

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

Good News, Bad News

1 Peter 3:15 - But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

Listening to the news a reasonable person would have to concede the world is in tough shape.

In our nation alone, men of power have been accused of abusing that power in their relationships with those who have none. The national anthem -- as well as statues honoring representatives of the Confederacy -- has divided athletic teams, historians, and communities. A steady march of hurricanes have buffeted our coasts and unseasonably cold weather has seen semi-frozen iguanas dropping from the trees of Florida. North Korea keeps threatening and most of the United Nations disapproves of where we would like our embassy. Unbelievably, when other countries look at our nation, they are envious that we have it so good.

Listening to the news, any sensible individual could easily conclude our small, blue planet is in an unstoppable, downward spiral. In spite of all that has been said in these opening paragraphs, I am able to tell you there are people out there who believe things are better today than they have been at any other time.

One of those anti-pessimists is Swedish historian Mark Norberg. Norberg takes a look at the human condition and divides it into nine areas: food, sanitation, life expectancy, poverty, violence, the state of the environment, literacy, freedom, equality, and the conditions of childhood. Amazingly, Norberg maintains, and has statistics to prove, that in most of those areas the world has seen considerable positive progress.

Do you need a few examples of this good news? Well, here you go:

1. Although most people believe poverty is steady or getting worse, according to the United Nations, the level of those who live in "extreme poverty" (10 percent), has never been lower.
2. Child mortality is at a record low; 50 percent fewer children under the age of five die today than they did three decades ago.
3. In 1900, average life expectancy was 31; today it is 71.

Find it hard to believe? You're not alone. According to a recent poll done by YouGov, only six percent of Americans believe the world is getting better. Nicholas Kristof, writer for the *New York Times*, really stuck his neck out when he said 2016 was "the best year in the history of humanity."

Me? I think Mr. Kristof is not quite right about "the best year."

If I wanted to find the best year in history, I'd go to Bethlehem about 2,000 years ago. There I'd listen to the angels tell of God's Good News of great joy which had come to us in the Person of the Savior. Maybe, a few decades later, I'd go to a borrowed, empty tomb outside Jerusalem's walls. With gladness I'd hear the angels say Jesus wasn't there because He had risen.

Those two years, along with what happened in between, have changed this world and the next; they have transformed our lives, our futures, our eternal destinies. Yes, those were the best of years, and for them we give thanks.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, for Your Son, our Savior, we give thanks. May the Good News He is, and has given, brighten our attitude and give peace to our days. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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 January 22nd we will be praying for Brooke Meahl, Emma Mikels, Dax Morris, Reece Myers, Connor and Elizabeth Nichols, Brayton and Camdyn Nierman, Konner Osborn, Brayden Otte, Zori Otting, Lane and Mack Pendleton, Max Peters and Paisleigh and Prather Peters.

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 January 15th and 22nd are Addison Darlage, Haley Wheeler, Liam Kreis, Levi Stahl, Maddy Sprengel, Avery Harrison, Nolan Walker, Jaren Cunningham, Maddy Hackman, Beau Fritz, and Brady England.

School Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the school Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 25th. Our school champion was Cooper Wolka, second place was Mallory Shoemaker, and third place was Dylan Wischmeier. These three individuals will advance to the County Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 1st. The County Spelling Bee will be held at LCS starting at 1:00 PM.

4th Grade: Caden Wischmeier and Lane Pendleton

5th Grade: Haley Derringer and Teighan Wolka

6th Grade: Connor Nichols and Evan Shuler

7th Grade: Chandler Stahl and Dylan Wischmeier

8th Grade: Mallory Shoemaker and Cooper Wolka



Calendar

Grade Review Today

The second grade review for the 2nd Trimester is today. Grade Reviews for students in grades 1-8 have been posted to Sycamore.

Please be reminded that the end of the 2nd Trimester will now be February 23rd.

January 26

Grade Review

6th Boys Bball vs. St. Vincent, 7:15pm
(LIT Tournament)

January 27

6th Boys LIT

January 29

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

6th Girls Bball at Seymour, 6:00pm

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January 30

6th Girls Bball at Jennings County, 6:00pm

8th Girls Bball at Jennings County, 7:15pm

5th Boys Bball vs. Immanuel, 6:00pm

7th Boys Bball vs. Immanuel, 7:15pm

February 1

County Spelling Bee, 1:00pm

7th Boys Bball vs. Crothersville, 6:00pm

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

(8th Grade Night)

February 3

8th Grade Girls @ County Tourney

February 23

End of the 2nd Semester

LCS Father/Daughter Dance

Save the date! LCS is hosting it's 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.



Upcoming Basketball Volunteers

Game Date, Teams, Time	Concessions	Clock	Clean-up
Tuesday, January 30 5B, 7B vs. Immanuel, 6pm	Hope Warren		Andrea Pendleton Jami Stuckwisch
Thursday, February 1 7B, 8B vs. Crothersville, 6pm			