

THE COMMUNICATOR

HE HAS *Risen!*

BY PETE KRAAYENBRINK

Luke 24:1-7; ***On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."***

We have all just come out of a long winter here in Canada. This winter was good in the sense of an old fashioned winter with snow and freezing weather. These are things that some of us like, if you like hockey and skiing and making a snowman. This winter also seemed somewhat dark for us as we went through more of the COVID stuff, and believe me it seemed to get pretty long and dreary, but now finally there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel. We now do not need to wear masks anymore; yay!

Easter is also now upon us, as well as Good Friday; the believers in Christ had just witnessed the horrific crucifixion of our Saviour on the cross of Calvary. There He took our sin upon Himself and faced the punishment that we deserved for our sin. Isaiah 53:6 says ***"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."*** It was for our sin that He was there on that cross. Jesus explains that several times in Luke 24, but I won't go into that at this time.

Now the women who believed and looked for the body of the LORD Jesus were told by angels that "He is not here, but has risen!" That is the best news ever! It means that God was satisfied with Christ's death for

us, and we should be too. We serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today, I know that He is living whatever men may say! 1 John 2:2 says ***"He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."*** This tells me that the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is effective for anyone who believes. All the sins that were ever committed and will be committed, can be washed away by the blood of Jesus. The catch is that this is only effective when a person believes in Christ as their Saviour. The blood of Jesus is so precious that it was costly enough to pay for all and any sin, but again this only comes into effect to those who believe. That means we have the best news in all the world, for the whole world, to anyone who will believe. We need to share this Good news with those we meet, and rub shoulders with.

Finally we have a great future ahead of us! 1 John 3:1-2 ***"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see him as He is."*** Our sins are forgiven, past present and future. We still do confess our sins, as we still sin, and this maintains our sweet fellowship with God our Father. However when He appears, we will be changed in a moment, in the bat of an eye. Our mortal bodies will be changed into bodies like His risen glorified body. We will be like Him! So coming out of this nightmare of COVID, we can see the bigger picture of the great work that Our Great God and Saviour did in dying on the cross of Calvary, and then rising again. He defeated Satan, sin, death and hell, and He is now at God's right hand praying for each and every one of us. That is the best news we can ever think about, and the best is yet to come!

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***The artwork featured
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Classes***



TREY V



THE *principal's* POST

ENDURANCE EMERGES AS ENCOURAGEMENT, EXCITEMENT, AND HOPE

As we left March and entered April, the restrictions of the pandemic started to fade away. Although the pandemic was difficult for everyone, we were able to learn some things and incorporate them into our daily school life. Now, in a new era, we look forward with encouragement, excitement, and hope.

The timing is amazing. Typically, Spring brings more, longer, sunny days and increased temperatures. For most people, this provides us a mental and physical renewal after a long winter. Spring also brings about new life – new biological life when God's creation recreates itself: trees start to produce buds, gardens will sprout new flowers, and the grass grows (only some of us are happy about that). Spring is the time for Easter when we talk about new spiritual life. Christ's death and resurrection renews our lives, offers us forgiveness, and provides us hope in a restored creation and reuniting with God. All these renewals are not coincidences. Unusual to this year is maybe an even more excitement for Spring. This year, we are able to do many of the things we put on hold for several years. We began to plan athletic tournaments and assemblies again. Those were easy but then we began to reimagine open houses, kindergarten registration, a board-staff social, field trips, and Christian education

week too. We were able to reignite the strategic plan process after two years of waiting. For those we had to remember how we ran them, what was good about them, what was worth changing, and go back to 2019 when we last hosted those events. We started to re-think what community looked like and how to enrich our community relationships in a new era.

Even as we finish off this school year, I am excited about next year. There seems to be renewed interest in Christian education. Our enrolment is looking healthy for next year, growing from 128 students to over 140 students, and I am equally excited that a new generation of young families is investing in the whole lives of their children. Listening to the way they talk about their desire to bring their children to LCS, leaves me encouraged about the future of our school.

The timing is amazing. The endurance through the pandemic has brought about encouragement, excitement, and hope for everyone in many areas: mental, physical, biological, and spiritual. But, we never should have doubted because, as our theme verse states, "we have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Firm and secure in a God who remains faithful.



ANA D



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INTRODUCING THE *Whytock family*

Hello! We are Alistair and Jenny Whytock. We are originally from PEI and moved to the Wingham area two weeks after our wedding in 2014. We quickly found a great community at Maitland River Community Church and Alistair started working in Wingham at Ontario Super Storage. Since then we have moved to Teeswater and started our family. We have four children Malcolm (SK), Alec (3), Ellie (2) and Anna (1).

Malcolm is thoroughly enjoying his first year at LCS in SK! He is growing and learning so much. We feel very blessed by the support and experience in just a short time at LCS. Alec is so excited to join Malcolm next year in JK. We look forward to contributing and participating with LCS in this exciting chapter of our family!

TOP: Kase recreates his novel setting

MIDDLE: Malcolm hard at work

BOTTOM: Colourful sock day for Down Syndrome Day



BOARD *report*

As I write this report the sun is shining brightly revealing signs that spring will soon be well underway. With the changing season there is much to look forward to. This is also the case for the LCS board and LCS as a whole. The strategic plan gallery walk was scheduled for mid April. New goals and dreams for LCS was the topic of conversation afterwards which was exciting! The board members and LCS staff and spouses gathered for an evening of socialization late in April. This is an event that has been postponed more than a few times so we are grateful it finally came to fruition. Board members have been meeting with staff during the month of March. We are grateful that the timing of these interviews will allow for discussion within the board before the end of the year.

Board members Gerry Siebring, Pete Kraayenbrink and Ron Haanstra will be completing their terms later this spring. We

have carefully and prayerfully considered nominations for the upcoming term, keeping in mind the skill sets that are being lost with outgoing members.

At our regular monthly meetings it is back to business as usual. We are breathing a breath of fresh air with the lifting of many COVID restrictions. This leaves more time for discussions about regular goings on such as budget decisions, staff changes and policy.

We are grateful to be able to lead such an amazing school community. We see the commitment of our supporters in the success of our fundraising of late (auction and the Drive). We thank everyone who supports LCS and we request ongoing prayer for the board.

In Christ,
MICHELLE BURGSMAN
LCS BOARD SECRETARY

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.

JAMES 5:7



The girls and boys basketball teams played hard in their tournament. The reward...ice cream!



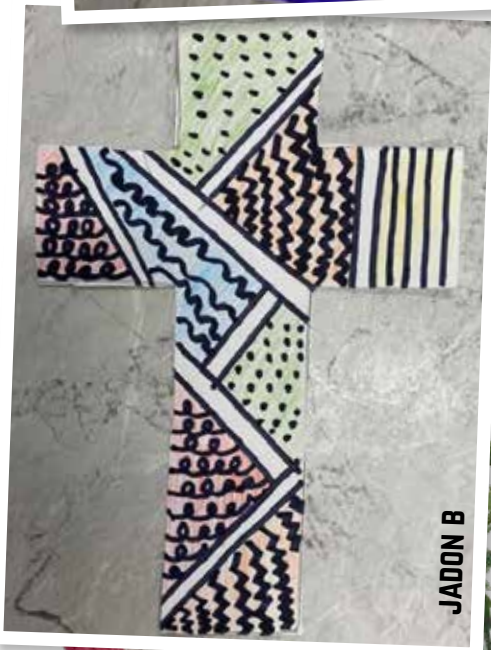
Grades 2/3 reflected on 1 John 4:19 "We love him because He first loved us." Knowing Jesus did it all for us on the cross, we created two pieces: Easter egg inspired crosses and hearts of love inspired by the artist Piet Mondrian.



DARREN R



DAYNA W



JADON B



BLAKE H



DANIEL R



DAX V



EMMALYN G

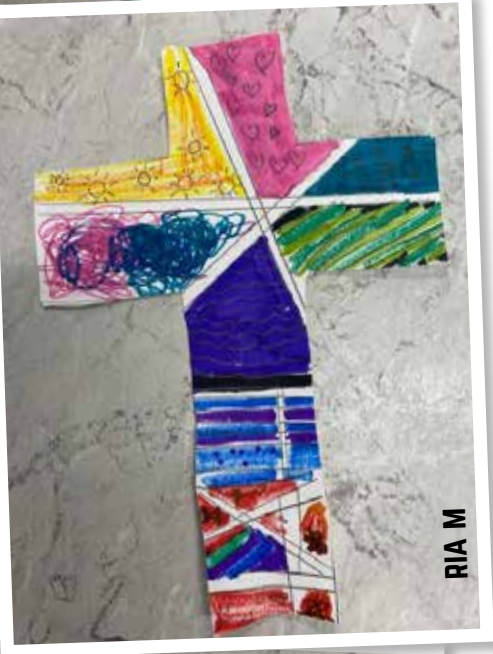




PETER H



A team event outside enjoyed by everyone on a nice sunny day, classroom activities and a Battle of the Books tournament: LCS seniors vs LCS juniors.



RIA M



SAVANNAH W



JAZLYN B



HAILEY G



RUBY K



ISAAC S



SETH S



KYLA W



BEST BALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY JUNE 11 2022
PIKE LAKE GOLF COURSE

Registration: 1:30pm
Shot gun start: 2:00pm
Dinner Begins: 5:00pm
Registration includes 9 holes of golf and golf cart rental
Register by May 13 2022

STEAK DINNER AND GOLF: \$120
9 HOLE GOLF PER PERSON: \$80
STEAK DINNER PER PERSON: \$50

For more information contact:
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GOLF REGISTRATION FORM

***Register by May 13**

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

If you are planning your own team,
please list the players here:
(Each team consists of 4 players)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Steak Dinner & Golf: \$120 _____
9 Hole Golf per person: \$80 _____
Steak Dinner per person: \$50 _____

Total Payment enclosed: _____

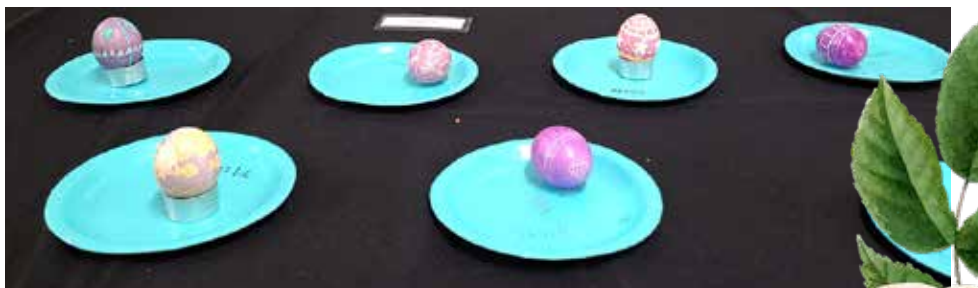
**Payment must be included
in order to register.*

Please let us know if you need
any golf club rentals.

Cheques can be made payable to
LCS Fundraising
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QUESTIONS?
Contact Chandra Los
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*In the case of inclement weather,
the dinner will go on as planned and
golfers will receive a raincheck for a
round of golf.*



Grade 7/8 learned about and tried out the Ukrainian art of egg dying called Pysanky. They had a lot of fun planning and designing their eggs and then blowing them out!



PURPOSE STATEMENT:

EDUCATING CHILDREN
WHILE NURTURING FAITH IN
CHRIST TO INTERPRET
AND IMPACT GOD'S WORLD

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 2-6 - Christian Education Week

MAY 20 - LCS Track & Field Day

MAY 23 - Victoria Day - No School

MAY 30 - JUNE 2 - Grade 7/8
Ottawa Trip

JUNE 14 - Baseball Tournament

JUNE 20 - SK Graduation

JUNE 22 - Grade 8 Graduation Night

JUNE 24 - Last Day of School



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