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The Purple Note

October 15, 2021

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October

19 Chess 3:45pm

Women's Bible Study

20 Haydan Rensner
presentation 2:00

21 No School

22 No School

26 Chess 3:45pm

29 Reformation Day All-
school (K-5) Bowling Party

Early Dismissal 1:00pm.

**Afterschool ABC care will
NOT be available on this
day.**

**Every Friday is Dollar Hat
Day that goes to support
our chapel offering recipient**



Pastor Marcis from Zion

Lutheran Church will be leading us in chapel this Wednesday. We will once again livestream out chapel services on our Facebook page.

Parents are also invited to attend in person, as well!

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Tuesday, November 2nd and Thursday, November 4th from 4:00-8:00. You will be able to sign up online for a time through "We Join." This will be set up in the coming week and we will let you know when you may start signing up for times.

We will also be holding an Usborne Book Fair on during the week of Parent Teacher Conferences. Take a look at the many quality books available at the fair!

[Click here to take a look at our BOOK FAIR!](#)

LUNCH NOTES:

Many thanks to our volunteers this past week! We also are covered for the month of October.

One note about beverages:

During the school day, water is ALWAYS accessible for our students. We have two water bottle filling stations, and milk is available at designated times during the day.

Spills are inevitably going to happen, and water spills are easy to clean up. Juice and colored beverages are more difficult. **For this reason, we ask that juice of any kind, flavored and especially colored beverages, NOT be brought to school. Water bottles for water only, please.**

We understand the necessity of keeping our students hydrated and will make sure that water is always available for them.



On the Classical Front: Repetito Mater Memoriae

One of the pedagogical principles that the classical model of education incorporates is

***Repetito mater memoriae*: Repetition is the mother of memory.**

Students have a set of questions and answers that they practice each day. They recite them either as a class or individually. The daily review and intentionality make the learning permanent. (This is why you may know all the words to "Bohemian Rhapsody" or that one commercial you hear on TV *all the time*.)

You might be interested in the response from the students. Since by nature students at this age appreciate repetition, routine, AND a challenge, they are **eager** to show what they know with their daily recitations! I frequently get the request from teachers that their class wants to show me their recitations! I hear them next door when I'm in my office and the 4th and 5th grade are running through theirs. Sometimes the teacher leads them and sometimes one of the students does. This practice teaches leadership, cooperation, self-

control, but most of all, it **makes learning permanent.**

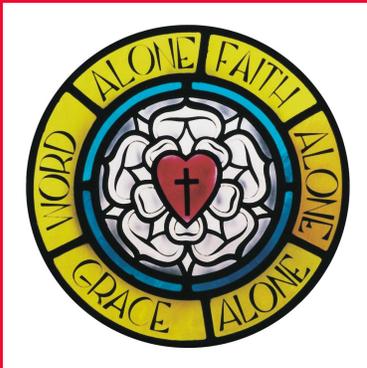
Our teachers use a variety of means for review and repetition-songs, chants, rhythm- that are appropriate for their students.

Repetition and recitation aren't entirely new to our students at MLS. Learning God's Word by heart has always been a staple in Lutheran education and a privilege as a follower of Christ.

What a joy it is to see the wonderful results in our students as we incorporate this practice into our daily routine at MLS!

For more information on classical education, take a look at the updated information on our website under "About Us."

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October-Reformation Month

When the month of October rolls around, students at Martin Luther School begin singing with gusto, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God!"

They know that the emphasis for this month will be celebrating the wonderful gift of grace that we have through Jesus, our Savior. October 31st is officially Reformation Day, the day when Luther publically declared this by nailing the 95 theses (or statements) on the Wittenburg Chapel doors back in 1517. These statements pointed out the many teachings that the church at that time had been practicing that were not in line with Scripture.

We will look at the life of Martin Luther, not for the purpose of *worshipping* Luther by any means, but to recognize how God used Luther to share His message of salvation through grace alone. It is only through Jesus' death and resurrection that we have the great gift of eternal life. Luther wanted all to

know this and risked his life in sharing the message.

May we never take for granted the words of St. Paul:

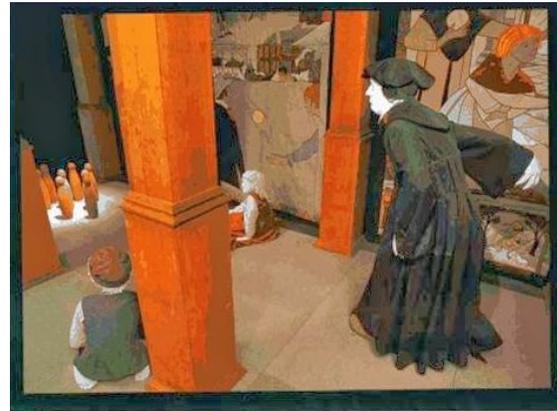
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2: 8,9

Luther Fun Fact!

Why do we go bowling to celebrate Reformation Day?

Bowling as we know it began in Germany sometime during the fifth century. People pretended that the pins were devils and they used a round rock or heavy ball as a weapon to knock them down. If successful, it indicated they were overcoming the temptations of the devil in their lives. If not, their lives still had too many sins.



A life-size diorama at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in St. Louis portrays Martin Luther bowling on the single lane at the side of his home. A brochure from the museum states that Luther, an avid bowler, “once preached a sermon that proclaimed Christians ‘strive for perfection in life. But when we roll a gutterball, all is not lost.’”

So there you have it, Luther I believe, may very well be the first “Confessional Lutheran Bowler”! :)

Livestreaming questions

Shortly before our concert last week, we were asked if the concert would be livestreamed in anyway. We would like to be able to offer this for our concerts in the future. There are many family members who do not live locally, but would love to enjoy our concerts, musicals, and other performing events. We also plan to have our choirs or band members enhance our worship during chapel from time to time. **We have a wonderful message to share with our community both near and far. Our kiddos share Christ in the beautiful music they**

create!

Our chapel services are currently livestreamed on our Martin Luther Facebook page. It is such a blessing for our church members, supporters and family members to be able to enjoy our chapel services.

Our next concert will be the Christmas concert in December. Our plan for this and other performances is to offer the livestreaming option. We could show this either on the regular Martin Luther Facebook page or a closed page for this academic year could be created where only family and relatives have access to view it.

If you have concerns or questions about this, please let me know. We understand there are privacy concerns, but we also want to get the message out about Christ, the opportunity to share the blessing of MLS, and assist our families who do not live locally.

Hats off to Hayden!

Hayden Rensner is the recipient of our chapel offerings for the first quarter of the year. Hayden is a recent graduate of Concordia University Nebraska and is getting set to work as a missionary in the Czech Republic.

She will be presenting at Martin Luther School, Wednesday, October 20th at 2:00. Parents and friends are welcome to come learn about her journey and plans. Hayden, who is a sister to our kindergarten teacher, Quincy Wyatt, has helped with Camp Luther in the past at MLS. We are thrilled to be able to support her!



Our offering/hat money for her is looking GREAT! We have received around \$275 so far. Think we can get to \$350 before October 29th? Let's see!

4-H Begins!

Still interested in being in 4H?

The next meeting for this will be Sunday November 7th at 2:00.



Check out our great name:
Martin Luther 4 Paws!

Check out our private Facebook page "Martin Luther 4-H Club" for more information to come!

ABC Care News

Afterschool ABC Care has had many changes over the past few weeks! We are excited to have the following people on staff:



Isaac Woodside who help last year has returned and is one of our main "outdoor" supervisors

Dorrie Burkhardtsmeier, AKA "Miss Dorrie" from the SOTV

preschool and PE fame is helping out this year, along with her daughter **Zeva** on occaion.

Janet Bauman recently joined our afterschool staff and has been a wonderful addition, as well as **Rylee Zuraff**, one of our preschool aides.

LOCATION:

With the exception of building restrictions last year due to Covid, afterschool care location traditionally has been the basement fellowship area. It allows space for the kiddos, gives more room for students to do homework, and it works better for serving them

snacks. We have long struggled over a way to keep the building secure during ABC Care while also making it accessible for parents for pick up.

Morning ABC Care will continue the same as usual in the mail lobby area. Pastor Justin Woodside will be assisting with morning ABC Care of a somewhat regular basis, so you can get used to seeing him bright and early each morning!

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedure

It has been over a year since we have had parents in the building for pick-up and drop-off, so here are the guidelines for how it works.

Drop-off for Kindergarten-5th grade:

Students coming before 8:05 will be in ABC Care which will be in the front lobby by the south doors. At 8:05 students are then dismissed to their classes.

Pick-up for Kindergarten-5th grade:

Students in grades K-2 need to be picked up at their classroom. The south doors will be opened at 3:00 and parents may come and then wait either in the lobby area or by their child's classroom as it gets closer to the dismissal time.

Students in grade 3-5 are dismissed independently and are not required to have a pick up person at the classroom door.

Students not picked up by 3:30 are sent to ABC Care. The south doors will be locked at 3:30. Anyone one wanting to pick up their child after that time will need to use the EAST DOOR beginning Thursday, September 23.

Bible Study Opportunity

Quincy Wyatt is hosting and



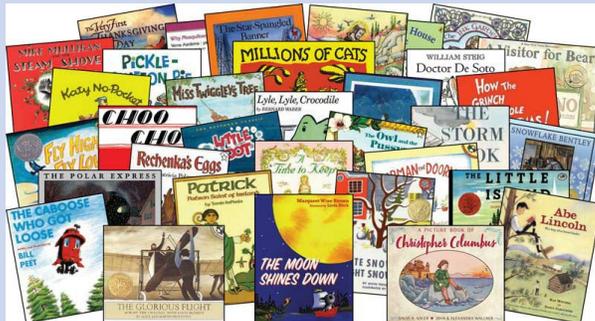
facilitating an in-home Bible study.

LOCATION: Mrs. Wyatt is opening her home to host this event. (We are going for a homey, comfortable atmosphere for this fellowship Bible study time.)

The next time for meeting will be Tuesday, October 19th at 6:30. Even if your missed the first one, you are still invited to come on board!

If you have any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Wyatt at [wyatt@lutherschools.org](mailto:w Wyatt@lutherschools.org).

Our Amazon Wish List



Many thanks to those who were able to purchase books via our Amazon wish list!!

Our classical model enlists a wide variety of books that exemplify quality literature, and we

thank you for helping us fill our shelves with these materials.

"Read Alouds" Each class a special "read aloud" book list of which we only need one of these titles per class. We still have some titles that we'll be needing throughout this school year. Our hope it to have all of our "Read Alouds" purchased for this year and have that treasury thus established for years to come.

New titles will be added weekly! If you would like to purchase a title in honor of a student, we can certainly make that happen!

If you would like to purchase a book for our classroom, you can find the titles available though our Amazon wish list. See link below.

Thank you so much!

[Our continuing Amazon Classical wishlist!](#)

COVID Protocol Update

- Any positive cases and family/household contacts will be required to quarantine and isolate during the prescribed time as indicated by the DOH.
- Any incident of a positive case in a classroom will be communicated from the school to those families in the class. **We absolutely want our families to be aware of this so that you can make an informed decision for your child and family.**
- Close contacts with a positive case (other than household contacts) are asked to self-monitor for symptoms of Covid. Due to varying degrees of experiences parents and families may have had with Covid in the past, we will let the parent have the freedom to choose whether or not they want to have their child self-monitor at home or continue at school. **(Please be aware that this differs from what was expressed in the Decision Tree shared earlier in the school year.)**
- Siblings and household contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case will need **to monitor themselves and quarantine during** the case's infectious period (this is typically 10 days from symptoms onset) AND for their designated quarantine periods. Quarantine will end 14, 10, or 7 days after the case's infectious period ends.
- All COVID-related questions and positive cases should be directed/reported to Denise Wolfgram or by email at wolfgram@lutherschools.org.
- Student and staff positive cases will also be reported to Martin Luther School from the North Dakota Department of Health.
- Parents will be notified if a person in their child's classroom contracts the virus.
- Masks will be optional for students and staff, but will not be required.
- If your child is ill, please keep them home to prevent the spread of all contagious illnesses and report the absence to their school that morning. If they have a fever or vomiting, they are required to be free of these symptoms for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

The mitigation factors of handwashing and personal hygiene etiquette and cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities will continue.

We continue to benefit from our HALO air filtration system that assist in

eliminating the spread of the virus.

All of these prevention strategies provide some level of protection against COVID and other communicable diseases.