

From the principal . . .

The theme for next week's *ChristLight* lessons for gr. 1-6 is **The Holy Spirit works faith & Christian love in us.**

In the first lesson, *The Coming of the Holy Spirit*, the students will learn how the Holy Spirit filled the disciples and enabled them to speak in different languages. Many people heard the disciples and asked, "What does this mean?"

Sometimes our celebration of church festivals--especially Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost--may grab our neighbors' attention and prompt them to ask, "What does this mean?" Once this question is asked, we have an opportunity to tell them what God did for us on these special days.

What is Pentecost? Pentecost is the third festival in the church calendar. On that day the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and marked the birthday of the Christian church. And the Spirit still comes to us, creating and sustaining faith in our hearts and empowering us to live lives of love. Without his work, we would have not faith, and Christmas and Easter would have little meaning to us.

In the second lesson this week, *Peter's Sermon*, we find Peter preaching to a large crowd gathered in Jerusalem for Pentecost. Peter shared the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection and then told the people to repent and be baptized. The Holy Spirit worked to bring 3000 people to faith. When Peter told the crowd to be baptized, he was obeying Jesus' command to "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

Talk with your child about his or her baptism. Where did the baptism take place? Who performed the baptism? Why did you choose the sponsors or witnesses that you did? What family members and friends gathered to celebrate? Find the baptism certificate and look at some pictures.

Thank you, heavenly Father, for making me your dear child at my baptism. Help me daily to remember the gifts you gave me at my baptism: forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Then renew my desire to live as your child all the days of my life. Amen.

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Hymn of the Week due May 21

CW #498: *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire*

Gr. K-2 v.1 Gr. 3-4 v. 1-2 Gr. 5-8 v.1-3

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Correction: In last week's newsletter, there were two errors in regards to **next year's school calendar:**

- 1) February 12th should not have been listed as an early dismissal. It is a regular day of school.
- 2) Oct. 15 was listed as a "Late Start". In actuality, it is an Early Dismissal.

Both errors have been corrected in this week's edition.

We will be celebrating Jesus' Ascension into heaven this evening. A special **joint worship service** will be held at 7:00pm at Ascension Lutheran Church. Our grade school students in K-8 will sing at this service. Students are asked to arrive at 6:45 so that we can practice our song in the fellowship hall.

Resurrection Lutheran School will be **celebrating our 40th year anniversary** at this year's graduation service. If you have pictures or stories about your years at RLS, or would like to help put together a slideshow, please contact the school office.

Your servant-leader,

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Upcoming Events:

Today: 7pm Ascension Worship @ Ascension Lutheran Church

Friday: 8:00am – Chapel
10:25-dismissal for Kindergarten
12:35 – dismissal for grades 1-8

Saturday: 10:00am Conference Softball Tournament
7:00pm RLC Examination

Sunday 10:45am Resurrection Confirmation Sunday

Monday: Grade 1-8 track day

WELS Track Meet for grades 1-4 and grades 5-8 will be on Monday, May 17th. Students will be traveling by bus to the two locations. They should plan to pack a bag lunch, with additional snacks and drink for the day. They should also bring plenty of clothing layers so they are comfortable for any weather condition.

Spelling Bee –7th grade spellers in the May 14th bee are: Stewart Zahn, Jonas Eisenbeis, Jesse Myhrom

Home Devotion Idea

A **School Arbor Day** is planned for the afternoon of May 21st. A group lunch will begin at noon. Parents are welcome to bring along their own lunch and enjoy their meal with their children. Yard work will begin about 12:30. Grades 1-4 will have some planting projects at 1:30 while the upper graders continue some heavy work projects. Parents, friends, landscapers, and gardeners are all invited and encouraged to come out and help us beautify the school grounds.

Tools to Bring: Wheelbarrows, garden tiller, 5-gallon pails, leaf and garden rakes; pitch forks, spades, flat, and scoop shovels, gas lawn trimmers, blowers.

8th grade parents - Please turn in your 10 pictures of your 8th grades, all labeled with your name. If you don't want it glued to a display boards, you need to make copies of the picture. I also need the pictures on a disk so we can put them in the video. The Video is a HUGE job. This would make it a little easier. The deadline of sumitting your photos will be Monday, May 17th. If we do not get the photos of your 8th grader, we will not be able to include them in the video. Thank you. If you have any questions, or concerns please call Pennie Eisenbeis (634-7567).

7th grade Parent Graduation Duties - Please look over the attachment for your assigned duties. Any questions please contact Pennie Eisenbeis (634-7567).

6th grade Parent Graduation Duties - You are in charge of clean up after the graduation program. Thank you in advance.

Attention Band and 4th Grade Recorder

Students: We would like to collect a gift to be presented to Mrs. Jamieson and Mr. Burson at the concert on May 27th. Please send \$2 per student in an envelope labeled with the student name and grade. The moneys can be put in the band box in the office. Thank you.

Softball Day has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 25th. Please contact Loren Grev (753-2069) regarding your availability to still help out for the day or if this day now works for you and you would like to be a part of the event.

The **All-Sports' Banquet** is scheduled for Thursday, May 20. The meal begins at 6pm with recognition and awards to follow. Please remember your child's coach(es) with a gift. Send your donation to the school office by May 17th. Indicate on the envelope which sport's coach you are contributing toward.

Soccer: Marla Brandmeyer, Diane Thompson

Cross Country: Tina Zahn

Volleyball: Beth Sarkara, Diane Thompson,
Becky Worstman

Basketball:

B Girls: Ruben Burmester, Brian Burmester,
Jen Degener

B Boys: Paul & Holly Gronholz, John Muenkel

A Girls: Brian Koss, Ashley Luehmann,
Jackie Luehmann

A Boys: Deanna Schmidt, Dan Heim

Softball: Marla Brandmeyer, Lori Thicke

School Library – Books need to be returned. There will be no more checking out of the books for this school year. Thank you.

SCRIP News – Families who made purchases from SCRIP during the month of April were entered into a drawing for four \$25 Kwik Trip cards. Winners in that contest were:

Loren & Chris Grev

Dave & Becky Worstman

Steve & Diane Wittlief

Joe & Nancy Kirscht.

Congrats and thanks to all for their support of the Scrip program.

Milk Moola – Thanks to all who are turning in their bag tops and milk caps for this program. \$50.35 was received this past month. Please continue to support this program as well as the Kemps Nickels for Kids, Campbell Soup Labels, Box Tops for Education, and the pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Pioneer May Meeting Moved to Friday May

21st - Our May meeting has been moved to the evening of Friday May 21st from 6pm to 8:30pm at RLS. This will be a Fun / Game Night where we will start with outdoor games and later have a hot dog roast and smore's. We ask the Pioneers to bring chips, cookies, or bars to share. We will start the evening with a devotion at 6pm. (In case of rain we will move indoors. This meeting is for Pioneers only.) Our next family event is the Campout at Chester Woods on June 18th -20th.

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To prepare all children for this life and eternal life through Christ-centered education

2010-2011 School Calendar: On/Off Days

August 12 – 4pm-7pm School Registration
August 17 – 9am-1pm School Registration
August 30 – First Day of School for Kdg-8th
September 3 – No School (Labor Day Weekend)
September 6 – No School (Labor Day Weekend)
September 7 – Busing Begins
September 9 – Kindergarten Busing Begins
* October 15 – **12:35pm Early Dismissal**
October 21-22 – No School (WELS District Teachers' Conference/ "MEA" / Education Minnesota)
November 12 – No School (Qtr 1 Teacher Work Day)
November 15 – 9:50am Late Start
November 19 – No Kindergarten Transportation
November 24-26 – No School (Thanksgiving)
December 10 – 12:35pm Early Dismissal
December 23-January 2 – No School (Christmas Break)
January 10 – 9:50am Late Start
January 17 – No School (MLK Jr. Day)
January 28 – No School (Qtr 2 Teacher Work Day)
February 18 – No School (New Ulm Basketball Tournament)
February 21 – No School (Presidents' Day)
March 7 – No School (WELS Teachers' Conference)
March 14 – 9:50am Late Start
March 18 – No Kindergarten Transportation
March 25 – No School (Qtr 3 Teacher Work Day)
March 28-April 3 – No School (Spring Break)
April 15 - 12:35pm Early Dismissal
April 22 – No School: Good Friday
April 25 – No School: Easter Monday
May 16 - 9:50am Late Start
May 30 – No School (Memorial Day)
June 3 – 11:30am Early Dismissal (Last Day of School)

* Indicates corrected error from last week's newsletter.

Italics indicates a difference from the Rochester Public Schools Calendar. Additional calendar event dates will be released by the mid-summer newsletter.

Kids Korner

For and by the kids of Resurrection

Congratulations to **Matt Zietlow** (class of '06) on his first place finishes in the 110 meter and 300 meter hurdles at both the Mayo Invitational Track Meet last week and the True Team Section on Tuesday. See last Monday's P-B Sports page for a nice article on his accomplishments.

This year has been ... interesting. I honestly don't know how else to describe it. So many things have happened, gone-on, and occurred this year. So many things inside, and outside of school have happened this year, even more so than other years. It seems to have been an eventful year. But it has been a good year nonetheless. It was more than I had hoped it would be. Over all I think it has been my best year at RLS. To be honest, I don't think next year will be as good.

I don't know what to write. Yet, I'm writing this. That means I do know what to write because I'm writing it. Henceforth, I'm not lost for words because I've found to say 'I'm lost for words' (which is ultimately a lie). It is a lie because in saying "I don't know what to write," gave myself a thought of what to write. To cap it all off, I apparently DO know what to write. As you can clearly see, my feelings on today are of slight self-confusion and weariness. In other words, 'I'm tired.'

I think next year is going to be strange. I think that, mostly because of the 8th graders leaving. I can't even begin to fathom what RLS will be like without them. Hey, Mr. R., did you see what I did there? I used a vocabulary word just for you. Well, back to the point. As I was saying, next year will be strange, unexciting and boring in comparison to this one. And no, it doesn't have anything to do with Mr. R or the class below us (well maybe them, but not Mr. R). It's just that we've been in the same room or next door to the 8th graders since kindergarten. And what will class be like without Rachel prattling (I used another one) on and on? I don't think I can wait another whole year before shipping off to Croix.

By Jonas Eisenbeis - grade 7

Jack is a dog who loves to bark for a variety of reasons. This crazy animal barks at the neighbor's four wheeler. If I put my shoes on, while he is intently watching, he will start barking loudly. The annoying maniac barks at people running, and then he lazily chases them. Especially when people pull in the drive way, he will bark obnoxiously at them because he thinks he is trying to protect us. Sometimes he just feels like barking, so he sits at the end of the driveway and barks to his heart's content. Can't you just picture my dog, Jack, barking continuously?

By Katie Grev - grade 7

Teacher Tidbits

Grade 7-8 – Mrs. Eisenbeis has done a third art project with the class. The last one was block printing. You'll see these at the art fair. Thanks for sharing your time and talent, Mrs. Eisenbeis.

Our bottle projects are nearing completion. They look pretty cool!

8th grade spellers in the May 21st bee are: Hannah Koss, Hannah Limpert, Joshua Grove

Grade 5-6 – The students recently took their standardized reading testing called DIBELS. They take this test at the beginning of the year as well as the end to measure their progress in both comprehension and fluency. The results are worthy of celebration! There were good to great gains for the entire classroom. Keep on reading!

There will be a Washington D.C. planning meeting on Monday, May 24 at 6:30pm in the 5th-6th grade classroom. This one-hour meeting will address possible fund raising ideas. If you are interested in deferring some of the trip expenses then this meeting may be for you. (Becky Worstman)

Grade 3-4 – We had a blast!!! Wow, the field trip on Monday was wonderful. Slim Goodbody was packed with information and exciting. God has given each of us an amazing body that runs in unique and special ways. Oxbow was a great way to wrap up the day as we ate lunch and took a mini-class on bears. Ask your child: Do bears hibernate??? You may be SHOCKED to hear the answer! Before going home, we took a guided walk through the woods and looked for (and found) all kinds of fun things!

The 4th grade group reading Snow Treasure has finished the book. Many students admitted that on their own, they probably wouldn't have chosen to read this book based on the "older" cover and pictures, HOWEVER, they loved the book! It provided a good opportunity to discuss the history associated with WW II which the students will be studying in greater detail in 5th or 6th grade History.

Tonight provides a special opportunity to worship the Lord and celebrate Ascension at Ascension Lutheran Church where the children will be singing. They will be meeting at 6:45pm to practice beforehand. See you there! Next week Monday is Track Day (please plan ahead for lunches, clothes, etc.) and the 20th is the Athletic Banquet. If your child participated in one of the school sports this past school year, please plan to attend.

Grade 2-3 –

Grade 1 – A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Bourman for organizing our trips to *Bodyology* and Oxbow Park. The Lord blessed us with NO rain, lots of learning and fun, and safe travels. What does a teacher have to do to get a free *Bodyology* CD? Stop by First Grade some time and I might demonstrate. ☺ Did you know that bears DON'T hibernate? Do you know **what** they use during their deep sleeps to create protein and muscle mass? God is an amazing designer. From humans to animals, we learned awesome facts.

Thank you to the Rand family, Mr. Grove, and the Fleming family for the flowers that are brightening our room. What a lovely distraction from the cold and rain outside of our windows.

Even with the chilly temps, spring fever is starting to creep into our room. We're working hard to stay focused and keep learning, but managing some fun, too. Playing math games with classmates or reading together is a nice balance to learning and needing to socialize.

Maddy B. found a great book about math and counting today in our classroom library. She said to me, "Mrs. Grove, you should read this to the class. It's very mathy." What a fun new word! (I think she could've advised a recent president we had who was good at inventing words.)

We're looking forward to Track Day on Monday . . . and doing more "mathy" things as we finish up our school year.

Kindergarten – We reached our shoe tying goal. Tuesday was a great day. We got to wear our pajamas. It was so much fun. We had popcorn and a movie. Wow! In Christ Light this week we learned about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps our faith grow. Tonight we get to share our faith in Jesus when we sing at the Ascension service. In Math we have been playing with numbers and learned about \$1. On Wednesday we got to finger paint. We washed our hands a lot. It has been a fun week.