

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

"White as Snow"

To put it mildly, there are many people who are not fond of snow. States like Florida and Arizona are full of them. Snow comes with a chill in the air that requires things like coats, gloves, and boots. That chill can bring an ache to joints and sniffles to noses. Snow needs to be shoveled, bringing more potential aches and pains. Snow not only slows getting from point "a" to point "b," it can make getting there treacherous. There are a number of reasons not to be thrilled when you see the flakes begin to fall.

However, I love snow – not because I'm an excellent skier or because I find shoveling an enjoyable activity. I love snow because I'm a terrible yard keeper! Every spring I start off with the best intentions to keep the lawn neatly mowed, the sidewalk areas cleanly edged, and to win the battle against the incessant weeds. But despite my best intentions, it's never long until the grass is taller than I'd like, the edge of my sidewalk disappears, and the weeds have shown me who is in control of my lawn. I'm reminded of my failings, until that nice white blanket falls from the sky, covering them completely over.

To me, that covering of snow is a reminder of God's grace in our lives. The prophet Isaiah writes, "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18a). Even if we had the best intentions of keeping our life free from sin, like my hope to keep a tidy yard, we're completely unable to do so. Our very nature is already sinful, and we stumble into sin on a daily basis. Like my unkempt yard, our lives are filled with the failures of our sin. Yet our Lord graciously promises us in Isaiah that though our sins ... are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow.

How can that be? How can our Lord take the failures that our sinful lives are and cover them so that they'll be white as snow? Again our Lord directs us to His Word for His answer. King David writes ... wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow (Ps. 51:7b). There is nothing we can do to make our lives pure and clean like freshly fallen snow. Only our Lord can make our sinful lives white – even whiter than snow. He does so by washing us in the waters of our Holy Baptism where the Holy Spirit mercifully baptized us into Jesus' death and resurrection, cleansing us from all our sin, and resurrecting in us new creatures, alive in Christ. And this gift is not a seasonal gift, like snow, but a daily renewing blessing!

Where has sin stained your life? Take comfort and rejoice that in the washing of Holy Baptism, you are covered with Christ's robe of righteousness ... white as snow! Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for the cleansing from sin that You have earned for us by Your death and resurrection. Thank You for this grace that has been freely given to us by the work of the Spirit through our Holy Baptism. May we ever bless Your Holy Name. Amen.

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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 8th we will be praying for Remy Goshorn, Emalee Goss, Zoie Gray, Brock Hackman, Maddy Hackman, Jonathan Hall, Payton Hankins, Avery Harrison, Heidi and Zachary Helwig, Vivian Henry, and Gregory Hutcheson.

January Chapel Offering

Clarity (formerly called Pregnancy Care Center) is the chapel mission for the month of January. Clarity is in need of supplies for their clients. Each student is asked to bring in items from the list below for our chapel mission this month. Any monetary donations will be used to purchase supplies to donate to the center as well. Items will be collected in boxes located in the school hallways and then delivered to Trinity High School and St. Peter's Lutheran School during National Lutheran School's Week. Please send in any donations by January 25 so that they can be boxed and ready to go on January 26.

Thank you for your support of this mission!

Needed Items:

- diapers sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6
- baby wipes
- baby bottles
- baby wash
- Gerber Gentle formula
- receiving blankets
- sleepers size 0-3 months

LCS Father/Daughter Dance

Save the date! LCS is hosting its first annual father/daughter dance on March 10th from 7:00-8:30 PM at the Lutheran Central gym. Young ladies grades preschool to eighth are invited along with your father or that special role model to a night you won't forget! Tickets will be available for \$5.00 a person. Look for more information coming home in your child's bookbag regarding how to RSVP for this special night! Also look for our special events page on Facebook or contact Brianna Spray at 812-525-1932 with any questions.

National Lutheran Schools Week Activities

National Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated January 22-26, 2018. The theme, *It's Still About Jesus*, is based on Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." National Lutheran Schools Week is an appropriate time for Lutheran schools all over the nation to praise God for the blessings of Lutheran schools, the congregations that support them, parents and families of our students, and our students.

Lutheran Central School, along with the Shepherd's Staff, has scheduled several special events to help us celebrate and remember God's blessings during this week. We would like to thank the Shepherd's Staff for all of their help with this special celebration.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, January 22

Visit from Pastor Thomas Bernard, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Tuesday, January 23

8:15 AM – Devotions in the Gym (Pastor McKinley)

2:00 PM – School-wide Minute-to-Win-It game

Wednesday, January 24

Dress Up Day – "Jersey Day" Wear your favorite jersey to support your team

8:15 AM – Devotions in the Gym (Pastor Keller)

Guest Lunch Day

Thursday, January 25

Dress Up Day - "Tie-Dye/Neon" Wear as much tie-dye and/or neon as you can

8:15 AM – Devotions in the Gym (Pastor Yeadon)

1:00 PM – School Spelling Bee

Friday, January 26

Dress Up Day – Saints Pride Day (wear your favorite LCS apparel)

6:30 – 8:00 AM – Guest Breakfast Day

8:45 AM – 1:30 PM – Grades K-3 activities at St. Peters, Columbus

10:30 AM – 2:30 PM – Grades 4-8 activities at Trinity Lutheran H.S.

More information will be sent out next week.

Calendar

Volunteers Needed for National Lutheran Schools Week Events

If you would like to be a part of what LCS is doing during NLSW, we do have volunteer and donation opportunities still available. If you would like to offer your time serving drinks during Wednesday's lunch (3 shift options between 10:45-1:00) or provide grape or bananas for Friday's breakfast, please contact April Wolka at 812-530-6956. Any donation items can be dropped off to the school on Thursday, January 25th or to April Wolka on another day that is convenient.

Volunteer Opportunities

Serving Drinks on January 24th

10:45 – 11:30 (2 available)

11:30-12:15 (3 available)

12:15-1:00 (3 available)

Donations for January 26th

10 lbs of grapes, washed and stemmed (3 available)

20 bananas

January 13

6th Boys Bball at Trinity, Indy Tourney

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January 15

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

5th Girls Bball vs. St. Vincent, 6pm

6th Girls Bball vs. St. Vincent, 7:15pm

January 16

LEA Board Meeting, 7:00pm

5th Girls Bball at Immanuel, 6pm

6th Girls Bball at Immanuel, 7:15pm

7th Boys Bball vs. Crothersville, 6pm

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

January 18

5th Boys Bball vs. Immanuel, 6 & 7:15pm

6th Girls Bball at Sacred Heart, 6:00pm

8th Girls Bball at Sacred Heart, 7:15pm

January 22-26

National Lutheran Schools Week



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Upcoming Basketball Volunteers

Game Date, Teams, Time	Concessions	Clock	Clean-up
Monday, January 15 5/6G vs. St. Vincent, 6pm			
Tuesday, January 16 7/8B vs. Crothersville, 6pm	Krista Garrison Murl and Amy Robinson	Greg Walker	Walt and Heidi Wintin
Thursday, January 18 5B vs. Immanuel, 6pm	Hope Warren		Andrea Pendleton Jami Stuckwisch