



# Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



March 26, 2010

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## SPIRITUAL FOOD

**“Let both grow together until the harvest”** (Matt. 13:30) The parable of the wheat and the tares is sad. Jesus portrays His single disappointment in His great work of saving souls throughout history to the very end of time. The “field” is the world and community in which we live. Jesus is the Sower Who sows the seed--the children of God—that’s us! The tares are the children of the evil one—the people who reject the light of God’s grace and follow Satan’s darkness. Satan sows the tares. The harvest is the end of the world—Judgment Day. What drama! In the parable, the servants see the havoc that resulted in when the tares grow within the wheat, and they want to destroy the tares. But the householder said: “No, for then you will damage the wheat also. Let them grow together until the harvest.” Indeed, like Jesus’ disciples, we would “kill off” our worst enemies and bid fire come down from heaven to consume sinful, rebellious people—you know the kind: murderers, crooked politicians, child molesters, blasphemers! But wait! Jesus says, “I did not come to destroy people. Let them stand until the harvest. Pray for them that they might be saved. They, too, have immortal souls for which I have died.”

Our chapel offering for March goes to the LCMS Southern Illinois prison ministry. Many “seeds” mixed with the tares begin to grow through the efforts of people like our own Sandy Bowers. Fed and renewed, these seeds leave their prison home with readiness to meet their Lord, our Lord, at the harvest. May we embrace every opportunity to provide a fertile field of Word and Sacrament so that the seeds of TSP might grow and be ready for harvest when our Lord comes!

Pax Domini—Mrs. Farrell

## ***The Genius of a Classical “Liberal” Education—***

Obviously, a liberal arts education today would have to be very different from one in ancient Rome or medieval Europe. The genius of the liberal arts is that it is comprehensive, encompassing all subjects because it is open to all questions, including the most contemporary. The *trivium* or *quadrivium* are not subjects but modes of learning. The *trivium*, addresses the mastery of language through development of grammar, logic and rhetoric. Anyone who wants to learn a language first must master its grammar: structure, vocabulary, rules, and conventions that constitute language. To use language you must learn to think in that language—the role of logic. Finally, to communicate knowledge, you must develop a capacity to speak and write your own ideas in a way that is compelling and persuasive—the rhetoric stage. Likewise, every *subject* has its grammar, logic, and rhetoric. To be educated in any contemporary academic discipline you must: 1) know its basic facts (grammar); 2) be able to reason clearly about it (logic); and 3) apply it personally in an effective way (rhetoric). Every field of learning requires knowledge (grammar), understanding (logic) and creativity (rhetoric). Many current educational reforms grasp one part of the trivium at the expense of others. The “back to basics” movement recognizes the importance of grammar, but stops short of enabling students to reason well or act independently and creatively. Critical thinking curricula appears to acknowledge the importance of logic, but breeds skepticism and teaches students to question moral authorities and undermine traditional values without pursuing knowledge and truth within a moral context and purpose. Therefore, each leg of the trivium is essential for a solid educational foundation.

**\*Wisdom from Love and Logic:** (by Jim and Charles Fay): Wise parents know how to give guidance while keeping responsibility for their child’s problems squarely on the child’s shoulders.

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Thank you to everyone who made Teacher Appreciation Week so great!

We are going to dye eggs on Monday and need 5 dozen hard boiled eggs. If you could donate a dozen, please send them in on Monday.

We are finished adding words to the ring cards. You may keep them at home now, but please continue to use them. Mix up the words and use them as flash cards. Remember they need this repetition.

We are reading “Mr. C’s Dinner” in the reading book. Read this along with the bag words every night.

If you are collecting for Jump Rope for Heart, turn the money in on Wednesday. If you volunteered to help, please be at St. Paul by 12:45. **We will dismiss from St. Paul at 3:00.**

No school Thursday, Friday and Monday for Easter Break.

Handwriting homework is in the folder. No homework next weekend.

Congratulations to Alyssa, Allison, Brianna, Emily, Michaela, and Tina for getting a SUPER-PELLER this week.

No spelling or memory next week. We will take Spelling Week 9 on Tuesday, April 6.

Our memory verse for Friday, April 9 is: Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Luke 24:5-6.

Chapel will be at Trinity Wednesday and at St. Paul for the month of April.

We need volunteers for Jump Rope for Heart on Wednesday. If you are free Wednesday afternoon from 1-3 and would be willing to help, please call Mrs. Steinmeyer.

Hope you all have a great Easter!

God’s Blessings - Mrs. Steinmeyer

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

Thank you to all the parents who did so many wonderful things all week!

We had a special visit from the Easter bunny yesterday. The kids really enjoyed hearing Easter stories from the Easter bunny.

In Friday folders is a recipe for Resurrection Cookies. This is a great way to go through the Easter story together.

No school next Thursday and Friday, April 1 & 2 and Monday, April 5 for Easter break.

Next Wednesday we will be jumping rope for Jump Rope for Heart. We will be jumping from 1-3 in the afternoon. We will dismiss from St. Paul center at 3. Please turn all money collected for Jump Rope for Heart in by Wednesday.

On Wednesday we will have a special offering in chapel. We are collecting canned and dry goods for the food pantry. You can bring them in anytime next week.

We will have Catechism memory work on Tuesday as usual and Bible verse memory will be on Wednesday since we don’t have school the rest of the week.

**First Grade:** We will be talking about folktales next week. We will be reading a variety of folktales. In Math we will be learning about using centimeters.

**Second Grade:** Got new multiplication fact cards. We have learned to multiply by 0, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10.

In Christ – Miss Warnier

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

Thanks for all the love you showed me with the Teacher Appreciation gifts. I appreciate all of you, too! Next week, we'll wrap up the story of Jesus Passion in Religion class. In English, we'll write some fun Easter "Bunny Tales". Fourth grade will do some review activities in Spelling and wait until April 6 for Pretest 29. **The Social Studies Unit 4 test will be on Tuesday, March 30.**

The third and fourth graders participated in the Edwardsville Intelligencer Draw an Ad contest. Each student received a coupon for McDonald's for participating. Winning ads will be printed on April 22 and will be online April 22-May 23.

At Wednesday's chapel service, we are collecting cans of food as our offering. It will go to Hamel Food Bank.

Wednesday is also the day for our annual 3-8 grade Spelling Bee. Jump Rope for Heart starts at 1:00 p.m.

This is the last Update you'll see until April 9. Please watch your child's assignment notebook daily to keep informed of homework and tests.

Easter break is April 1-5. Please use that time to rest and relax with your family. Take advantage of the many holy week worship services that are available to you. Celebrate our Savior, our Risen King!

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

Wednesday of this coming week is the Spelling Bee at 10:30 and following lunch is Jump Rope for Heart. Students return for classes on Tuesday, April 6.

\*7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> **Science** – has a machine to produce for a science project. The project is due Monday, April 12, 2010.

\*7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> **History** – is moving to the section on Civil War.

\*5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> **Science** – will have a test on Chapter 20 on Tuesday. They have several review sheets to work on for Monday. We will review these sheets as well as sections of the book in preparation for the test on Tuesday.

\*5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> **History** – will check out Alexander's Empire.

3<sup>rd</sup> **Math** – Please continue work with your child on the 1's, 2's, 3's, 4's & 5's tables through 9. They will have a test over these on Monday.

3<sup>rd</sup> **Spelling** – will work on Lesson 24 in class/home for next week.

Have a Blessed Easter!

In Christ – Mr. Hemann

### 5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

\*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> **Grade English** – our next unit will be pronouns. No homework this weekend! No homework over Easter.

\*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> **Grade Reading** – we continue Harriet the Spy with chapters 7-9. There will be a quiz over these chapters the Wednesday after Easter. No homework this weekend!

\*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> **Grade English** – we have finished our workbooks! Now we are getting ready to research and write our research papers. No homework this weekend! No homework over Easter.

\*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> **Grade Reading** – we will be finishing The Adventures of Tom Sawyer over the next two weeks. No homework this weekend!

Thank you for all the wonderful and thoughtful remembrances this past week. A Blessed Easter to everyone!

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.

Thank you to everyone who made Teacher Appreciation Week so wonderful! --Mrs. Farrell

### LATIN

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - **GRADE LATIN** – We will have that promised vocabulary quiz this Monday, March 22 on the following: **quid est; galea; gladius; pilum; scutum; cave; lorica; siste; pugio; relinque; periculosus; ecce.** When we get back from Easter break, we'll work on the

following words: **milites; audite; sumite; portate; procedite; demittite; testudinem facite**

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> - **GRADE LATIN** – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will finish translating and answers questions from capitulum quartum next week and begin a new chapter when we get back from our Easter break.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> - **GRADE LATIN** – We'll finish answering our end-of-the-chapter questions in Capitulum Sextum and begin a new chapter when we get back from our Easter break.

### MATH

8<sup>th</sup> - **Grade MATH** – We graph linear equations and functions. Don't worry—we'll take our time with those!

7<sup>th</sup> - **Grade MATH** – We'll solve equations with rational numbers, then we'll work with arithmetic and geometric sequences.

6<sup>th</sup> – **Grade MATH** – We'll compare and order fractions next week, then begin our review for our chapter test which we'll take the Thursday after Easter.

5<sup>th</sup> – **Grade MATH** – We'll solve some word problems using graphs and stem-and-leaf plots. After Easter we'll explore sampling before beginning our review for our next chapter test.

**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents!** We're in the process of reserving rooms at the National 4-H Center for our 2011 Washington D.C. trip. Please find and complete the questionnaire in your student's Friday folder to help us iron out some details. Also, Flower orders (with money) are due to Mrs. Farrell this coming Monday, March 29. We'll kick off our TJ pizza sales on April 8; however, we should have order forms before Easter break—just in time to sell to those relatives!

### BRASS CHOIR

Keep working on page 20, especially exercises 103 and 109. On April 7 we'll let the rest of the St. Paul Center have a crack at the instruments, so mark your calendars. In the meantime: practice at least 100 minutes this week! Write them down! Get them signed! Knock Chase down from his mighty throne so that you can be the next Potentate of Practice!

### NEWS & NOTES

\***Special Holy Week Chapel Offering!** – We will collect canned and dry food and goods for our local pantry during Holy Week. Please bring your offering anytime on or before Wednesday, March 31.

\***K-8 Sing** – Mark your calendars – K-8 sing at St. Paul at 7:45 on Sunday, April 18.

\***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?** – Ms. Carolyn McCall has offered to facilitate violin lessons for Grades 3-8 at TSP during the 2010-2011 school year at a very reasonable cost. Laurie Cunningham has several used violins for sale, too. Let the school office know if you're interested in this opportunity for your child next year as soon as possible.

### EVENTS

**Sunday (3/28)** – Palm Sunday – Church and Sunday School – St. Paul Confirmation

**Wednesday (3/31)** – Chapel @ Trinity 8:30 – 3-8 Spelling Bee – Jump Rope for Heart 1:00-3:00 – K-8 Dismiss from St. Paul @ 3:00

*Thursday (4/1)* – Maundy Thursday – No School – Church Services  
*Friday (4/2)* – Good Friday – No School – Church Services  
*Sunday (4/4)* – Easter – Church Services  
*Monday (4/5)* – Easter Monday – No School

#### **MENU**

*Monday (3/29)* – Pizza, Salad, Pears, Dessert, Milk  
*Tuesday (3/30)* – Sloppy Joe/Bun, Carrot Sticks, Potato Chips, Pineapple, Dessert, Milk  
*Wednesday (3/31)* – Enchiladas, Corn, Applesauce, Dessert, Milk  
*Thursday (4/1)* – Maundy Thursday – No School  
*Friday (4/2)* – Good Friday – No School  
*Monday (4/5)* – Easter Monday – No School  
*Tuesday (4/6)* – Chicken Nuggets, Carrot Sticks, Grapes, Dessert, Milk  
*Wednesday (4/7)* – Taco Crunch, Lettuce, Pears, Dessert, Milk  
*Thursday (4/8)* – Farmers Delight, Corn, Bread, Applesauce, Dessert, Milk  
*Friday (4/9)* – Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Crackers, Peas, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Chloe Langendorf – March 28*  
*Randy Stark – April 4*  
*Riley Dempsey – April 7*

#### **ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, March 28**

**Trinity Church**

9:30 – *Chelsea Behme; Michelle Williams*

**St. Paul Church**

7:45 – *Hannah Kipp; Rachel Brunsworth*

10:00 – *Jonathan Klinger; Connor Cunningham; Chase Langendorf*

**Sunday, April 4**

**Trinity Church**

9:30 – *Randy Stark; Sam Whitmore*

**St. Paul Church**

*Sunrise – Cody Hellmann; Jason Johnson; Jonathan Klinger*

9:00 – *Natasha Meinzen; Kayleigh Meinzen; Christian Meinzen*