

August 18, 2017

LCS Newsletter

Our Mission: "To share the Good News of Jesus Christ, teach children, and assist parents in training children to be witnessing Christians and productive citizens."

Thought for the Week

Finally, Forgiveness

Colossians 3:12-13 - Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

There is only one unforgivable sin.

But, if you are from Chicago, or are a died-in-the-wool Cubs fan, there is a second sin which you might think is mighty close. That sin was committed 14 years ago by one individual: a fellow by the name of Steve Bartman.

For those of you who don't remember, the year was 2003 and the Cubs were in the National League Championship Series. They were five outs away from an appearance in the World Series. It was then the batter on the opposing team hit a foul ball. It appeared the Cubs outfielder might be able to snag that foul for an out. That was when Steve Bartman, a loyal Cubs fan, reached down with his baseball glove and deflected the ball.

There were a number of things which happened because of Bartman's error: the Cubs had to wait more than a decade for their World Series win. Steve Bartman had to be escorted from the stadium and was given police protection from those who wanted to kill him (really).

Since then, people have endlessly asked, "What would happen if only Steve hadn't ...?"

But now, hopefully, things have changed. You see, the Chicago Cubs have decided to give Steve Bartman a World Series ring of his very own. They did so saying, "We hope this provides closure on an unfortunate chapter of the story that has perpetuated throughout our quest to win a long-awaited World Series."

In other words, Steve Bartman is forgiven.

You know, it took more than a bit of gold and a few diamonds to win our forgiveness for all the Laws of the Lord that we have broken. Jesus Christ, God's only Son and our Savior, was born into the world for the express purpose of offering Himself as the price necessary to reconcile us with the Lord. The Redeemer's entire life from cradle to grave and beyond was dedicated to fulfilling the Laws we had desecrated and resisting all the temptations which we had found to be so very inviting.

Although innocent of any wrongdoing, our sins were laid upon Jesus, and He carried them to the cross where He died the death, which we had deserved. Now because of what the risen Christ has done all who are brought to Him in faith are forgiven and saved. <continued on pg. 2>

To be released from sin's curse is a wonderful, blood-bought gift, which calls for a response from us who are the undeserving recipients. And what is that response? Simple. We need to forgive others as we have been forgiven.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, for all that my Savior has done, for His selfless sacrifice and continuous caring, I give thanks. Now grant that I may be able to forgive others as completely as I have been forgiven. This I ask in the Redeemer's Name. Amen.

The above devotion was inspired by a number of sources, including one written by Gina Carey for Newser on July 31, 2017. Those who wish to reference that article may do so at the following link, which was fully functional at the time this devotion was written:

<http://www.newser.com/story/246535/cubs-make-peace-with-steve-bartman-in-a-big-way.html>

Students and Families we are praying for this week...

Each week in our faculty devotions and classroom devotions we lift up our LCS students and their families in prayer. During the week of August 21st we will be praying for Payton Cottey, Cayleb Covert, Kameron and Jaren Cunningham, Addison and Carson Darlage, Carson Darlage, Haley Derringer, Elin Dick, Willa Disque, Ashton Drake, and Logan Dugan.

2017-2018 Chapel Offerings

Following is a list of where our chapel offerings will be going throughout the school year. Some months there will be a monetary collection and some months we will be collecting certain items as noted below. More information will be provided prior to each month's offering.

August/September - Monetary collection for the family of Kinley Tormoehlen

October-Blanket Collection for Sertoma (blankets must be new)

November-Monetary Collection to Support a Seminarian

December-Hats and Mittens for Seymour Clothing Center

January - Baby Items for Pregnancy Care Center

February - Toiletries for Care Kits through Orphan Grain Train

March - Monetary Collection for Hearts 4 Haiti

April - Monetary Collection for LCMS World Relief

May - Canned Food Drive for Anchor House

Calendar

NJHS Car Wash

The Lutheran Central School chapter of National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a car wash on September 10 from 9:30am-2:00pm at the Lutheran Central School parking lot. Advance tickets are available from NJHS members or the school office for \$5.00 each. Car washes are also available without advance tickets. A free will offering will be accepted. The car wash includes a pre-soak, wash, and rinse. If you have questions, please contact an NJHS member: Zoe, Kelsey, Dylan, Jaren, Peyton, Addie, and Mallory, or the NJHS sponsors: Mrs. Rohr and Mrs. Isaacs. Thank you for supporting our chapter!

Fall Mum Sale

Students in grades 5-8 will be selling mums to raise money for their eighth grade class trip to Washington D.C. The selling price for each mum is \$8.00. The mums come in 9 inch pots and the plants themselves are 12-18 inches in diameter. All plants need to be paid in full when a customer places an order. All orders along with all money must be turned into the school office no later than Monday, August 28th. **NO ORDERS WIL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PAYMENT IN FULL AND NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

The delivery date for the flowers will be **Wednesday, September 6th**. Flowers may be picked up between 3:30-5:30pm on the day of delivery. If you have any questions please contact the school office. Additional order forms can be found at www.lcsaints.net and on the Sycamore School site.

August 21

Chapel, 8:30am (led by Pastor McKinley)
Solar Eclipse Viewing (afternoon)

August 22

6 VB @ Sauers, 6:00pm
8VB @ Sauers, 7:00pm

August 28

Chapel, 8:30am (led by Pastor Keller)
Student Council Elections, after chapel
Mum Orders Due

August 29

7 VB @ Jennings County, 6pm
8VB @ Jennings County, 7pm

September 1

Grade Review

September 4

No School-Labor Day



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Sycamore Information

The following pages contain some notes and reminders about how to update and access information on the Sycamore site. It also contains information about how you can view your statements for Tuition/Registration Fees and Lunch Fees and how you can make payments using a Credit Card or ACH payment.

Also, this will be the only school newsletter that is printed and distributed to all students. Beginning next week all weekly school newsletters will be available at www.lcsaints.net and on the Sycamore site under the "Documents" tab. If you would like to receive a paper copy please contact the office and we will send a paper copy home with your child.