

# St. John School News

## Message from Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal: Why Lord?

I often wonder 'why' things happen. A student's father was healed from a serious accident with a horse, a student is killed in a car accident for no reason, cancer takes a life, but another person survives cancer. When these things has happened in my life, the 'why' question arises in my mind more prevalently. This past few days have raised many thoughts of 'why!' The father of one of my student from Nebraska perished trying to help a flood victim. When he heard that someone needed help, he jumped on his tractor and went to help. As he went to cross the bridge, it collapsed and he lost his life. He was a good man. A man that helped his neighbors, his fellow church members, his family and others everyday! He was a true hero. Why then did this happen?

I know that we are not to question the why, and as a Christian we know that Lord is in control. It is still difficult to understand. As my former church came together March 17<sup>th</sup>, their voices were raised in praise, eyes were wet with tears, but the sun shined through the beautiful century-old stained glass windows showing the brilliance of God's light. All felt comfort as they

came together, missing the man that entered heaven just a few days before.

The hearts of my friends in Nebraska are heavy. The pew will remain empty, the land will remain wet and the roads are washed away. So we ask, "What now?"

We do as Addie's dad did. We live as children of God, as servants of His and others. We continue to help when asked. This isn't about us as people. It's about us as children of God. They will recover. Our hearts will mend, with God's love filling the hole left by this loss. We will continue to see God's people at work!

"Well done, my good and faithful servant."  
Matthew 25:33

Have a wonderful April and remember to continue to live as a child of God and serve Him through all things! And know that He is good, and He remains faithful always!

Blessings,

*Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal*

## Classroom News

**Mrs. Wagner's 4-year-old class:** Praise the Lord...spring has finally sprung! It has been such a blessing to watch our four year olds grow this past school year....they will soon be Kindergarteners. As April arrives, we will be learning about how all-living things grow and change. We will be collecting and observing our baby pictures to see how we have matured. We will also be studying the life cycle of animals and plants & flowers. For Jesus time, we will be having a "praise parade," and we will be making and waving

our palm branches. Our Easter celebration will follow with the resurrection of our best friend Jesus. At our Easter Celebration we will be decorating our origami cross-baskets. How awesome is our Jesus - He is risen indeed!!



### **Mrs. Cavin 3-year-old class**

We have been learning a lot about animals, numbers, and how to write our names. We have been making our way through the New Testament during Jesus Time. Easter is a celebration of God's amazing love for us. We love Jesus, and enjoy singing his praises! We are looking forward to learning about plants as we plant seeds and watch them grow into beautiful flowers. We continue to work our way through the alphabet with our Alphafriends, and soon we will know all of our letters. We are excited for warmer weather, and are looking forward to sunny days to play outside!

### **Kindergarten Happenings**

#### **Mrs. Stottlemyer**

April is a jam-packed month! We are busy getting ready for the Night of the Arts. We have been practicing a great song and making some fun art. We are all also very excited for Easter. The kindergarteners have been learning a lot about what Jesus did before He died on the cross and they are learning to appreciate His great love and sacrifice. Everyone is so happy spring is here. It is a great time to take our learning outside! I am so proud of how much my students have learned this year and I cannot wait to see what they do these last two months of school!

### **First Grade News**

#### **Mrs. Jan McGhee**

We've Marched right on in to April. It's nice to put our Standardized Testing behind us. Although, we think we were able to really "show what we know". An early spring field trip is in the plans to look for fossils in some quarry stone. In May we'll visit the flowerbeds of Smiley Park. The First Grade Greenhouse garden will be planted in early April. It will be fun to fill the hall with sprouts and blooms. One of the many great things about attending a Lutheran School is the ability to celebrate Easter with more than stories of bunnies and eggs. The children are so receptive in learning how to proclaim the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The class will participate in the all school "**Night of the Arts**" on **April 25 from 5 – 6:30 p.m.** April 25

is the First Grade Grandparent Visitor Day. It is also the day the class leads the school Chapel Service. They would love the congregation to join them for Chapel that day at 8:55 am.

### **Second Grade News**

#### **Mrs. Cheryl Yoder**

Spring has finally come and the students could not be more excited! In second grade, spring means the start of our unit on planting and growing flowers. We will be learning about different types of seeds and plants, along with how they grow. Of course that will include our own planting, which is always lots of fun. With Easter just around the corner, we will use those planting skills to make an awesome miniature resurrection project, complete with a cross, tomb, stones, and live plants.

### **Third Grade Classroom**

#### **Mrs. Tiffany Scheurich**

It's hard to believe we are in the month of April! State testing begins this month. We will be starting a unit on life sciences in science and studying inventors and ancient cultures in social studies. We are learning about geometry and finding area and perimeter of objects this month in math. We will have Night of the arts in April where student artwork will be displayed for everyone to enjoy. We will be planning our spring field trip this month as well. In art we will be studying more artists and trying to create pictures like that artist. In reading we will be reading stories about some famous historical figures and we are writing our first research paper on whales! We have learned so much so far this year and I can't wait to see the adventures we will take in our final months together in third grade!

### **Fourth Grade Classroom**

#### **Miss Carli Rossow**

After the Civil War, what happened in Ohio? Our next two chapters take us to experience the rise of Industry in Ohio all the way through the World Wars, Suffrage, Civil Rights, The Great Depression, and even into Outer Space! In math we are exploring the order of operations and fractions!

We're finishing up an art project, which involves making our own 3D bubble letters with vanishing point perspective, and then we'll be using pastels to create nature scenes. How do you tie your shoe, play soccer, learn to double Dutch with jump ropes??? Well, we may not write essays on one of these topics, but we will be writing about how to do something. What knowledge will the fourth graders decide to teach us how to do? The best part of April, at least in the opinion of most of the fourth graders, is our dive into the world of Maniac Magee, a story characterized as a modern day tall tale. Have you read this novel?

#### **Fifth and Sixth Grade Religion – Miss Rossow**

We ended March with this memory verse from Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing' it is a gift of God..." These words will come to life as we study Jesus's journey to the cross and what it truly means in our lives as well as lives of those who lived during the years of the early Christian Church.

#### **Sixth Grade Math – Miss Rossow**

If there are eight students in the class, is that  $<$ ,  $>$ ,  $\leq$ ,  $\geq$ , or  $=$  to the number of textbooks on their desks during math? Well, if you're wondering what we're up to, you don't have to look far. It's time for Functions and Inequalities. Then, before the month is out, you'll find us calculating area.

#### **Fifth and Sixth Grade Science – Ms. Santo**

5th graders will be learning more about energy: electricity, light, and sound! 6th graders will be starting with energy and the different types. 7th and 8th graders will be exploring the history of life on Earth. 7th graders are working on algebra: equations and inequalities!

#### **Seventh & Eighth Grade - Miss Pat Marshall**

Fourth quarter has arrived and it is the season of Easter! What a wonderful time to be part of a Christian school where we not only learn about the risen Lord Jesus but we also know Him and keep getting to know Him better! This quarter finds us writing research papers, studying geometry in math, honing our writing skills in Creative Writing and literature and working harder than ever to

elevate our reading skills and comprehension! We love our school and are thankful for it! Blessed Easter everyone!

## **“NIGHT OF THE ARTS’ PLANNED**

All K – 8 students will be participating in the “Night of the Arts” on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Artwork will be displayed and each grade will be performing for the people. Please consider attending! **COST IS FREE!!!**

**VBS** will be held June 3 – 6 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. All Age 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend! We will be using **Answers in Genesis, “The Incredible Race”** for the program!



**March 2 – EC Chapel 9:15 p.m.**  
**April 7 – 14 BOGO Book Fair**  
**April 11 – BCDS 7 p.m.**  
**April 19 – No School/TD Open**  
**April 22 – No School/TD Open**

**February 22 – Spring Pictures 9 a.m.**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Interim**  
**February 26 – Delay Start/Faculty Mtg**