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The month where wind can blow a kite and flowers start to bloom and little people dance and play beneath a springtime moon.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear St. John School Family,

Valentine's Day has come and gone with its array of Valentine Heart cards and candies. The human heart though is probably the most vital organ In our bodies-without its beating and circulatory blood, we'll die, as anyone with cardiovascular issues knows!

But the heart is also part of our language in a symbolic and poetic way. We have sayings like "he or she didn't put their heart in it" or "something terrible happened that broke my heart" or that person is "cold hearted", or he has a "heart of gold". The heart then is a symbol of our emotions and feelings with both negative and positive associations.

During this season of Lent and Easter, with its story of Jesus' last days of earthly ministry starkly portrayed with his death on the cross, his disciples hearts were broken in despair. But on Easter days' evening, according to John's Gospel, the Risen Christ unexpectedly appeared to his followers and rejoiced. Later in the book of Acts, after God's mighty gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Peter's mighty sermon so touched the crowd, they "were cut to the heart" and over 3,000 repented and were baptized. Earlier in Matthew, is said the entirety of the Jewish Law could be summarized in loving God with all our HEART, mind, soul, ("self") and strength and our neighbor as ourself.

So this Eastertide, how's your heart condition? The spiritual heart as well as the physical one? Have you given your heart totally with Jesus' care in faith? It's a transforming, wondrous thing to do.

Easter Alleluias,

**Pastor Don** 



STUDENT BIRTHDAYS 8<sup>TH</sup>-Paxton Krumm

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

18<sup>th</sup>-Cricket Timme

22<sup>nd</sup>-Pastor Don



7<sup>th</sup>-Vegetable tasting day

15th-Fruit tasting day

17th-Wear green day/carnation sale

24th-Music program and Auction at 7pm

A special thank you to Diana Perot and her students from Fortis College School of Dentistry for coming and sharing with students on National Dental Day. They gave each of our students a goodie bag and let them brush and floss the animals (stuffed and had real looking teeth) teeth. They learned how many teeth they have and received a sand timer to make sure they are brushing long enough. They really had a great time.







Movie night as always was a hit! We enjoyed "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile" . What a cute movie, of course it helped when we had pizza and drinks.







We will be planning another movie night before school is out, per request of family members. It's a great chance to kick back and enjoy yourself, pj's, blankets, bean bags and food. What more could you ask for. The movie was chosen by the first and second graders!! Good choice gang!



We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on the 21<sup>st</sup> and also enjoyed pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Don celebrated Ash Wednesday with the students, staff, families and members of the church. This was a great opportunity to learn about Ash Wednesday, Lent and why we celebrate these important rituals.

\*Remember you can save \$50 on early registration for your student. Fall will be here before you know it and we will be starting a new school year. We are currently working on summer enrichment curriculum. I will be putting a sign-up sheet for the summer programs at the end of the month. We would like to find out the number of students who plan to attend. Thank you all for your continued support of \$t\$. John Lutheran School. We might be little, but we put out mighty students!!