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The Good News Edition #1

Good News! Jesus is the King Over Distancing

Social distancing - A term which none of us ever probably used until about two weeks ago. But now social distancing (SD) is rolling off our lips and mingling in our thoughts throughout our day. The term might be new, but the basic action for which it describes has truly been around since the fall into sin. Sin distances us from our perfect heavenly Father. The two cannot coexist. Sin was the reason Adam and Eve were distanced from the Garden of Eden. Sin distanced Cain to a life of wandering. Sin distanced the world to destruction in the Flood. Sin distanced the Israelites into captivity in Babylon. Sin distanced diseased ravaged lepers into quarantine colonies to live out their days in depressing isolation. Sin and all its ugly consequences continues to distance us from our Lord and from one another.

But our Jesus, our Messiah promised so long ago in the Garden, our Great Physician, and our triumphant King has always been the King over distancing. From our Bible History lessons, we know Adam and Eve left the Garden with a precious gift - the hope of mercy and forgiveness through the promised Messiah. This gift would close the distance between Father and His people. It brought forth Seth to carry on the line of the Savior; it brought forth Noah from the Ark; it brought the captives back to Zion; it also healed lepers and released them from the bondage of spiritual and physical disease and isolation. And we New Testament Christians know from the Word, that the King's life, death, and resurrection won for us forgiveness which is the balm that our sin sick souls need. It binds us back together with our heavenly Father, now and for eternity. It gives us peace, joy, and hope even during the darkest times. It puts us directly in our Father's arms where nothing can snatch us!

So as we continue to patiently practice social distancing in the days ahead, be at peace. Thank Jesus that nothing separates us from our heavenly Father. Know that we are in God's hands. Pray for one another. Be lights to the world and provide true hope to a world so greatly in need of it. Lead others to know the comfort and warmth of our Father's arms.

Friends and Family Day!

We ended our Lutheran Education Week with a quiet bang. Bang, because we had over 140 guests and students join us in learning together about God's love and amazing world. Quiet, because our guests were model students and participated respectfully. We thank these friends and family members for their encouraging presence and their unwavering support of our Risen Savior ministry. One way that that support can be seen is in the \$152 collected that day for our Builders for Christ chapel mission offering. Wow! To God be the Glory!

Lenten Meal Fundraiser

An amazing \$839 was donated for the annual Gr. 7&8 synod trip at the Lenten Meal & Bake Sale at St. Pau's on March 11. Mrs. Flunker, our PTF treasurer, reports that all expenses have been paid for this past trip and funds are already accumulating for the 2022 trip! It will be here before we know it!

More news on backside----->

Call Returned

Principal Rupnow has returned the call to serve as principal of Wisconsin Lutheran School in Racine, WI. He and his family thank you all for your words of encouragement and prayers. He is excited to focus on leading our school through the new challenges with which God has blessed our school.

Book Fair Success!

Mrs. Dressel, our annual Book Fair coordinator, reports that we were just \$40 short of our \$1,200 goal! That is an amazing accomplishment given all the recent uncertainty that really began during Lutheran Education Week. What's even more amazing is that this allowed our school to purchase \$575 in books for our classrooms!

Smiles are Always Good News - AmazonSmile!

Online shopping isn't a new thing, but maybe it has become more of a draw to us due to our current stay at home status. AmazonSmiles is a great way to get your shopping done and support RSLS at the same time! It's easy! Just visit [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) instead of going to Amazon.com, log in, then choose Risen Savior Lutheran School Mankato, MN as your organization to support. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. That's it! Smiles all around!

Prayers needed?

For Christians, prayers are awesome things. Through them, the Lord strengthens and brings peace to His people. Everytime we pray, we are flexing our faith muscles as we turn all our cares, our needs, our concerns, our doubts, and our sins over to our Lord. God wants to hear our petitions as well as our praise. If you are in need, pray to God. If you are comfortable, let us know how we can flood heaven with prayers on your behalf as well. Please contact Principal Rupnow with any prayer requests. Your RSLS family is here to support you!

More distance learning information will be released tomorrow.