



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 22ND THROUGH TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND.**
- **THE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 22ND THROUGH JANUARY 2ND.**
- Chapel – for the month of November (and December 1st), our chapel offerings will go to buy food for Thanksgiving packages for Capuchins Community Services. Please remember to send in chapel offerings each Friday. The remainder of the 2nd quarter, our chapel offerings will go to the LCMS, and the funds will be designated for hurricane relief for Texas and Florida.
- FastDirect - please continue to check FastDirect (grades K-8) to monitor your child's progress. If you have any questions or concerns, contact your child's teacher right away.
- 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 2nd.
- Enrollment in the Choice Program (Milwaukee and Wisconsin) begins February 1st. 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) 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).

DOVE TREE GIFTS



The doves have been placed on the Christmas tree in the narthex. If you plan to take one or have taken one, please return your wrapped gifts to the school office by the end of the day on Monday, December 18th. This will give us time to sort and label the gifts for the families to pick up on Thursday, December 21st. Tie the dove to the package so we know who the gift is for. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 9th, 9am-12noon
Lincoln Avenue Gymnasium

COOKIE WALK

- In order for this event to be successful, we are requesting that each school family donate at least **3-4 dozen homemade cookies**. Please bake and donate your family's favorite Christmas cookies! We are hoping that we will have a wide variety of cookies for people to choose from!
- This event is open to the public. Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors!
- How can you help: Bake cookies!
- We also will need many volunteers on the day of the Cookie Walk.
- Here is the link to sign-up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F054CA5A823A75-cookie



Thank you!



St. Paul's Children's Christmas Service

Wednesday December 20, 2017

10 AM (5K-8th grades)

All St. Paul's 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. We encourage you 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. A meal is offered for a free-will offering beginning at 4:45 in the church fellowship hall. Students will be seated in the church by 5:42 PM with pre-service music beginning soon after. *Please remember this is a worship service. Photos and video should be taken from the back of the church or the balcony.* We encourage you to join us for worship.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING THE CHRISTMAS STORE POSSIBLE

Last Friday was another special Christmas Store event. We give thanks to all those who provided items to be purchased as well as wrapping paper, boxes, and gift tags. Thank you to the parents and congregation members who came for set up on Thursday, as well as Friday to help with the store. We also want to thank Chelsea Rudig and Amy Harper who took charge of running the Christmas Store this year.



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 12 **JVGirls vs. Mt. Olive @ Mt. Olive 4:00pm**
JVBoys vs. Mt. Olive @ Mt. Olive 5:00pm

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 9 Cookie Walk (9:00am - 12:00pm)

December 13 Advent Worship 10:00am & 6:00pm
Advent Dinner 4:45pm (Chili)

December 20 School Christmas Program (10:00am & 6:00pm)
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

FROM THE PASTOR

“What Child is this who laid to rest on Mary’s lap is sleeping?” Those are the words that begin a beloved Christmas hymn penned by one William C. Dix in the latter part of the 19th century. It is sung to the beautiful tune of Greensleeves. It is one of my favorites. It is what the whole Advent and Christmas season is about. While the words were penned over 150 years ago, the message is still relevant today. For our Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

That beloved hymn goes on to answer that question. This is Christ the King, whom some poor shepherds “guard” and of whom the angels sing. Yet, my favorite words of this hymn are found in the second half of the second verse: “Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.”

Jesus, God’s very own son, came in human flesh for one sole purpose: to redeem sinful mankind. He needed flesh and blood so those nails and spear could pierce Him through, that the cross could be endured for me and you. This is what our children need to know! This is what the coming celebration of Christmas is all about! This is what we all need to focus during these holy days. May you and your family be delivered from all the commercialism, myths, and worldly ways of Christmas to focus on the birth of the Christ Child come to save us from our sins!

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:

Saturday, December 9	5:00pm – Emma Harper
Sunday, December 10	8:00am – Dominic Gottschalk
Sunday, December 10	10:30am – Michael Matusewic
Wednesday, December 13	6:00pm – Laura Quigley

**JESUS IS THE REASON
FOR THE SEASON**

