

March 13, 2020

# 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

**Coronavirus: Nothing New About Disease...or the Need for the Gospel**

**by Mark Wood**

There's really nothing new about the new coronavirus (now called COVID-19).

Human history is filled with instances of epidemics, plagues, and pandemics.

The Bible speaks about plagues and widespread diseases in accounts of the past and in accounts of our future.

Deadly disease is nothing new. Neither is the greater threat to mankind.

In Revelation 9, we read about the horrible destruction that will one day ravage the earth.

The figurative language of this chapter has caused many people to speculate about the exact nature of the three plagues discussed here.

Whatever they may be (and it's very unlikely that they are coronaviruses), verses 20 and 21 make it clear that mankind faces a far greater problem than these plagues.

"The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts." (Rev. 9:20-21)

While the world around us is fixated on COVID-19, how to respond to it, and the fears of contracting it, there is something that is a far greater threat to them than they realize.

Many people in our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and even our families are more concerned about a disease with a 1-2% mortality rate than a condition with a 100% mortality rate — a condition that every one of them has already contracted.

We know that this greater problem is sin. We also know that handwashing, antiseptic wipes, microbe-trapping face masks, and isolation cannot spare any of us from the deadly consequences of sin.

Only the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ can save us.

People's concern over COVID-19 is an opportunity for us to engage them in conversations about our mortality and the certainty of death.

It is an opening for us to speak God's Word into a situation that can only be answered by God's Word.

In the face of the COVID-19 threat, with all its fears and uncertainties, we can shine as people who have certain hope and faith.

Our response to COVID-19 should show the people around us that we live in faith, not fear, and that we are filled with hope.

Our hope is not in science, technology, or medicine. Our hope is in the One who has given

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who has given us these good gifts and the greater gifts of life and salvation through the forgiveness of our sins.

Your response to the COVID-19 threat should include making good use of the “reason and senses” and all that God has given us “for this body and life” (Luther’s Small Catechism).

By all means, follow the sound advice of medical professionals and public health officials to protect yourself and your loved ones from this virus.

But do not fear. You are God’s own child washed in the waters of Holy Baptism, cleansed by the blood of Jesus, and filled with hope.

As you prepare to deal with the challenges of a widespread disease, remember to also prepare to share Good News with “anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15).

Through your faithful witness during a public health crisis, it is possible that people in your life will repent and receive the healing that only Jesus can provide.

It’s true: There’s nothing new about the new coronavirus. But, in COVID-19, there is a new opportunity for us to bring Good News to our dying world.

<https://blogs.lcms.org/2020/coronavirus-nothing-new-about-disease-or- the-need-for-the-gospel/>

## **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 March 16th 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, and Olivia Blevins.

## **Sertoma Essay Contest**

Congratulations to Kassidy Wischmeier! She is the 2020 Sertoma Essay Contest Winner for Jackson County.

Kassidy is pictured at left with Mr. Wintin, who is the middle school language arts teacher at Lutheran Central.



# Upcoming Events

## Friday, March 13th

1st Grade Review of the 3rd Trimester  
SCRIP Orders Due

## March 16-20

3rd Grade IREAD Assessment (Postponed)

## Tuesday, March 17

LEA Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

## Wednesday, March 18th

Mid-Week Lenten Services at St. Peter's,  
Brownstown, Trinity, Vallonia, and St. Paul,  
Wegan, 7:00 P.M.

## March 23-27

No School - Spring Break

## Monday, March 30th

Remote Learning Begins

## Thursday, April 9th

Maundy Thursday -Chapel, 8:30 A.M.

## Friday, April 10th

Good Friday - No School

## Wednesday, April 15th

NJHS Inductions @ BCHS Auditorium,  
6:30 P.M.

Middle School Musical @ BCHS Auditorium,  
7:00 P.M.

## Thursday, April 16th

2nd Grade Review of the 3rd Trimester

## Friday, April 17th

No School

## Monday, April 20th

No School

## Tuesday, April 21st

Chapel, 8:30 A.M

LEA Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M.



## 2020-2021 School Registration

Lutheran Central School is currently accepting Registration Forms for students who will be in 3-year old preschool, 4-year old preschool, and Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. Forms are available online at [www.lcsaints.net](http://www.lcsaints.net) or in the school office. The deadline for preschool enrollment priority is Friday, March 20th. Please contact the school office with any questions.

Registration information for students currently in grades K-7 will be sent home with students the week of April 6th.

## Grade Review

Today marks the first grade review of the 3rd Trimester. Grade reviews have been posted in the student "Document" section on Sycamore.