

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."

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For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7b)

In the Name + of Jesus. Amen. Looks can be deceiving. Instagram influencers and TikTok users understand this well. They spend a lot of time and energy cultivating an image that gains them followers and sponsors. It doesn't matter that the image is only superficial—whatever gets clicks and likes is what works for them.

It's not just our digital selves that we like to touch up for the world. We always project a pretty picture of ourselves to the world, but that picture hides the ugliness under the surface. If we're good at hiding our worst selves, no one will ever know.

Except that God sees differently. He's not fooled by outward appearances. We're captivated by the superficial, but God's sight pierces to the heart. He sees the ugliness that lurks beneath the surface, and that's a frightening thought.

Yet there is also a comforting inversion with respect to God's sight. David was, by all appearances, the poorest choice of Jesse's sons for the future king of Israel. Yet God saw something that no one else did. It wasn't that David possessed a hidden quality that his brothers (or anyone else) did not. Rather, God anointed the unlikely David to show that when God is at work, things aren't always as they appear.

There was nothing about Jesus that would indicate anything special about him. "He had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him" (Isaiah 53:2b). Yet hidden beneath His human flesh and blood is the majesty of the Son of God. In that humble form, He endured the ugliness of the Cross in order to bring us to the beauty of resurrection. Learning to see like God does means learning to find His work hidden under the most unlikely places. In the Name + of Jesus. Amen.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, for the majesty hidden beneath Your humble human flesh and blood. Thank you for enduring the ugliness of the cross to bring about a beautiful resurrection. We confess that we cultivate outward appearances while neglecting our hearts, yet we pray that You would renew us inwardly day by day with the good news of forgiveness. 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 February 22nd we will be praying for Kayden Osborn, Brayden Otte, Lane and Mack Pendleton, Max Peters, Paisleigh and Prather Peters, Heidi Rautenkranz, Alexandria Ray, McCoy and Remington Ray, Claire and Lily Redicker, and Matthew Reedy.

School Calendar Changes

Lutheran Central School will be in session on the following days.

- February 22nd - (Make-up day for October 19th. No bus transportation this day)
- April 9th - (Make-up day for February 9th)
- April 12th - (Make-up day for the snow day on February 1st)

Earlier this week we were able to complete setup of 35 additional chromebooks, which now provides all of our students access to a chromebook throughout the day. Now that we are able to send chromebooks home with all students who need one, we will be implementing E-Learning days for grades K-8 for any additional school cancellations due to weather. All students who need a device will be able to bring one home with them to use for E-Learning days. This transition to using E-Learning days is also due to the majority of our make-up days already being used. We recognize that in person learning is the most effective means of instruction, however the use of E-Learning days moving forward will allow us to avoid having to make up days after Memorial Day.

Preschool and Kindergarten Open House

The Lutheran Central preschool and kindergarten open houses scheduled for February 21st and February 23rd have been moved to March 7th and March 9th. Open houses for both preschool and kindergarten will be held on Sunday, March 7th at 1:30 P.M., 2:15 P.M., and 3:00 P.M. Additional open house sessions will be held for preschool only on Tuesday, March 9th at 5:30 P.M. and 6:15 P.M. To allow for social distancing there will be a maximum of 6 families per session. Face masks are required for attendance at any of the open house sessions. Each session will last approximately 30 minutes. Interested families may sign up for a session by contacting the school office.

Registration materials will be made available the week of February 22nd. Packets will be sent home with all current 3-year old and 4-year old preschool students. Families that do not have a student currently enrolled in preschool may pick up a packet in the school office. Registration materials will be accepted starting Monday, March 1st.

Changes to Drop-off and Pick-up Traffic Flow

The morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up procedures in the St. Peter's Church parking lot will return to the normal traffic flow. Cars may again access the parking lot by using the drive on the east side of the parking lot and then exit using the drive on the west side of the church.

Moving forward if there are ever orange construction barrels blocking the drive on the east side of the church we will transition to using the alternate traffic flow which is illustrated

in the picture to the right. The alternate traffic pattern requires cars to use the entrance between the church and the new daycare building and then exit the parking lot onto Elm St.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience with these changes!

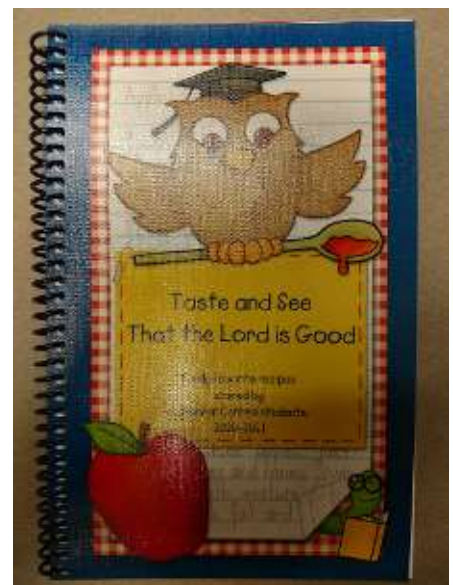
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Extra Cookbooks for Sale!

The Lutheran Central School cookbooks have been delivered. We received 25 extra copies that are now for sale from the school office. The cost is \$15.00 per book. If you would like to order one please contact the school office.



Upcoming Events

Friday, February 19th

End of Trimester 2

Saturday, February 20th

8th grade BBB @ LIT (played at St. Peter's, Columbus)

Sunday, February 21st

8th grade BBB @ LIT (played at St. Peter's, Columbus)

Monday, February 22nd

School in Session (Make-up day for October 19th)

Chapel, 8:30 A.M. & 9:05 A.M.

Tuesday, February 23rd

LEA Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 24th

Picture Retakes and Sports Pictures

Friday, February 26th

2nd Trimester Report Cards Issued
8th Grade BBB @ ILSAA State Tournament



School Picture Retakes and Sports Pictures -

Wednesday, February 24th

Students in grades PK-8 who need to have their school picture retaken can do so on Wednesday, February 24th. The original pictures will need to be returned to the photographer on Retake Day. An order form is included on the following page. The Retake code for ordering pictures online is 50378HA.

Sports pictures for volleyball and boys and girls basketball will also be taken on Wednesday, February 24th. Fliers for ordering sports pictures will be distributed next Monday.

Lunch Menu for the week of February 22nd

The lunch menu for the week of February 22nd will be the menu that was published for the week of February 15th. There was not a menu listed for Monday, February 15th. The menu for Monday, February 22nd will be Loaded Nachos, corn, and cherry cobbler.

