

April 9, 2021

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

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by Rev. Alfonso Espinosa

... Jesus. . . said to them, 'Peace to you!' (Luke 24:36)

In the Name + of Jesus. Amen. When the LORD Jesus says, "Peace to you!" it's not like He's saying, "I wish you well," or "I hope you feel better," or "Even though I don't know how things are going to work out, here's hoping for the best." Ah. . . no! When God proclaims peace upon you, it is created upon you; it becomes a reality upon you, so that peace for you is as empirical and objective as the iPhone you're holding right now or the thing upon which you are sitting. Think of the opening of Genesis, "And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light" (Genesis 1:3). When God speaks, what He speaks becomes. The spoken thing is now an "is" reality.

Peace IS now yours because Jesus has spoken it to you! He speaks it every time you attend Divine Service, as the pastor in Christ's Office says, "Peace be with you." That's Jesus speaking to you and casting His peace upon you. Why is this so important? Because we--according to our core sin--are like those Emmaus disciples in Luke 24. We are ". . . troubled. . . [and have] doubts [arising] in our hearts" (Luke 24:38). That's what sinners do. In fact, the old man does nothing but doubt, fret, complain, and curse. But when Jesus sees you like this--like He saw the Emmaus disciples--He has compassion upon you as He had compassion upon them. So His response is not to condemn you, but in the greatest love and mercy impart to you His peace, which means that you are right with God through the life, death, and resurrection of the LORD Jesus Christ.

But how can we know this with absolute certainty? Well, if we sneak ahead a little bit to Luke 24:39 we see what Jesus did with the Emmaus disciples: He got REAL with them! He showed them His hands and His feet and told them that they could touch Him! Well, guess what? He gets REAL with you, too! You go to the Divine Service and receive Jesus' REAL Absolution through the REAL pastor; and then hear Jesus' REAL Word through Jesus' REAL preaching Office; and then--best of all--you receive the REAL Body and Blood of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament. You get to see exactly how and why the peace that Jesus gives to you is not theoretical, but absolutely the real deal. In the Name + of Jesus. Amen.

O God, in the paschal feast You restore all creation. Continue to send Your heavenly gifts upon Your people that they may walk in perfect freedom and receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 April 12th we will be praying for Clara and Lane Adams, Maddie Adams, Braxton and Brielle Allman, Lain Arnold, Allison Ault, Jesse Baute, Easton and Morgan Berry, Oliver Berry, and Brinley Bobb.

2021-2022 Enrollment

As we enter the final months of the 2020-2021 school year, it is time once again to begin planning for next school year. Registration information was sent home last Friday with students. Please complete the paperwork for each of your children in grades K-8 that will be attending LCS in the fall of 2021. We ask that you return it to the school office by Friday, April 30th.

The LEA board has created a "Student Aid Fund" in order to provide financial assistance to families with a demonstrated need. Applications for financial assistance can be requested by contacting the school office. All applications for financial assistance must be returned to the school office by Tuesday, June 1st for consideration.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, payment options, or financial aid process please contact the school office. We look forward to serving you and your family.

Lutheran Central is also currently accepting registration forms for students who will be in 3-year old and 4-year old preschool next year. The 3 and 4-year old morning sessions have already filled up, however there are spots available in the afternoon classes for both 3 and 4-year olds. Please contact the school office if you need any registration materials.

Class Composite Pictures

We apologize for the inconvenience, however we learned earlier this week that class composite pictures were not included in any of the school picture packages that were offered this year. You may have received an email from Inter-State Studios regarding a separate class composite sale. If you missed that sale and would still like to order a class composite picture you will need to contact Inter-State Studios at 812-248-2317 or issofkentuckiana@inter-state.com.

2021-2022 School Calendar

Lutheran Central School ---School Calendar--- 2021-2022

August

2 Back to School Nights (TBA)

6 First Student Day (grades K-8)
11 First Student Day (4-yr old PK)
12 First Student Day (3-yr old PK)
27 Early Dismissal*

September

6 Labor Day - No School
21&22 School Pictures
24 Early Dismissal*

October

4 & 6 Parent-Teacher Conferences
11-15 Fall Break - No School

November

5 End of Trimester 1
12 Early Dismissal Day*
24-26 Thanksgiving Break - No School

December

17 Last Day Before Christmas Break
(Christmas Vacation - Dec. 20 thru Jan 3 - No School)

January

4 Students Return from Christmas Vacation
17 MLK Day - No School/Make-up Day
24-28 National Lutheran Schools Week

February

14 No School/Make-up Day
18 End of Trimester 2
21 Great Americans Day-No School/
Make-up Day

March

4 Early Dismissal*
21-25 Spring Break - No School

April

8 No School/Make-up Day
11 No School/Make-up Day
15 Good Friday-No School
22 Early Dismissal*

May

13 Early Dismissal*
20 Track & Field Day
24 Last Day 3-yr old PK
25 Last Day 4-yr old PK
27 Last Student Day (Grades K-8)

*Students in Grades (K-8) dismissed at 1:15 P.M. Preschool students will follow their normal schedule on the scheduled early dismissal dates.

Notes from the Shepherd's Staff

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED

Dear Parents,

We are finally at a point where LC can have some activities!! There are three events coming up, and we need your help! We have not asked for any donations this school year with the exception of parent/teacher conferences. So, if you can give your time or a monetary donation, it would greatly be appreciated. Below are the upcoming events.

1. Farewell Open House for the Sprengels: date TBD
2. Teacher Appreciation Week: week of May 3rd
3. Track & Field Day: Friday, May 21st



We are asking for a \$20.00 monetary donation from each LC family. The donations will be split between the Farewell Open House and Teacher Appreciation Week. Please turn in any monetary donations to the school office, attention Crystal Mager, by **Friday, April 16th**.

The Track & Field Day committee is also in need of volunteers to help with all the activities for that day.

- Friday Morning 8:00am to 1pm - morning activities (20 needed)
- Friday Afternoon 12:30pm to 3pm - afternoon activities (10 needed)

If you can volunteer at any of the above listed times, please text or email Crystal Mager before **Friday, April 16th** at:

812-580-0789 or crystal.d.mager@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for all your support to make these activities successful!!!

Sincerely,

LCS Shepherd's Staff



Upcoming Events

Monday, April 12th

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

School in Session - Make-up day for Feb. 1st

Monday, April 19th

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

Tuesday, April 20th

LEA Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Friday, April 23rd

2nd Grade Review of Trimester 3

Monday, April 26th

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

Monday, May 3rd

Teacher Appreciation Week

Tuesday, May 18th

LEA Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Friday, May 21st

Track and Field Day



Sports Physicals

In the past, medical personnel from Schneck Medical Center and the community have volunteered to provide free IHSA sports physicals to students in grades 5-12. Due to recommendations and guidance from a number of medical agencies they will no longer be providing this service. Appointments for sports physicals should be scheduled with the student's established primary care provider as part of their annual wellness check.

All students planning to participate in a school sponsored athletic activity must have a physical between April 1, 2021 and the date of the first practice for the athletic activity. Please plan accordingly and schedule your child's sports physical within the required time frame.

Student Assessments

NWEA Assessments continued this past week. We are nearly finished with all NWEA assessments with the exception of a few make-up tests.

The ILEARN testing window for grades 3-8 begins April 19th. During the week of April 19th students will complete the ILEARN practice tests. We will then begin the operational tests the week of April 26th. An ILEARN testing schedule will be available in next week's newsletter.