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School News

Chapel Offering

In case you weren't already aware, I wanted to relay that our chapel offerings for this quarter will be split between two families who recently received cancer diagnoses. We will be collecting chapel money for those families until the last chapel in first quarter (October 24). Please remember to have your child bring in their offerings on Thursdays!

Singing in Church

Thank you to the many families that attended church last Sunday for the kids to sing "Speak, O Lord." What a wonderful blessing to hear their beautiful voices!

Panda Express Fundraiser

Thank you to so many of you who ate Panda Express last Thursday to support our fundraiser! We raised \$436.12 across five different states!

Junior Choir

Our next rehearsal will be Monday, September 30 from 3:45-4:30.

Picture Day

Reminder that the kids will be having their picture days next Monday and Tuesday! **Monday will be Prek 3's & grades 1-4. Tuesday will be Prek 4's, K, & grades 5-8.** If you signed up for sibling photos, please look for an attachment to the weekly email which indicates which day your kiddos will be doing their sibling photos.

The photographer will be uploading all photos to private galleries for each family, and all ordering will be done online after photos are uploaded to the gallery. If you have any questions, please ask them directly to the photographer, Britt Harvey, at hello@brittharvey.com

BookIt!

Once again Preschool-6th grade is taking part in the Book it program sponsored by Pizza Hut. This program runs October-March. Your child

will receive their October calendar from their teacher by next week along with a note explaining more information about how they can earn a pizza coupon as well a final prize at the end of the program. Please read through the information and speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Van Gogh Field Trip

Wow!!! What a fun day! Thank you to the chaperones, drivers, and teachers for all your work organizing this trip and to the kiddos for behaving so well! What a blessing it is to be able to attend a field trip as a whole school!!

K-4 Soccer

Details about the mini scrimmages are still to come. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Rosenbaum via remind.

5-8 Soccer

Practice today is at Andrew Rypien Field from 4:00-5:30. Next week on Tuesday (10/1), there is a game at Southside at 3:45. Kids are dismissed at 2:45. On Thursday (10/3), there is a game vs. Lake City at Andrew Rypien Field at 4:15. Kids are dismissed at 3:15. Please make sure to be communicating with your child's teacher if you plan to take younger siblings with you to the game. Thank you!

Yearlong Apparel Store

We are trying a different approach to apparel this year, and we are partnering with BSN Sports to offer a yearlong apparel store! [Please find all information here.](#) As an added bonus, until the end of October, all orders are 20% off with the code SPRIT20. Get all your fun merch online!



Pokemon Club

Our next meeting will be Friday, October 4 from 3:45-5:00 in the church

Upcoming Dates

September

- 26 5-8 Soccer Practice — 4:00-5:30PM
Andrew Rypien
- 27 No School — St. Matthew Retreat
- 27-29 St. Matthew Retreat!!!
- 30 Picture Day — 3's Classes & Grades 1-4

October

- 1 Picture Day — 4's Classes, K, Grades 5-8
- 1 Soccer Game @ Southside 3:45PM
- 2 K-4 Soccer Practice — 3:45-4:45PM
Linwood Park
- 3 Soccer Game vs. Lake City 4:15PM
- 4 Pokemon Club — Church Basement
3:45-5:00PM
- 4 DC Hot Lunch — Nachos
- 7 3's Preschool Field Trip — Hidden Acres
- 7 Junior Choir — Mrs. Most's Room
3:45-4:30PM
- 8 4's Preschool Field Trip — Hidden Acres
- 9 Soccer Game @ Christian Heritage
4:00PM
- 10 K-4 Soccer Scrimmage — Linwood Park
- 11 Soccer Game vs. Faith Christian
3:00PM
- 12 Pokemon Club — Church Basement
3:45-5:00PM

basement. Please pick your child up using the entrance to the basement on the basketball court.

No School Tomorrow

We do not have school tomorrow due to the camping retreat. Excited to see many of you there!

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

We have had another fabulous week in preschool!! A brand new theme and also brand new centers!! This week we are talking about Fall!!

What a fun week we had painting leaves and stamping them out. We also used corks to paint beautiful colored "leaves" on some trees!! Monday and today, we had a great time celebrating the color RED!! Everyone wore red clothes to school, and then we had a fun time playing hide 'n' seek with red circles!! WHAT FUN!!

We have pipe cleaner trees in our Sensory Center that the children can add buttons to and we have our puppet theater in our Drama Center!! So much activity and SO much FUN!!

Mr. Metzger is having a great time sending some of his kids over to preschool to share in some amazing moments!! His big kids are reading bible stories, sharing in Circle Time, doing crafts and even playing during recess with these littles!! What a great connection the preschool is making with these BIG kids!! Thank you, Mr. Metzger!!

Four year old parents, I have been evaluating your children and would love to sit down with you to share what I am observing. Please look for a Parent-Teacher Conference sign up sheet in the next week or so in order for us to get together to talk about your child. Thank You!!

NEXT WEEK'S INFORMATION:

- * **Christ Light Bible Story** - "God Saves Noah and His Family."
- * **Bible Memory Verse** - I Timothy 2:3,4 "God wants all people to be saved."
- * **Theme** - Fall
- * **Letter of the Week** - D
- * **Snack Person** - 3's AM Grayson 3's PM Navie 4's AM Clark 4's PM Brandon
- * **Upcoming Events** - Sept 27 - NO SCHOOL
Sept. 30, Oct. 1 - Picture Day
Oct. 7, 8 - Hidden Acres Field Trip (Green Bluff)
Oct. 16-18 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Conference

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

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Singing in church- The kids did a beautiful job singing in church. Thank you to all who attended!

MAP test results- Check your child's yellow folder for the test results.

Book it- October-March we participate in the Book it reading program. There is a note in your child's yellow folder explaining how to earn a pizza coupon. Also take note of the opportunity to earn an additional prize at the end of the year.

Tent or Treat- October 25 St. Matthew is hosting a Tent or Treat for the community. We will have easy up tents decorated for our students and members of the community to stop by and trick or treat in a safe environment. Each classroom is expected to host a tent. The kindergarteners have come up with a theme we just need the help of you parents to help execute our design. Please speak with me if you can help, donate candy, or donate an easy up tent. Thank you so much for your help and support!

Nightly homework:

- Read with you for 20 minutes
- Practice Memory Work
 - If you have lost your memory work sheet you can find it on our school website on my classroom page.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

Here's what we've been learning this week:

In ChristLight we learned that God answers our prayers, but not always in the way we expect. Like how God rescued Lot and his family from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

In Reading we are reading and spelling words with the short i sound (like in igloo.)

We are starting Chapter 2 in Math, which is about addition.

In Writing we are learning when to capitalize letters. In Science we talked about thermometers and temperature, and in Social Studies we looked at a map of a school.

On Tuesday we filled up our star chart and got a reward: we watched the movie Lady and the Tramp and had some popcorn.

Tomorrow, Friday, September 27 there is no school due to the St. Matthew Retreat at Riverview Bible Camp.

Next week Monday, September 30 is Picture Day for our class!

The Memory Work for next week, October 3rd is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."
Proverbs 3:5

Have a wonderful weekend! May God bless you and your family.

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 10/1 - Hebrews 11:1
- 10/3 - 8th Commandment
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (God Answers Abraham's Prayer; God Tests Abraham's Faith) with your child during the weekend.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add it to your October Book-It Calendar starting next week.
- Next week, we will be working on the phonics skill of blends with nd, ng, nk, nt, xt, and mp. These are the words for next week: next, end, camp, sank, sing, drink, hunt, stand, long, stamp, pond, bring, jump, left, young, friend.

Extra Notes

- Math - We started unit two which will be working through place value.
- Reading - we are wrapping up unit one with lesson five which is focusing on community. The kids got to read the story "Teacher's Pets". We focused on the phonics skill of consonant blends r, l, s. Consonant blends are two or more consonants next to each other in a word that make their letter sounds. EX: scrap
- Science - We have begun our unit on looking at bones and muscles. This week, we got to take a look at cartilage and our skeleton.
- Writing - we dove into talking about apostrophes to show ownership and underlining titles.
- Social Studies - unit 2 is underway, taking a look at our country/state we live in. We started by making a state booklet for Washington.
- Book it will start in October. An informational note was sent home today as well as the October calendar.
- Our first life skill was great! The kids got to cut apples and peppers. You should ask them to help you in the kitchen sometime! Thank you to Mrs. Zabel for helping out during the activity.
- Thank you to everyone that made it to church on Sunday! The kids sounded beautiful.
- Picture day for our class is next week on Monday, September 30.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 10/1 - 1 Peter 5:7
- 10/3 - 1 John 1:7b & NT Books of the Bible
- 10/4 - The 8th Commandment
- Please read the two stories with your child (God Tests Abraham's Faith * A Wife for Issac)

Homework

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

What are we learning?

- In math we are learning how to estimate when adding numbers.
- In social studies we are talking about different regions in the United States.
- In reading we are working on comprehension as well as writing complete sentences.
- In science we are learning about different animal groups.
- We just started writing in cursive in our handwriting books. The students have been looking forward to this for some time.
- Please check with your child daily if they have their assignment notebook and their homework folder.

Have a great extended weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

In the Classroom:

Reading - What would it be like to immigrate to the US in the early 1900s? We are exploring this and many other concepts through our new novel, In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson, one of my favorites.

Math - Please encourage your child to work extra hard when completing Xtramath. We all need to be working hard on knowing our division facts at 6 seconds or less by the middle of October. This will help your child have better success in the math lessons being taught at the end of October.

Science - Our assessment on Weathering and Erosion will be either next week Wednesday or Thursday.

Social Studies - That's a wrap on chapter one on Washington's geography. Next up, learn about a few more national parks, then onto the Native People of Washington and how they lived.

Extras.

- Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for worship this past Sunday. The children did a beautiful job of singing the song that we've taken the time to learn in class to praise our Savior.
- Book-it begins next Tuesday. I will send home the calendars and note about how to earn the different colored stars on Monday. Please make sure it stays in a safe place so your child can record the minutes they read each day. I do expect the children to hand in the calendar at the end of the month to show they have been diligently keeping up with their nightly reading.
- Please check with your child everyday if they have any homework. It should be written in their planner and found in the homework envelope in their binder. I will not be checking them everyday to ensure that all is filled out properly as that is their responsibility.
- Please continue to check your child's grades. I correct as much as I am able each day after school, but the majority of it gets done over the weekend. I try to at least update the missing or late work each day so you stay in the loop.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Thank you to the parents that have visited the classroom during this last week. I really appreciate you taking the time to come and see what learning looks like in the 5th and 6th grade room. You're welcome back any time, and I encourage all parents to keep looking for opportunities in your schedule to come join us for a little bit of your day.

Our students also got to start volunteering in the preschool this week. So far, everyone who has come back has said it was fun and asked when they can go again. Thank you for allowing your children to build those connections with our younger students!

In classes this week, we are continuing our study of the ups and downs of Abraham's life, focusing on how things go well when Abraham trusts in God, and things don't go well when he trusts in himself instead. In Math classes, 5th grade is coming to the end of their chapter on multiplication, while the 6th grade is taking a test on their multiplication chapter. In Science class, students are working on their "adopt-an-element" research project, now including a little element with googly-eyes they get to decorate and keep at their desks. In English class, we are continuing our study of subjects and predicates as the foundational pieces of sentences. In Reading class, we are learning what makes myths different from other kinds of stories, and looking for the elements of mythology in The Lightning Thief. Finally in Social Studies, we are learning about some of the secular ideas about what early groups of people were like, and comparing those ideas with what the Bible says to see what information we can trust, and which information we need to be more skeptical about.

Finally, I have heard from two parents who volunteered to be involved with our classroom's tent for the upcoming tent-or-treat event in October. Thanks very much to those parents for reaching out! If you would like to be involved as well now that there are some other people taking the lead, please let me know and I'll loop you in on the planning.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

Some parents have donated napkins and hand wipes to the classroom. Thanks much! We could use more if you are willing to donate.

This is a reminder that all students have access to my Planbook to retrieve homework if they miss school for various reasons. All textbooks have been scanned into the website. Here is the link if you need it again.

<https://app.planbook.com?t=2011934&k1234&v=W&y=92524834>

For religion class next week, the kids will be studying Lutheranism. It has been an exciting journey to discuss some major religions in our world today and what the Lord has to say to us about them.

October is right around the corner. How time flies when you are having fun. Our classroom is part of the Tent or Treat event. Tammy Lee and Fiona Metzger have volunteered to plan our classroom tent theme. If you would like to help out in any way please contact them. I don't know the theme right now. That will be discussed with the class on October 2nd.

If you have any question about the classroom please ask. I am available before school and definitely after school. Text messages are a great way to keep in touch also.

Have a great weekend in the Lord. If you are attending the camp outing this weekend, please drive safely and have fun.

Mr. Z

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Grass

It is not a full blown free-for-all, but the kids were allowed to start going on the grass this week. As of now, we are allowing around 40-45 kids on the grass, and will monitor how the grass is responding. We will continue to have three main areas that are monitored by our teachers at recess, namely the basketball court, field, and playground equipment.

There may be times in the future where our Board of Education asks us to stay off, because of overly wet or vulnerable conditions in early spring or during a possible melt in the winter. We will notify you and the children if this is the case. Please do your

part as well to help the kids take care of the playfield after school hours, so that we can hopefully reduce the likelihood of having to go through this all again.

Thanks for all your patience through the whole process. God Bless your weekends. Hope to see many of you at camp!

The Servant of All

Occasionally, as I'm standing in line at the gas station or grocery store, the lottery lights catch my eye. And when I see the potential payout climb to hundreds of millions of dollars, it makes me think: what would I do if I had all of that? I picture eating steak and lobster in my mansion, cruising around the Mediterranean Sea, or relaxing on the beaches of Hawaii. If I'm honest, I see a life of luxury.

If you had money, power, and connections, wouldn't you want "the good life" too? Wouldn't you just want to relax and take life easy? Isn't that what so many are striving and struggling for—a life a little bit easier and more bearable?

When the disciples saw the power and fame of Jesus, they, too, thought that because of their connections to Jesus, their lives were about to get a lot easier. No longer would they be nobodies! People would know who they were! Perhaps they could quit their jobs, put their feet up, and enjoy a life of ease and luxury.

But Jesus shatters those delusions because that's not what the life of being

his follower looks like, and that's not what Jesus came to do.

Jesus had a life of luxury, which so many dream of. He sat on heaven's throne, ruling and reigning over all creation. But his love for mankind compelled him to take on flesh and endure the suffering and punishment for humanity's sins. He came to serve us with himself so that life in the perfect paradise of heaven wouldn't be just some day-dream but a soon-to-be reality.

So, what are we to do as his children? We serve. We serve our neighbor. We serve with our talents, time, and treasures so that we can have the opportunity to witness to others about the sacrificial love of

the Savior. May God bless us as we serve our neighbor and, in so doing, serve him!

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you serving as my Savior. Move my heart to serve my neighbor and bless my efforts to serve you in your kingdom. Amen.

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Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Mark 9:35