



## Reformation Lutheran School Newsletter

Week 31 – 05/12/2017

### Message from the Principal: Compassion and Forgiveness

The end of the year is always a busy time of the year. To save some time, I am sharing a very good WELS devotion about compassion and forgiveness. Based off of Ephesians 4:24: **and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**

*A mother took her youngest daughter to the doctor for a check-up and some shots. She also had to take along her two older daughters, both of whom were under the age of 7. She expected to have the hardest time with her youngest, since she was the one getting the shots. As it turned out, her two older daughters cried more than the youngest, who barely cried at all. Why did the older two cry more? Because they didn't want their little sister to be in pain. They hurt at the thought of their sister hurting. That is what compassion is: to be so concerned for someone that when they hurt you hurt.*

*Compassion is something God wants us to have for others. He calls upon us to put ourselves in the place of other people, to be so concerned for each other that our hearts hurt when we see the hurt of others. Maybe you've had compassion for people in heartbreaking situations. But what about those who do wrong to you, who hurt you? For sinners like us, anger and a desire for vengeance flow forth much more easily than compassion does.*

*In contrast, there is the example of the widow of an Egyptian Christian who was killed while worshipping at church this past Palm Sunday. She said that she forgives the attackers. If you watch the video of an interview she gave on Egyptian TV, you'll see that she genuinely did not harbor any ill will. Instead, in the*

*very people who had taken the life of her husband she saw a desperate need for forgiveness and salvation.*

*Where does that come from? Where do you get that kind of compassion? You get it from the King of Compassion, Jesus. God saw our sinful and lost condition and his heart hurt for us. He not only felt for us, in the person of Jesus Christ, God became one of us. God's concern for us and our souls drove him to bear our sins on the cross. In the ultimate act of compassion, the sinless Son of God gave his precious life to save us, the sinful. Through faith in Jesus, God forgives our sin and gives us life everlasting.*

*Now having poured his love into our hearts, God tells us to pour out that love for others. God was kind to us. So be kind to others. God showed compassion to us and for us. Now show compassion for others. In Jesus, God forgives us. Now go and forgive others.*

### **Update from Brigetta Guelker**

TK/4-K Hurray!

This age is so much fun! In Word of God, Ms. E and I have very much enjoyed talking to the children about the Resurrection of Jesus, all the people He came back to see and finally His ascension into heaven. They have had many questions about heaven and ask why everybody wouldn't want to go to heaven. Their faith is so amazing!!!

This month, the 4K have been working super hard mastering all their letters and sounds, along with number recognition up to 50. They have been doing a great job and have been playing games like War (with a deck of cards), Go Fish, BINGO, and letter and number Match-up. These games along with Chutes and Ladders and Candyland are all great games to help the kids strengthen their skills and they are fun as well!!!

TK has also been doing some of the same games, but is starting to read. We have 5 word family sets that we can already read and are working on 5 more. We will be sending home the list very soon. We have also been working on our number recognition up to 100.

On the 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to Sea World for a field trip. Look for details early next week. Sadly, we will also be taking down our wonderful Seuss decorations as we get prepared for our summer session. So if you haven't gotten a chance to come and check out all the fun, please do!!!!

### **Mother's Day Invite**

"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." (Abraham Lincoln)

Sunday, April 14, is Mother's Day. All of our church and school families are invited to celebrate this special event here at Reformation. On that day Moms will be presented with a special message attached to a carnation. Mother's Day cakes will be provided after each service. The children of grades 1-4 will sing at the 10:30 am service.

"Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love." (Stevie Wonder)

Moms, thank you for all that you do!

### **Additional Updates:**

- **Sunday, May 14**  
8:00am Worship  
10:30am Worship (Grades 1-4 sing)
- **Wednesday, May 17**  
7:00am – Last Pancake Breakfast  
Everyone is invited to chapel at 8:30 am
- **Wednesday, May 24**  
Walk-a-thon – More information [here](#), pledge form [here](#)
- **Thursday, June 1**  
End of School Picnic – More info to follow in May
- **Friday, June 2**  
Early dismissal 11:50am - Last day of school
- **Sunday, June 4**  
8:00am Worship (kindergarten promotion)  
10:30am Worship (8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation)
- **Sunday, June 11**  
8:00am Worship  
10:30am Worship (confirmation)

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