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The Timber Times
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School News

Basketball

B team players - please return your uniform washed to Miss Rosenbaum by TOMORROW- March 7. A team players/parents - expect the Junior Eagle Classic information to come out as soon as I receive the bracket from Evergreen. Thank you for your patience!

Softball/Track & Field

The sign-up sheets will be coming down tomorrow after school. Softball is for grades 5-8. Track and Field is for grades 3-8. If you are interested in helping out with track or softball, please let me know as soon as possible. Please make sure your child signs up if they are interested. Also note this is just to see who is interested. Details about each sport are not finalized. There will be an informational meeting on March 18 at 3:45 in Miss Rosenbaum's classroom.

Junior Choir

Junior Choir will not be meeting again until Monday, April 28 from 3:45-4:15. We don't sing for anything special until the baseball game on May 7, so we'll just take a break for a few weeks.

Meet Math

We have finished the MLC Meet Math competition for this year. Our school and students did very well. Listed below are the results for our school alone -

Division 7A (7th and 8th grade) St. Matthew is in 1st place.

Kade Foxall is in first place in the division, Bennett Van Horne placed 16th, and Maycee Marquardt placed 25th.

Division 6B (5th and 6th grade) St. Matthew is in 2nd place.

Camrynn Hendrickson placed third in the division, Conrad most placed 6th, Marie Gaulke placed 9th, and Claire Kester placed 18th.

Congrats to all these wonderful mathematicians.

Used Book Sale

Tomorrow is the last day to purchase books from our used book sale! Stop by the church basement to check out the selection!

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!

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 on Friday, March 14 @ 3:45 in the church's basement.

Spirit Week Conclusion

We are ending Spirit Week with Hawaiian Day tomorrow! Time to start looking for those hula skirts!

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 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!



Read2Ride Questions

Several of you have asked about the Silverwood Read2Ride program, and I found out that unfortunately we were not picked for the lottery this year due to the number of schools in our area who applied for the program. I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but hopefully we get in the rotation again next year!

Upcoming Dates

March

- 3-7 Used Book Sale
- 3-7 Spirit Week!
- 3-4 Basketball Tournament — Times TBD
- 3 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM — Mrs. Most's Room
- 5 Lutheranism Intro 2:30-3:30PM
- 5 Ash Wednesday Church 3:45PM — Junior Choir Sings
- 6 A Team Basketball Practice 4-5:30PM
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- 11 A Team Basketball Practice 4-5:30PM
- 12 Lenten Worship 3:45PM
- 13-15 Junior Eagle Classic — A Team
- 14 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 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 Grade 2 Field Trip — Mobius
- 28 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 30 Grades 5-8 Sing — 10AM

Chapel Offering

Our chapel offering total is at \$252.88. Thank you for continuing to bring those offerings on Thursdays! The pastor we are supporting in Canada did a skype chapel service with us today — it was great to "meet" him and hear about his ministry! Ask your kiddos if they remember anything about it!

SPIRIT WEEK

MARCH 3-7

MON

CRAZY HAIR
DAY

TUE

HAT
DAY



WED

WILD WEST
DAY

THU

CLASS
COLORS DAY

FRI

HAWAIIAN
DAY

PREK - GREEN	3 - RED
K - BLUE	4 - BLACK
1 - PURPLE	5-6 - ORANGE
2 - PINK	7-8 - BROWN



Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

It has been another amazing week in preschool!! We are in our second week of our Fire Safety Theme. This past Monday and Tuesday, we had our Fire Station field trips. Always a favorite for kids and parents, alike!! Thank you, parents and grandparents, for driving and sharing in our fun!! The kids and some parents even got to climb up into the driver's seat of the fire truck and get their picture taken!! What a great field trip!! Parents, please ask your children about 9-1-1 and what an emergency might look like, "Stop, drop and roll", "Stay low and go", and about YOUR family's meeting place, if there should ever be a fire situation. They have learned SO much these past two weeks!! They might even teach you parents a thing or two!!

Our centers have remained the same this week. Our Firehouse is still in the Drama Center and proves to be a favorite. Four fire trucks and a 3' Firehouse is pretty special!! Our Listening Center now has the book, One Rainy Day. Okay, not really a Fire Safety Book, but a great one as we are gearing up for Spring. Hedgehog LOVES the rain, but his rainy day turns into a great big adventure!!

This week, our Preschool classes had a great time building a Fire Truck out of shapes: squares, rectangles, and circles. Cutting and gluing – it doesn't get much better than that!! And they created these fire trucks all by themselves!!

Thank you SO MUCH for your participation this week to make our Book Fair a HUGE success!! We have our Book Fair open all week long in church's basement – what a fun way to fill your own home library with some "new" books. Thank you for your donations and also your purchases!

We have finally completed the evaluations of the children in our 4's AM class. Please sign up to have a Parent/Teacher Conference (only 10 minutes) with me so I can share with you the accomplishments we have seen in your little one thus far. 4's PM class – we are ALMOST done with yours!!! Hang in there!! Your turn is coming soon!!

NEXT WEEK IN PRESCHOOL:

Christ Light Bible Story: "Jesus Changes Zacchaeus' Life"

Bible Memory Verse: I Timothy 1:15 "Jesus came . . . to save sinners."

Theme: Zoo/Safari Animals

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

Snack Person: 3's AM Colette 3's PM Penelope 4's AM Grayson 4's PM Sofia

Upcoming Events: Mar. 3 - 7 Spirit Week

Mar. 3 - 7 Used Book Sale – Church's Basement

Mar. 6 - Otto is reading to the children 1:00 – 2:00

Mar. 19 - 21 NO SCHOOL - Teachers' Conference

Mar. 26 - Kindergarten Visit

Mar. 27 - NO AM PRESCHOOL - Teacher Work Day

God's blessings to you and your family!! Have a beautiful weekend!!

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- Information went home last week. Earlier this week the kids worked with their partner and talked about what they want to do and what materials will be needed. I will be sending home a list next week.

Book it calendar- If you have not sent in your February Book it calendar please do so by tomorrow, March 7.

Literature Bags- There will be no literature bags going home this week. If your child has not brought their bag back yet please make sure to return it as soon as possible it was due on Tuesday.

Nightly homework:

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

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

This week in ChristLight we learned the stories of two important Old Testament ladies: Ruth, who was devoted to her mother-in-law and even moved to Israel with her, and Hannah, who prayed for a son and was blessed to be the mother of Samuel, a prophet of God.

In Reading we are learning ways to make the oo sound, like ew, ou, oo, as in stew, soup, and spoon, as well as different ways to make the long i sound, as in ie, i_e, and igh, such as pie, mile, and high. Our Reading song for this week is The Big Rock Candy Mountains by Susie Tallman. We sing this song every day while reading the words, then I ask them a few questions about it, such as how many times do you see the word "and" in the song? Or, in verse 1, what word rhymes with fountain?

In Math we will finish up chapter 6 this week, which was about extending our math facts up to 20.

In Writing we are learning about subjects (the naming part) and predicates (the telling part) of a sentence.

In Music we learned about proper breathing for singing. In Spanish we are working on the Lord's Prayer song and the months. I will send home some more information sometime soon regarding the Science Showcase, such as who your child's partner is and what materials should be provided. Thanks so much!

Memory Work for next week is John 14:19 "Because I live, you also will live." Jesus spoke these words, and they are a great promise and comfort to us.

God bless you and your family. Have a great weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 3/11 - 1 Peter 5:8
- 3/13 - The Fifth Commandment
- Please read the Bible story from this week (Ruth's Faith; Ruth and Boaz) with your child during the weekend.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add your minutes to your March Book-It Calendar.
- Spelling: next week we will be working on aw, al, o. These are the words for next week: tall, saw, dog, draw, call, fall, soft, paw, ball, yawn, log, small, all, walk, awful, wallpaper. The spelling test will be Friday, March 14.

Extra Notes

- Math - we switched our focus to subtraction. We worked on counting back 1, 10, and 100. Then we finished up by regrouping when subtracting.
- Reading - The kids got to read a story called "Half-Chicken". This was a folktale - a story passed down through generations. This story had animal characters who talk and act like people. We dove into talking about cause and effect. We learned about the prefixes re-m un-, over-, pre-, mis-. We took a look at some silent consonants. Then we finished with a review of verbs.
- Writing - each student got to pick an animal book that they will be writing about for the informational writing unit. We talked about table of contents, glossary, captions, and so much more. Then the kids started to take notes and research about their chosen animal.
- Science - This week, we learned about Earth and Mars. We have been having a great discussion about space as the kids are very curious about it all!
- Social Studies - We are going to start talking about some important historical figures. This week we talked about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.
- We have a field trip coming up on Friday, March 28 from 1:00-3:00. A field trip permission form will be coming out tomorrow. 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 Friday, March 14.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 3/11- 1 John 4:19 & Genesis 39:9b
- 3/13 - Proverbs 3:5
- 3/14 - Galatians 5:13b & The Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer
- Please read these Bible stories with your child (Hannah and Samuel & Eli and His Wicked Sons)

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 talking about temperature and time.
- In social studies we are finishing up our flashcards for our presentations next week. The kids are really excited!
- In reading we started our new book, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.

- In writing we are learning about pronoun antecedent agreement.
- In science we are talking about different types of heat which will take us into our weather unit starting next week.

Extra Notes

- Please have your child continue to complete the check points for their science projects.
- Please continue to check with your child about any homework they have to complete.
- New spelling words will be in your child's Friday folder. Please be working through them with your child.
- Please sign and return the field trip form for the National Weather Service field trip by March 12th.
- Our next field trip will be on April 16th, more details to follow.

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

In the Classroom:

Word of God - Our lessons for this week are 1A - Hannah and Samuel and 1B - Eli and his Sons. I can't believe we are on our last set of 13 lessons for the year!

Reading - We are wrapping up our novel, Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary this week and begin another classic by Beverly Cleary next week!

Math - We have begun our chapter statistics and probability. We are learning about different types of graphs, combinations, and predicting probability.

Science - We have begun our final unit on physical science with the study of sound and light. This week we made kazoos and pan flutes to learn about vibration and pitch.

Your child can bring in their Science Showcase diagrams and sheet to be signed off on anytime between now and March 14.

Soc. St. - Thank you Mr. Casey for coming and helping us understand more about bill, laws, and our government here in Washington.

Extras

- Please encourage your child to practice their recorders. We are falling behind as a class on what we need to know to participate in the special concert in May.
- 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.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Our student message of the week comes from Freddy, who says "Do your homework." That's a good reminder at this time of year when we try to let things start sliding!

In our Religion classes this week, we finished up our study of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth with an assessment, and will next start learning about Samuel and Israel's rule by kings. In math, the 5th grade students have begun working with addition of decimal numbers, including the important rule: "Line up the decimal points!" The 6th grade math students are learning about how to create and interpret data in graphs. In Social Studies, we are using our chapter on ancient China to practice how to take notes when the teacher does not provide a study guide, and I am pleased to announce that no middle school students have perished as a result, despite their worries. In English, we are starting a study of verbs, having wrapped up pronouns last week. In Reading, all the literature circle groups have finished their novels, and will be starting work on their group presentations. We did not have Science this week due to the special class schedule at the end of each day.

I decided to delay Spelling for a week because of how many students we have missing. The list that was provided last week will be the one that we use next week.

Did you know our students have been competing in a national math competition this year? Once per quarter (twice in the 3rd Quarter) students took a six-question math test. The top four scores from our classroom were sent on as a representation for our school, and individual students were recognized as well. Results are still coming in for individuals, but our classroom has officially placed 2nd in our division with a score of 75 correct answers across all four tests. (We missed out on 1st place by 6 points, and stayed ahead of 3rd place by 1!) In addition, we had several students get recognized for their personal totals: Marie with 17 correct answers, Conrad with 19, and Camrynn with 20. Camrynn was our highest finisher, tied for 5th place. Nice job to our math students!

7th-8th 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 will be teaching three Catechism classes this week because I was gone on Monday. Thank you, pastor, for filling in on Monday.

The seventh-grade math class will have worked on key concepts such as commission, simple interest, compound interest before getting ready for a test either late this week or early next week.

This week the students in History class will finish chapter 10 on Australia and Oceania. They will have begun to review the material taught in this chapter to prepare themselves for a test next week.

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

Mr. Z

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Updates on teaching positions

Regarding our two upcoming teaching vacancies, there have been a few updates. The St. Matthew School Board plans to have me teach the 5-6th grade class for next year at this point. If anything were to change with this plan, we will notify you ASAP.

The 1st grade vacancy is still a bit more fluid. The plan is/was to combine 1st grade with either Kindergarten or 2nd grade. However, this plan requires a few things for consideration. First, we would want to make sure that we can be certain that if your child would be in that classroom, that it could be managed well, and academics would be taught at a high level. If you know anything about Miss Taasaas or Miss Rosenbaum, you know that neither of those things would be an issue as long as the number of children was reasonable. This brings us to the next consideration, which is size of class. If the class size for a combined classroom gets to be where the management and academics may slip, then we would decide to keep all of those classes separate and to call a new 1st grade teacher. We are hoping to give enrollment a few more weeks to begin to have a better idea of our numbers in those classes to aide us in making a decision. Lastly, Miss Rosenbaum's current call she is holding impacts our plans as well. We want to know what her decision as part of all of this, so that we can have the clearest picture possible about what is best for the school.

I will continue to update all of you as we move forward with this whole process. You can feel free to ask any questions you have, however, whether I am able to answer at the time of their asking is not certain.

I pray you all have fantastic weekends enjoying the wonderful weather again!

God's Plan Revealed

How do you discover God's plan for your life?

Moses lived 1,500 years before Jesus. Elijah lived 900 years before Jesus. They knew how their lives had turned out. They had gone to heaven at the end of their earthly lives. But they were still interested in how the life of Jesus would turn out. So, in a glimpse of the glory of heaven, they talked to him about it.

Three of Jesus' disciples watched the amazing sight and listened to the conversation. As Jesus described the plan for him to die and then rise from the dead, those disciples had to wonder if that was the plan for their lives as well. Later, they would understand that Jesus was living and dying and rising again so they could join him in heaven.

How do you discover God's plan for your life? You can ask Jesus about it in prayer. You will find the answers to your prayers in the Bible,

where Jesus describes the purpose for his life and yours. When unexpected things happen in your life, you can be sure that God still wants you and others to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

That truth is glorious and amazing. No matter the details of your life, you have eternal life with Jesus in heaven to look forward to. Thanks be to God!

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, keep me focused on your presence in my life until I join you in the glory of heaven. Amen.

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About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John, and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

Luke 9:28-31