



Week of February 21, 2021

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

At its February meeting, the Board received a letter from Mr. Nathanael Hahn announcing that he is accepting a call to Mt. Hope Classical Lutheran High School in Casper, Wyoming, and will be leaving us at the conclusion of this academic year. Mr. Hahn's long-term goal was to teach at the high school level, this opportunity was an answer to prayer. He will be teaching the quadrivium (math, geometry, music, and astronomy). Nathanael wrote, *"While I have decided that I can best use my gifts in the position at Mount Hope, I have grown to love teaching third and fourth grade, which has made the decision to leave all the harder. Pastor Bender, Mrs. Ferguson, the congregation, and the faculty here at Peace have been extremely supportive, helpful, and friendly toward me. The support I have had from the families here has also been a wonderful blessing in my first year. I will certainly miss you all greatly."* We are thankful to our Lord for his time with us and pray God's richest blessing upon him in his work at Mount Hope.

Additionally, the Board voted to support an inquiry into the hiring of an ordained Headmaster/Associate Pastor for the Academy and *continued on page 2*

LEARN-BY-HEART CATECHETICAL WEEK 24



Verse:

John 6: 51

Catechism:

Sacrament of the Altar:
Where is this written (sung)? What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Leaders:

Verse: Matthew R.

Where is this written (sung)?
Alec W.

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?:
Olivia V.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?: Reagan R.

FROM MRS. MAY:

Please sign up NOW for the Divine Services on **March 14 (Academy Choir)** and **March 28 (Academy and Cherub Choirs)**. This is a big help in the office as they schedule callers for the services when children's choirs are involved. **THANK YOU!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 19 - Fish Fry

Feb 26 - Fish Fry

Mar 5 - Fish Fry

Mar 12 - Fish Fry

Mar 14 - Academy Choir sings

ON THE CLASSICAL BOOKSHELF

Peter Kreeft, from *"What is Classical Education"* pt. 2

...A few thoughts on the relation between Christianity and classical education. Christianity naturally leads to classical education because Christianity teaches respect for the mind as part of the image of God in man, for the world as God's intelligent, designed creation, and respect for human words because words, for the Christian, are not merely humanly invented labels for the commerce of writing and speaking. Rather, words dimly reflect their ultimate divine origin. "In the beginning was the Word." In turn, classical education leads to Christianity because classical education seeks all truth for its own sake, is open to all truth, is a truth-seeking missile; and according to Christ, all who seek, find. Non-Christians are not seekers, or, if they are, they are not non-Christians for long.

When the right lynchpin, or capstone, or keystone is in place, everything else in the structure gets its proper place and meaning and fulfillment. And classical education helps Christianity, or rather Christianization, the Christianization of students, because nature is the soil for grace, and classical education is the best fertilizer. A student who knows what a subject

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congregation. Pastor will work with Mrs. Ferguson to take the necessary steps with the help of Synod, the Board of Elders and the Parish Council to budget for and recruit the best fit for the Academy, all while working hard to find a replacement for Mr. Hahn.

Finally, the Board voted to discontinue the Preschool program for the 2021-22 academic year.

A TOURNAMENT OF LETTERS

Covid19 has claimed another victim: the "Six Flags Read to Succeed" Program. In its place this year, the Academy will host an all-Academy "Tournament of Letters." Beginning on March 1 and concluding on March 31, students in grades K-7th are encouraged to read for fun and for recognition. The instructions and log sheets are attached to this newsletter. Any questions may be directed to classroom teachers or Mrs. Ferguson.

SAVE YOUR PENNIES!

In February, we are having a competition to see who can collect the most pennies. Two jars are in Miss Katie Laubenstein's classroom: one for boys and one for girls. Other coins or bills can sabotage the other team, e.g., if a boy put a quarter into the girls' jar it would cancel 25 of the girls' pennies. All money raised will be donated to a family in need.

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and a predicate are is much more likely to understand that God's existence can be logically proved; and a student who knows that both human thought and language and the material universe are by their own intrinsic nature rationally structured is not likely to be a skeptic, a subjectivist, a New Ager, or a Deconstructionist. Nietzsche sagely observed that "we atheists have not abolished God until we have abolished grammar." For grammar is the reflection of the The Word in words, the reflection of the ordering reason of the Creator in the ordered structure of the creature's language.

It is a relationship of transcendence. As Pascal showed us, classical wisdom is infinitely more precious than all the best goods in the world, but Christian wisdom is infinitely more precious than the best classical education in the world; and the second infinity is infinitely more infinite than the first. When St. Thomas Aquinas was travelling across the Pyrenees...the sun suddenly broke through the clouds and revealed an awesome vista of fifty miles of rich forests and richer cities, with shining golden domes. His friend Brother Reginald said, "Wouldn't it be a grand thing to own all that your eye can see at this moment, Brother Thomas?" And Brother Thomas replied, after only a moment's hesitation, "I suppose so, but I think it would be a grander

thing to own that missing page in that Aristotle manuscript." A little more wisdom is more than a little better than a lot of anything else.

FISH FRY SCHEDULE

The fish fry coordinators, recognizing the higher demand for fish that accompanies Lent, have scheduled PLA fish fries for **every Friday during Lent**. If you are interested in helping in any way, don't hesitate to contact John Bender. The sale is two hours, the work is well-organized, and all volunteers have the opportunity to gather for a meal together at the end. If you are not volunteering, consider picking up a fish dinner for the family!

EASTER GIFT IDEAS

Does the Easter Bunny visit your home? Do you traditionally gift Easter gifts to your children or other children that you love? Consider books! Unlike the Scholastic Book Club, Ignatius Book Club offers age-appropriate classic books and books of faith without any social or political agendas. As a bonus, for every order that is placed using our code, the Academy receives points. Those points can be redeemed by us for books and/or other educational items. Go to: <https://ignatiusbookclub.com/JTB8D2N>. The entire ordering process can be completed online with the orders being shipped directly to your home.



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