



# Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



March 11, 2010

## SPIRITUAL FOOD

**“The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.”** (Mark 4: 26-27).

I'm sure you've noticed--the kingdom of God and the life of a Child of God is NOT a bed of roses! When the Lord hides His face: our hearts feel empty; worldliness fills every fiber of our soul; our regret at having sinned seems cold; faith disappears from our hearts. We are sluggish in prayer. God's Word seems dry and distasteful to us. We feel as though all is lost, and the Spirit of God has forsaken us. ALL RIGHT! We've got the picture! So what's the good news? According to our Scripture reading, these dormant times in our lives are necessary for sound and good growth. GROWTH? Are not times of emptiness, worldliness and faithlessness dangerous for the child of God? Although God's may hide His face, He is ALWAYS present. It's during these low times that our blessed Savior comes to take the dead seed and makes it grow, to shed the leaves so that the fruit might ripen. Our sense of sinfulness drives us to our knees for forgiveness. Our in humbleness drives us to put all confidence in God. And, God gives grace to the humble. Then are we most precious and useful to God and irresistibly loving to our neighbor. How does this happen? Who knows but God. May we ever wonder and delight in this mystery! Pax Domini—Mrs. Farrell

**Classical Education**—No doubt you have heard of *No Child Left Behind*, the Bush administration's agenda for national education standards for the new century. This plan began as an effort to encourage the states to implement objective and rigorous academic standards. Instead, the education bureaucracy captured and transformed it into just the opposite--a program to nationalize the postmodernist education agenda. State standards are the curricula for core subject areas and have been reduced to arbitrary skills to be taught and tested in isolation. Public-school teachers are held accountable for the results of state standardized tests; thus, they must take valuable class time to teach and practice the tests to produce positive test scores. Good teachers struggle to maintain their love for teaching children. And, the joy of learning is virtually sucked out of education. Classical Lutheran schools have the benefit of utilizing a different philosophy of education, one that focuses on children. Specifically, instruction is rooted in how children develop and learn and on content that builds a foundation for a life-time of learning and pursuit of knowledge and skills. How better to prepare children for a life of service to God's people!

**\*Wisdom from Love and Logic:** (by Jim and Charles Fay): Listening and using empathy is more important than “fixing” the problem.

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Thank you to everyone who brought your child to sing Sunday.

According to the groundhog we should have had 6 more weeks of winter. It is now officially over. The groundhog predicted this winter correctly. All of our school days were cold except for two.

Your child brought home an envelope about Jump Rope for Heart. If you have not returned the permission slip, please do so by Monday. If you are collecting money for Jump Rope for Heart, it needs to be turned in Wednesday, March 31. We will be jumping from 1:00-3:00 at St. Paul. We will dismiss from St. Paul at 3:00.

If you have volunteered to help, please be at St. Paul by 12:45.

We are performing “Way of the Cross” this evening at St. Paul. Please drop your child off in costume in the 3&4 grade classroom by 6:30.

The remainder of the Presidents was due today, if you have not turned them in, please do so by Thursday, March 18.

No school tomorrow. Drawing and Handwriting papers are in the folder. Report cards will be sent home Friday.

Spring Pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, March 16.

Your child should be reading “A Hut for Zig Bug” and “The Rope Tug.” If time permits, read previous stories. Please make sure they are pointing to each word as they are reading it. Also, read the ring cards and bag words every night. Some are having difficulty with the words in the bag. They need to have these words memorized because more words will be added soon.

Handwriting homework is in the folder.

New spelling sheets are in the folder.

Our memory verse for Friday is: The Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. Galatians 4:26.

Chapel will be at **Trinity** for the month of March.

Have a great 3-day weekend!

God's Blessings - Mrs. Steinmeyer

## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE NEWS

This week marks the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Report cards will be coming home next week.

The final set of Presidents was due on Thursday. If your child has not completed his/her report please turn in by Thursday next week.

Earlier this week two SIU-E students came and taught about different food groups and the food pyramid. They also emphasized the importance of staying physically active. Students learned some different fun ways of getting physical activity.

Spring Pictures will be March 16.

Your child can begin collecting for Jump Rope for Heart. Your children saw some of the prizes they can receive depending on how much money they raise. We all will be jumping rope at St. Paul center on March 31.

Chapel is at **Trinity** for the month of March.

**First Grade:** In Language we will learn about adjectives, what they are and how we can use them to make our writing more interesting. In Math we will be working on exchanging coins for dollar bills, and learning how to add dollar amounts.

**Second Grade:** In Math we will be learning about right angles, and perpendicular lines. We will also continue working on multiplying by 0, 1, 2 and 5.

In Christ – Miss Warnier

## 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS

Way of the Cross is tonight (Thursday). Your child needs to be in our classroom at 6:30 in his or her costume. We will present the entire program inside.

There is no school Friday so teachers can prepare report cards, which will be given out next Friday.

Next week, third graders will take a unit reading test. Fourth graders are covering fractions. We'll all start a unit on pronouns in English class. Fourth grade will be on Spelling Unit 27.

The Book Report information is in the Friday folder. Your child has picked out a mystery to read, and will fill out a “Detective Report.” Book reports are due April 16, but can be turned in anytime before then.

In Christ---Mrs. Schkade

## 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math) NEWS

\*7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Science – has begun the lesson on Work and Simple Machines when were done with this they will construct a machine of their own.

\*7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> **History** – is on the Reform of the U.S.  
\*5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> **Science** – will dive into the Periodic Table along with Acids & Bases this coming week.  
\*5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> **History** – has started on Greece.  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Math** – the boys are doing okay on the math facts, but some need a lot of help. Please go over these with them.  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Spelling** – Unit 22 next week.

In Christ – Mr. Hemann

#### 5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

\*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> **Grade English** – we will continue our review of grammar. No Homework this weekend!  
\*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> **Grade Reading** – we are reading Harriet the Spy. **Book reports due March 19th**. No homework this weekend!  
\*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> **Grade English** – we will continue our review of grammar. No homework this weekend!  
\*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> **Grade Reading** – we have started The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain. No Home This Weekend!

This year, **Anastasia Curtis, Chloe Langendorf, Taylor Murphy, Brendan Steinmeyer, Jasper Bartony, Ryan Hellmann, Zachary Wedel, Erica Webb, Claire Cunningham, Faith Keune, Chase Langendorf, Cody Hellmann and Sean Micnheimer** all wrote great stories/poems for Young Authors. Selected to represent TSP at the Young Authors Conference in April are **Anastasia, Jasper, Faith, Chase and Cody**. **Chloe Langendorf** is our alternate. A tremendous Thank You to all our parents who helped us and our judges: Amilia Elsea and Jonathan Schkade.

If you'd like to contact me outside of school hours, I can be reached at: home phone 633-2603 or [cesch@whitemountainfinancial.net](mailto:cesch@whitemountainfinancial.net). I check my e-mail daily.

#### LATIN

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - **GRADE LATIN** – We will begin a new chapter, Capitulum Septum! No quiz this week. Keep studying those vocabulary cards!  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> - **GRADE LATIN** – We'll finish reading "Dominus et Servi" and review "grammatica Latina" with the end-of-the chapter exercises.  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> - **GRADE LATIN** – We'll forge onto "grammatica Latina in Capitulo sextum."

#### MATH

8<sup>th</sup>-**Grade MATH**— We'll finish our cumulative test on Monday and begin a new chapter, exploring graphing relations and functions. I love coordinate planes! You'll need graph paper!  
7<sup>th</sup>-**Grade MATH**-- We'll continue our study of fractions, this time adding and subtracting like fractions. Then we'll go over least common multiple in preparations for working with fractions with unlike denominators.  
6<sup>th</sup> – **Grade MATH**— We'll take our chapter test on Monday. Our new chapter will continue a study on fractions, comparing and ordering them and using them in problem solving.  
5<sup>th</sup> – **Grade MATH**— We'll finish our on graphing data and begin a review of our chapter in preparation for a test the following week.

#### NEWS & NOTES

\***Spring Pictures/Basketball Pictures** – All K-8 students will have spring pictures taken on Tuesday, March 16. Basketball pictures will also be taken this day. All players should have their uniforms laundered and ready to be turned in following pictures. Forms are in the folders today.  
**Thanks Mrs. Bartony!**—and ALL the moms who worked to make our Book Fair so organized and successful during NLSW. Mrs. Bartony will be sending some books to our troops in the military. If anyone would like to send other personal items with the books,

please bring them to school by Wednesday. Items especially needed are: athletic boxer shorts (with banded legs), socks, baby wipes, & DVDs.

\***Coming soon—Iowa Test of Basic Skills!** A brochure is included today's Friday update. Please take a few moments to read it over and begin preparing your child for this annual event, scheduled to begin a week from Monday, March 22.  
\***Family Fun Night** – Trinity St. Paul has reserved the Edwardsville YMCA Meyer Center Skate Rink on Sunday, April 25, 2010 from 5:15-7:15 p.m. The facility will be closed to the public at this time. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Admission is free. Skate rental is \$2.00 per person for those that need skates. Concessions will be open. We are extending the invitation to our supporting congregations as well. Be sure to encourage everyone to attend! See you there!  
\***Summer Camp – Mark your calendars** – Camp Piasa in Grafton – Sunday, June 27-Friday, July 2 for students currently in 5<sup>th</sup>&6<sup>th</sup> grades and Sunday, July 4-Friday, July 9 for students currently in 7<sup>th</sup>&8<sup>th</sup> grades. Registration forms will be available in March.  
\***Basketball Camp – Mark your calendars** – The Neal Reising Memorial Basketball Camp is scheduled for June 28-July 1 @ MELHS from 6:00-8:00 for boys and girls entering 2-4 grades. Registration forms will be available in April at the school. There will be a school supply drive for Unity Lutheran in East St. Louis and students from Unity will be sponsored for this camp.  
\***Orchestra Anyone?** Our thanks to TSP's Brass Choir, Mrs. Carolyn McCall and the Cunningham children who performed fabulously at our VIP/Grandparent lunch this past Wednesday. Don't miss the flyer in your Friday folders, promoting our opportunity for Grades 3-8 to receive violin lessons from Mrs. McCall during the 2010-2011 school year at a very reasonable cost.

#### EVENTS

**TONIGHT (3/11)** – Way of the Cross Presentation; 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 & 8:30 (Be in Mrs. Schkade's Classroom by 6:30)  
**FRIDAY (3/12)** – No School – Teacher In-service Day  
**SUNDAY (3/14)** – Church and Sunday School – Daylight Saving Time Begins  
**TUESDAY (3/16)** – Spring Pictures – Basketball Pictures  
**WEDNESDAY (3/17)** – Chapel @ Trinity 8:30 – Lenten Supper @ Trinity 5:30-6:45 – Lenten Services

#### MENU

**MONDAY (3/15)** – Mostaccoli, Salad, Breadsticks, Peaches, Dessert, Milk  
**TUESDAY (3/16)** – Snack Wraps, Lettuce, Applesauce, Dessert, Milk  
**WEDNESDAY (3/17)** – BBQ Pork/Bun, Corn, Fruit Salad, Dessert, Milk  
**THURSDAY (3/18)** – Meat Loaf, Potato Slices, Green Beans, Bread, Pineapple, Dessert, Milk  
**FRIDAY (3/19)** – Salmon Patties, Peas, Pears, Dessert, Milk

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Michaela Kipp – March 14**  
**Mr. Dennis Hemann – March 17**  
**God's Blessings to both of you!**