

May 11, 2018

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

The Ascension of our Lord

While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. (Luke 24:51-52 ESV)

In the Name + of Jesus. Amen. Jesus returned to His Father. That means He left His disciples (at least, He visibly left them). So, why would the disciples return to Jerusalem "with great joy"? Why would they celebrate the ascension, if it means not seeing their Lord again?

There are lots of reasons to celebrate. First, only Jesus' visible or local presence was taken from them. Jesus is still with His Church. "I am with you always..." (Matthew 28:20). After all, Jesus is truly God. He's everywhere. More importantly, He is wherever the Word is preached. His Body and Blood are hidden under the bread and wine given to us in the Sacrament. Jesus isn't really gone.

Second, Jesus ascended into heaven to send the "promise of the Father," and the "power from on high." Jesus returns to the Father to send His Church the Holy Spirit. Ascension prepares us for Pentecost.

Third, Jesus' ascension is Jesus' exaltation. Jesus claimed to be the King of God's People and the Lord of creation. For this, He was crucified. God raised Him from the dead, vindicating Jesus and reversing the unjust verdict made by human courts. God exalted Jesus, giving Him a throne by His side, so that He may rule over all creation. As Jesus said to His disciples, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18). Today the Church celebrates the heavenly coronation of God's Son. Jesus has overthrown the prince of this world and He rules as King.

Finally, it should be noted that we share in Christ's exaltation. Jesus will descend from heaven someday. He will raise us from the dead and He will exalt us. In other words, we will rule over the new creation alongside Jesus, for this has been man's destiny since the beginning: "Subdue [the earth] and have dominion" (Genesis 1:28) and, "[God's people] will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5).

I pray that this Ascension Day fills you with great joy, just as it did the first disciples. In the Name + of Jesus. Amen.

Up through endless ranks of angels, Cries of triumph in His ears, To His heav'nly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears, Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears. (Up through Endless Ranks of Angels, LSB 491:1)

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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 week of May 14th we will be praying for Ty Singer, Isaiah and Matthew Sitterding, Raylan Sorg, Emma and Jace Sparks, Lila and Mia Spray, Maddy and Alayna Sprengel, Adam and Levi Stahl, Chandler Stahl, Evan and Hannah Stahl, Karlynn Stradley, Marlee Street, Brody Stuckwisch, Jack and Hank Stuckwisch, and Zoe Stuckwisch.

Track and Field Day Friday, May 18th

Dear Parents and Friends of LCS,

This year's Track & Field Day on May 18th is fast approaching! We are seeking volunteers to help make this year's event great. Listed below are the time slots where volunteers are needed:

- Friday Morning (18th) 8:30 – 12:00 (24 needed)
- Friday Afternoon (18th) 12:00 – 3:00 (17 needed)

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Jessica Kellermeier at jesskellermeier@gmail.com or text 812-525-8064.

Thank you in advance for your support, because without the help of volunteers this event would not be possible!

May Chapel Offering

Pennies for Patients: Fighting Leukemia and Other Blood Cancers Chapel Mission Update

Congratulations to the classrooms that have reached their goals and will be receiving extra recess time. A big thank you goes to the entire school for reaching our school goal of \$1000. Now Mr. Sprengel will be singing karaoke for you sometime soon. Because you have done such a great job of bringing in your coins and dollars, we want to offer a new incentive to you: if we reach a school goal of \$2000, we will have doughnuts for breakfast! Also, don't forget that the classroom with the highest total will receive a popcorn and movie party. Stay tuned for further updates.

There will be one more dress up day to boost contributions. Bring \$1.00 to dress up:

May 17 "Too Cool for Cancer" and wear your sunglasses and hat

Let's join together to fight leukemia and other blood cancers. Join the Hero Squad!

End of the Year Survey

Over the next few weeks we would like to ask each our current school families to complete our "End of the Year" survey by going to the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z62KBNB>

The results from this survey will assist us we make plans for the future in the areas of communication, the use of Sycamore, extra-curricular activities, and educational resources. Your participation in greatly appreciated!

NJHS Inductions

On Tuesday, May 8 five new members were inducted into the Lutheran Central School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. The new members that were inducted were Owen Bolte (7th grade), Jenna Bolte (6th grade), Kelis East (6th grade), Hudson Fritz (6th grade), and Levi Pottschmidt (6th grade). They will join current 7th graders Jaren Cunningham and Dylan Wischmeier as the National Junior Honor Society for the 2018-2019 school year.

We wan to thank our 8th grade members, Peyton Brock, Addie Shelton, Mallory Shoemaker, Zoe Stuckwisch, and Kelsey Walker for their dedication and service over past two years as members of NJHS.

The National Junior Honor Society is a service organization that works to serve others within our school as well as the surrounding community. The six core beliefs of NJHS are Knowledge, Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Citizenship, and Character.

Calendar

May 14

Chapel, 8:30am (led by Pastor Keller)
Shepherd Staff Meeting, 7:00pm

May 15

LEA Board Meeting, 7:00pm

May 18

Track and Field Day

May 25

Last Day of School (grades K-8)
Chapel, 8:30am
Awards Program, 1:00pm
8th grade Graduation, 7:00pm

