



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (ESV)
Hebrews 13:8**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

It is time to grow! Growing is a part of life. We grow in so many ways, but there is one way that is most important of all. The apostle Peter wrote at the end of his second epistle: **"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."** (2 Peter 3:18, ESV) So, it is time to grow!

We have Christian education opportunities on Sunday mornings for both children and adults, for we never stop growing in knowing Jesus and His word! For adults, we have a five week Bible study series that will begin on Sunday, September 3. It is called **"Empowered by Grace"** and covers five different topics of Christian life: our purpose, serving, sharing faith, generosity, and living for Christ in all things. Come and join us. Adult Bible class meets at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall beginning this Sunday, September 3.

We also have Sunday School classes for 3K through 12th grade. While your children are learning about Jesus every day in St. Paul's school, it is still a blessing to have them learn more on Sunday mornings. A flyer will be coming home this week. Sunday School begins on September 10 at 9:15. It is great for families to gather at church with the bigger church family . . . because it is time to grow!

Pastor Bender

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Chapel offering envelopes were distributed to the students earlier this week. Please use these envelopes to send offerings on Chapel days (Friday) for the different missions that we sponsor. The first quarter offerings will go to support a missionary going to Uganda. Her name is Rachel Meyer. She is from the Milwaukee area. She student taught at St. Paul's a few years ago. Miss Meyer will be leading a chapel in October, sharing information with the students about her missionary journey.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

One important date coming up is Grandparents Day (see attached sheet). The flyer gives you times and events that will be done at St. Paul's on Friday, September 8th from 8:00am until 12:00pm - this is a noon dismissal day for everyone; there is no 4K that day; there is no extended care in the afternoon. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

In Christ, the community of St. Paul's Lutheran School partners with families to equip children academically and prepare children and families spiritually to witness and serve.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Every year, the Department of Public Instruction mandates that we have two Parent Choice meetings each school year. This meeting is open to all parents, not just existing Choice families. There is not agenda to the meeting; it is just a time to ask any questions you may have about the program. The two meeting this year are on Tuesday, October 24th and Tuesday, February 27th. They are at 6:00pm in Room 202 (upper level classroom in our Lincoln Avenue building). If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

ST. PAUL'S SPIRIT WEAR

All Spirit Wear orders need to be placed by September 15th to qualify for the free shipping/delivery to our school. Orders can be placed by clicking on the following link. This link is also available on our school website.

<http://www.gymtreasures.com/st-pauls-west-allis/?sort=featured>

MIDDLE SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

On Tuesday, September 12th from 6:30-7:30pm, we will be having a back to school night for all middle school parents and students in grades 5-8. The meeting will be held in the church and the following topics will be discussed:

- To meet all the middle school teachers
- Go through the middle school schedules
- Classroom expectations
- Time to ask questions

So please mark your calendars and join us on Tuesday, September 12th. We will all meet in the church at 6:30pm and then break out from there after a brief introduction.

DINING OUT FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 15, 2017. We will be hosting our first dining out fundraiser night of the school year. It will be held at **Big Deal Burgers**, 1440 S. 84 Street in West Allis from 4:00pm to 8:00m. Make sure to present the flyer (will be sent home next week) when placing your order. St. Paul's will receive 10% of the total sales.

5th – 8th GRADE HANDBELL CHOIR

All 5th – 8th grade students are welcome to join handbell choir starting TOMORROW at 7:15am! We will be practicing tomorrow in the church fellowship hall, but normally we will be in the church balcony. I will have permission forms to be signed at the first practice. Come out and join us in making music for the Lord through bells and chimes each FRIDAY at 7:15am.



STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION / MEDICATION FORMS

All students must have a Student Health Information form filled out and returned to the office. If you did not turn those in yet, please do so as soon as possible. This is important information that we need to be aware of in the case of an emergency. Forms were emailed to every family and will be available at the Open House tonight. If you need of a copy, please contact the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

If your child needs to take prescription or non-prescription medication, a form also needs to be filled out and kept in the school office along with the medication in its original container. These forms can be picked up from the school office.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Please make sure you go on your FastDirect account to enter all the emergency information for your child(ren). This will be our only way of having all your contact information if an emergency arises. If you need log in information, please contact Mrs. Evers.

CHAPEL FAMILY SHIRTS

This year we are able to purchase t-shirts for all students to use during our Chapel Family events. This is a time when all students come together and are placed in groups with children of all ages. The groups also sit together during chapel services. We need each child's shirt size. They run from Youth XSmall to Adult XLarge. Please email your child's teacher or send a note with your child's name letting them know what size you would like. We would like your answer by Tuesday, September 5th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Heimsoth at barb@splcwa.org. Thanks so much for your help.

SCRIP

We need volunteers to help sell SCRIP for about 10 minutes before and after church services on Saturdays and Sundays. SCRIP is a fundraiser where you can purchase gift cards, and St. Paul's gets a percentage of the sales back. After church on Saturday, or after the first service on Sunday and before the second service you would sit at the table in the narthex and sell the cards. You can sign up here to sell, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080845AAAA23A3F85-scrip>. If you are a new seller please contact Julie Gutknecht at julie@splcwa.org, to set up a time to meet and go over details. Thank you!

Do you need gift cards? You can buy them through St. Paul's SCRIP program. SCRIP is a fundraiser where you can purchase gift cards, and St. Paul's gets a percentage of the sales back. You can purchase the SCRIP cards from the attendant in the narthex before or after church services. Or you can fill out the SCRIP order form and submit it and your check to the school office at Lincoln

or Grant St. Forms are available from the attendant in the narthex before or after church services, in the school office and at the front desk at Grant St. You can also order and pay online. Log on to www.shopwithscrip.com and follow the online instructions to enroll in Presto Pay. St. Paul's enrollment code number is 1E154B464137. (This is needed to set up your account.)

CALLING ALL ST. PAUL'S JR. HIGH YOUTH – GRADE 6-8

Our first youth meeting will be taking place on September 23rd in the Parish Hall. We will have a brief introduction and devotion, followed by a group outing to Harvest Fair at the WI State Fair Park. I will need parent volunteers to drive and chaperone this event. The fair offers many options of fun things to do, such as games, crafts, and hayrides to name a few. Please meet at church at 5:30 pm and we will caravan to the fair park as a group. We will return to St. Paul's as a group approximately 8:30. Any questions please email me ssmajn@yahoo.com. Admission is free but there are small costs to play games, etc. More information on that to follow. I look forward to a new year meeting new and old friends again!

In His Love, Shelly Mueller

PRESEASON BASKETBALL CLINICS

Concordia University-Wisconsin is offering pre-season clinics for boys and girls, beginning on Sunday, September 10th. The clinics will be conducted by the CUW basketball coaching staff and some of the current CUW basketball players! This opportunity is for boys and girls, grades 5-12.

Here is the link to the registration information -

http://www.cuwfalcons.com/sports/mbkb/2017-18/files/MB_clinic_flyer.pdf

SPORTS PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- **JV Volleyball – Monday and Wednesday 3:15-4:45pm**
- **Varsity Volleyball – Tuesday and Thursday 3:15-4:45pm**
- **Cross Country – Grades 6-8 Monday 3:15-4:30pm; Grades 3-5 Thursday 3:15-4:30pm; Grades 3-8 Friday 3:15-4:30**

UPCOMING DATES

September 4	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
September 8	Grandparents Day – Noon Dismissal
September 22	All School Field Trip to the Zoo
October 3	School Pictures

Church at St. Paul's: Saturday - 5:00pm; Sunday - 8:00am and 10:30am; Sunday School/Adult Bible

Class - 9:15am

Acolyte Schedule:

Saturday, Sept 2	5:00 p.m. – Aubrey Kadolph
Sunday, Sept 3	8:00 a.m. – Lillia Carson
Sunday, Sept 3	10:30 a.m. – Olivia Kukor