

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

Be Still

Are you sitting down? Take a few deep breaths as you focus on this word: stillness. The Christmas season feels like the most sensory-overloaded time of the year! Our ears are crammed with carols; our sight is serenaded by joyful colors and a symphony of light. Taste buds are overwhelmed by spices, soups, meats, and treats. Those "To Do" lists amplify in volume and time toys with our sanity as we ho-ho-hope for a moment of peace!

In order for us to "be still," we must abandon all motion and sound and embody a presence of calm, quiet, or peace. This is physically easy to accomplish during personal meditation or after a long, exhausting day; but how can being "still" help keep you calm when the world wages war on your spirit?

When distractions are deafening and I am shaken by stress, my comfort comes from the power of this command: "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10a). The Hebrew word for "still" in this context means "to abandon or desist; to stop what you're doing." God demands more from us than a physical absence of motion or sound; He desires the absence of doubt and requires that our hearts be stilled and filled with faith.

Quiet your spirit with these encouraging lyrics by Martin Luther, inspired by Psalm 46. Notice the spiritual peace we embody – despite the enemy's threats – when our hearts acknowledge that God is our Mighty Fortress:

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us, We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us. This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.

LSB 656, v. 3

Rejoice that God delivered a Savior – the Prince of Peace – to fight the foe on our behalf so that we can join in the victory of God's awesome power!

Prayer: Mighty Fortress, You are my refuge and strength; no matter what trouble I face this day, You are God. Fill my heart with a faith that cannot be shaken. Thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Let my witness proclaim His message of heavenly hope to this restless and worried world. In Emmanuel's name I pray. 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 week of December 3rd we will be praying for Kelis East, Brady and Ethan England, Ella Everhart, Kenley Fischer, Beau, Hudson, Olivia, and Quinn Fritz, Charli, Preston, River, and Ryder Garrison, Maggy Gill, Vanessa Goltry, Baylor and Remy Goshorn, Emalee Goss, Maddy Hackman, Payton Hankins, and Avery Harrison.

National Lutheran School Accreditation

During the 2018-2019 school year Lutheran Central School will be going through the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) process. The NLSA Self-Study provides an opportunity for our school to honestly and objectively reflect upon its quality through the careful and honest evaluation of the seven Accreditation Standards (Purpose, Relationships, Leadership, Professional Personnel, Teaching and Learning, Student Services, and Facilities). This process will help our school identify its greatest strengths and areas of concern.

As part of this process we are conducting a Parent Survey to assist us in identifying our areas of strength and areas of concern. We are asking all families to please take a few minutes and complete the survey. The survey can be accessed at the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M9B9372>.

We have extended the deadline to complete the survey. It will remain open until Monday, December 3rd.

December/January Chapel Offering-1st and 4th Grade Clarity Collection

During the months of December and January the 1st and 4th grades are organizing a collection of baby items for Clarity (formerly the Pregnancy Care Center). Items that they are in need of include size 3, 4, 5, and 6 diapers, Gerber gentle baby formula, soy formula, baby bottles, pacifiers, baby lotion, wash, shampoo, sleepers (N-6M), 18-month clothes for boys and girls, and 24-month clothes for boys and girls. Students may give one of the items in place of a monetary offering the next two months. Monetary offerings will be accepted and will be used to purchase additional items for the Clarity collection.

SCRIP

SCRIP is an opportunity to support Lutheran Central through the purchase of gift cards for businesses you already frequent. The next opportunity to purchase Scrip is our Christmas Sale. Order forms have been sent home with students and are also available at each of the association congregations. Orders for the Christmas Sale are due next Friday, December 7th. We will have two more Scrip sales during the school year with due dates on March 15th and May 10th. You can find more information by going to www.lcsaints.net and clicking on "Ways to Support LCS".

Morning Drop-off Reminder

Please be reminded that students in grades K-8 who arrive by car should be dropped off at the St. Peter's shelter house and follow the sidewalk to the gym. **Drivers may not park or drop off at the front of the school.** With the arrival and departure of buses and other traffic on Elm Street, this creates an **unsafe** atmosphere for the students and other traffic. If you want to park at the St. Peter's parking lot and walk your child(ren) to the gym or preschool classroom, you are welcome to do so. To insure your child's safety as they walk down the pathway, we will have a teacher aide monitoring this area. If your child is arriving to school late (after 8:15), **you will need to walk your child into the front entrance of the school and sign them in.** Please be aware that gym supervisors are available from 7:20 to 8:05 to supervise children. Supervision is not available before 7:20.

Citizen Saint Awards

In an effort to recognize the God-given talents and abilities of our students we will be recognizing Citizen Saints throughout the school year. 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 26th are Quinn Fritz, Lela Willey, Tyler Tormoehlen, Dawson Branaman, Alayna Sprengel, Noelani McPherson, Haley Derringer, Easton Branaman, Tucker Tormoehlen, Leah Pottschmidt, Maddy Hackman, Jaren Cunningham, Adam Stahl, and Chandler Stahl.

LCS Dinner Auction

Lutheran Central School will be hosting a Dinner/Auction on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Pewter Hall. The Auction Committee has met a couple of times to begin planning and organizing the event. If you signed up to volunteer but were unable to make one of the first meetings or if you would still like to sign up to volunteer please plan to attend the next Auction meeting which will take place on Monday, December 3rd at 6:30 P.M.

Snow Day Makeup

School will be in session on Thursday, December 20th. This is to make-up the snow day that occurred on Thursday, November 15th.

Christmas Program Practice

Students have begun preparing for the Christmas programs at their respective churches. Upcoming practices will be held on December 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, and 19. All practices will take place from 9:20-10:30 A.M.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 1st

6th grade GBB vs. Crothersville, 10:00 A.M.
 8th grade GBB vs. Crothersville, 11:15 A.M.
 5th grade BBB @ St. Bartholomew, 11:00 A.M.
 6th grade BBB @ St. Bartholomew, 12:15 P.M.
 8th grade BBB @ St. Bartholomew, 1:30 P.M.

Monday, December 3rd

Chapel, 8:30 A.M. (led by Pastor McKinley)
 Auction Committee Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
 7th grade BBB vs. Jennings County, 6:00 P.M.
 8th grade BBB vs. Jennings County, 7:15 P.M.

Tuesday, December 4th

Christmas Program Practice, 9:20-10:30 A.M.
 7th grade BBB vs. St. Charles, 6:00 P.M.
 8th grade BBB vs. St. Charles, 7:15 P.M.
 5th grade BBB @ BCES (Vallonia Gym), 6:00 and
 7:15 P.M.

Wednesday, December 5th

Advent Services at St. Peter's , St. Paul, Wegan
 and Trinity, 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 6th

Christmas Program Practice, 9:20-10:30 A.M.
 6th grade BBB @ White Creek, 6:00 P.M.
 8th grade BBB @ White Creek, 7:15 P.M.
 6th grade GBB vs. White Creek, 6:00 P.M.
 8th grade GBB vs. White Creek, 7:15 P.M.

Friday, December 7th

1st Grade Review of the Second Trimester



Volunteers for Upcoming Basketball Games

Date	Concessions	Scoreboard	Clean-Up
Saturday, December 1st 6, 8G vs. C'ville, 10:00 AM			
Monday, December 3rd 7,8B vs. Jennings Co, 6pm	Sarah Rohr		Alex and Greg Hutcheson
Tuesday, December 4th 7/8B vs. St. Charles	Emily & Stan Darlage Murl & Amy Robinson		David and Krista Garrison
Thursday, December 6 6, 8G vs. White Creek			