

# 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

### "Real Truth"

*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. (Luke 2:1-3)*

Notice how carefully Luke pins down the time of the birth of Jesus. It happened during the days of the census-the first census (Luke clarifies), the one when Quirinius was governor. Luke wants us to know for certain that Jesus' birth is an actual historical event, something that really happened, in a place where you can go and visit if you choose.

Why is Luke so detailed about all this? Who really cares which census it was, or who was governor or even emperor at the time? Can't we just get right to the story?

Luke says no. He says that "it seemed good to me, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught" (Luke 1:3-4).

Certainty is hard to come by today. We have "fake news" and "alternative facts" on TV and on the internet. People twist one another's words and even alter photographs to show things that didn't really happen. Or, if they did happen, they lie outright, changing the details to suit themselves.

But Luke won't play that game. Jesus' birth really happened, at this time, in this place. Our Christian faith is built on historical events, not on airy philosophies and the ideas of human thinkers, however wise they may be. God has come into the real world, the world of dates and times and facts.

God has come into our world, a world desperately in need of truth. We need a real God, one who speaks and commands and judges and saves. We need a real Savior, one who lays down His own human life to rescue the real, broken people who trust in Him, and then rises to real, everlasting life again forever. We need a real Holy Spirit, one who finds us even in the darkness and brings us into the true, glorious light of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God, that's exactly what we have-a real hope, a real joy, a real baby lying in a manger, the Savior of our world. Amen.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, thank You for seeking us out in our darkness and confusion. Strengthen us in Your truth. Amen.

This devotion was taken from The Lutheran Hour Ministries ([www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org))

## 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 weeks of December 18th and January 1st we will be praying for Haley Derringer, Elin Dick, Willa Disque, Ashton Drake, Logan Dugan, Kelis East, Noah Ellis, Brady and Ethan England, Beau, Hudson, Olivia, and Quinn Fritz, Charli, Preston, and Ryder Garrison, Maggy Gill, and Nick and Thad Goecker.

## Citizen Saint Awards

In an effort to recognize the God-given talents and abilities of our students we will be recognizing Citizen Saints each week. These students are chosen by the faculty and staff and are recognized for outstanding academic achievement or demonstrating Christian love toward others. Citizen Saint Award recipients for the weeks of December 4th and 11th are Hunter Trueblood, Beau Fritz, Drake Wolka, Prather Peters, and Nolan Walker.

## Special Events-December 18 and 19

On December 18 and 19 students will have an opportunity to show their Christmas spirit. Special events for those days are as follows.

**December 18** - Merry Morning Monday - Wake-up and come to school in your PJ's

**December 19**

Christmas Chapel, 8:30am

Christmas Program Practice, 9:15-10:30am

Geography Bee, 1:00pm

Christmas Sing-along, following Geography Bee

Congratulations to the participants in this year's Geography Bee. They are:

4th Grade - Caden Wischmeier & Evan Stahl

5th Grade - Haley Derringer & Avery Harrison

6th Grade - Connor Nichols & Levi Pottschmidt

7th Grade - Carson Darlage & Nolan Walker

8th Grade - Liam Kreis & Mallory Shoemaker

## Astronauts Land at LCS

This past week students in the 5th and 6th grade STEM class were tasked with constructing a lunar lander that would successfully deliver their astronauts from a height of 6 feet. The teams of Kelis East and Emalee Goss and Paisleigh Peters and Levi Pottschmidt successfully landed two astronauts with their lunar landers.



## January Chapel Offering

For the month of January we will be collecting items for Clarity (formerly Pregnancy Care Center). Items that they are in need of include; size 3, 4, 5, and 6 diapers, baby wipes, baby bottles, baby wash, Gerber Gentle Formula, receiving blankets, and sleepers size 0-3 months.

Students may give one of the items listed above in place of a monetary offering during the month. Monetary offerings will be accepted and will be used to purchase additional items for the Clarity collection.

We will have a collection boxes located throughout the school throughout the month of January. Thanks so much for your support in this effort.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our December Chapel offering. We collected a total of 60 pairs of mittens/gloves, 70 hats, and 25 scarves for the Seymour clothing center.



## Calendar

### December 16

6th Boys Bball at Sauers Tourney  
8th Boys Bball at Sauers Tourney

### December 18

8th Girls Bball vs. St. Peters, 6pm  
8th Boys Bball vs. St. Peters, 7:15pm

### December 19

Chapel, 8:30am (Chapel will be led by Pastor McKinley)

Christmas Program Practice, 9:20am

Geography Bee, 1:00pm

6th Boys Bball vs. Medora, 6pm

LEA Board Meeting, 7:00pm

8th Boys Bball vs. Medora, 7:15pm

### December 20

Christmas Break Begins - No School through January 2nd

Advent Services at St. Peters, Trinity, and St. Paul, Wegan, 7:00pm

### December 21

6th Girls Bball at St. Charles, 6pm

8th Girls Bball at St. Charles, 7:15pm

### January 3

School Resumes

Chapel, 8:30am (Chapel will be led by Pastor Keller)

## Upcoming Basketball Volunteers

Game Date, Teams, Time	Concessions	Clock	Clean-up
Monday, December 18 8G/8B vs. St. Peters, 6pm	Tom and Joana Wischmeier	Dave Goecker	Brian and Tammie Covert
Tuesday, December 19 6/8B vs. Medora, 6pm	Mendy Stahl Sharon Pottschmidt	Dave Goecker	Jeff and Connie Stahl
Thursday, January 4 5/8B vs. St. Vincent, 6pm	Kyle and Heather Lutes	Greg Walker	Alex Hutcheson Brian and Tammi Covert