

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."

Weekly Reflection

And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." (Matthew 11:4-6)

In the Name + of Jesus. Amen. Picture the anticipation, the uncontrollable joy and excitement of a child on Christmas morning. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every day was like that for you and me? Never a sorrow. Never a fear. Never a worry. Only sunny skies above and happy days ahead. Sounds like heaven, right? The thing is, God never promised heaven in this life. In fact, "If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Corinthians 15:19). A Jesus who promises heaven today is a Jesus you will find offense with today. "Should we look for another?"

No. This is the Jesus the Father has sent you and me. The One in Mary's womb, but soon to be placed in a manger because there's no room for Him in the inn. The One who would be raised in obscurity by a carpenter and his wife. The One who would be ridiculed and rejected by most. The One who would go to the Cross for us to bear our sin and be our Savior. The One who would rise triumphant so He could reign and rule for us so that heaven remains ours forever, now.

This is the promise God washes over you every day in Baptism. "Clothed with Christ." It's the promise He speaks to you in the Absolution and in sermons. "I forgive you." It's the promise made at the Supper. "For you." It's the promise that says, "Yes, God delights in you, now. Yes, He smiles at every thought of you. It's the promise of the Cross. Why, God even has a picture of you on His heavenly refrigerator that makes Him smile every time He passes by it."

That it doesn't always, if ever, look like that in this life, doesn't mean it isn't true. Why, then, so many trials and troubles in this life? There is no greater wisdom for that than Jesus. The true Jesus who promises you forgiveness today, who promises you redemption today, who promises you that no matter what, is with you: washing you, pardoning you, saving you by God's grace. And He's promising you an eternal Christmas on the day He returns for you. In the Name + of Jesus. Amen.

Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression, Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression. Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin, Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win. ("When All the World Was Cursed" LSB, 346 st. 3)

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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 January 5th we will be praying for Kyler Briner, Ava and Ellesyn Brock, Sammie Brown, Silas Brown, Addie and Colt Burcham, Dallas Burcham, Isabelle Burns, Henry Burton, Letty Bush, and Avery and Grayson Cassidy.

Lutheran Junior Honor Society Chapel Mission

The honor society would like to thank all of the LC families for your generosity in November and December. We collected almost \$400 to purchase blankets, gloves, hats, and scarves. We were also able to purchase Secret Santa gifts for 10 Lutheran Community Home residents which included a stocking, lotion, socks, lip balm, a reindeer hat, jingle bell necklace, pretzels, and a candy cane. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. We would also like to recognize the 8th grade class as the top contributor to the fundraiser. They will receive their treat this week. God's blessings to all of our school families from the Lutheran Junior Honor Association of LCS.



School Calendar Change

Lutheran Central School will now be in session on Monday, February 22nd. This day has been added to the school calendar to make up for the day that was missed on Monday, October 19th. There will be no busing on this day as the Brownstown Central Community School Corporation is not scheduled to be in session.

Middle School Schedule

Earlier this week the LEA School Board approved a plan for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 to return to full in-person instruction on Tuesday, January 19th. We will continue the current hybrid schedule for the weeks of January 5th and January 11th. A schedule for those two weeks is included below. The additional two weeks on the hybrid schedule will allow us time to monitor the COVID situation within our school community following Christmas break. The two weeks will also allow our teachers with elective classes time to get both Group A and Group B to the same place in the curriculum prior to all students returning.

The plan to return to all in-person instruction will move forward as long as Jackson County is in the blue, yellow, or orange color category according to the Indiana State Department of Health dashboard. If Jackson County is in the red category, grades 6, 7, and 8 will return to a hybrid schedule. For example, if students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are attending in-person instruction the week of January 25 and it is determined on Wednesday, January 27 that Jackson County would be moving to the red category, we would finish the week of January 25 in-person and then transition back to a hybrid schedule for the week of February 1. We recognize that this may cause some inconvenience if it is necessary to transition back and forth between the two schedules. However, we believe this provides greater opportunities for students to be in school, while at the same time being mindful of the health and safety of our school community.

Tuesday, January 5th:	Group B (red day)
Wednesday, January 6th:	Group A (blue day)
Thursday, January 7th:	Group B (blue day)
Friday, January 8th:	Group A (red day)
Monday, January 11th:	Group B (red day)
Tuesday, January 12th:	Group A (blue day)
Wednesday, January 13th:	Group B (blue day)
Thursday, January 14th:	Group A (red day)
Friday, January 15th:	Group B (red day)
Monday, January 18th:	No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Tuesday, January 19th:	All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students return for in-person instruction (blue day)

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 19th

6th grade BBB @ Sauers Tournament, 9:00 A.M.

December 21 - January 4

Christmas Break

Tuesday, January 5th

School Resumes

Chapel, 8:30 A.M.

8th grade GBB @ St. Peter's, 6:00 P.M.

8th grade BBB @ St. Peter's, 7:15 P.M.

Thursday, January 7th

5th grade BBB vs. Brownstown Elementary, 6:00 & 7:15 P.M.

Monday, January 18th

No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 19th

LEA Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Friday, January 22nd

2nd Grade Review of Trimester 2



Volcanoes Erupt at LCS!

Over the past couple of weeks the 4th grade students have been learning about volcanoes in science. They finished the unit by constructing their own volcano and then had the opportunity to watch it explode. Below are a few of the classes volcanoes erupting on a snowy day!



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