

December 8, 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

A Strange First Christmas

"What Child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping, whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?"

I love Christmas! I always look forward to the holiday and every year I imagine the snow-covered lawn, the beautiful Christmas tree, and the joyous music that comes with the holiday. This particular year is even more exciting for me, because the dream of a white Christmas actually came true.

Why is Christmas so wonderful? Why do we spend so much time waiting for it to come each year? It cannot be just because it looks beautiful outside, or because you think your parents will get you a really good present this year, or because you don't have school or work on that day. There must be a reason that this holiday is so special.

Well, it is because about 2,000 years ago there was no snow, no festive lights, and no holiday music, but there was a tiny baby born in Bethlehem to new parents who really didn't understand exactly who this child was. This child had come unexpectedly into the life of a young Jew named Mary who was planning her marriage to a young man named Joseph. They were not expecting to have a baby and the news of Mary's pregnancy nearly ended her engagement to Joseph. Despite these less than perfect circumstances, God had chosen Mary as the mother of His most precious Son, and had chosen Joseph to raise the child in a good home.

It must have been a strange night-the night of Jesus' birth. His parents, unable to stay in any lodging place were forced to make themselves comfortable in a stable with the other horses, cows, and donkeys of the other travelers to Bethlehem. So many today say that they would have given up their rooms to Mary and Joseph if they had been there because they would have known how important this new child was. How could they have known? Even His own earthy parents really had no idea how special this child was. They couldn't have foreseen His eventual death on the cross and His resurrection. They couldn't have guessed that this little child would bring eternal salvation and new life to the entire human race: past, present, and future. They couldn't have seen the peace and comfort His words and promises would bring to sin-stricken consciences. On that night, He was just a new, small baby who needed food, clothing, and shelter from the night air just like any newborn.

I cannot help but imagine what Mary and Joseph would think if they could see our holiday lights, hear our Christmas hymns, and observe us stopping everything we normally do just to celebrate the birth of this little baby. They might be surprised, they might not believe it, or they might ponder the way Mary did when the shepherds came to worship the newborn Jesus. Yet, the reason we celebrate is because we do know just how wonderfully important this baby is. He is the entire reason we have hope for eternal life, and His birth on that night over 2,000 years ago is also a reminder to us that God always keeps His promises. The birth of Jesus had been promised ever since the fall into sin, almost from the beginning of the world, and His birth in a lowly stable fulfills that promise.

<over>

So, each year, enjoy decorating your Christmas tree, spending time with loved ones, and attending Christmas Day services because Jesus has come to save each and every one of us! How wonderful it is to have a God who not only keeps His promises, but also comes down to us in human form to rescue us from this world of sin.

"This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Haste, haste to bring Him laude- the babe the son of Mary."

This article was written by Monica Berndt and was taken from www.higherthings.org. Monica Berndt is a music student at the University of Washington and a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Seattle. She loves playing and singing Christmas music at random around her house and enjoys watching her cat knock ornaments off the Christmas tree.

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 December 11th we will be praying for Addie and Colt Burcham, Maddie Burke, Avery and Grayson Cassidy, Chad and Chelsie Combs, Charlee Combs, Payton Cottey, Cayleb Covert, Kameron and Jaren Cunningham, Addison and Carson Darlage, and Carson Darlage.

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 week of November 27th were Lela Willey, Mack Pendleton, Emily Keller, Gregory Hutcheson, and Zoe Stuckwisch.

December Chapel Offering

It's December, and it's getting cold. For that reason, the Lutheran Central NJHS will be collecting hats, earmuffs, scarves, gloves, and mittens to take to the Seymour Clothing Center. This collection will also be our Chapel offering for the month of December. Students may give one of the items listed above in place of a monetary offering during the month. Monetary offering will be accepted and will be used to purchase additional items for the clothing center.

We will have a collection boxes located throughout the school starting Monday, Dec. 2 - Friday, Dec. 15. Please have your child bring in any new or gently used hats, mittens, gloves, etc. for those who are less fortunate. Thanks so much for your support in this effort.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our November Chapel offering. We collected a total of 133 blankets for Orphan Grain Train.

DARE Graduation

On Thursday, December 7 the LCS 5th grade class graduated from the DARE program. During the program Officer Walters talked about the DARE program and presented certificates to each student signifying their completion of the program. Also, Addison Darlage, winner of the DARE Essay Contest, read her essay to those attending the program. The students who graduated from the program this year are Jesse Baute, Easton Branaman, Chelsie Combs, Addison Darlage, Haley Derringer, Emalee Goss, Avery Harrison, Gregory Hutcheson, Brooke Meahl, Paisleigh Peters, Matthew Reedy, Sam Rohr, Maddy Sprengel, Jackson Trueblood, Haley Wheeler, Teighan Wolka, and Abby Yeadon.



Come let us
Adore
Him



Calendar

Christmas Dress Up Days

On December 14, 15, 18, and 19 students will have an opportunity to show their Christmas spirit. Special events for those days are as follows.

December 14 - Christmas Color Day- Students in each class are asked to wear the following colors; PS & Kdg (red), 1st and 2nd (green), 3rd and 4th (silver/gray/gold), 5th and 6th (blue), 7th and 8th (white)

December 15 - Festive Friday: Bring out the tacky sweaters or any other festive Christmas wear

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

December 9

5th Girls Bball @ St. Peters Tournament, 10:30am, 12:00pm, and 2:00pm

8th Girls Bball @ Crothersville, 10am

December 11

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

6th Girls Bball @ BCMS, 6pm

8th Girls Bball @ BCMS, 7:15pm

December 12

Christmas Program Practice, 9:20am

6th Girls Bball vs. Medora, 6pm

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

7th Boys Bball @ W. Washington, 6pm

8th Boys Bball @ W. Washington, 7:15pm

December 13

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

December 14

5th Girls Bball @ BCES, 6 & 7:15pm
(Games played at Vallonia Gym)

6th Boys Bball at Sauers, 6pm

8th Boys Bball at Sauers, 7:15pm

December 16

6th Boys Bball at Sauers Tourney, TBA

8th Boys Bball at Sauers Tourney, TBA

Grade Reivew

The first grade review of the 2nd trimester is today, December 8th. Grade reviews were posted to student accounts on Sycamore this afternoon. Please login to Sycamore to view and sign your child's grade review.

Upcoming Basketball Volunteers

Game Date, Teams, Time	Concessions	Clock	Clean-up
Tuesday, December 12 6/8G vs. Medora, 6pm	Mike and Julie Hackman		Clay and Jessica Fritz
Monday, December 18 8G/8B vs. St. Peters, 6pm	Fom 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