone. In Jesus, we have the Great High Priest who makes us right with God.

### Prayer:

Merciful Lord, you have made Jesus to be the Great High Priest. Make me look only to him and his work for the perfect assurance that I have been made right with God. Amen.

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Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

**Hebrews 4:14**