August 9, 2019

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

Daily Reflection

"He answered: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and,"Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (St. Luke 10:27)

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" This is the question of the lawyer who approached the Lord Jesus Christ. And the Law answer to this Law question is "love God and your neighbor." Of course, the Gospel answer is "nothing."

Have you ever noticed that there is no "I" in Gospel? The Gospel has nothing to do with us earning our salvation. It has everything to do with our Lord Jesus Christ earning our salvation.

The command to love God and our neighbor is impossible. The Greek word for love used here is "agape." Agape is a perfect, selfless, unconditional love. There is no "I love you because..."

The 10 Commandments illustrate our lack of love. We cannot even get past the first one without sinning, "You shall have no other gods before me." We continually place something before God. And we most assuredly do not love our neighbor as much as we love ourselves. "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love," (1 John 4:8).

Agape love is what God has for us. It is not because of anything we have done that God loves us. It is because God is love. He has shown us love through the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. It is through this act of love that we love God and our neighbor. Because we have no agape love of our own, God has given us His love to give back to Him and to our neighbor.

Once again, it all comes down to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was, is, and will be forever God's perfect act of love.

"Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity, and as we do obtain that which You promise, make us to love that which You command; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."

(Collect for Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity)

Higher Things would like to thank the Rev. Matthew Larson of Mustang, OK for writing this group of Reflections.

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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 August 12th we will be praying for Clara and Lane Adams, Maddie Adams, Braxton and Brielle Allman, Evelynn Allman, Allison Ault, Jesse Baute, Kaselynn Beedie, Easton Berry, George Berry, Olivia Blevins, Brinley Bobb, and Jenna Bolte.

LCS Sundays

The next three Sundays the faculty and staff of Lutheran Central School will be worshiping at each of the association congregations. The worship schedule is as follows:

Sunday, August 11 at Trinity, Vallonia, 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, August 18 at St. Paul, Wegan, 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, August 25 at St. Peter's, Brownstown, 8:00 A.M. (annual address will be given following the 8:00 A.M. service and at the beginning of the 10:30 A.M. service)

We invite you to join us for worship at one of these services as we begin the new school year. The faculty and staff will be introduced following the service and the annual address of the school will be given as well.

NJHS Car Wash

The Lutheran Central School chapter of National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a car wash on September 7 from 10:00 am-2:00pm at the Lutheran Central School parking lot. Advance tickets are available from NJHS members or the school office for $5.00 each. Car washes are also available without advance tickets. A free will offering will be accepted on the day of the car wash. The car wash includes a pre-soak, wash, and rinse. If you have questions, please contact an NJHS member or sponsor. Thank you for supporting our chapter!

Volleyball Parent Meeting

The LCS volleyball season is underway. A Volleyball Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13 at 5:00 P.M. Jim Brown from Kratz Sporting Goods will be there if athletes need to try on shows or other equipment. A reminder that all athletes must have a copy of their physical exam on file in the school office. If you have not yet submitted a copy please do so as soon as possible! A copy of the 2019 Volleyball schedule can be found in the document section of Sycamore. The schedule can also be found under the Athletics tab at www.lcsaints.net.

LCS Shepherd Staff – FAQ

What is the Shepherd Staff?
Shepherd STAFF (Students, Teachers, And Family Focus) is a group of parents and teachers working together with the principal to raise funds for our school, organize events for the students, and support the programs of the school in a variety of ways and often not covered in the school budget. It would be comparable to the PTA/PTO Organization. We usually meet once per month at 7:00PM on a date the works for most.

Who is on the Shepherd Staff?
These are parents from the three organizations and one staff representative. Parents, grandparents, or other family/friends can volunteer. The current chair of Shepherd Staff is Jessica Kellermeier. The teacher representative is Rachel Klosterman.

What kinds of things does the Shepherd Staff do?
The list of activities that we will organize this year is on the parent sign up sheet opposite this page. The monies raised have purchased tables and chairs for LCS, microscopes and other classroom materials, much needed technology items (servers, computers, software), and non-budgeted athletic department needs. Last year the Shepherd Staff events raised about $6,000

How do I become a member?
We always welcome new members! There is a place to mark your interest on the sheet opposite this page. You can also call the school office or contact the chair/staff members listed above through Sycamore. Once you join you may stay a member as long as you like or until your last child graduates from LCS.

What can I do to help?
As you can see on the next page, the list of activities that the Shepherd Staff plans is extensive. We can never have enough volunteers! Each family is asked to help with at least one event, either by volunteering their time or providing a donation item. Signing up today does not mean that you must be in charge of that activity. A Shepherd Staff member will contact you with details as the event/activity approaches. Please plan to participate at the level indicated or contact a Shepherd Staff if your plans need to change. We look forward to another great year!

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 8/16/19

Name _____
Phone Number _____
Email Address _____

Chili Supper – 10/11/19 (25-30 Volunteers Needed)

_____ Volunteer Time _____ Donations Only

Parent Teacher Conferences 10/7/19 & 10/9/19 (4-6 Volunteers Needed)

Item Donations

Pastor Appreciation Day 10/11/2019 (4 volunteers needed)

Item Donations

Grandparents Day & Book Fair 11/1/19 (6-8 Volunteers Needed)

Volunteer Time

National Lutheran Schools Week 1/27/20-1/31/20 (4 Wednesday for lunch; 10 Friday morning for breakfast)

Volunteer Time Donations Only

Staff Appreciation Week 5/4/20-5/8/20 (4-6 volunteers)

Item Donations

Track and Field Day 5/15/20 (30+ VOLUNTEERS)

_____ Volunteer Time _____ Donations Only

Box Tops for Education (4 Volunteers to Trim and Prepare Tops Quarterly)

_____ Volunteer Time

Scrip (1-3 Volunteers to Distribute Cards and Administer Program Quarterly)

_____ Volunteer Time

Father/Daughter Dance – tentatively March 2020; subject to change (6+ each for planning, set up, and the day of the event)

_____ Volunteer Time _____ Donations Only

Cookoff – tentatively April 2020; subject to change

JOINING SHEPHERD STAFF

_____ I would like to join the Shepherd Staff

_____ I am interested, but would like to get more information first

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 11th

LCS Sunday @ Trinity, Vallonia, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, August 12th

Chapel, 8:30 A.M. (led by Pastor McKinley)

Tuesday, August 13th

Volleyball Parent Meeting, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, August 18th

LCS Sunday at St. Paul, Wegan, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, August 19th

Chapel, 8:30 A.M. (led by Pastor Yeadon)

Tuesday, August 20th

LEA Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 22nd

5th Grade VB vs. St. Bart's, 6:00 P.M.
6th Grade VB vs. St. Bart's 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, August 24th

7th Grade VB @ Immanuel Tournament, TBA

Sunday, August 25th

LCS Sunday @ St. Peter's, Brownstown, 8:00 and 10:30 A.M.

Monday, August 26th

Chapel, 8:30 A.M. (led by Pastor Keller)

Tuesday, August 27th

Mum Orders Due
6th Grade VB @ St. Peter's, 6:00 P.M.
8th Grade VB @ St. Peter's, 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 29th

6th Grade VB @ Sauers, 6:00 P.M.
8th Grade VB @ Sauers, 7:00 P.M.

Friday, August 30th

First Grade Review of the 1st Trimester

Monday, September 2nd

Labor Day-No School

Fall Mum Sale

This fall students in grades 5-8 will be selling mums as a fund-raiser for their 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C. Order forms and information will be sent home with students early next week. Order forms will also be available on the school website and Sycamore. The selling price for each mum is $8.00. The mums come in 9 inch pots and the plants themselves are 12-18 inches in diameter. Orders are due no later than Tuesday, August 27th. The plants will be delivered on Thursday, September 5th and may be picked up in front of the school between 3:30 and 5:30 P.M.

Car Pick-up Reminder

A reminder to those picking up students in grades K-3. Students who are car riders at the end of the school day need to let Mrs. Bolte or Mrs. Klosterman know when they see their ride. They are not allowed to go to their ride until a teacher tells them it is ok. Please remind whoever is picking your child up at the end of the day of this procedure. Thank you!

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