



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

February 1, 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

- Enrollment in the Choice Program (Milwaukee and Wisconsin) begins **TODAY** for the 2018-19 School Year. If you have any questions about the Choice program, please contact me. If you need any assistance, you can contact me to set up a time for you to come to school to complete the application.
- Please turn in your Contract for Enrollment (all students) and your Registration (Re-enrollment) Fee (for non-choice families) as soon as you are able. The half-price registration fee ends on April 18th.
- The meeting to Call the ECC Director is this Sunday at 9:15am in the church. Please pray for guidance and direction as St. Paul's looks to fill this position.
- If you are in need of a statement for tuition, extended care or both for your 2017 taxes, just email me and I will email you back your statement(s).
- We **do not** have school tomorrow, Friday, February 2nd. It is a Teacher In-service day. The school office is also closed.
- Statements will be mailed out today. If you have any questions about them, please contact me.

PANTHER PALOOZA

Panther Palooza is an event during the school day that will be held on Friday, February 16th. The students will play games and have activities to do together. This is also a fund raiser for our school, where we send out letters asking for donations. There will be a note coming home and being emailed to you explaining how we need your help. Please watch for that note and help us raise money for St. Paul's Lutheran School. We pray God's blessings on this special event!

HISTORY BEE REGIONAL FINALS

The 7-8th graders recently participated in an on-line competition called the History Bee. **TEN** students scored high enough to advance to the Regional Finals held later in March. This is a record number for our school!
Qualifiers are: Ashley Vogt, Brey Rudig, Dante Militello, Kaden Hutchins, Laura Quigley, Meredith Powers, Michael Matusewic, Nate Kutcher, Sophie Moravec and Sophia Novotny

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.

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**
- **Short Shots – Saturday 8:30-9:45am through February 10**
- **Jr. Panthers (3rd & 4th grade boys) Saturday 10:00-11:30am through February 3**

SINGING SCHEDULE

February 11	5-8 Handbell Choir plays 8:00am
February 17	5-8 Choir sings 5:00pm
March 5	5K-1 sing 10:30am
March 7	5-8 Handbell Choir plays 6:00pm
March 11	2-4 th Choir sings 8:00am
March 14	5-8 th Choir sings 6:00pm

SPORTS SCHEDULE

February 3	Varsity Girls vs. Zion @ Zion 10:00am Varsity Boys vs. SM @ Our Fathers 11:00am
February 5	JV Girls @ Immanuel 4:30pm JV Boys @ Immanuel 5:30pm
February 6	Boys vs Our Redeemer @ St. Paul's @ 4:30pm Girls vs SPI @ St. Paul's @ 5:30pm
February 8-11	JV Boys and JV Girls Tournament @ Elm Grove Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls Tournament @ Grace MF
February 13	Varsity Boys vs. SPOC @ Immanuel 5:30pm
February 19	JV Girls @ Elm Grove 4:30pm JV Boys @ Elm Grove 5:30pm
February 23-25	St. Paul's Boys Basketball Tournament St. Paul's first game on Friday at 7:30pm

UPCOMING DATES

February 2	Teacher In-Service – NO SCHOOL
February 7	Portillos Dining Out Fundraiser for Guatamala
February 16	Panther Palooza
February 17	Trivia Night Fundraiser 6:30pm
February 23-25	St. Paul's Boys Basketball Tournament

All are welcome to come hear Brad Alles' presentation "**Truth, Post-Modernism, and the Gender Issue**" for parents, youth, and concerned Christians. Come here Brad's response to the following questions: What is truth? What is Post-Modernism? Can we truly choose our gender? In an age of uncertainty, discover solid answers from God's Word and how to respond to these and other issues. **Saturday, February 3, 2018 @ 9:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 8:30am, and a continental breakfast will be served. Shelly Mueller will offer childcare. Questions please contact Pastor Bender, harold@splwa.org or Stacey Kukor, skukor77@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

When: Saturday, February 17th

RSVP by February 14th

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:30pm

Cost: \$10/person – teams need to be 6-8 people

Cost includes: Trivia Fun along with fresh baked pizza, garlic bread, fresh baked cookies, soda, water and table snacks

All proceeds help St. Paul's Senior Youth attend the houseboat retreat. Flyer attached.

GUATEMALA FUNDRAISER / PORTILLO'S

Dine out in support of St. Paul's Groundwork Guatemala Mission Team.

Dine in, carryout and also the drive thru by informing the first order taker that you are participating in fundraiser. Print out the attached flyer or bring on your smart phone.

FROM THE PASTOR

When I was a kid, I didn't like the fact that there were seeds and pits in the middle of fruit. I would eat a peach and my teeth would hit that hard, rough pit; I would eat an apple and all of a sudden I was chomping on some of those little black seeds. I thought to myself, "Why did God have to put those in there?" One day I finally asked my mom; she explained to me that those pits and seeds could be planted in the ground and another peach tree or apple tree would begin to grow, giving us more fruit to enjoy in our lives.

Seeds are important. Seeds are the beginning of plants and vines and trees growing to maturity and bearing vegetables and fruit. Yet, the most important seed that God has given us is God's Word. It is to be planted in our hearts and souls, that it would bring forth a harvest into our lives.

In the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23), Jesus teaches us about the importance of the “seed” of God’s Word. He also teaches us the kinds of things that prevent that seed from growing to maturity in our lives. In the parable, a farmer sowed seed and it landed on four different places: the path, the rocky ground, the ground already covered with thorns and thistles, and finally some of the seed landed on good soil.

The seed on the path was “snatched away” by the evil one because the person didn’t **understand the Word**. The seed on the rocky ground **had no root**; it withered when difficulties and persecution came. The seed sown among the thorns was **choked out by the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth**, that it will provide everything you desire.

Finally, some of the seed fell on the good soil. The seed was planted in that person’s heart and soul, because they **heard the Word, believed it, continued studying it, and stood firm against the ways of the world**. That seed grew and matured and brought forth a harvest of righteousness.

The person in whose soul the word is planted deeply also share the love of Jesus with others, in both Word and deed. Even as the apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Colossians: **“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”**

Blessings in Christ,
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, February 3	5:00pm – Sophie Moravec
Sunday, February 4	8:00am – Ashton Poritz
Sunday, February 4	10:30am – Luna Romos