



Forest Hills

Lutheran Christian School

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Many of you know that my personal movie preferences include action and Science Fiction. I like to watch movies that keep me on the edge of my seat – even if it’s predictable and the good guy always wins. However, I recently was invited to see a movie that didn’t really peek my interest. I was invited to go and see the movie, “The Greatest Showman,” with Hugh Jackman. If you haven’t seen it, it’s the one about the start of the Barnum and Bailey circus. I reluctantly decided to go.

When it started, it wasn’t at all what I expected. I’m used to seeing Hugh Jackman fight bad guys in another Science Fiction movies series he stars in. “The Greatest Showman” started with him singing! I was surprised. As I sat there and watched the movie, I became more and more intrigued, and in the end, I absolutely loved it. You can keep reading on – I promise there won’t be any spoilers in what I’m writing, but I had some thoughts around this.

If you’re familiar with the way the circus started, they went out looking for people who were different than we are. They looked for people with odd behaviors, odd features, and things that they classified as abnormal. If you recall the traditional circus people, they included the bearded lady, the dog faced boy, and other oddities. These people were defined in society to be outcasts, yet P.T. Barnum sought them out in an effort to make them feel special, and to give them a place where they belonged.

In that particular aspect, I found that I could relate. As a sinner who lives life day by day, I have my own oddities. I do things that don’t please God. I do things that go against His will for my life. I let Him down, and in shame, I try to hide from them. This isn’t anything new. Each one of us can relate to this on some level. It goes all the way back to Adam and Eve – when they sinned, when they became outcasts from God’s perfect creation, they too tried to hid. But just like P.T. Barnum sought out those that were labeled as different, or felt shame, and called them to a place where they belonged, that’s exactly what God does for us.

We are indeed separated from God in our sin, yet Christ still comes calling to us. He calls us to come to Him to receive complete and total forgiveness. In Christ, we are transformed from those who are apart from God into His beloved children. The things that we carry around are completely taken away at the foot of the cross. P.T. Barnum turned fragile people into stars that people would pay to come and see. God turns us from sinners into saints. What a blessing!

Now you may not ever end up in a show that people pay to come and see. However, in Christ, you are safe in the presence of our loving Savior. He sees you each and every day, and walks with you no matter what you face. Jesus paid the price so that you could be with Him eternally. He paid the price for your admission to an eternal show that will indeed be the greatest show ever!

**As an aside, there is a great website that gives family friendly reviews to different movies. Check out www.commonsemmedia.org. In the search bar, you can type in a movie (including “The Greatest Showman”), and get a review to determine if it would be a good movie for your family.

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal



see our Google calendar at fhcls.org for game times

Saturday, 2/3	Open House, 10am-1pm
Monday, 2/5	Girls & Boys B'ball at HOME
Tuesday, 2/6	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Keith!
Wednesday, 2/7	Happy Birthday, Ms. Hoffman!
Thursday, 2/8	Girls & Boys B'ball @ Life 4 th grd & IM to Ft. Vancouver
Mon.2/12 - Wed. 2/14	SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK
Monday, 2/12	Girls B'ball at HOME Boys B'ball @ Pilgrim
Wednesday, 2/14	Ash Wednesday LEST Pep Assembly, 2 pm Girls & Boys B'ball at HOME
Thursday, 2/15 & 2/16	NO SCHOOL, K-4th
Thursday, 2/15	Lutheran Elementary Schools Tournament (L.E.S.T) at Concordia University Begins
Monday, 2/19	Presidents Day, NO SCHOOL
Friday, 2/23	Middle School Dance
Thursday, 3/1	End of 2 nd Trimester
Friday, 3/2	Teacher Work Day, NO SCHOOL

"It's Still All About Jesus" IM & 4th Grade to Sing in Chapel Next Week

We welcome Rev. Nick Koschmann, Pastor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Forest Grove as our chapel leader on Wednesday, February 7. Pastor Koschmann will talk with us about *It's still all about "The Founder and Perfecter"*. Our text for the week is from Hebrews 12:2.

Our Intermediate Multiage and 4th grade classes will be singing "Here I am to Worship" under the direction of Mrs. Cheryl Souigny and accompanied by Mrs. Karen Gehrke.

We know that Jesus as Creator is the Founder of everything. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, everything was created at the beginning of time.

As our Savior, Jesus is also the Founder of our faith. Everything we know and believe is based on the story of Jesus. We have been learning and reviewing His story as we study God's Word in our school. Jesus' suffering and death is the foundation of everything we believe.

After Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, God used the Apostles to start His church. Peter, Paul and the other proclaimers shared that their message was only about Jesus. Earlier this year we reviewed the Reformation of our Church. Martin Luther and others emphasized again that our faith is founded on Jesus. Jesus is not only the Founder; Jesus is the One who found us. We are not able to find Jesus, but through His Spirit He welcomes us to His family, the church.

It's important to remember the founders of our church and our school. God uses many people to share His message. We thank God for the pastors and teachers and other leaders who share God's Word with us today. However, our church and school are never built on a person. Our Founder is Jesus.

A word close to founder is foundation. Jesus is the foundation of the church. Jesus is the foundation of our church and school. We always build on Him.

Chapel is held every Wednesday at 8:20 am. All are welcome to join us!



Open House

Saturday, Feb 3rd
10am-1pm.

Tell your neighbors and friends to join us for our Open House and see what FHLCS can offer their student!

Questions - info@fhcls.org



For me and
MY HOUSE,
we will
SERVE
The Lord
Joshua 24:15

Tickets are on sale NOW!!

Buy your auction tickets online. It is fast, and efficient. Go to the school website at www.fhlcs.org and click on 2018

Auction Tickets - Single - \$45 Couple - \$90

Table Options - Table of 8 is \$340, table of 8 w/ wine upgrade (2 bottles of wine on table) is \$380, and \$420 for a Corporate table (includes 2 bottles of wine, logo on table and in the program).

We expect another sell-out crowd this year, so make sure to purchase your auction tickets early for the April 28th event.

Falcon Spirit Week

Monday, 2/12 - Wear a **CRAZY** hat and or pair of **CRAZY** socks

Tuesday, 2/13 - Anything **DISNEY**

Wednesday, 2/14 - School Spirit - sport some black, forest green, white

The Primary Multiage class is doing a project that needs the **large size oatmeal canisters**. If anyone has empty ones we would love to have them. They only have 8 so far and need a total of 20.

LEST shirt orders went home with your student this week. If there is a problem with your order, please email Mrs. Brennan brennank@fhlcs.org by Monday, 2/5.