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I Believe in Jesus Christ, "Our Lord"

Are you ready for Holy Week? We celebrate so many wonderful events that week – so many events that Christians cherish because through them, the promise of salvation became reality. Every time we say the Apostle's Creed we recall the events of Holy Week as well as the other events in the life of our Savior. Those things that Jesus did to free us from Satan are the same events that made him our Lord. Martin Luther explains what that word "Lord" means as we use it in the second article of the Apostles' Creed - "I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our **Lord**." Luther writes in his Large Catechism:

Let this be the summary of this article, that the little word "Lord" simply means the same as Redeemer, that is, he who has brought us back from the devil to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and keeps us there. The remaining parts of this article simply serve to clarify and express how and by what means this redemption was accomplished—that is, how much it cost Christ and what he paid and risked in order to win us and bring us under his dominion. That is to say, he became a human creature, conceived and born without sin, of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin, so that he might become Lord over sin; moreover, he suffered, died, and was buried so that he might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owed, not with silver and gold but with his own precious blood. And he did all this so that he might become my Lord. For he did none of these things for himself, nor had he any need of them. Afterward he rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed dominion at the right hand of the Father. The devil and all his powers must be subject to him and lie beneath his feet until finally, at the Last Day, he will completely divide and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, etc

Indeed, the entire gospel that we preach depends on the proper understanding of this article. Upon it all our salvation and blessedness are based, and it is so rich and broad that we can never learn it fully.

(Taken from "The Book of Concord: The confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church", p. 434. Kolb, R., Wengert, T. J., & Arand, C. P., copyright 2000. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.)

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Pastor Draper

St. John's Mission statement: *The continuing purpose of this congregation is to serve all people in God's world with the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.*

Church Council Minutes – March 11, 2009

Present: Van Tallman, Paul Maasz, Kurk Kramer, Dan Stoll, Greg Bartz, Gary Kuelbs, Pastor Draper

Pastor Draper opened the meeting with devotion and a prayer.

Minutes – Van Tallman/Dan Stoll made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 10th meeting. Kurk corrected a date of parsonage allowance to be as of 1/1/09.

Pastor's report – No written report

Treasurer's report – Dan Stoll/Greg Bartz made motion to accept the treasurer's report. \$12,000.00 shortfall to budget. Much difficulty paying obligations. Holding checks for other bill to pay critical responsibilities.

President's report – No report

Board of Elders – Meeting about salaries. Decision delayed until after congregational meeting on the 15th. New member Tori Rosenow - Transfer in Dan Stoll/Greg Bartz.

Principal & Board of Education – Formal report submitted by Kurk Kramer. Class trip and hot lunch program were discussed. Recruitment materials and activities for marketing are being considered. Review of school fees are planned. School is operating below budget. Update social studies school curriculum. Use of title money may be needed for new text books. May use the \$3000.00 budget. Continuing education for teachers can be covered by title money from state. These funds have been decreasing in the pass years. St John's received money from Target and some memorial funds for the school trip to Wisconsin.

Kurk talked to four individuals about a part time teaching position. Amber Brown would consider a part time position. Less than four teachers may effect the students education in music and technology. Kurk needs time for administrative duties. Teacher's salaries are not up to synod code and need to be reviewed.

Estimated 45 students pre k to eighth grade for next year. Discussion about a part time teacher is an option. Current pay for a substitute teacher is \$95/day plus mileage. Gary asked about synod code for a part time teacher salary. Synod code has been frozen due to current economic conditions. Gary suggested Kurk layout cost estimates for each option in preparation for meeting on the 15th. The call could be 9, 10 or 12 month call.

Hot lunch program can be started with no loss of current license if done by May 1. Help from Stephanie Gieger has been offered. Susan Trebesch may be a candidate for a cook. Hot lunch program is self funded.

Worship Committee – No report

Maintenance Committee – Armen Lendt helped with items in the school.

Outreach – No new information about Hispanic outreach program.

Stewardship – No report.

MVL / WELS – Kurk passed out board of Directors report.

Endowment and Trust Fund Committee – Greg reported problems with record keeping. Many cuts in other areas.

Old Business – No one responsible for shoveling snow at church. Should this be in next years church budget? Leo Molden has donated some hours to the church and school.

New Business - Long range planning meeting focused on putting God's kingdom first then all things fall into place. Budget problems will not be an issue. What would you like to see at St John's in 50 years. Love for God's truth. Pastor commented that Council and Elders take devotion to members. Gary indicated that this is outside of Elder's duties and he would not support it. Paul commented about Council members would not have time for these activities. Cottage meetings at church may work. More discussion about reducing the size and structure of committees.

Next Meeting April 14th

Greg and Dan made motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Van Tallman

St John's Lutheran Special Voters Meeting March 15, 2009

The meeting opened with devotion and prayer by Pastor Draper.

24 voters signed the attendance sheet.

Teacher Staffing for Next School Year

Steve Windschitl/Dave Zimmerman made a motion to call a part-time teacher for the next school year. After lengthy discussion the motion carried, 18 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain, 2 no vote.

Tom Jensen/Steve Windschitl made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Leo Derkowski
Secretary

PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE
ST. JOHN'S LES

The Dark Side of the Internet

While the Internet offers a world of educational and entertainment options for young people, it also has a dark and dangerous side everyone should be aware of. I recently attended a couple of presentations regarding the online exploitation of children. The presentations were given by a special agent with the Wisconsin Department of Justice of Criminal Investigation. They included real-life examples with practical advice for the safety and well-being of our children. Some of the topics covered included techniques used by predators, what types of kids are most vulnerable, and the importance of filters and monitoring software that every parent should have on the computers in their homes. There was information given on the risks of online journals like My Space, Face Book, Hover space, and others. The presenter also gave some eye opening demonstrations of what takes place in chat rooms.



After listening to these presentations, I could only shake my head and shudder. What is happening out there, or what could be happening with our children on the Internet, is mind boggling, disturbing, and unbelievable. When actual conversations, text messages, and chats were shown from real kids and these predators/perverts, even the most "salted" person would be in utter amazement and disgust! I could not believe what these people/predators, posing as someone they were not, were getting these kids to say and do. There was a dialog between an eight year old girl and a sexual predator (who has since been arrested) that could have been taken from the most hard core porn magazine that you could think of. It was UNBELIEVABLE! Many other real life examples were given from real situations that came to light from this detective's work.

Why am I telling you this? I wish that every parent here in Sleepy Eye, the surrounding area, the state of Minnesota, and all across our country would have been able to see and hear these things so that they would understand what is out there and how important it is to have filters and monitoring software on their computers. I would like to encourage parents to have their computers in a high traffic area like a family room, or dining room, and not a bedroom, or in the basement, or any other area that is secluded from the rest of the house.

It used to be that parents would worry about the bad people who might grab their kids and take them, while that can still be a concern, why would parents not be even more concerned with these same types of perverts coming directly into their homes through their Internet connections?

The presenter reminded parents they have a responsibility to keep their kids safe. There needs to be rules and regulations as well as monitoring of all of the activity that the kids are doing online. Know what your kids are doing when they are online, and know who they are doing it with when they are online. Don't let them be exposed to someone, or something, that could hurt them physically or emotionally for the rest of their life.

This month at St. John's LES, we not only are looking forward to warmer temperatures and Spring like weather, we also look forward to celebrating the sacrifice our Savior made for our sins by dying on the cross, and the great celebration of His resurrection on Easter Sunday. April's activities include having the students' spring pictures taken, attending a theater presentation at MLC, mid-term reports for the last quarter of the school year, and the anticipation of the final month of the school year.

Have a Joyous Easter!

Preschool and Kindergarten

Miss Zastrow

“These are the Scriptures that testify about me.”—

John 5:39 This is one of our memory treasures this month.

What a blessing to have God's Word in our lives! Bible

Story is the most important part of our

day in Preschool and Kindergarten.

Early this month we are learning about

the events immediately following Jesus'

resurrection. Jesus appears to the

women, Mary sees Jesus, and Jesus

appears to doubting Thomas, are all

important Bible stories that solidify the

already solid faith of a child. Bible

stories truly are priceless. If Jesus had not rose again, what

hope do we have? He has risen. It is important that we

share that awesome news!

In Preschool and Kindergarten we are continuing

to learn all about animals this month. From rain forest

animals to desert animals, there are so many to learn about!

We are looking forward to the warm weather, so that we

can get outside to study some insects and plant some super

special Mother's Day surprises! Kindergarten will also be

working hard on learning how to count money this month.

Other highlights of the month of April include

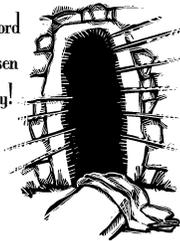
Easter break and singing in church, and the Martin Luther

College Children's Theater performance of *Three Fairy*

Godmothers coming up at the end of the month. May God

bless your month!

Christ
the Lord
Is Risen
Today!



Grades 1-2

Mrs. Halvorson

April brings the hope of Spring and joy of the Resurrection! It also begins the last quarter of our school year. The time has flown by with busy days full of learning.

We have followed Jesus to the cross through our mid-week Lenten services, Bible stories and Resurrection Egg devotions. We will learn about Jesus' days on earth after his Resurrection and also the early Christian church. We are looking forward to praising our Lord in song during Holy Week. The children will sing on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

In mid- April we will take in the play “The Three Fairy Godmothers” at MLC. We are looking forward to this fun morning outing!

One morning we will also visit MVL with other area Lutheran first and second graders. We will learn that MVL is a wonderful place to continue our Christian education.

This month First grade mathematicians will be introduced to quarts, gallons, and liters. They will also practice identifying fractional parts of a whole. Grade two will be learning new multiplication skills and counting money.

In Science this month we will study THE HUMAN BODY and see how we are wonderfully made by God!

God Bless your Spring!

Mrs. Halvorson



Grades 3-5

Mrs. Rosenow



March definitely came in like a lion but not weather-wise! Our classroom was thrown into organized chaos when March started with Lutheran Schools' Week. We really enjoyed putting on the Granny Awards, having parents and grandparents come and visit, and eating Mrs. Evers food (yum!). We also enjoyed on Wednesday of that week going to MLC for the freshmen Early Field Experience day where freshmen taught mini-lessons to the students. All of our class came back with lots of different knowledge and really tired brains.

The rest of March has been more lamb-ish but still busy! Our Christ-Light lessons have been matching up really nicely with Lent and our study of Christ's passion. We are working on Lenten hymns right now but will be working on “Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands” for Easter.

Literature had a unit on mini-plays which the students really enjoyed reading and acting out in class. We are working on James and the Giant Peach and really like how we can read 5 chapters a night (even if the chapters are a page or two long, it still sounds impressive). James also has lots of big words that we have been trying to use in our classroom conversations. “Pandemonium” has been one of our favorites.

Math keeps getting more advanced. Some days it just clicks right away and math is a breeze and other days all three grades have a difficult concept that requires lots of breaks to breath in and out. Fifth grade is doing amazing work on reducing fractions!

Third and Fourth grade have been working on learning the states. We have been taking practice tests, getting ready for “the big one.” It is always a fun time when a state comes up in a class and a third or fourth grader will say, “I know where that one is” or “I know how to spell that one!”

Hosanna Circle

Hosanna Circle met on March 5th at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Draper led us in a devotion about Job. We found out that even though Job was a man of God, even he got so full of himself that he questioned God's actions. The Lord brought him back to humility with the truth of God's love and promises. Let us all take heed that no matter how good and righteous we think we are, none of our own deeds and actions surpass those of the Lord. It is He who gives us our talents and many blessings.



It is time once again for the Spring Bake Sale. On Palm Sunday, April 5th Hosanna Circle will be there to take any donations of baked goods, crafts, and any other items you would like to give. The sale will begin between services that day and continue after the late service. You can leave your donations on the kitchen counter any time the week before and before the early service that day. Thank you to all who make this event a success.

We will continue to remind you about the Multi-Congregational Picnic which will be held on June 28th at Fort Ridgley. There will be a 10:30 a.m. church service with a potluck to follow. If you wish to camp that weekend, be sure to either call ahead or go on-line to reserve a site. The on-line site is www.fortridgley.com or the phone number is 1-866-857-2757. That day there will be a \$3 day pass required to enter the park if you do not have a yearly State Park sticker. There will be a Saturday night church service held at St. John's for those who would like to attend. Anyone interested in helping to organize this event, please speak to one of the Hosanna Circle members. They are Pam Dittbenner, Connie Trebesch, Sallie Draper, Paula Windschitl, Marcia Derkowski, Marilyn Leopold, Mickey Meyer, or Jan Dittbenner. We look forward to making this a very memorable and hopefully, annual event. Please mark your calendars!

Remember to mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. for the Ladies Salad Luncheon being hosted at St. John's in Fairfax. We will be carpooling so if you are interested in attending please contact someone in the Hosanna Circle.

We are continuing to work on the new banners for the church so anyone interested in putting some of their talents to work, be sure to let us know. All help will be appreciated.

Our next meeting will be April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the

church basement. There is always be an open invitation to any of the ladies (young and young at-heart) to come to share the fellowship of our meetings. Please feel free to come as often as you would like.

God's Blessings to you and your families.

Your Sisters in Christ,
Pam Dittbenner and Connie Trebesch

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, March 4th at 2PM. Our devotion led by Pastor Draper was on selected verses from Job Chapter 30, 31 and 38 where the Lord speaks to Job.

The LWMS Spring Rally will be held April 25 in New Prague, MN. The Ladies Aid voted to give \$50.00 towards the LWMS collection.

The MLC Auxiliary Spring Rally will be on Tuesday, April 21 at St. Paul's in New Ulm.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to give \$50.00 to the Wels Kingdom Workers.

The Ladies Aid will order and pay for 25 copies of the Forward in Christ magazine at the cost of \$9.00 each.

Two large serving spoons have been donated by Barb Lux for the use at church events.

St. John's will be delivering Meals on Wheels in the month of May. If you would like to volunteer, you may call Judy Maasz.

St. John's ladies are invited to a salad luncheon at St. John's of Fairfax, on Tuesday, May 6th at 6PM.

Anyone who would like to donate an Easter Lily for the altar, please have them at the church by Saturday, April 11th.



All circles of the Ladies Aid will host a Bake & Craft Sales on Palm Sunday, April 5th between services. The congregation is invited and encouraged to bring items to sell. The proceeds will be used for varied projects of the Ladies Aid.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 1st at 2PM. All ladies are invited.

Marilyn Deibele
Secretary



**Open House Salad Luncheon
Bridal Shower**

*Honoring
Amanda Peterson
Bride-To-Be
of Paul Ibberson*

**11AM – 1PM
Saturday, April 18, 2009**

Sleepy Eye Community Center
115 2nd Ave. N.E.
Sleepy Eye



**Open House
80th Birthday Party**

*Honoring
Arnold Guhlke*

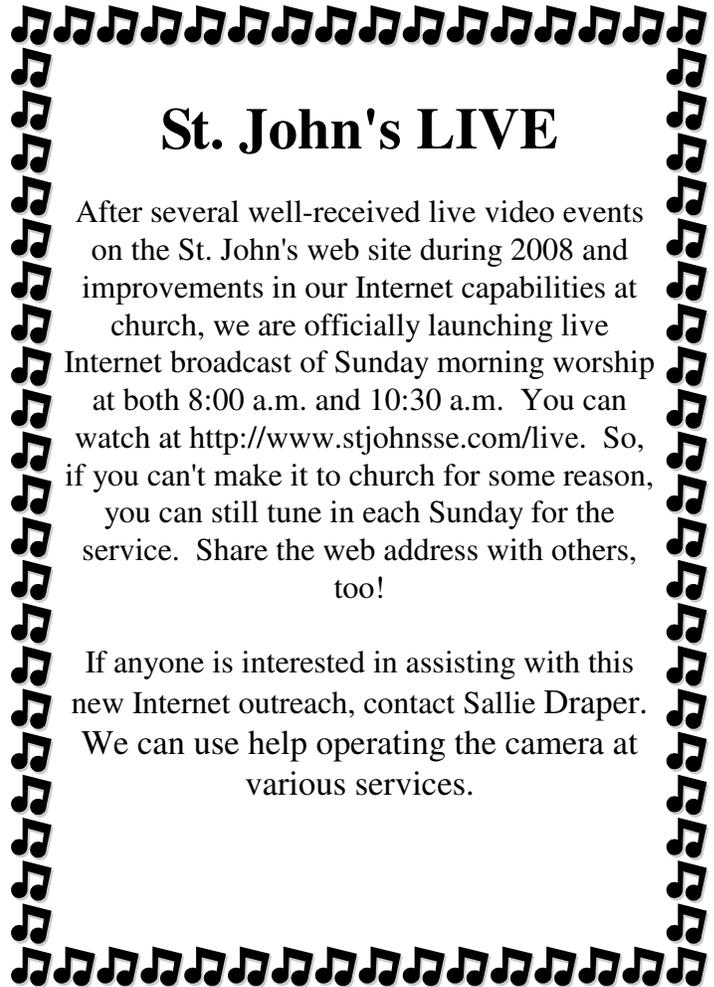
**1:30PM – 4PM
Saturday, April 18, 2009**

Sleepy Eye Community Center
115 2nd Ave. N.E.
Sleepy Eye



The newest addition to our web site
is a fun photo scavenger hunt
around church and school.
Can you find the image posted at
www.stjohnsse.com/whereisit.

Fill out the online form with your
guess and check back often for new
challenges!



St. John's LIVE

After several well-received live video events
on the St. John's web site during 2008 and
improvements in our Internet capabilities at
church, we are officially launching live
Internet broadcast of Sunday morning worship
at both 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. You can
watch at <http://www.stjohnsse.com/live>. So,
if you can't make it to church for some reason,
you can still tune in each Sunday for the
service. Share the web address with others,
too!

If anyone is interested in assisting with this
new Internet outreach, contact Sallie Draper.
We can use help operating the camera at
various services.

DAN HACKER ALS BENEFIT

Saturday, April 4th
@ the Springfield Community Center

Benefit begins @ 4pm
with a pork meal
served from 5pm-7pm
\$8 per person

This event features Entertainment,
Bake/Craft Sale and a
Silent Auction.

Drivers Wanted!

Can anyone help deliver
Meals on Wheels to shut-ins
during the month of May?
It's about six meals starting at
about 11:20 a.m. for the week-
days in May. If you are able to
drive and deliver any of those
days, please call Judy Maasz right
away. Call 794-4464
If no answer, leave a message.

Thank you!

Ladies' Aid Bake & Craft Sale

April 5th
(Palm Sunday)
Between Church Services
In the Church Basement

Everyone is welcome to
contribute and purchase

Newsletter Reminder

**This month's
deadline for all
newsletter articles is
April 20th.
Thank you!**



Befriend a Mission

This is the second report highlighting our four new “Befriend A Mission” assignments made to our congregation by the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society. Please read about, pray over and consider supporting the following mission with your cards, letters of support or gifts. St. John’s will have this assignment along with three others for the years 2009 and 2010. Read on to learn about this very interesting mission on the other side of the world!

Mission: Chaing Mai, Thailand **Missionary:** Robert Meister

To receive monthly email updates: send an email request to: promiseupdate@gmail.com

Summary: There are about 300 baptized members in 5 churches and preaching stations. There are also 2 Missionaries, 4 Evangelists, 2 Kingdom Worker Volunteers, 4 Bible Institute graduates currently serving as interns, 5 Seminary students, and 16 Bible Institute students. They are serving 3 distinct ethnic groups with the Gospel.

Prayer Needs: Pray for the young Evangelists, as they reach out to their families and villages for strength and wisdom to proclaim the Word faithfully. Pray for Robert’s family for spiritual and physical health, strength to proclaim the Gospel in the face of opposition of many kinds.

Special Projects: Sponsoring Bible students & interns serving in villages for basic living costs/transportation in mission outposts at a cost of \$120 per month.

Family Wish List: Coffee or small packets of onion soup, taco mixes or salad dressings. There is usually no tariff to send small packages.

Name	Birthday	Notes
Robert Meister	May 27	
Nora Meister, wife	January 16	
Deb Koeller, daughter	October 1, 1977	Lives in US
Elizabeth, daughter	June 2, 1979	Studying in US
Timothy, son	February 12, 1981	Married, lives in Milwaukee
Michael, son	Jan 24, 1984	In US University

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Financial Contributions could be sent to:
WELS Thailand Fund
2929 N Mayfair Road
Milwaukee WI 53222

For a link to much more information on this mission, go to www.wels.net
Find the jumpword box and type in bwm, then select Asia, and Thailand.



The spring rally of the LWMS will be held on Saturday, April 25th at 9 a.m. in New Prague at Friedens Lutheran Church. Anyone who is interested in carpooling should contact Paula Windschitl at 507-794-2310. We will leave the church parking lot at approximately 8 a.m. Coffee & Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the meeting to follow at 10 a.m. Watch for a bulletin insert in April highlighting this event. Come and learn what's happening in missions in the WELS!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the annual LWMS door offering on March 15th. Our congregation collected \$350.00. This figure was significantly higher than our contribution last year! One-half of that will be sent in for the spring offering and the other half will be sent in for the fall offering. This money will be used to support projects involving several different missions.

It's not too late to join hundreds of other women at the National Convention in June in Denver. This event is something to take in at least once in your lifetime! See the bulletin board for a convention newsletter complete with many details.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Windschitl, Reporter

MLC Auxiliary

The MLC Auxiliary is pleased to announce this year's spring rally. Information is as follows:

What: MLC Auxiliary Spring Rally

When: Tuesday, April 21 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, New Ulm

If you have interesting learning more about what's new on the MLC campus, wish to support the students of the college and also enjoy some time with others who share the same interest, please come to the rally! Our congregation has benefited so much from the students at the college, as well as the professors, use of equipment, nearby facilities, plays, athletic events etc. Supporting the projects of the MLC Auxiliary is one way for each of us to give back. We will be selecting projects to go on the ballot for 2009-2010 at this rally. These future pastors and teachers are very grateful for our help.

If you ever wish to become more involved in the Auxiliary, have questions about it, or desire to contribute to the Auxiliary's projects, please contact me and I will be happy to assist where possible. And, don't forget to check out the MLC web site when you have time: You can find lots of great information there. To connect to the Auxiliary link, just type 'auxiliary' into the search box.

Paula Windschitl
MLC Auxiliary 1st VP

† Memorials †

In Memory of Walter Shellum

New School Fund

Steve & Paula Windschitl – \$25.00

Organ Fund

Hazel Meinert – \$ 20.00

Armin & June Grundmeyer – \$10.00

Harold & Bev Bartz – \$10.00

Greg & Mary Bartz – \$10.00

Linus & Marilyn Deibele – \$5.00

Lorna Havemeier – \$5.00

Wally & Mary Ann Trebesch – \$5.00

Mildred Maas & Jeanne Lorensberg – \$5.00

Shorty & Mary Jayne Haus – \$5.00

Armin & Leona Lendt – \$5.00

Chuck & Delores Menk – \$10.00

Matt & Chris Steffen – \$5.00

Delbert & Eunice Sandhoefner – \$5.00

Arnold Guhlke – \$5.00

Andy & Rita Lochner – \$5.00

Kelly Burden – \$5.00

Steve & Mickey Meyer – \$10.00

Family & Friends – \$250.00

In Memory of Eugene Huiras

St. John's School

Family & Friends – \$100.00

In Memory of Keith Heidemann

St. John's Organ Fund

Armin & June Grundmeyer – \$10.00



Written by "6th – 8th Grade Students"

Bible History 6-8

In Bible History we learned on how God used his wrath on the Israelites when they weren't following him. Recently, we have studied in 2 Chronicles, Joel, Obadiah, Isaiah, and Micah. We also learned about all the kings that lead the Israelites into sin.

Hymnology 6-8

On March 6 we recited hymn 98, Jesus I Will Ponder Now. On March 13, we were studying hymn 105, Oh Sacred Head Now Wounded. This week we are studying hymn 118. Oh Dearest LORD Thy Sacred Head.

Math 6

In past lessons we have learned about circumference, proportions, perimeter of complex shapes, using cross products to complete proportions. My favorite of those lessons is perimeter of complex shapes, adding all the sides to find the perimeter of the shape.

Math 7

We are learning about the Pythagorean theorem, volume of 3-D objects, power of negative numbers, dividing terms, transversals, simplifying equations, probability, and estimating square roots.

Math 8

In Math we have been working more and more with equations. We also work with positives and negatives. Things like Two-step problems, Variables on both sides an adding like terms fit in the first category. We have also done Unequal quantities and Exponents with signed numbers.

World History 5-6

In world history we've learned about The Greek World. Now we are learning about The Roman World. In The Roman World we are learning about the Geography, physical features, climate, and gods.

Geography 7

We learned about the physical geography of East Asia. We talked about the mountains and lowlands, rivers and islands, and forests and farming land. We also talked about the climate and vegetation, ocean currents, typhoons, monsoons, and desert and steppe climates. Farmland in Japan is very scarce, and there are 1.2 billion people in China, the largest nation.

American History 7-8

Recently, in American History, we have looked at the first and second World War. Currently, we are looking at the aftermath of the second World War including the Nuclear Age and the Korean War. Looking forward we will look at the struggles of fighting for equal rights for minorities.

English 6-8

We have just finished learning about adjectives. Some things we learned were articles, proper adjectives, comparative and superlative adjectives, and demonstrative adjectives. Now we have just started learning about adverbs.

Literature 6-8

We have just finished the book "Number the Stars," which is about a danish girl on a mission to save Denmark's Jews. Now we are reading "Under the Blood-Red Sun," which is about a Japanese boy named Tomi and an American boy named Billy who are best friends during World War II.

Science 6-8

In Science we're currently interpreting and creating weather maps. We've also been learning about natural disasters, and watched videos about tornadoes and hurricanes. The next unit we will study is about climate and climate change.

Spelling 6

In spelling we've learned about including all the letters in words, suffixes -ate, -ive, -ship, and opposite prefixes. Next week we are learning about related words. With the suffixes -ate, -ive, -ship we had to remember to drop the e off of the words.

Spelling 7

We have recently learned about words from different cultures, related words, number prefixes, Latin roots, and using just enough letter. We will learn about multisyllabic words in a future lesson.

Spelling 8

Last week in spelling we learned about Latin Roots. Some examples are corpse, manicure, and emancipate. This week we are learning about prefixes. Prefixes are words that start with anti-, inter-, intra-, pro-, and so on. Some examples are, antiseptic, intramural, and intravenous. Next week we are learning about vowels in unstressed syllables. Some examples are, memorable, article, and inevitable.

Current Events 6-8

We have been learning about narcotics and steroids, which are life-threatening drugs that affect our bodies. They are deadly, illegal substances that are dangerous to get involved with. We're studying in detail the effects and risks of multiple other drugs as well.

Physical Education 6-8

In Phy Ed we are still bowling. First and second place trophies were given to the two boys and to the two girls with the highest bowling average from the past ten weeks.

Art 6-8

In art we have done some interesting projects. Pull Apart Shamrock, Name Contour Line Design and President Shields. One of the next projects that we will do is making flowers out of egg cartons.