



Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



March 5, 2010

SPIRITUAL FOOD

“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and may share in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death” (Philippians 3:10).

The groundhog saw his shadow. The cold weather won't give up. We long to trade the gloomy coldness for warm sunshine and fresh air. It's Lent, the season for contemplating our Lord's suffering. Perhaps, we have resigned ourselves to suffering, willingly fast and thank God for drawing us to prayer and meditation on His Word. Yet, when we are burdened, we desire that such times should pass quickly and to take the unmerited grace of God in order to make things easy for ourselves.

Our Scripture reading tells us that we are truly blessed and grow in faith when we *desire* suffering, actually seeking fellowship with Jesus by entering into suffering with Him and on His behalf. As suffering was the secret in the life of Jesus, so is suffering the secret of the believer's life. Healing in this life is not the *resolution* of our suffering. While we depend on His grace and power to endure suffering and bring its conclusion, we embrace it's potential to draw us into a deeper relationship with God and His purposes for our lives. Then, at the back of the cross where Jesus bore with us the consequence of our sins, we find hope, God's glory and renewal of life to the new person within us. May God's grace enable us to gladly bear the shame of the cross with Christ. May God present us faultless before His glory where we find exceeding joy in our Savior! Pax Domini—Mrs. Farrell

Classical Education—Lutheran types often refer to the doctrine of *vocation* as “how to live the Christian life in common daily life.” Our vocation is the position or roles in which God has called us to serve. Vocations fall into three *estates*: the household which serves both the family and the economy, the church, and the state which serves the culture. We have multiple vocations in each estate. The purpose of each is the same—to serve other people whom God brings to you. The different vocations are means through which God works and blesses His people. Luther has stated: “God milks the cows through the vocation of milkmaids. Christ baptizes, forgives, redeems through the vocation of Pastor.”

Some educational reformers advocate “school-to-work” programs that teach practical job skills. Ironically called *vocational schools*, these schools would develop cooperative agreements with employers and labor unions that will direct students into apprenticeship programs, internships and workplace instruction. Such business-education partnerships certainly have an appeal. Yet, as a system of education these programs fall dangerously short. They may produce compliant workers with specific skills, but they cannot cultivate the largeness of mind necessary for innovation, responsibility and leadership. Americans need an education that will prepare them for citizenship as well as for employment. Classical, liberal-arts schools were established to help students learn how to live in each vocational estate, cultivating human gifts and preparing students to serve others in their care and as well as those with whom they interact. God stations us to a particular office of service. Although God needs nothing from us, our neighbor does. At TSP, we strive to begin the process that fully prepares our students for their present and future vocations.

***Wisdom from Love and Logic:** (by Jim and Charles Fay): Kids who don't feel listened-to and understood by their parents tend to search for these feelings in other places—in gangs—in cults—in drugs—in sex—etc.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Wow! What a week! We had a great time participating in all the fun activities. We play the bells and sing this Sunday at Trinity at 9:30. Please be in the back of church by 9:15.

Thank you to the parents who helped at the breakfast Monday. We really appreciate all of you!

Handwriting homework is in the folder. We are having a review in spelling next week. We will have a test on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. A list of the words is in the folder.

We will have dress rehearsal Wednesday afternoon. Please send costumes to school in a bag with your child's name on it by Tuesday. **We will dismiss from St. Paul at 3:00.**

Your child should be reading “What a Vet Can Do” and “Hot Fox Soup”. If time permits, read previous stories, making sure they point to each word as they are reading it.

End of the quarter is Thursday. I will be testing the children next week. Practice days of the week, months of the year, phone number, address, birthday, counting by 1's, 5's and 10's, letters and sounds of the alphabet, writing and identifying numbers to 20.

We will perform Way of the Cross Thurs. evening. Please have your child in costume in the 3-4 grade classroom by 6:30 p.m. The performances should be over around 9:00.

No school on Friday. Congratulations to Allison, Alyssa, Brianna, Michaela, Emily, Tina, & Zoey for being SUPER-SPELLERS this week.

Our memory verse for Friday is: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it. Luke 11:28.

Chapel will be at **Trinity** for the month. Have a great weekend! God's Blessings - Mrs. Steinmeyer

1st and 2nd GRADE NEWS

Thanks for all who sang at St. Paul on Sunday. We will sing at Trinity this Sunday. Please be in the back of the church by 9:15.

We had a great week celebrating National Lutheran Schools week. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who helped out and came on field trips throughout the week.

On Wednesday we will be running a dress rehearsal for Way of the Cross. On Tuesday please send to school your child's costume in a bag labeled with his/her name on it. We will dismiss from St. Paul Center on Wednesday.

Thursday evening we will perform Way of the Cross at St. Paul Center. Please meet in the 3&4 grade room, dressed in costume by 6:30. We will start at 7:00. No school on Friday.

We had our last day with Michael & Sarah with the Junior Achievement program. Over the last 5 weeks they talked about how people live and work together as a family. All the students really enjoyed having them come to our classroom.

Chapel is at Trinity for the month of March.

First Grade: In math class we will be identifying 1/2, 1/6, 1/3. We will be learning when to use greater than, less than and equal to (<, >, =) signs. We will be reading two stories out of our reading book this week.

Second Grade: In math we will continue to multiply by 0, 1, 2 and 10. We will begin to multiply by 5's. We will work on adding 3 digit numbers as well as identify parallel lines.

In Christ – Miss Warmier

3rd and 4th GRADE NEWS

We enjoyed celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week. Thanks to all the family members who joined us for our special activities. Don't forget that our celebration ends on Sunday with K-8 singing at Trinity's 9:30 service.

Next week, we'll get back into our regularly scheduled classes. The only test will be in spelling.

Dress rehearsal for the play is **Wed.** Please make sure your child has his or her entire costume at school by **Tuesday.**

On Thursday, your children need to be in my classroom at 6:30 p.m. in costume. Parents may go to the church basement for the 7:00 or 7:30 showing or may leave and come back for

the 8:00 or 8:30 showings. Please drop off your 2 dozen cookies as soon as you bring your child.

Third quarter ends on Thurs. No school Friday as teachers prepare report cards. Have a nice, warmer weekend!
In Christ--Mrs. Schkade

5th and 6th GRADE (3rd/4th Grade Math) NEWS

***7th/8th Science** – We'll be starting a new chapter this coming week, which will deal with Work and Machines.

***7th/8th History** – has completed chapter 11 and will now look at the Reforming Years.

***5th/6th Science** – is learning about the various kinds of reactions among the elements. They will be getting into the Periodic Table next week.

***5th/6th History** – is starting Greece. So far they have done some map work and read the introduction to the chapter.

3rd Math – is working on multiplication. My goal is for them to memorize the times tables 0-5 for next week. Please drill your student over these.

3rd Spelling – Unit 21 for next week.

In Christ – Mr. Hemann

5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

***5th & 6th Grade English** – we will continue our review of grammar. No homework this weekend!

***5th & 6th Grade Reading** – we are reading Harriet the Spy. **So finishing book reports will not detract from the experience of The Way of the Cross, the turn in date has been extended a week to March 19th.** No homework this weekend!

***7th & 8th Grade English** – we will continue our review of grammar. No homework this weekend!

***7th & 8th Grade Reading** – we will finish Johnny Tremain. Read chapters seven through nine for Monday.

The Young Author winners will be announced next Wednesday.

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

LATIN

3rd & 4th - GRADE LATIN – Most students did better on their vocabulary quiz than they expected. Good job, and keep reading over those extra-credit cards! We'll finish our 5th chapter with a focus on the geography and mythology of the Roman Empire. No quiz next week!

5th & 6th - GRADE LATIN – 5th & 6th graders will study "grammatical Latina" in Capitulum quartum.

7th & 8th - GRADE LATIN – 7th & 8th graders will continue reading through Capitulum Sextum, learning new vocabulary and distinguishing between accusative and ablative prepositions.

MATH

8th-Grade MATH— We'll take a cumulative test over algebraic concepts and operations studied so far this year. Then we're onto to exploring plane geometry. We will be SO ready for high school next year!

7th-Grade MATH-- We'll practice multiplying rational numbers and go onto dividing rational numbers. Then we'll apply those skills to solve word problems.

6th – Grade MATH— We'll use our skills in finding equivalent fractions and reducing fractions to lowest terms to solve word problems. Then we'll begin our review for a chapter test.

5th – Grade MATH— We'll use our skills in finding equivalent fractions and reducing fractions to lowest terms to solve word problems. Then we'll begin our review for a chapter test.

BRASS CHOIR

Gentlemen, I commend you on a very respectable debut performance. Nice work! Now back to the salt mines! We'll gather 'round page 18 on Tuesday and a good time will be had by all. Keep focusing on the high end of the B flat concert scale; everyone should be able to hit high C (trumpets) or B flat (low brass) comfortably

within the next couple of weeks. Adam was the Potentate of Practice and Sean was the Regent of Rehearsal.

SPORTS NEWS

TRACK: Those interested in track this year must let Mrs. Steinmeyer know by Wed. what events you wish to try. The events include running, high jump, long jump, ball throw, triple jump and shot put. As of now, the dates of meets are April 17, 22, 24 and May 8.

NEWS & NOTES

***K-8 Sing** – at Trinity at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 7.

***6&7 Sponsor Lenten Supper** – on Wednesday, March 10 at Trinity from 5:30-6:45. They will serve chili, hot dogs, brats, sauerkraut, chips, desserts and drinks. Proceeds will go towards their trip to Washington D.C. in 2011.

***Way of the Cross** – Each school family is asked to donate 2 dozen cookies to be used for refreshments at the "Way of the Cross". Please deliver all cookies by Thursday, March 11. Thank you – Social Committee

***Spring Pictures/Basketball Pictures** – All K-8 students will have spring pictures taken on Tuesday, March 16. Forms will be sent home Thursday, March 11. Basketball pictures will also be taken this day. All players should have their uniforms laundered and ready to be turned in following pictures.

***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 5th&6th grades and Sunday, July 4-Friday, July 9 for students currently in 7th&8th 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

SUNDAY (3/7) – K-8 Sing at Trinity at 9:30

TUESDAY (3/9) – Costumes needed for Way of the Cross Dress Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY (3/10) – Chapel @ Trinity 8:30 – Dress Rehearsal for Way of the Cross 1:30-3:00 –

All K-8 students Dismiss from St. Paul – 6&7 Grade host Lenten Supper @ Trinity 5:30-6:45 – Lenten Services

THURSDAY (3/11) – End of 3rd Quarter – Way of the Cross Presentation 7:00; 7:30; 8:00 and 8:30 (Be in Mrs. Schkade's Classroom by 6:30)

FRIDAY (3/12) – No School

MENU

MONDAY (3/8) – Pizza Stromboli, Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit Cocktail, Dessert, Milk

TUESDAY (3/9) – Hamburger/Bun, French Fries, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

WEDNESDAY (3/10) – Taco Crunch, Lettuce, Mandarin Oranges, Dessert, Milk

THURSDAY (3/11) – Salisbury Steak, Tortellini, Green Beans, Bread, Pears, Dessert, Milk

FRIDAY (3/12) – No School

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

God's Blessings Michaela Kipp – March 14