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The Timber Times
April 17th, 2025

School News

Easter Break

Reminder that we have an extended break for Easter beginning today at noon-Monday. We will see you back in the classroom on Tuesday! He is risen, indeed!

Softball/Track & Field

Softball had their first game this week. Track had their first track meet as well. Next week, softball has practice on Tuesday and a game on Thursday. Track has practice on Tuesday and Thursday. See the google calendar for times.

Arbor Day Cleanup — Thanks!

Thank you to the parents and church helpers who came to assist the kids in beautifying our campus! The grounds are looking absolutely wonderful!

Science Competition

Our science competition is taking place this morning starting after chapel. We would love for you to join us in supporting the kids! Thank you to all the parents who have bought materials and/or assisted the kids in creating their projects! We are looking forward to this fun event!

Pokemon Club

The Pokemon club's next meeting will be Friday, April 25 from 3:45-5 pm. If the church doors happen to be unlocked, please make sure Mrs. Most or Mrs. Gaulke is in the church basement before leaving your child to attend.

The Vine — Rummage Sale Donations

If you are doing some spring cleaning and looking to donate unwanted items, consider giving them to our sister church so they can use it for their annual rummage sale! We will be collecting items in the parsonage garage (by preschool) April 21-27. Pastor Schultz will be coming from CDA to pick up all items on the 28th. If you have questions, please reach out to Jacob (715)402-0094.

Worship Opportunities

We have three worship services to continue to honor Holy Week: Maun-

dy Thursday tonight at 6:30PM, Good Friday tomorrow at 6:30PM, and Easter Sunday at 10AM. We also have an Easter breakfast Sunday beginning at 8:30AM. Please join us in celebrating the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior!

Grades 3-4 Sing in Church

Please note that on Sunday, April 27th grades 3-4 sing in church at 10AM. Thanks for joining us!

Junior Choir

Our next scheduled rehearsal is on Monday, April 28 from 3:45-4:30 pm. Due to a scheduling conflict on May 7, the date was able to be changed to May 8 for singing the national anthems at the Spokane Indians baseball game. The game begins at 6:35 pm and we will sing around 6:30 pm. We will probably meet at Avista Stadium at about 6:00 pm.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is just over 2 weeks away!!! Please, please take a look at our website [here](#) for ALLLL the details you could ever need for the week! We always come together to make the teachers feel special throughout the week, and I have faith that this year will be no different. Please reach out to Kayla (715)402-0114 if you have any questions surrounding this special week.



Yearbooks & Photos

Thank you so much to those of you who have sent pictures so far. If anyone else has photos you'd like to be considered for the yearbook, please email them to kmbiebert@gmail.com. Thanks!

I am planning to submit the yearbook as soon as the school year ends (similar to last year) and have a summer meet-up to pick up yearbooks when they are ready, so as the year is winding down, please continue to send

Upcoming Dates

April

- 17 Early Release — NOON / NO PM4 Preschool
- 17 Maundy Thursday Worship — 6:30PM
- 18 Good Friday Worship — 6:30PM
- 20 Easter Breakfast 8:30AM / Worship 10AM
- 18-21 No School — Easter Break
- 22 Softball Practice 3:45-5:00PM — Holmberg Park
- 22 Track & Field Practice 3:50-4:50PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 24 Softball Game vs. Faith Christian 3:30PM
- 24 Track & Field Practice 3:50-4:50PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 25 Grades 5-6 Field Trip — Fairchild Air Force Base
- 25 Pokemon Club 3:45-5PM — Church Basement
- 26 Church Frisbee Golf Outing
- 27 Grades 3-4 Sing in Church 10AM
- April 28-May 2 MAP Testing
- 28 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM — Mrs. Most's Room
- 29 Softball Game vs. Lake City 3:30PM
- 29 Track & Field Practice 3:50-4:50PM — Sky Prairie Park

May

- 1 Softball Game @ PCA 4:00PM
- 1 Track & Field Practice 3:50-4:50PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 2 Pokemon Club 3:45-5PM — Church Basement

***May 29* SAVE THE DATE**
— Carnival of Thanks! —
AFTER SCHOOL

me pictures of all the fun end-of-the-year events at St. Matt's! If you didn't pre-order a yearbook at the beginning of the year, I will send a half-sheet home with your child. If you'd like to purchase one, they are \$10 and you can attach it with the half-sheet and return to your child's teacher. Thanks!

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

What a fun and busy week we have had leading up to Easter AND our Easter Break! This week was full of activities – primarily focusing on Jesus' death on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter morning!!

On Monday and Wednesday, your children came home with a Resurrection Basket that my aides put together. Your children totally know our Bible stories from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday and they can tell it to you (perhaps with a little prompting). The four year old classes have the Resurrection eggs from Palm Sunday through Jesus' ascension to heaven. Please sit down with them and open each egg and let them share with you what they have learned about Jesus during this Holy Week and beyond! All of the classes have homework over Easter Break!! They need to tell this Resurrection Basket story to at least 3 people!! They totally can do it!! I love this take home activity – this is such a hands-on learning tool!! Our children are little disciples for Jesus!!

We also had fun this week making our Resurrection Gardens – another hands-on activity!! We actually were able to lay Jesus in His “tomb” and place a stone in front of the opening, so “no one could get in and no one could get out”. We then decorated this garden with “treasures” from our backyard: pinecones, bark, moss, leaves, sticks, etc. – everything to make Jesus' burial site beautiful. We sprinkled grass seed all over the dirt and added water. Just as our grass seed was dead . . . it will come to life!! Jesus was dead and He will come to life, also!! We can't wait to see what our beautiful Resurrection Garden will look like after our Easter Break!! And guess what?? The stone will be rolled away and Jesus will no longer be in the tomb because . . . HE IS ALIVE!! So much cool stuff is happening in preschool!! I love this time of year – sometimes so crazy busy, but these children are taking home so many cool things!! They are learning SO much about Jesus, our Savior, and what He has done for each and every one of us!! He died on the cross for us so we can go to heaven to be with Him!! It's just that simple!!

NEXT WEEK IN PRESCHOOL:

Christlight Bible Story: “Jesus Comes Back to Life”

Bible Memory Verse: 1 Thessalonians 4:14 “Jesus died and rose again.”

Theme: Easter

Letter of the Week: “Xx”

Snack Person: 3's AM Jonas 3's PM Jett 4's AM Seneca 4's PM Crew

Upcoming Events: Apr. 17 — NO PM PRESCHOOL — Curriculum Study
Apr. 18-21 — NO SCHOOL — Easter Break
Apr. 24 & 25 — Blue Day
May 8&9 — PreK-1 Musical 5:30PM
May 22 — Preschool Graduation 5:30PM

Have a blessed Easter celebration and a magical Easter Break!! Can't wait to see you after our beautiful break!! God's blessings to you and your family!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Work of the Week: At the beginning of the 4th quarter we started our Word of the Week journals. Our first word was “often”. This week our word is “exaggerate”. If you notice these words in your nightly reading with your child please point them out or you can use them in your everyday conversation. “You need to clean your room often.”

Sewing- I sent home a note earlier this week asking for help with sewing next week Wednesday. Please let me know if you are able to help for an hour from 11-12.

Math- We have been working on counting coins and soon we will be working on telling time to the hour.

Spring Musical- Please work with your child on memorizing their lines and speaking CLEARLY AND SLOWLY. Students need to know their lines by April 25.

ABC Countdown- I am looking for someone who would be willing to donate Pop Rocks for our countdown. This is a surprise so please don't mention this to your child.

Nightly homework:

- Have your child read with you for 20 minutes. Fill out the Book it calendar.
 - Read the short a,e,i booklets as a review.
- Memory work
- Memorize lines for the play
- XtraMath

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

This week in ChristLight we learned about King David's life, a big sin he committed, and how God forgave him and God always for-

gives us when we repent. We also learned how David's son Absalom tried to take over the kingdom but that was not God's plan.

In Reading we are learning that the letter y can make the long e sound, as in happy, and also the long i sound, as in fly.

In Math we are learning about the value of pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters and how to count up money.

In Writing we are practicing making lists. In Social Studies we are learning about weather, and in Science we are finishing up our science projects for the Science Showcase on Thursday. We have five students making egg drop protectors, six making popsicle stick houses, and one making a parachute.

We are really hitting play practice hard, so please help your child to memorize their lines. Thank you!

Our Memory Work for next week is Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. God bless you and your family! Have a wonderful Easter celebrating Jesus' victory over sin and death! Enjoy your long week-end!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 4/22 - The Seventh Commandment
- 4/24 - Matthew 28:19
- Please read the Bible story from this week (Absalom Sins Against David; Solomon's Wisdom; Israel's Kings Turn Away From God) with your child during the weekend.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day.
- Spelling: we will not have spelling next week due to the short week. We will review past concepts.

Extra Notes

- Math - we started our second to last chapter which is focusing on measurement. The kids got to measure objects with paper clips and rulers (inches).
- Reading - this week we reviewed some skills we have talked about throughout the year - setting, character, problem and solution, sequencing, and compare and contrast.
- Writing - we got to review couplet poems. Then we introduced acrostic poems. The kids have started working on their own acrostic poem. We will continue this next week.
- Science - we are moving onto our second to last unit. This unit is going to focus on plants. We talked about a plant life cycle and what plants need to survive.
- Social Studies - we reviewed all of the special historical people we have talked about the last few weeks. Then we are going to start talking about special holidays we celebrate in the United States and why we celebrate them/why it is celebrated on that specific day too.
- Our classroom is in need of baby wipes and paper plates. If you are able to donate something, we would gladly appreciate it. Thank you in advance!

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 4/22 - 1 Peter 5:8
- 4/24 - The 6th Petition of the Lord's Prayer
- 4/25 - The 9th Commandment

Please read these Bible stories with your child (Solomon Becomes King & The Idolatry of Solomon and Jeroboam)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day
- Work on spelling words
- Xtramath practice

What are we learning?

- In math we have started estimating multiplication problems. We have also looked at models with base ten blocks and matching the blocks with the equation. Our next unit will focus on division.
- In social studies we are looking at different parts in the west region.
- In reading we are working on different types of figurative language and making a booklet.
- In science we are working on our weather scripts and will be recording them next week!

Extra Notes

- Remember that there is no school this Friday or next Monday, enjoy your extended weekend!
- If your child is looking for something extra to do at home, they can be practicing their cursive writing. We have a final write coming up in the next couple of weeks.
- Please continue to check with your child about any homework they have to complete.
- The next spelling test will be on Tuesday the 22nd
- Thank you to those who chaperoned the field trip Wednesday, the kids had a blast.
- The 3rd and 4th grade sing April 27th at 10am, please plan to attend.

Have a blessed Easter!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

In the Classroom:

Word of God - Our lessons for this week are 6A - "Solomon's Wisdom" and 6B - "The Kings' Idolatry." We've been looking at how these tie in with our memory work for the week (Psalm 119:105 & Acts 5:29b) and to our lives, as we can have a divided heart like Solomon did by serving both God and idols.

Reading - We have begun our final book/books of the year, The Tale of Despereaux, by Kate DiCamillo, which is four books in one! Despereaux is quite the unique mouse as we are finding out in book one.

Math - Our new chapter in math covers adding and subtracting fractions. We are investigating improper fractions and how to simplify fractions.

Science - We are now looking at the world around us, focusing on plants and different divisions of the plant kingdom and making an informative poster about one of the divisions.

Soc. St. - We are now working on our Washington state report focusing on the main points of each chapter that we studied this year. Please send a picture of your child for their reports. It would be great if the picture could show them enjoying life here in Spokane. If you can't print the picture from home, please send it to my email and I can print it here at school.

(michelle.most@stmatthewspokane.org)

Extras

- Please mark your calendars, grades 3-4 will be singing in church on Sunday, April 27 at 10:00am.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In our abbreviated week, we did manage to get quite a bit of learning opportunities in! In religion, we are wrapping up the 10 Commandments and also learning about the later part of David's rule as King of Israel. In Math classes, the 5th grade students are taking a test this week on dividing with decimals, while the 6th graders are continuing to work with ratios and proportions. In Science, we are examining how both those who believe in Creation and those who believe in evolution can look at the same embryos and see evidence that supports their own beliefs. In English, we are starting a unit on adjectives and adverbs, and in Reading we are continuing our new book: "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind." Finally, in Social Studies we are starting to answer guiding questions leading us to our individual conclusions about why the Qin Dynasty fell so soon after the death of the Emperor.

Outside of the academics, we have our field trip to Fairchild Air Force Base scheduled for Friday, April 25th. Our chaperones for the trip are Mrs. Corr, Mrs. Ferre, Mr. Hallauer, Mrs. Hohenthal, Mr. Phillips, and myself. Please refer to the information on the permission slip for details of the trip.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help with events this week, both the grounds cleanup on Monday and the Science Showcase today. Your involvement really helps us succeed with these big events!

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.

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This week we studied the following topic in Bible History class: "Why Do I Have Troubles?". The students learned that God allows troubles in their lives to remind them of their sin, to strengthen their faith, and to fix their eyes on heaven. He also wants us to get into the spiritual habit to turn to Him and His word in times of trouble. Their memory work this week has also reinforced this concept – 2 Cor 4:17 and Romans 8:28.

The seventh-grade math class has started a new chapter this week. They are learning about "Two-dimensional Geometry". This topic looks at points, line, and planes. It also covers angles and how to find the degree of the angle. They have learned about complementary and supplementary angles.

In World History class the student continued their study of Raj India. They learned about the establishment of British rule in India and the effects on the Indian culture. They will also cover some of the missionaries that went to India and their influence on the culture.

This week in science class the students have been going on line and viewing the different habitats of zoo animals and comparing them with their natural habitats. They have several categories of animals they are researching – reptiles, birds, mammals, amphibians, and aquariums.

In English class the students have begun their study of plural nouns and their uses.

After the Easter break, the class will begin to read "The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe". This should be an exciting book to end the school year.

With so many events taking place this week – Arbor Day, Preschool Easter Activity, and the Science Showcase – we may not have gotten to everything I wanted to this week.

Quote for the week – Christ is risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Mr. Z

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Principal Thoughts You Probably Didn't Want.....but in this case, we all need

Easter Blessings

Easter: The reason our school even exists. There is no other week in the history of the world that is more important or has had a more significant impact on all of humanity. Christ turned the outlook for each of us from one where we were hopeless and destined for hell into one where we are filled with the certain hope of heaven. This is the hope that your children get to hear every single day at St. Matthew. This is hope that gives life meaning because we get the opportunity to rejoice in this hope and share it with friends and family knowing that eternity in heaven is for all who look to Christ in faith.

During this Holy Week break, I pray that you get to ponder the significance of all your Savior has done and is continuing to do for all of humanity. We truly have a good and gracious God! How awesome that we get to serve this same God, worship him, and grow in his grace every time that we dig into his Word.

I pray you all have a blessed Easter. Christ has indeed been raised, your sins are indeed forgiven, and through faith in Christ heaven is indeed yours. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive."-1 Corinthians 15:16-22

If You Want It, Go Get It

If you want something, you have to go get it. That's the kind of advice a parent, grandparent, coach, or mentor might have for a young person. Success doesn't just come to you. Opportunities don't just appear with no effort on your part. You have to get out there and make something happen and seize the opportunities when they come. You have to go get what's yours.

In most cases, it's probably good advice. But it doesn't seem like advice that Jesus heard or accepted. He had it all. He had the power and glory. He was God. He could do anything he wanted to do. But he gave it all away.

"He made himself nothing," the Bible says. He gave up comfort and ease. He set aside power and authority. He gave it all up to live as a human being, to live life as a lowly servant in this world. In utter humility, Jesus was counted among the worst criminals and sentenced to death. He was crushed under the weight of God's anger over sin and disobedience.

Instead of selfishly seizing greatness, he surrendered

to lowliness. Why? Because of the greatness of his love.

You see, there was something that Jesus wanted. He knew it wouldn't happen on its own. He had to go out and get it. He seized the opportunity and sacrificed everything to get it. What was it? It was you. It was me.

Jesus surrendered to lowliness and suffering to seize you from the grip of death in which your sins held you. He gave up everything to give you life and riches that you could never earn or achieve for yourself. Riches that will outlast every achievement and reward this world can offer.

Jesus seized the opportunity to surrender what he had to give you what was his—a place in the family of God and an eternal home. That's what this week that Christians call "Holy Week" is all about.

Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, no one loves me as much as you love me. Thank you for coming to earth and giving up everything to give me life with you in heaven. Amen.

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Christ Jesus . . . being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing.

Philippians 2:5-7