



# 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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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

- **CHRISTMAS BREAK – NO SCHOOL OR EXTENDED CARE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> THROUGH TUESDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>.**
- **THE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> THROUGH JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>.**
- Chapel Offerings – The remainder of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, our chapel offerings will go to the LCMS, and the funds will be designated for hurricane relief for Texas and Florida.
- Over Christmas break, I will be sending out 2018-19 Contract for Enrollment forms. These are the forms used to enroll students for the 2018-19 school year. A form must be turned in for each student (Choice and Non-Choice students).
- Contracts can be turned in for each student any time after January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Enrollment in the Choice Program (Milwaukee and Wisconsin) begins February 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2018-19 School Year. If you have any questions about the Choice program, please contact me.
- Winter is here. In the event that school is cancelled due to the weather, here is how you will find out about it: I will post it on our school website ([www.splswa.com](http://www.splswa.com)) homepage; you will all receive an email; some will receive a text message; it will be on the radio (620AM) and TV (Channel 4, 6, and 12).

The Cookie Walk was a great success! We started with 10 tables full of over one thousand cookies, and by the end of the day we were sold-out! Our school made over \$2500! Thank you to everyone that baked cookies, volunteered at the event, bought cookies, and spread the word about our event!

**THANK YOU**



## DOVE TREE GIFTS



If you are purchasing gifts for a child from the Dove Tree, please return the wrapped gifts to the school office by the end of the day on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. This will give us time to sort and label the gifts for the families to pick up on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Tie the dove to the package so we know who the gift is for. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

### St. Paul's Children's Christmas Service Wednesday December 20, 2017



#### 10 AM (5K-8th grades)

All members and families are welcome to join us for morning worship. This service will be led by students in 5K-8th grades. This morning service offers more seating options and will be during daylight hours. If you have someone who would appreciate this option, encourage them to join us at the 10 AM service.

#### 6 PM (PK3 - 8th grades)

This service will be led by all of our students from St. Paul's Lutheran School.

4:45 PM - Supper is available here at St. Paul's fellowship Hall

Food: Pulled Pork sandwiches, baked macaroni & cheese, veggies & dip, chicken nuggets, Christmas cookie bar

PK 3 & 4 - Sit with families and will come forward when listed

5K - 8th grade - coats may be hung in the fellowship hall, stay with your family and/or 5th-8th put coats in your lockers

5:42 PM - **All students should be seated in the church**

BAND students in the balcony playing pre-service music

Please remember this is a worship service. If you would like to have a photo or video of your student please take photos and video recording from the back of the church or the balcony.

6:00 PM - Service Begins

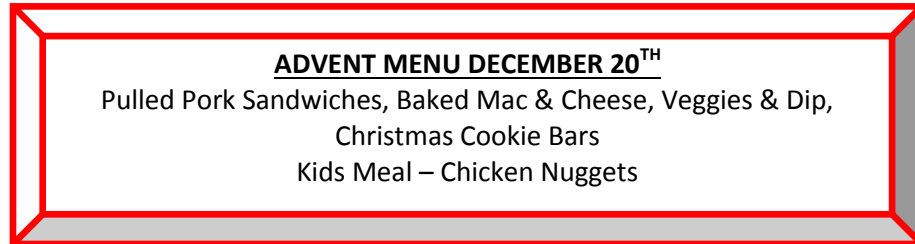
END of service PLEASE stay seated and your child(ren) will come to you in the church.

## PRACTICE SCHEDULES

- **Handbells – Friday 7:15am**
- **Boys BB – Monday and Thursday 3:15-4:45pm**
- **Varsity Girls BB – Tuesday 3:15-4:45pm & Thursday 4:45-6:30pm**
- **JV Girls BB – Monday 4:45-6:15pm & Friday 3:15-4:45pm**

## SINGING SCHEDULE

December 20 Christmas Service 3K-8, 10:00am & 6:00pm  
Band and Bell Choir



## SPORTS SCHEDULE

December 16 **VGirls vs. Hales Corners 10:00am @ Our Fathers**  
*VBoys vs. Our Fathers 11:00am @ Our Fathers*

January 8 *JVBoys vs. Hales Corners @ St. Paul's 5:00pm*  
**JVGirls vs. Hales Corners @ St. Paul's 6:00pm**

January 10 **VGirls vs. SPI @ St. Paul's 4:30pm**  
*VBoys vs. Our Redeemer @ St. Paul's 5:30pm*  
**JVGirls vs. Granville @ Granville 4:30pm**  
*JVBoys vs. Granville @ Granville 5:30pm*

## UPCOMING DATES

December 20 School Christmas Service / Advent Worship (10:00am & 6:00pm)  
Advent Dinner 4:45pm (Pulled Pork Sandwiches)

December 21 Hot Lunch

Dec 22-Jan 2 Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL/SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED

January 3 Classes Resume

January 10 Spelling Bee

January 15 MLK Day – NO SCHOOL

January 21-27 National Lutheran Schools Week

January 22 Geography Bee

January 31 Hot Lunch

February 2 Teacher In-Service – NO SCHOOL

February 23-25 St. Paul's Boys Basketball Tournament

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose. So Paul writes in the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of his letter to the Romans. This is a challenging text because clearly “all things” includes things we would label as “bad.” Yet, we have a God who can work things for good even out of the bad that takes place in our lives. The church organ breaking as Christmas approached would not be considered a “good” thing, at least in the mind of the pastor writing this. However, as Christmas Eve approached in 1818, the church organ was not functioning at the Church of St. Nicholas in Obernorf, Austria. So Father Joseph Mohr, the Roman Catholic priest of that church wrote the words and Franz Gruber composed the tune to one of the favorite of all Christmas carols: “Silent Night.” It was originally sung to the accompaniment of Gruber’s guitar.

Christmas Eve is just over a week away. If you have never come to a candlelight Christmas Eve service and sung this blessed Christmas carol holding a candle, I would invite you to do so this year. Even if you have, there is something quite moving when we join together with fellow Christians to celebrate the birth of Christ which includes singing by candlelight (children are provided electric “candles”). Jesus is the Light of the world, the Light no darkness can ever overcome. “O Come, let us adore Him.”

*Pastor Bender*

**Church at St. Paul's: Saturday - 5:00pm; Sunday - 8:00am and 10:30am; Sunday School/Adult Bible Class - 9:15am**

### **Acolyte Schedule:**

<b>Saturday, December 16</b>	<b>5:00pm – Emily Yakel</b>
<b>Sunday, December 17</b>	<b>8:00am – Ashton Poritz</b>
<b>Sunday, December 17</b>	<b>10:30am – Luna Ramos</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 20</b>	<b>6:00pm – Sophia Novotny</b>

## **CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

<b>Saturday, December 23</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. (Regular Weekend Service)</b>
<b>Sunday, December 24</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. (Regular Weekend Service)</b>
<b>Christmas Eve December 24</b>	<b>4:00, 6:00, &amp; 11:00 p.m. (Candle light services)</b>
<b>Christmas Day December 25</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>

