

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

Saved Through Water

And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. (Mark 1:10)

[Read Mark 1:9-11](#)

Water is hard to talk about because it carries so many meanings. Water is a symbol of life -- before birth we develop in the water of our mothers' bodies, and gushing water is a sign that a baby is about to be born. After birth we depend on water for life and health -- few people can live more than three days without drinking, and who would want to go unwashed that long?

But water is also a symbol of death. People drown when floods come, or when waves or riptides sweep them away. And diseases that cause too much fluid in the brain, the heart, or the lungs can kill even on dry land.

Maybe this is why Jesus chose water to mark the beginning of His public ministry. When John baptized Him, Jesus went down into the water and came back up out of it again. He foreshadowed what He was going to do at the end of His public ministry. At that time, He freely went down into death to save us all -- and then rose out of it, back to life again.

Jesus led the way for all of us through His Baptism. Paul reminds us, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4).

Here, at the beginning of His ministry, Jesus leads the way through the waters of life and death. He offers us new birth through Baptism into the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There is death there, yes -- death for our old sinful nature, death for the evil that clings to us so closely and infects our hearts and minds. And that is frightening. But it is so worth it. Through Baptism, Jesus gives us everlasting life and joy as God's own beloved children, both now and on the day He returns to raise us all from the dead.

THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank You for Your gift of life through Baptism. This day and always, drown out the sin in my life and raise me up to live with You in joy and peace. Amen.

This devotion was taken from the Lutheran Hour Ministries Lenten devotions.

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 February 19th we will be praying for Alayna and Maddy Sprengel, Adam and Levi Stahl, Chandler Stahl, Evan and Hannah Stahl, Karlynnne Stradley, Marlee Street, Brody Stuckwisch, Jack and Hank Stuckwisch, Zoe Stuckwisch, Lyle Tankersley, Isaiahah Thompson, and Harley and Hunter Toppe.

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 February 12th are Thad Goecker, Chandler Stahl, Sage Broughton, Waylon Lutes, Nolan Walker, Jenna Bolte, Kelis East, Easton Branaman, Drew Shelton, and Ryder Garrison.

February Chapel Offering

The 5th grade class will be overseeing this month's chapel offering. We will be collecting money and supplies for "Mercy Kits" that will be given to the Orphan Grain Train. The Orphan Grain Train passes out these kits during natural disasters here in the United States and throughout the world. They currently have quite a need for them since the many hurricanes here at home this past year have depleted their supplies. Boxes are placed in the hallways to deposit donations and money will be collected every morning before chapel. Additional money can be brought to the office. All money will be used to purchase additional supplies needed to make each kit. At the beginning of March, the 5th grade will be putting the kits together. There are very specific things we need to have in each kit, so please reference the sheet included in the school newsletter. Thank you for supporting our February chapel mission!

HYGIENE KITS

What's in a Hygiene Kit?

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 bath-size bar of soap
- 1 adult-size toothbrush
- 1 sturdy comb
- 6 Band-Aids ($\frac{1}{2}$ " or $\frac{3}{4}$ ") secured together

Linens should be in good condition and dark colors are recommended

Content items must be new, can be any brand, and are wrapped in the washcloth

Wrapping Instructions

- Spread the towel flat
- Fold over about 5" on each long side of the towel
- Place everything in the center between the folds
- Roll up the towel
- Use strong ribbon or cord and tie at both ends



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ISTEP Testing Schedule

Lutheran Central School will be administering Part 1 of the ISTEP+ assessment February 27-March 9. The tests will be administered February 27- March 2 with the week of March 9 being used for make-up tests. Practice tests will be administered to students the week of February 19. A copy of the testing schedule is included on the right side of the page. To make sure that students are at their peak potential to perform their best, we have provided the following reminders:

- If at all possible please ***do not schedule any appointments*** during times when your child will be testing
- If students have appointments already scheduled please let us know in advance so that we can schedule a make-up test session
- Ensure that your child receives a proper amount of sleep each night
- Make sure that your child eats a nutritious breakfast to help them maintain focus.

Grade(s)	Test	Length (min)	Date	Time
3-8	Practice - ELA		February 20	9:20-10:15
3 & 8	Practice-Math		February 21	9:20-10:15
4 & 6	Practice - Math and Science		February 21	9:20-10:15
5 & 7	Practice - Math and Social Studies		February 21	9:20-10:15
3, 4, 6, 7, 8	Math - Section 1	49	February 27	9:20-10:09
5	Math - Section 1	56	February 27	9:20-10:16
3-8	ELA - Section 1	35	February 28	9:20-9:50
3-8	ELA - Section 2	70	March 1	9:20-10:30
4 & 6	Science	54	March 2	9:20-10:14
5	Social Studies	42	March 2	9:20-10:02
7	Social Studies	30	March 2	9:20-9:50

Basketball Season Notes

Congratulations to the LCS 8th grade girls basketball team on winning the LIT tournament this past weekend. Members of this year's team are Peyton Brock, Hannah Stahl, Zori Otting, Addie Shelton, Zoe Stuckwisch, Kelsey Jo Wischmeier, and Maddy Hackman.

The 8th grade boys basketball team will be participating in the LIT tournament this past weekend in Seymour. They also celebrated 8th grade night with a victory over Crothersville last Monday. Eighth graders participating this year are Cayleb Covert, Nick Goecker, Thad Goecker, Brock Hackman, Liam Kreis, Levi Stahl, and Cooper Wolka.

Both the 8th grade girls and boys teams will be participating in the Indiana Lutheran School State Basketball Tournament weekend in Ft. Wayne. Brackets for the state tournament can also be found at www.lcaints.net. Go Saints!

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.

Trinity Lutheran High School Open House

Trinity Lutheran High School invites students and their families to its final open house on Saturday, February 17th from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. All interested eighth grade students will also receive a \$75 voucher that covers half of the registration costs at Trinity for the 2018-2019 school year. Please enter through the commons.

Calendar

February 16-18

8th Boys LIT Basketball Tournament @ Immanuel, Seymour

February 19

School in Session (Snow Make-up Day)
Chapel, 8:30am (led by Pastor Keller)

February 20

LEA Board Meeting, 7:00pm

February 23

End of the 2nd Semester

February 23-25

8th Girls Basketball @ State Tourn.
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February 26

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

February 27

ISTEP Testing Begins (see pg. 4 for complete schedule)

March 4

Pre-school and Kindergarten Open House, 2:00-3:00 PM

March 6

Pre-school and Kindergarten Open House, 6:30-7:30 PM

March 10

Father-Daughter Dance, 7:00-8:30 PM



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