



Forest Hills

Lutheran Christian School

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There's an old joke that asks the question, "How many Christians does it take to change a light bulb?" The response - "Change?" There are times when change is not comfortable. We have enjoyed our old ways, and in most cases, the old ways worked. They were things with which we were familiar, and things we had the resources to support. But, inevitably, things must eventually change.

The above paragraph is true in ALMOST every case of everything we face in the world. There is one thing though, for which it is not true. Hebrews 13:8 states that, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Our God does not change. His love for us in Christ Jesus does not change. It's something we can take to the bank, regardless of what is going on in our life, or the challenges we face.

Sometimes, our challenges and struggles in life force us to question this. Sometimes, we live under the law, trying to earn this grace and love from our amazing God. I have always found hope and reassurance in Ephesians 2:8-9, "For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." We are saved entirely by the grace of God. What a comforting thought in an unsettling world.

This week, we are celebrating the Reformation; a time when Martin Luther worked with fervor to share the love and grace of God with the people around him. He translated the Bible into other languages, so the people would have it in their hands. He printed many copies, and believed the Word of God belonged in the hearts, minds, and homes of each person. This week, we celebrate the mission of the church - Go and make disciples of all nations.

How will you celebrate Reformation? Let me suggest that sharing the love of God in Christ Jesus with anyone does exactly this. We may have to change our methods - but we can share the unchanging message of the cross. I pray that God makes us as bold as other historical heroes in the faith, such as Martin Luther, for the sake of Christ's Kingdom, so that all may come to know Jesus, and his all-surpassing love for you and me.

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal

Coming Events

Friday, 10/27	Teacher Work Day, NO SCHOOL 4/5 Soccer @ Life
Monday, 10/30	Parent Conferences NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, 10/31	Parent Conferences NO SCHOOL Reformation Happy Birthday, Mrs. Souigny & Mrs. White!
Friday, 11/3	Picture Retakes!
Saturday, 11/4	Golf Marathon
Sunday, 11/5	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Friday, 11/10	Veterans Day, Observed NO SCHOOL
Friday, 11/17	CLASS Meeting Family Harvest Festival
Tuesday, 11/21	End of 1 st Trimester Thanksgiving Chapel
Wednesday, 11/22	Staff Development, No School Happy Birthday, Mrs. Plucknett!
Thur & Fri, 11/23,24	Thanksgiving Holiday, No School
Monday, 11/27	Wreath Delivery/Pick Up
Friday, 12/1	Bethlehem Walk
Tuesday, 12/12	Music Concert
Monday, 12/18	Christmas Vacation Begins
Tuesday, 1/2	Classes Resume

**We look forward to seeing
each of you at your
Student/Parent
Conference next Monday
or Tuesday**

Convoy of Hope

"Give a Trimester of Kindness"

Remember your chapel offerings to support of outreach project - Convoy of Hope. Your offering will impact others.



"It's Still All About Jesus"

Next Week in Chapel

We welcome Rev. Nick Koschmann, Pastor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Forest Grove as our chapel leader on Wednesday, November 1. Pastor Koschmann will talk with us about *It's still all about "The Faithful Witness"*. Our text for the week is from Revelations 1:5.

In today's Bible reading, Jesus is called the Faithful Witness.

Imagine that we are on trial before God as our judge. Different witnesses could come forward and truthfully testify against us. The accusations could come from the 10 Commandments. We have used God's name in vain; we have not worshipped God as we should; we have not obeyed our parents and teachers; we have hurt others with our words; we have coveted things that are not ours. The witnesses against us emphasize that we are guilty.

Jesus comes into the trial setting and He testifies that He has taken all of our guilt upon Himself. Any punishment that we have deserved, He has taken with Him and experienced our punishment on the cross. Jesus is the Faithful Witness that declares that since our sins have been paid for, we are declared not guilty. We are set free from any punishment we deserved.

Jesus is the only Witness that can testify for us. He is the only Witness who has the power to free us. Freed by Jesus, we are blessed to be His witnesses to the world. This past Sunday, the church celebrated All Saints Sunday. Our worship celebrated those who by faith witnessed Jesus' death and resurrection and who had Jesus as their Witness. Thankful for His freeing message, they gave witness to Jesus with their words and lives. Remembering our Reformation celebration, we give thanks for those who were witnesses for Jesus in the early history of our church.

Families and friends are always welcome to join us each Wednesday at 8:20 a.m. at St. Peter's for chapel.

It's Time for 5/6 Basketball!

First practice for boys and girls is Wednesday, November 1 from 3:15-4:30.

- There will be a parent meeting at 4:30 pm. A parent or adult representative must attend this meeting.
- The player should come with athletic shirts, shorts, sneakers, and water bottle. If you have questions or scheduling issues, please email Carla Beyer athdir@fhcls.org.



Family Harvest Festival SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Harvest Festival is scheduled for

- **Friday,
November 17th**



Lifetouch Photography will be back on campus on **Friday, November 3rd**. If your order form or picture packet is not already in the office, you're set! If you still have your picture packet and would like a retake, be sure to bring it to school.



CLASS is excited to partner with Farmington Gardens to sell wreaths again this Christmas season. This year we will be putting the money towards purchasing a water bottle filling station for the gym (\$1200) and a salad bar serving table for the cafeteria (\$5000). Thank you for supporting our Healthy School Initiative.

Please collect money with the orders and hand everything in by **November 3rd** for November 27th delivery! Write checks to FHCLS. Thank you for supporting our school!

Our yearbook team would like your help with pictures that you take at school events to use for this year's addition of the yearbook. A quick and easy way to share your pictures is via Skipple!

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