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MATTHEW 18 IS THE WAY TO HEALING

Most pastors are most likely familiar with the following: Out of the blue the pastor will get a phone call or an unannounced visit from his congregation president or an elder. “Pastor, some people are not happy with you ... You hurt a few people when you ... Someone said that you ...” It’s one of the most unpleasant things in ministry. In circumstances like these, the pastor does not get to face his accusers. These circumstances cultivate apprehension and distrust between a pastor and his leadership, and it creates an overall toxic atmosphere in the congregation. This is unhealthy for everyone. Pastors generally do not show improvement when criticized this way, and none of the congregation grows spiritually. And it goes on and on and on. Lord, have mercy. This is a problem in Lutheran congregations, which only seems to perpetuate itself: congregational leaders act as complaint boxes towards their pastors, and trust deteriorates throughout the kingdom. Is this a problem at Redeemer?

That this happens often is actually quite understandable. I read one of the duties of elders from Redeemer’s constitution. It reads, “The basic purposes of the Board of Elders are to maintain the spiritual welfare of the Pastor(s) and all baptized, communicant, and associate members of the Congregation, individually and corporately. Under the guidance of the Pastor (s), they are given supervision of everything pertaining to the worship life of the Congregation.” It doesn’t say anything about listening to complaints and grievances. If it’s not the elder’s responsibility to listen to complaints and grievances, then whose responsibility is it?

Well, the best place to turn regarding this question is the Word of God. What exactly do the Scriptures say? We read from our Lord Jesus’ own words, “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses” (Matthew 18:15-16). We must read these words carefully. If someone has a complaint against a pastor, he should not go running off to complain to an elder or church leader. He should approach his pastor first, face to face. If the pastor cannot be won over by God’s Word and clear reason, the one with a complaint should return with one or two others along. Maybe even in this step, bringing along an elder may be a good thing to do. God-willing, reconciliation may take place. What joy would that be?

Why should we act this way? For one, it is the courageous thing to do. It is the biblically mandated thing to do. It is the Christian thing to do, as scripture reveals. Those with complaints against a pastor should not hide behind a cloak of anonymity, behind another man’s shield. This

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weak behavior is what foments a toxic atmosphere in the congregation. When anyone can make accusations or complaints without having to own his or her words, the congregation can become a breeding ground for gossip and even malicious lies. And if it can be done against the pastor, surely it can be done against fellow members. How unhealthy is that? It's the work of evil.

Following Matthew 18 also protects the pastor's reputation. Jesus did not preach His words from Matthew 18 out of the blue, but they are in accord with the 8th Commandment which is given to protect a man's reputation. You first approach a man privately, so if possible no one else finds out about his sin. You do not want your own sins broadcasted all over the community, so we try to keep our neighbor's sins hidden also. By attempting to keep complaints private, you preserve his reputation as best as possible.

It is finally courteous to your congregation leaders, the elders especially. They have been elected to support your pastor in matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the congregation. To be entrusted with spiritual care, this is a high calling which Jesus wants men to have for their own joy and blessing. If their job is to deal with a never-ending barrage of complaints and grievances, this joy and blessing cannot be realized. Spiritual care has its own share of challenges and sorrows which come without Matthew 18 being trampled underfoot. As God's people, we owe it to our spiritual leaders to do our best when there are clear Scriptures to guide us. They will be so much happier – pastors, elders, and all leaders alike – and this joy spills over into the membership of the congregation.

Some may say that they are uncomfortable to approach their pastor, or an elder may think he's only attempting to be a liaison, trying to help. Do not buy the lie. God gave you your pastor that you may have a true spiritual father who loves you and cares for your soul. Approach him with confidence, and know that he cares – truly he does (I am writing from the heart). Know that God himself appointed him to your congregation, and you have nothing to fear in him – he loves you. If your problem with him cannot be resolved privately, Matthew 18 gives you provision to make sure this happens eventually. When we avoid the Scriptural process by succumbing to appeals about someone's comfort level, everyone remains miserable and the devil wins the day. May God forbid this among us.

So, elders and presidents especially, be bold and decisive here. If someone tugs your ear with a complaint about the pastor, do not entertain it. Gently ask, "Have you taken this up with the pastor himself?" If they say no, tell them that that's the first thing Holy Scripture directs them to do. Tell them that if the problem can't be resolved after speaking to the pastor, come back and you'll be of help. Be gentle, and give the atmosphere of confidence. Tell them that everything will be okay. We are all loved by God. Because Jesus is risen from the dead, we have to believe this to be true.

As I mention in the title of this article, I believe Matthew 18 is the way toward healing. For my almost 20 years in the ministry, I have found that conflict between pastor and parishioners is a constant theme which shows no signs of going away. But we at Redeemer can do better. I believe that if congregational leaders can learn to apply Matthew 18 in their congregations, they would be stronger than most congregations out there. We can make a good faith effort here at Redeemer. We can be an example. We can make a difference in Christ's kingdom of grace here. It only requires close attention to the 8th Commandment,

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which we were all taught as youth, putting the best construction on everything. It involves close attention to our Lord Jesus' words from Matthew 18, which are clear, wise, and eternal. It will also involve love for and commitment to the members of our congregation, which is God's gracious establishment here in Southwest Florida or wherever we live. Most of all, it will require faith that God's forgiveness is enough to conquer all sources of conflict in the congregation. Let us allow forgiveness to reign at Redeemer. True Christians must have this attitude. We can do this? Our congregation doesn't have to be toxic. We don't have to be like the world. We can be salt and light, which is what Jesus intended us to be.

Your Approachable Brother in Christ,
Pastor Jim Kress



THIRD COMMANDMENT

This is what Dr. Luther says in his Large Catechism regarding the Third Commandment.

⁷⁸ Thou shalt sanctify the holy day. [Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.]

⁷⁹ The word holy day (Feiertag) is rendered from the Hebrew word sabbath which properly signifies to rest, that is, to abstain from labor. Hence we are accustomed to say, Feierabend machen [that is, to cease working], or heiligen Abend geben [sanctify the Sabbath].⁸⁰ Now, in the Old Testament, God separated the seventh day, and appointed it for rest, and commanded that it should be regarded as holy above all others. As regards this external observance, this commandment was given to the Jews alone, that they should abstain from toilsome work, and rest, so that both man and beast might recuperate, and not be weakened by unremitting labor. Although they afterwards restricted this too closely, and grossly abused it, so that they traduced and could not endure in Christ those works which they themselves were accustomed to do on that day, as we read in the Gospel; just as though the commandment were fulfilled by doing no external, [manual] work whatever, which, however, was not the meaning, but, as we shall hear, that they sanctify the holy day or day of rest.

⁸² This commandment, therefore, according to its gross sense, does not concern us Christians; for it is altogether an external matter, like other ordinances of the Old Testament, which were attached to particular customs, persons, times, and places, and now have been made free through Christ.

⁸³ But to grasp a Christian meaning for the simple as to what God requires in this commandment, note that we keep holy days not for the sake of intelligent and learned Christians (for they have no need of it [holy days]), but first of all for bodily causes and necessities, which nature teaches and requires; for the common people, man-servants and maid-servants, who have been attending to their work and trade the whole week, that for a day they may retire in order to rest and be refreshed.

⁸⁴ Secondly, and most especially, that on such day of rest (since we can get no other opportunity) freedom and time be taken to attend divine service, so that we come together to hear and treat of God's Word, and then to praise God, to sing and pray.

⁸⁵ However, this, I say, is not so restricted to any time, as with the Jews, that it must be just on this or that day; for in itself no one day is better than another; but this should indeed be done

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daily; however, since the masses cannot give such attendance, there must be at least one day in the week set apart. But since from of old Sunday [the Lord's Day] has been appointed for this purpose, we also should continue the same, in order that everything be done in harmonious order, and no one create disorder by unnecessary innovation.

⁸⁶ Therefore this is the simple meaning of the commandment: since holidays are observed anyhow, such observance should be devoted to hearing God's Word, so that the special function of this day should be the ministry of the Word for the young and the mass of poor people; yet that the resting be not so strictly interpreted as to forbid any other incidental work that cannot be avoided.

⁸⁷ Accordingly, when asked, What is meant by the commandment: Thou shalt sanctify the holy day? answer: To sanctify the holy day is the same as to keep it holy. But what is meant by keeping it holy? Nothing else than to be occupied in holy words, works, and life. For the day needs no sanctification for itself; for in itself it has been created holy [from the beginning of the creation it was sanctified by its Creator]. But God desires it to be holy to you. Therefore it becomes holy or unholy on your account, according as you are occupied on the same with things that are holy or unholy.

⁸⁸ How, then, does such sanctification take place? Not in this manner, that [with folded hands] we sit behind the stove and do no rough [external] work, or deck ourselves with a wreath and put on our best clothes, but (as has been said) that we occupy ourselves with God's Word, and exercise ourselves therein.

⁸⁹ And, indeed we Christians ought always to keep such a holy day, and be occupied with nothing but holy things, i.e., daily be engaged upon God's Word, and carry it in our hearts and upon our lips. But (as has been said) since we do not at all times have leisure, we must devote several hours a week for the sake of the young, or at least a day for the sake of the entire multitude, to being concerned about this alone, and especially urge the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, and thus direct our whole life and being according to God's Word. ⁹⁰ At whatever time, then, this is being observed and practised, there a true holy day is being kept; otherwise it shall not be called a Christians' holy day. For, indeed, non-Christians can also cease from work and be idle, just as the entire swarm of our ecclesiastics, who stand daily in the churches, singing, and ringing bells but keeping no holy day holy, because they neither preach nor practise God's Word, but teach and live contrary to it.

⁹¹ For the Word of God is the sanctuary above all sanctuaries, yea, the only one which we Christians know and have. For though we had the bones of all the saints or all holy and consecrated garments upon a heap, still that would help us nothing; for all that is a dead thing which can sanctify nobody. But God's Word is the treasure which sanctifies everything, and by which even all the saints themselves were sanctified. At whatever hour, then, God's Word is taught, preached, heard, read or meditated upon, there the person, day, and work are sanctified thereby, not because of the external work, but because of the Word, which makes saints of us all. ⁹² Therefore I constantly say that all our life and work must be ordered according to God's Word, if it is to be God-pleasing or holy. Where this is done, this commandment is in force and being fulfilled.

⁹³ On the contrary, any observance or work that is practised without God's Word is unholy before God, no matter how brilliantly it may shine, even though it be covered with relics, such as the fictitious spiritual orders, which know nothing of God's Word and seek holiness in their own works.

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⁹⁴ Note, therefore, that the force and power of this commandment lies not in the resting, but in the sanctifying, so that to this day belongs a special holy exercise. For other works and occupations are not properly called holy exercises, unless the man himself be first holy. But here a work is to be done by which man is himself made holy, which is done (as we have heard) alone through God's Word. For this, then, fixed places, times, persons, and the entire external order of worship have been created and appointed, so that it may be publicly in operation.

⁹⁵ Since, therefore, so much depends upon God's Word that without it no holy day can be sanctified, we must know that God insists upon a strict observance of this commandment, and will punish all who despise His Word and are not willing to hear and learn it, especially at the time appointed for the purpose.

⁹⁶ Therefore not only those sin against this commandment who grossly misuse and desecrate the holy day, as those who on account of their greed or frivolity neglect to hear God's Word or lie in taverns and are dead drunk like swine; but also that other crowd, who listen to God's Word as to any other trifle, and only from custom come to preaching, and go away again, and at the end of the year know as little of it as at the beginning. ⁹⁷ For hitherto the opinion prevailed that you had properly hallowed Sunday when you had heard a mass or the Gospel read; but no one cared for God's Word, as also no one taught it. Now, while we have God's Word, we nevertheless do not correct the abuse; we suffer ourselves to be preached to and admonished, but we listen without seriousness and care.

⁹⁸ Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word.

⁹⁹ Likewise those fastidious spirits are to be reprov'd who, when they have heard a sermon or two, find it tedious and dull, thinking that they know all that well enough, and need no more instruction. For just that is the sin which has been hitherto reckoned among mortal sins, and is called ajkhdia, i.e., torpor or satiety, a malignant, dangerous plague with which the devil bewitches and deceives the hearts of many, that he may surprise us and secretly withdraw God's Word from us.

¹⁰⁰ For let me tell you this, even though you know it perfectly and be already master in all things, still you are daily in the dominion of the devil, who ceases neither day nor night to steal unawares upon you, to kindle in your heart unbelief and wicked thoughts against the foregoing and all the commandments. Therefore you must always have God's Word in your heart, upon your lips, and in your ears. But where the heart is idle, and the Word does not sound, he breaks in and has done the damage before we are aware. ¹⁰¹ On the other hand, such is the efficacy of the Word, whenever it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used, that it is bound never to be without fruit, but always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devoutness, and produces a pure heart and pure thoughts. For these words are not inoperative or dead, but creative, living words. ¹⁰² And even though no other interest or necessity impel us, yet this ought to urge every one thereunto, because thereby the devil is put to Right and driven away, and, besides, this commandment is fulfilled, and [this exercise in the Word] is more pleasing to God than any work of hypocrisy, however brilliant.

The Book of Concord – The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; Tappert edition; Fortress Press; pp. 375-379

Bible Studies



Sunday Morning Bible Study: On Sunday, after the 9:15 a.m. service, (approximately 10:45 a.m.) we are studying the Book of Revelation. Let this study not frighten you as a believing Christian. In fact, as a believing Christian, you should be encouraged to attend to see God's magnificent beauty now and will be at the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing as many of you believing Christians attend this study of an amazing and revealing book of the Bible.

Wednesday Morning Table Talk: Join us in the Church Narthex on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., to gather with Pastor Kress around tables to talk theology, ask a wide range of interesting questions, and witness our own theology shaped by the Word of God. No one is required to know everything about anything. If you have questions or are interested in listening in on our Table Talk, you are welcome to join us in some engaging and thought-provoking conversations.

PROPERTY APPRECIATION

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciation Days every month. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs done inside the Church. If you can help, please come to the church and we will put you to work. **Our next Property Appreciation Day is Saturday, June 18th at 8:00 am.**

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What Do You Have That You Have Not Received?

Some of the disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. John the Baptist replies to their questions in this way: “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven” (John 3:27).

Now, John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. But this statement is true of everything – everything that we have and are in body and soul. In fact, this is what we are taught in the meaning of the Apostles’ Creed in *Luther’s Small Catechism*.

In the explanation of the Creed’s First Article, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe. Luther says:

“He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.”

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself, taking the form of a servant. Luther writes:

“(Jesus) has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.”

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Luther explains:

“That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.”

Indeed, a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. But how easy is this for us to forget about this?

How easy is it for us to think that what we have in this life is because we have earned

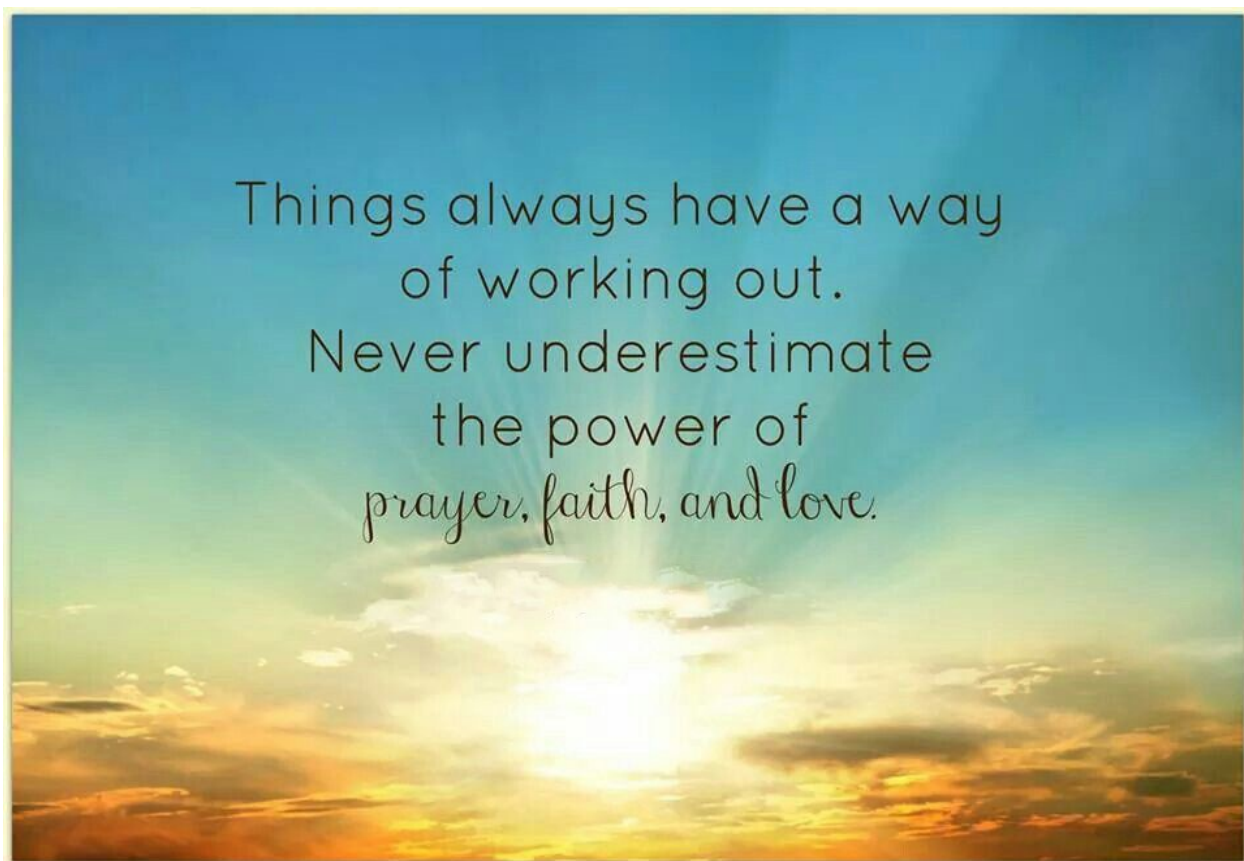
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it? How easy is it for us to forget that even all our skills, the abilities of our hands and minds – the very ethic to work diligently and to seek to get better at these skills – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said? How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone – and the work of the Holy Spirit – that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and not our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God's Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing. But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven, not to earn anything but in response to what He has accomplished for us.

A person cannot receive one thing unless it is given to him from heaven. Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven. Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks us to – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry:



Things always have a way
of working out.
Never underestimate
the power of
prayer, faith, and love.

***The deadline for the July Newsletter is June 18th.
PLEASE have all your submissions sent to patchas123@gmail.com
OR drop them off at the church office by the date indicated above. Thank You!***

Where God Ain't

He was just a little lad
And on the week's first day
He was wandering home from Sunday School
And dawdling on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the grass
He found a caterpillar
He found a fluffy milkweek pot
And blew out all the "filler."

A bird's nest in a tree o'er head
So wisely placed on high
Was just another wonder
That caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zigzag course
And hailed him from the lawn
Asked him where he'd been that day
And what was going on.

"I've been to Sunday School," he said
And turned a piece of sod
He picked up a wiggly worm and said,
"I've learned a lot of God."

"M'm, a very fine way," the neighbor said
"for a boy to spend his time.
If you'll tell me where God is,
I'll give you a brand new dime."

Quick as a flash his answer came
Nor were his accents faint
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister
If you'll tell me where God ain't!"

-- Author Unknown --

PRAYERS

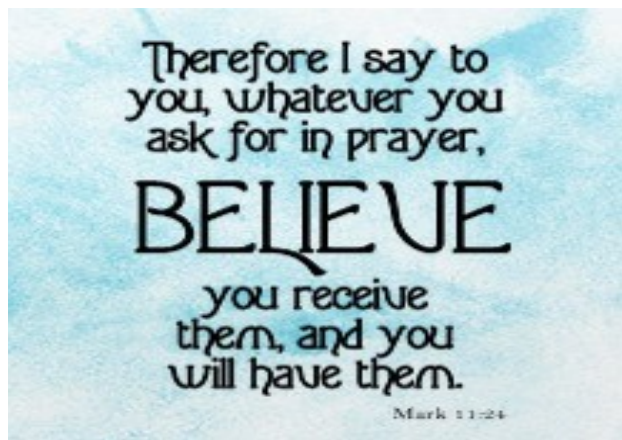
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Pastor and members of the church are always willing to pray for you, family members and friends. If a loved one appears on our prayer list above, please call Pastor or the church office to give us a health update so that we may either keep or remove their name. Thank you!



UNDER THE SEA ADVENTURE !



This month in Chapel we will be learning from these Bible Lessons. The week of 6/6 The Good Shepherd John 10:1-18; Psalm 23 The week of 6/13 The Parable of the Sower Matthew 13:1-23 The week of 6/20 Daniel in the Lions' Den Daniel 6 The week of 6/27 The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace Daniel 3

Dear God, You gave us Jesus to die on the cross.

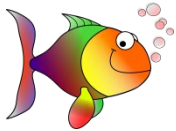
Thank you for rescuing us! We love You! Amen



What we are learning this month at Redeemer Child Care! Ages Infants thru 4 yrs. Theme: "Under the Sea Adventure" Color: Grey Letter: O & Y Number: 12 Shape: Octagon Literacy: Create a variety of different sea creatures masks Science: Exploring sea life items inside water Art: Making an Ocean Scene Writing Workshop: Using playdough to make letters, lines and circles.



Sing "Five Little Fishes"



Five little fishes swimming in the sea teasing Mr. Shark You can't catch me. Along comes Mr. Shark as quiet as can be...SNAP! Four little fishes swimming in the sea (continue until there are no fish left) No little fishes swimming in the sea.



Sun Safety! The first line of defense against adult skin cancer, is protecting your child from damaging sunburn in childhood Here are basic tips on keeping kids safe in the sun, all year. 1. Dress for protection...light colored clothing and wear hats. 2. Seek shade...plan you playtimes before 10am and after 2 pm. 3. Apply sun block...30 minutes before going outside using a minimum SPF of 15-30 with UVB and VA protection. 4. Prevent heat exhaustion...Drink lots of water and drink often.

What we are learning in VPK A: This month we have been practicing a lot for our graduation and reviewing all of our letters and numbers that we have been working on all year. We also have been writing our last names with our first names. We also have been working on our compound words and math problems. We are super excited for VPK Graduation and party! Submitted by Mallory Oliver

CHILD CARE

What we are learning in VPK B: For the last month of VPK we have been reviewing core learning strategies to get the children ready for kindergarten! This included letters and number reviews and how we put sounds together to read a word. We have also been working hard on graduation performance songs for the families to enjoy. With our last day of VPK happening on Monday, we are going to start the week with a splash! Planning a fun filled day for the kids to kick off the summer and excited for the new adventure of elementary school. *Submitted by Jazmyne Crady*



Congratulation to the VPK Class of 2022!

*Class A: Blayke, Michaela, Jaxon, Olivia, Xhaiden,
Bailey, Findley, Logan & Daya*

*Class B: Amaya, Jaxon, Allyson, Sophie, Ariel, Aleeah,
Skylar, Brayden, Ayla and Jacob*



Father's Day June 19



First Day of Summer! June 21



Vacation Bible School June 20-24

Submitted by Wendy Horvath



Treasurer's Report

Financial information is available to all members upon request.

SCHOOL

The end of yet another school year is here. The class has been busy and working hard to wrap up the year. We are very proud of everything that the students have learned this year. They have shown so much growth in so many ways – academically, socially, and spiritually. We are so blessed to be their teachers! It's always sad to say goodbye for the summer, but we look forward to another year of learning, exploring, and growing together in the next school year.

Our class did a trip to Broadway Palms to watch the play No Dogs Allowed. This is based on the book by Sonia Manzano. It was a lunch show so the kids got to enjoy lunch and dessert while watching the play. The kids had a blast and loved this show experience.

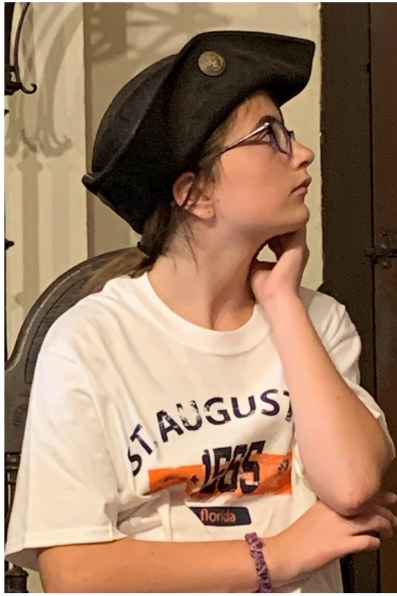
Fourth and Fifth Grade students had their trip to St. Augustine. Each fall, the Fourth Grade students do a historical research essay on St. Augustine and also learn about all the landmarks in History. This month, they took a trip to see the places that they learned about earlier in the school year. They were able to visit the Fountain of Youth and drink from the old spring, visit the old school house to see what school life was like in the 1800's and experience life in the old jail. We toured the old Military Hospital and were able to view instruments they used in surgery years before and also learn about natural remedies that were used. The class was also able to see the Castillo de San Marcos, the chocolate factory which gave out samples, and the Wax Museum which held many historical figures. It was so exciting to see places that they have read about and researched up close in real life!

Our wax museum was on May 18th and went so well. The students and their families all worked hard to research their historical person, write and memorize their speech, make their visual aids, and gather costumes and props for their presentations. The kids did fantastic at the event on May 18th. We are very proud of them for their hard work on this project. Thank you to all that made it out to see our students. They love to see familiar faces. This is a wonderful community to go to school in and work in. We are so blessed to have our school here.

Verse of the week: *It is he who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!* - Psalm 100:3b-4



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♦Disciple all nations, that is, all people;

♦Baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

♦Proclaim the Gospel and teach His Word in its truth and purity; and

♦Never be ashamed of the Gospel—it is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).