

Crusader Chronicle

Zion Lutheran School

A Preponderance of Evidence

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:30-31)

Lawyers deal with facts. They rely on evidence and eyewitness testimony. Their entire case is based on a preponderance of evidence to convince a jury.

As I consider the life and ministry of Jesus which culminated in his resurrection are there enough facts and evidence to be convincing? The answer from John's Gospel is a resounding yes. There is a preponderance of evidence. The second evening visit following Easter Sunday is all about evidence. Jesus presented Thomas and the rest of his disciples with unmistakable proof he was alive. By virtue of his personal testimony, John presents that same evidence to me, as well as to all people.

John's account needs to be properly understood. Did John, as well as the other Gospel writers provide every detail of every moment of Jesus' life? Hardly! That is not the purpose of the four Gospels. Certainly, "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples which are not recorded in this book." Does this mean that I cannot trust what John did record because it is incomplete? Nothing could be more removed from the truth. Even with what was written, there is a preponderance of evidence to proclaim the truth regarding Jesus.

When I carefully read, study and meditate upon this divinely inspired author's record, there is only one conclusion to which I can come: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and through his name I have eternal life. This is a fitting conclusion to what Jesus accomplished throughout his ministry. Now, as I prayerfully consider everything he accomplished, I see more than enough evidence to lead me to the truth and to faith. In addition, I see God's undeserved love for me, God's complete forgiveness for my sin, and yes, even God's undeniable assurance of life in heaven. It is all presented so clearly and concisely, and without any embellishment or exaggeration. Truly, I am blessed because my God and Lord has provided a preponderance of evidence regarding Jesus, and this leads me to faith and to eternal life through his precious work.

Next Week's Hot Lunch

Mon. 4/20	Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Creamy Tomato Soup, Green Peas, Banana, Apple Crisp
Tue. 4/21	Fiesta Steak Fajitas, Refried Beans, Shelled Edamame, Fresh Fruit
Wed. 4/22	Home-style Chili, Whole Grain Cornbread, Savory Crackers, Romaine Salad, Diced Pears
Thurs. 4/23	Roasted Turkey & Gravy, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Sticks, Dried Cranberries
Fri. 4/24	Chicken Nuggets, Whole Grain Biscuit, Three Bean Salad, Fresh Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges

1st Semester Missions:



Ukrainian Lutheran Church

Total Raised: \$466.01

April 17, 2015

Upcoming Events

- Apr. 18-19: FAF Competition and Concert (Choir and band perform at 4pm on Sunday)
- Apr. 21: PATZ meeting at 6pm.
- Apr. 22: Arbor Day and Parents' Day!
- Apr. 24: 5-6 LLHS Play
- Apr. 26: Confirmation Sunday! Examination at 9:15am, 4K—7th Sing in the 10:30am Service
- Apr. 28: Board of Education Observation Day
- Apr. 30: K-4 Prep Play
- May 1: FACTS payment plan agreements due
- May 1: K-4 Track Day!
- May 2: 5-8 Track Meet at Jefferson HS, 8am
- May 3: Sunday School and Day School Teacher Appreciation Brunch following the 2nd service in the fellowship hall
- May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8: Get Fit Day at Zion (1pm-3pm)
- May 9: 5-8 Track Meet at Fort Atkinson, 8am
- May 9: Paper Drive, 9am-12pm (Loop Groups 3-4)
- May 10: Handchimes and Jr. Choir in both services

Preschool News

In Christ Light we learned the story *Doubting Thomas*. We made a telescope to look around the room for people who will be with Jesus in heaven.

In Reading, we started our last book. It is an ABC book with silly rhymes for each letter. We were introduced to the last three letters. We are still practicing same and different first sounds.

In Science we started talking about Summer. We made our Summer tree and brainstormed characteristics of Summer.

We checked on our tulips this week. We stopped counting at 40. We are excited to see them bloom.

We had Future Crusader Day this week. We shared our cubbies, classroom and jobs with eight future Zion K4 students.

Parents' Day is next week. You are welcome to bring a snack to enjoy at snack time with your children. Please keep in mind that we have a student that NEEDS to be gluten free. Please keep the gluten food to a minimum and we will all wash our hands after we eat.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 26th. We are part of the song the whole school will be singing for confirmation in the 10:30 service.

God blessed our week with fabulous weather. We have been enjoying our outdoor recesses.

1-2 Grade News

In our Bible Lessons this week we learned how Jesus' friends learned he had risen. We also heard about Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene and the Emmaus disciples.

On Wednesday the 1-2 graders had a great time going to high school at Lakeside! Thank you again to our drivers for making this trip possible!

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this service. They are to meet in the fellowship hall for warm-ups at 10:10.

Next week Wednesday is Parents' Day. We are looking forward to sharing our morning with our parents. Don't forget chapel is at 8:10 at church! Parents are also invited to participate in our Arbor Day activities in the afternoon beginning at 1:00.

*All students should have work gloves to wear for our Arbor Day on Wednesday. If available, please also send a rake labeled with your family's name.

Memory Work

Monday- None

Tuesday- 1 Tim. 2:3-4- "God our Savior...wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

Wednesday- 2nd Comm.- "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks."

Thursday- Matt. 28:19-20- "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Friday- Hymn 474 st.1- "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Please check the folder in your binder for notes and completed work.

Remember to check out the weekend work sheet. Try to do at least one from each category. You can use the suggestion sheet or your own ideas.

Skill to work on: Say two random words and have your child identify if the beginning sound of each word is the same or different. (yes, this is the same one for a few weeks now. We need some extra practice)

Important Dates:

April 22nd—Parents' Day

April 26th— Confirmation at Zion, we sing

Spelling

- 1st Grade Spelling Test- 4/20
- 1st Grade New List Home- 4/22
- 2nd Grade Spelling Test- 4/21

1st Grade Reading Assignments

Tues. Night- Leveled Reader

Wed. Night- Leveled Reader

Thurs. Night- "The Case...Monster"
pgs.160-170

2nd Grade Reading Assignments

Tues. Night- Jenny Archer

Chapters 10-12

Wed. Night- SUPER

pgs.2-5

Thurs. Night- SUPER

pgs.6-9

Kindergarten News

This week in Christ Light, we learned that Jesus' friends learned he was alive and then told others the good news.

We learned Jj in Superkids. We have been working on matching text to pictures, writing Jj, the word *said*, dialogue, and rhyming words. We had an assessment on Friday.

We have been working on our play. We will be performing it on Parent's day. Thank you for helping your child with their lines at home.

In math, we began a new unit. We are reviewing the basic shapes before we

begin learning the 3-D shapes.

In Science, we began talking about summer.

We have been working on soccer style dribbling and kicking for distance.

3-4 Grade News

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5-6 Grade News

Catechism—This week we studied the 4th petition. We talked about "daily bread," and how we can trust God to provide us with everything we need (not necessarily everything we want) for our life.

History—This week we have been talking about the Industrial Revolution. We've looked at benefits and problems that industrialization has produced. The students also took their first states and capitals quiz on the central states.

Math—The 5th graders started their next chapter—multiplying and dividing fractions. The 6th graders multiplied and divided integers as well as creating translations, rotations, and reflections on a coordinate plane.

English—We finished our chapter on verb forms and took a test.

Art—In art we are making use of the pointillism style—pictures made from dots.

Remember Friday is our trip to Lakeside to watch their play.

Reminders

- Parent's day and Arbor day is Wednesday, April 22.
- PK-7 sing in the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 26. Please meet in the church fellowship hall by 10:10.
- Thursday, April 30 is the Luther Prep play.
- Friday, May 1 is the K-4 Track Meet.

Reminders

- Spelling unit 30 next week.
- No Progress reports went home this week.
- The code for online ordering for Scholastic Book orders is "J6KPY"
- Contact information: 414-313-4308 or chadnrache@gmail.com
- April 30th is our field trip to Luther Preparatory School to see a play.
- May 18th is the field trip to Old World Wisconsin.

Reminders

- Remember to bookmark/favorite our classroom website—<http://zioncolumbus.webs.com>
- Contact information: 920-623-9282 or mkanzenbach@hotmail.com
- The code for online ordering for Scholastic Book orders is "GVKBF"

To study for...

4/21—Catechism Quiz (L57-58)

4/22—West states and capitals quiz

4/24—Spelling Test Unit 30

7-8 Grade News

This week, students began writing devotions. Each student selected a scripture reading and dissected it for law and gospel applications. The goal of this task is for kids to look carefully at scripture and glean truths from it. Devotions should be wrapped up by next week.

In geography, the class just began a study of Japan and the Koreas. We learned about the impact of tsunamis on the physical and human geography of the region. We also studied the history and modern day Japan and Korea.

In math, Course II worked on equations using common geometric formulas. Course III

continued their work with functions and graphing lines.

In literature, the students are continuing their independent reading study. We conducted a Google chat on Wednesday to compare plot and characters.

**Wednesday, May 20 has been selected as the date for our May trip. The May trip is a fun day to say thank-you to our 8th graders for their time at Zion.*

The tentative plan is to go to Sky Zone in Waukesha, eat lunch, then go bowling in the afternoon. A permission slip with more information will be sent home soon.

Reminders:

- Please review and sign your child's take home folder.
- Please note that a special confirmation practice will be held after school for our 8th graders on Wed. April 22 from 3:20pm—4:30pm.
- The 7th grade will be singing in the 10:30am service on Sunday, Apr. 27.
- Memory Work for Friday: Hymn 752 st. 1,2

PATZ MEETING

Our next PATZ meeting is scheduled for this coming Tuesday, April 21 at 6pm. Agenda highlights include recapping the Amazing Race, planning a family event for summer, discussing a Zion float in Columbus' July 4 parade, and discussing the future of our paper drive. Hope to see you there!

LLHS SPRING PLAY (Apr. 24-25)

Grade school students! Don't forget your LLHS passports for the Spring Play April 24-25. Your passport gets you in for free! (Your parents should reserve a seat for you when they reserve their tickets for the play by calling 920-648-2321, but only the grown ups will need to pay :)) Plus, this means there's still time to get those last punches that make you eligible for t-shirts and maybe even a \$500 tuition voucher! (Drawing for vouchers will happen in early May.) Hope to see you in April at your LLHS! More info about the play is here: www.llhs.org/activities/drama_musical.html

HELP NEEDED

Our Zion K-4th grade track meet is coming up on Friday, May 1st. We need some help with events. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Grambsch.

FINE ARTS FAIR (Apr. 18-19)

Saturday, April 18th and Sunday, April 19th are this year's Fine Arts Fair at Lakeside Lutheran High School. All solo and group participants will perform before judges on Saturday. A schedule of times was sent home. Please make sure you arrive in plenty of time to find the rooms and get prepared. On Sunday all choir and band students will be participating in the 4pm concert at Lakeside. Please be there by 3:30pm.

PARENTS' DAY (Apr. 22)

Come join us for the morning on Wednesday, April 22 for Parents' Day. Enjoy chapel with your child and class in the morning. Stay to help out with Arbor Day in the afternoon!

CONFIRMATION DAY (April 26)

Our 8th graders will be confirmed on Sunday, April 26. Confirmation is important! After years of Biblical instruction, these young teens will make a promise to remain faithful to the truths found in scripture for the rest of their lives. Examination begins at 9:15am and is followed by the 10:30am service. **Students in 4K-7 will be singing in this service and should arrive by 10:10am for warm-ups.**