



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL
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HOW TO FORGIVE – A reflection for all of us



One day a while back, a man, his heart heavy with grief, was walking in the woods. As he thought about his life this day, he knew many things were not right. He thought about those who had lied about him back when he had a job. His thoughts turned to those who had stolen his things and cheated him. He remembered family that had passed on. His mind turned to the illness he had that no one could cure.

His very soul was filled with anger, resentment and frustration.

Standing there this day, searching for answers he could not find, knowing all else had failed him, he knelt at the base of an old oak tree to seek the one he knew would always be there. And with tears in his eyes, he prayed:

"Lord- You have done wonderful things for me in this life. You have told me to do many things for you, and I happily obeyed.

Today, you have told me to forgive. I am sad, Lord, because I cannot. I don't know how.

It is not fair Lord. I didn't deserve these wrongs that were done against me and I shouldn't have to forgive. As perfect as your way is Lord, this one thing I cannot do, for I don't know how to forgive. My anger is so deep Lord, I fear I may not hear you, but I pray that You teach me to do this one thing I cannot do - "Teach me To Forgive."

As he knelt there in the quiet shade of that old oak tree, he felt something fall onto his shoulder.

He opened his eyes. Out of the corner of one eye, he saw something red on his shirt. He could not turn to see what it was because where the oak tree had been was a large square piece of wood in the ground. He raised his head and saw two feet held to the wood with a large spike through them.

He raised his head more, and tears came to his eyes as he saw Jesus hanging on a cross. He saw spikes in His hands, a gash in His side, a torn and battered body, deep thorns sunk into His head. Finally he saw the suffering and pain on His precious face. As their eyes met, the man's tears turned to sobbing, and Jesus began to speak.

Have you ever told a lie?" He asked? The man answered - "yes, Lord."

Have you ever been given too much change and kept it?" The man answered, "yes, Lord."

And the man sobbed more and more. Have you ever taken something from work that wasn't yours?" Jesus asked? And the man answered, "yes, Lord." "Have you ever sworn, using my Father's name in vain?" The man, crying now, answered, "yes, Lord."

As Jesus asked many more times, "Have you ever"? The man's crying became uncontrollable, for he could only answer, "yes, Lord."

Then Jesus turned His head from one side to the other, and the man felt something fall on his other shoulder. He looked and saw that it was the blood of Jesus. When he looked back up, his eyes met those of Jesus, and here was a look of love the man had never seen or known before.

Jesus said, "I didn't deserve this either, but I forgive you."

It may be hard to see how you're going to forgive someone for the pain they have caused you, but when you look back in life, you realize how important it is to make the decision to forgive, even if you do not feel like forgiving. Ask God for his help, he has forgiven much more.

PLEASE HELP TOUCH THE FUTURE



"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Lent is a time for preparation and reflection of the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord and Savior - His very life so we may have eternal life with Him, someday, in heaven. It is a time to be thankful for God's constant presence in our lives. During these difficult economic times, sometimes it is easier to focus on what we do not have, than what we do have. But, as Christians, we know we have the best gift of all – salvation. There is no price we can put on God's grace and love for us. Here at St. John School, we try to encompass our children with God's steadfast love and our Christian response to His love each and every school day. We truly see our school mission as developing Disciples of Christ for the next generation. However, we greatly need your help. Our Student tuition fund has been running very low financially, and has also been greatly affected by these difficult economic times. We have more families that truly need financial help for their children to attend St. John School. These families want a Christ-centered education for their children, but need some help in their lives. Please consider a financial gift to the tuition assistance fund to help support these children and their families. The fruits of your gift will mature as these children grow in their faith and servant heart to our Lord and Savior. As you prepare for the celebration of Easter, please remember that God has called all of us to bring others to His saving love and gift of salvation – one way you can give thanks to our Lord is in response to a financial need for the student's daily Christian education at St. John School. Thank you.

Thursday, March 19	-	Scholastic Olympics Practice (Gr. 5-8)	7:45-8:30 AM
	-	JK to Plymouth Public Library	10:30-11:30 AM
	-	Play Practice – Period 4	11:10 AM
	-	A Boys Basketball Party	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	B-Girls Volleyball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	-	Hosanna! Singers – MMR	6:30 PM
Friday, March 20	-	Spring Begins	
	-	Grade 6 to Project Angel Hugs	
	-	Play Practice – Period 6	1:25 PM
Saturday, March 21	-	Safety Patrol Pizza order pick-up	7:00-8:00 AM
	-	Market Day Pick-up (Volunteers @ 9 AM)	9:30-10:15 AM
	-	Happy Birthday Mrs. Diane Adams	
Sunday, March 22	-	Adult Choir Sings	8:00 AM
	-	Gospel Light Chorus Sings	10:30 AM
	-	SALSA Music Festival Recital at Bethlehem	2:00 PM
Monday, March 23	-	No School: Spring Break	
Tuesday, March 24	-	No School: Spring Break	
	-	Happy Birthday Mrs. Sharon Mohs	
Wednesday, March 25	-	No School: Spring Break	
	-	Lenten Service	4:00 PM
	-	Soup Supper/Cafeteria	4:30-6:30 PM
	-	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
Thursday, March 26	-	No School: Spring Break	
	-	Happy Birthday Mrs. Rebecca Truttschel	
	-	CUW A and B Girls Volleyball Tournament	
Friday, March 27	-	No School: Spring Break	
	-	CUW A and B Girls Volleyball Tournament	

Saturday, March 28	-	Plymouth Optimist Club Tri-Star Basketball Contest	10:00 AM
	-	CUW A and B Girls Volleyball Tournament	
Sunday, March 29	-	Happy Birthday Mr. Todd Kohlman	
Monday, March 30	-	Classes resume	
	-	Play Practice – Period 2 – Have Props/In Gym	9:40 AM
	-	GIFT Meeting	6:00 PM
Tuesday, March 31	-	Scholastic Olympics Practice (Gr. 5-8)	7:45-8:30 AM
	-	Play Practice – Period 1	8:55 AM
	-	SALSA Principals’ Meeting	3:30 PM
Wednesday, April 1	-	April Fool’s Day	
	-	Chapel – Grade 4	9:00 AM
	-	Play Practice – Period 3-4	10:25 AM
	-	Scholastic Olympics Meet vs. Random Lake @ Home	1:30 PM
	-	Lenten Service	4:00 PM
	-	Soup Supper/Cafeteria	4:30-6:30 PM
	-	8 th Grade Parent/Confirmand Meeting/Fellowship Hall	5:30 PM
	-	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
	-	Safety Patrol Trip payment and pizza money due	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following students who will be celebrating birthdays this coming week.

God’s Blessings on your special day!

- Rhiannon Lade – Grade 3 – March 20
- Autumn Horn – Grade 5 – March 23
- Samuel Salibi – Grade 8 – March 24
- Londynn Christiansen-Knier – 3 Year Old Preschool – March 25
- Andrew Schmitt – Grade 3 – March 25
- August Dunbar – 3 Year Old Preschool – March 26
- Emily Schuh – Grade 3 – March 27
- Noah Haese – Grade 2 – March 29
- JaLynn Schuh – Grade 6 – March 29
- Connor Miley – 3 Year Old Preschool – March 31

MILK/LUNCH TICKETS – Please be aware of the amount of tickets your child(ren) have remaining for the balance of the school year. Just a reminder that refunds are not given for either milk or lunch tickets. Tickets cannot be used the following school year either. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Food Service

Dear Parent(s), Due to the increase of food cost and fuel surcharges on deliveries, it is necessary for our Food Service Department to bill you for any student that is being picked up before lunch without a written or verbal notice to the food service staff. This also applies for any planned student that does not show for breakfast. Please notify our staff (893–5114 ext. 230) by 7:30 a.m. for breakfast changes and 10:00 a.m. for lunch changes if your child will not be in attendance. If your child gets sick at school for any reason you will not be charged for the meals ordered. Thank you for your understanding and your attention in this matter. Francha Dallman, St John Lutheran School Nutrition Manager

LHS SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS: Regarding the cost for Todd Dekker's boys and girls summer basketball camps. The cost is \$65. In one area of the booklet (sent home last week) it says \$60 and on the registration form it states \$65. The \$65 is the correct cost. Please note this correction.

Junior Crusader Volleyball - for grades 7-8. Practice on March 19 and 26 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Lutheran High. Spring league to start April 2. Cost \$15. Call Chuck Benedum 452-3323 if there are questions.

SCHOLASTIC OLYMPICS teams have formed and are off to a good start in practices each Tuesday and Thursday morning 7:45 to 8:30 for the 5th-6th grade team and for the 7th-8th grade team. The schedule of meets for this year follows. Adult

helpers are needed for scoring and timing at home meets and for driving to meets at other schools. If you have already signed up to help, thank you. Additional help from others will be welcomed. **Drivers need to have a copy of their driver's license and full insurance coverage on file in the office.** We are looking forward to a great time using our academic talents this season.

Scholastic Olympics Schedule

Wednesday, April 1	vs Random Lake (home)	1:30
Tuesday, April 7	vs Immanuel (home)	1:30
Tuesday, April 14	at St. Paul	1:30
April 18	S.A.L.S.A Scholastic Olympics Tournament at Lutheran High	<u>All players must attend</u>

The St John Lutheran School Food Service will be serving **Soup and Sandwich's** for Lent, along with a Bake Sale of their school-made rolls, breads and desserts. We will be serving Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Carry-outs are available. A free will offering will be taken at the door. Bakery will be priced accordingly. Any questions, please contact: Francha Dallman at 893-5114 x 230 or email @ francha.dallman@stjohnplymouth.org

Dance, Dance, Dance!: Student Council will be holding its spring dance in the gym on Friday, April 3 from 7:00-9:30. All SALS and SJB students in grades 5-8 are invited to attend. There will be a DJ and door prizes. Cost is \$3.00 at the door. Please come and join us! SJL Student Council

CONCERT TO BENEFIT PLYMOUTH SAFETY PATROL: The Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus will be presenting "Why We Sing" at the Plymouth High School Acuity Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday April 4, 2009. The concert will benefit the Plymouth Safety Patrol's annual spring trip to Washington D.C. The MacDowell Male Chorus is comprised of men from 18 years old to 80 years young and has been performing for 75 years. Since 1934, this all-male choir from Appleton, Wisconsin has members come from the Fox Cities; from Green Bay in the north and Oshkosh in the south, and all towns, cities and villages between. They have been pleasing audiences all over the Midwest and have also appeared several times on television and radio. Memorized music is a MacDowell Male Chorus tradition and the men have over 500 religious and patriotic numbers, show tunes, operatic and classical selections and fun pieces in their repertoire. Their love of singing and the fun they're having keep fans coming back again and again. The Chorus is under the direction of Allan Leicht, who has been leading the group since 1985.

Twenty three 4th, 5th and 6th grade students from Plymouth area schools will be taking the five day bus tour to Washington D.C. in May. These students assist younger students at their respective grade schools in arriving safely to school by crossing them at the busiest intersections near their schools. The patrol members are overseen by officers of the Plymouth Police Department. As a reward for their dedication to their responsibility they are offered a trip to our nation's capitol. The students participate in various fundraisers throughout the school year to pay for the cost of their trip.

Advanced tickets are \$10.00 and available from any Safety Patrol member. Additionally, tickets are on sale at the Plymouth High School office, Piggly Wiggly in Plymouth, Dreams Unlimited or at the Plymouth Police Department. Tickets may be purchased for \$12.00 at the door. Monetary donations for the trip are also being accepted and can be sent directly to the Plymouth Safety Patrol, P.O. Box 128 Smith Street, Plymouth, WI 53073.

This concert will be the second in Plymouth for the MacDowell Male Chorus. The group performed a year ago at a benefit concert for the Plymouth Police Department Honor Guard.

Calling all Sweet Treat Bakers!! The LHS Dinner Auction is just around the corner which brings the ever fabulous desserts!! Will you put on your apron and bake one of your delicious, hand-crafted cakes, tortes or cheesecakes for a great cause? Please help us by volunteering to donate a dessert for the auction! We know there are bakers of fancy desserts out there – so pick up the phone or send an email and let us know you'll bake a sweet treat!! Please contact Sheri Griesbach at (920) 287-8248 / Shelynn96@gmail.com or Kris Wheeler at (920) 208-3746 / kristinewheeler@sbcglobal.net. Desserts should be delivered on April 24th or 25th. Your Sweetness Is Appreciated!!!

Spring Cleaning? Please consider donating your unwanted items to **St. John's Garage Sale & Bake Sale!** (May 16th). All donated items can be brought to St. John Lutheran's gym on Thursday, May 14th, 2009 between 4:00 & 8:00p.m. If that time/date does not work for you please call Tracy at 893-9626 (work) or 893-8963 (home) to make arrangements. We accept clean clothing, shoes/boots, jackets, toys, puzzles, household items, videos/DVD's, books, crafts, furniture- anything except major appliances, air conditioners and items that are broken. Please place all clothing of the same size in one bag with the size/gender labeled on the bag. If you would like to help please call Tracy at 893-8963 (leave a message if I am not home). **Baked goods** can be brought anytime on Friday, May 15th but please use Stafford St. entrance during school hours so the office can let you in or after school using the gym doors (playground side) after school hours. Help is needed on Thursday,

May 14th for set up at 3:00 and Friday, May 15th anytime that works for you to help organize and price the items. We are also in need of cashiers and baggers on Saturday, May 16th from 7:45-2:00. (We will make shifts for these hours) Help is also needed for clean up. **Thank you** for your help and your donations they are very much appreciated. Shopping hours are on Saturday, May 16th from 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Save Your Aluminum Cans: Gospel Light Chorus will be going on tour in April, and they are collecting aluminum cans as one of their fund raisers. If you would like to donate your cans, please drop them off inside the fenced off dumpster area next to the school. Please put them behind the dumpsters or along the brick wall; do not put them in front of or between the dumpsters. We will collect the cans through May 15. Call Beth Reil or Scott Haun with questions. Thank You!

SCRIP Sales for the week of 03-13-09

Total Sales \$14,030.00; Tuition Profit \$874.35; General Fund Profit \$306.70 (of which \$120.00 profit is from Kwik Trip sales; Total Gen. Fund Kwik Trip Profits to Date \$13,736.00)

CHECK POLICY--CHECKS MUST BE FOR EXACT AMOUNT OF ORDERS. THERE WILL BE NO CASH RETURNED FOR OUT OF STOCK ITEMS. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR CHECK UNTIL YOU HAVE CONFIRMED THAT YOUR ORDER IS IN STOCK.

Chester's is now in stock and will be opening on April 1, 2009. Chester's is available in \$5.00 gift certificates with a 10% profit.

Great Lakes Scrip Center now offers a **Hyatt Hotel** gift card in a new \$50 denomination. This card is in addition to the already available \$25 and \$100 gift certificates. The profit remains unchanged at 9%. Please be advised that only a limited number of the \$25 gift certificates remain in inventory. Once depleted, the \$25 denomination will no longer be available.

KWIK TRIP is available at a 20% discount in denominations of \$20, \$50, and \$100 gift cards while supplies in stock last!! The discount will then go from 20% to 10% until February, 2010, after that date it will go to the regular 5% discount.

Hallmark Gift Cards are now available by **Special Order** in \$25 denominations with a 4% profit. Hallmark Gift Cards may be used for making purchases at any participating Hallmark Gold Crown Store.

What is SCRIP? Gift certificates are purchased at a reduced rate and then sold for face value. For instance if you purchase a \$25.00 card, you pay \$25.00 for it and the difference in what we originally purchased it for becomes the profit. The profit can be applied to the General Fund or the student's tuition of your choice.

*Providing a Christ-centered education focusing on academic, physical, spiritual, emotional, and social growth;
Preparing students for an active Christian life and eternal salvation.*

The Gospel Light Chorus is going to Chicago

This year's Gospel Light Chorus is going on a two day tour to Chicago where they will sing at St. John Lutheran Church, Chicago, and for chapel at Concordia University, Chicago. They will also have the chance to work with choir director Dr. Charles Brown.

You can help! Here's how:

*Pray for them. For safe travel, good weather, and opportunities to share and grow their faith.

*Encourage them. They will sing for both of the Maundy Thursday Services.

*Consider sponsoring a member, or making a donation.

Order some cream puffs and enjoy!
(See order form below or call Paula Huebschman, 892-6780.)

Return this form to Mr. Huebschman or the Church Office by Wednesday, April 1.

Yes, I want to support the Gospel Light Chorus Tour by ordering _____ Cream Puffs
at \$2.75 each for a total of _____

Name _____

Phone _____

I will pick them up after church on:

_____ Sunday, April 5 after the 8:00 service

_____ Sunday, April 5 after the 10:30 service

(Please make payment [payable to St. John Lutheran School] at the time of pick-up.)