



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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"Be Still and Know that I am God"
Psalm 46:10

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ABCs
Of Student Success

J is for JOBS.

Giving kids jobs at home teaches them responsibility and other valuable lessons.

- Young children follow directions as they sort socks or set a table. Older children take on bigger tasks.
- Don't expect a job to be done right unless you take time to teach the child to do it right.
- Don't take away from a child's sense of accomplishment by redoing a job.

With practice and encouragement, jobs help develop responsibility and a strong work ethic as they set the stage for success in life.

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FUN FACTS

A giant squid's eye can be more than 15 inches wide.

Spiders and sea stars are two of the many animals that have more than two eyes.

The tuatara lizard is born with a third eye that gradually gets covered up by scales. The third eye helps young lizards collect sunlight to help them grow.

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Parent Pointers

Communicating With Older Children

- ▶ Stay involved with your child.
- ▶ Know what is going on at school *and* with friends in your child's life.
- ▶ Spend more time listening to what they have to say. Don't interrupt them when they are talking. Then they'll spend more time listening to you.
- ▶ When communicating with your older child, be brief. Avoid the use of words such as *guilt, never, always...*

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"quoted" "Your best teacher is your last mistake."
Ralph Nader

REAL.PRESENT.GOD.

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.

ESSAY CONTEST

Recently our 7-8th graders all participated in an essay writing contest between area schools. The event was sponsored by the local VFW post #1200. The essay was entitled, “*Why I Honor the American Flag.*” We were contacted last night letting us know that students from our school took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place! Those names will be announced by Friday. What an awesome job our students did in using their God-given skills, and what an awesome job their English teacher (Miss Jackson) did in preparing them for the contest.

CHOICE MEETINGS

As most of you know, St. Paul’s participates in the Wisconsin Parent Choice Program and the Milwaukee Parent Choice Program. One of the stipulations of the Choice Program is to hold two meetings per school year to meet with all families to answer any questions about the Choice Program, get any information about the Choice Program, and learn about the Choice Program. Our first meeting was held on Friday, November 16th. This meeting is for all of our families, not only families who are in the Choice Program this year or may be in the Choice Program in future years. The second meeting is set for February 24th. Please come to our meetings if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul’s participates.

SIGN UP TO HELP WITH HOT LUNCH

This year Hot Lunch is offered once a week, on a trial basis. The program is overseen by Chelsea Rudig, she will need volunteers to help. Hot lunch will be offered every Wednesday. **Sign up to help at the following link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084ba4ae2ba5f94-volunteer7>

**Chapel offerings for December
will be used to purchase gift cards for our pastors to use in
ministering to the needy of our community.**



SAVE THE DATE!!!

The 3rd Annual St. Paul’s Lutheran School Cookie Walk is Saturday,
December 8th from 9:00am-12:00 noon.

Please sign up to help out at this event

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ca5a823a75-cookie1>

SCRIP

Scrip, which are gift cards, is a fundraiser that runs year round. When you purchase a gift card a percentage (2%-15%) of the money comes back to us! They can be bought (check or cash) after the 5:00 and 8:00 services and before the 10:30 service. You can also pick up a form, with all the cards that are available, or contact Tammy Evers (541-6251 ext. 3011) to place an order. Time to think Christmas shopping!

Thank you so much for those who have bought in the past and May God continue to bless this and all things here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School.

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who purchased from our Butter Braid fundraiser this Fall. We again raised almost \$4,000 this year. Your support of St. Paul's Lutheran School is greatly appreciated.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in the beginning stages of planning for our Vacation Bible School for the summer of 2019! We would love for you to be a part of this excited adventure! If you would like to be involved and share your talents contact Natalie Romano at 847-636-1534 or nmiller0103@hotmail.com.

ATTENTION JR. HIGH YOUTH AND PARENTS!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the office for the Jr. High Youth to volunteer serving Advent dinners on Dec. 5th and 19th. We need 8 volunteers each night please!! Details are up on the bulletin board for our annual Swim and Lights trip on Dec. 16th. Watch for more info to follow but save the date! Questions see Pastor Noah or Shelly Mueller 262-613-3657.

CHRISTMAS STORE

December 14 & 15

see attached information sheet

Sign Up to help here

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084ba4ae2ba5f94-christmas>



SHORT SHOTS

It's that time of year again. All Kindergarten through 3rd grade students are invited to participate in this year's short shots program. Short Shots is a basketball program with emphasis on learning basketball skills and fundamentals, teamwork, good sportsmanship and having fun. Forms will be sent home with the students tomorrow, Friday, November 30th. We ask that if you would like your child to participate, the forms be turned in by next Friday, December 7th. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mrs. Sarah Zellmer or Miss Abby Petermann.

FROM THE PASTOR

Here it comes! Christmas is less than four weeks away!! Oh my goodness, there is so much to do. At this time of year our lives get filled with so many additional activities, shopping for gifts, sending out letters and cards, attending an occasional Christmas party at work or with friends, planning for the celebration of Christmas with family and loved ones.

Yet, sometimes we lose focus of what this time of year is all about. Really, we should be thinking: "Here HE comes!" Christmas is all about the coming of the baby Jesus. He was born over 2000 years ago . . . but He came into this world to be **your** Savior. Each year the church of Jesus prepares to celebrate His coming. This time of the year is called "Advent," which means "coming." Here at St. Paul's we have special services each Wednesday to prepare for Christmas. You and your family are invited. We also serve Advent meals from 4:45pm to 5:45pm in the fellowship hall. It's a great time of fellowship!! Please consider coming. Then the service follows at 6pm. The theme of each service is as follows:

December 5 – Good News through the Prophets – Pastor Bender

December 12 – Good News through the Angels – 1st – 8th Grades and Pastor Noah

December 19 – Good News through God's Children – 3K – 5K and Pastor Bender

It will be a wonderful time to get ready for the "real reason for the season" and hear the "Good News of Jesus" that our troubled world so desperately needs to hear. I hope to see you there!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bender

CHRISTMAS DOVES

Christmas Doves are available on the tree in the narthex starting this weekend. If you take a Dove to purchase a gift for a child in need, please return all gifts to the school office by Monday, December 17th so we have time to label them and get them to the families before Christmas. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Call Mrs. Evers in the school office with any questions.



CHILD CARE NEWS

It is with a joy-filled heart that I continue to share my heartfelt thanks to the St. Paul's families. Between word of mouth, banners and yard signs we continue to grow. As of this writing, there are nine infants, three toddlers and eight to twelve 3 and 4 year olds. Most of the children attend part-time, yet it is still a joyful, lively environment where children continue to learn about Jesus and His love. Thank you for spreading the word about the child care center. The child care continues to accept enrollment year round, so continue to share the news. Thank you so much.

CELEBRATING OUR INFANTS TURNING ONE

Did you know that out of the nine babies enrolled in the child care, five of them have turned one or will be turning one within the next month? So, Tuesday, December 4th around 2:00pm, we will have a birthday celebration to celebrate this 1st milestone. Happy Birthday 1-year olds!!!

ST. PAUL'S CHILDCARE CENTER WANTS AND NEEDS

Prayers

Publicity - \$1000.00 (yard signs, social media etc.)

2 cribs - \$800.00 (Due to state licensing rules I would need to order these)

Double Stroller-\$200.00

Play yard - \$100.00

2-4 Pack N Plays - \$400.00

Carpeting-\$200.00

Baby Jumper - \$150.00

DVD player to hook up to TV or projector

Dear St. Paul's Families,

We are sincerely grateful for the generosity extended to the child care. The contributions, whether monetary or equipment, have brightened the lives of our children. Your thoughtfulness means the world to me, the staff and the children. I so appreciate your kindness. St. Paul's Child Care Center is definitely a great place to be!! May God continue to bless each of you.

With Gratitude, Mrs. Amy Puechner, Child Care Director

Child care will be open Wednesday, December 26 - Monday December 31 from 6 AM-6 PM. Please register in advance at amy@splcwa.org Thank you and God Bless.

PRACTICE SCHEDULES

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

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 1	5:00pm – Emily Yakel
Sunday, December 2	8:00am – Brooklyn Hoffman
Sunday, December 2	10:30am – Ashley Matusewic

SINGING SCHEDULE

December 12	1-8th Grades–Christmas Celebration 10am & 6pm
December 19	3K, 4K & Kindergarten–Christmas Celebration 6pm
January 26	5:00 p.m. NLSW Celebration 3K-8 th (last names A-H)
January 27	8:00 a.m. NLSW Celebration 3K-8 th (last names I-Q)
	10:00 a.m. NLSW Celebration 3K-8 th (last names R-Z)

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Nov 29-Dec 2	<i>VBoys</i> St. John's Racine Tournament @ Racine Lutheran H.S.
December 4	<i>VBoys</i> @ Brookfield Christian 4:45pm VGirls @ Brookfield Christian 5:45pm <i>VBoys</i> @ Brookfield Christian 6:45pm <i>JVBoys</i> vs. Brookfield Christian @ SP 5:00pm JVGirls vs. Brookfield Christian @ SP 6:00pm
December 8	VGirls vs. Mt. Calvary @ SPI 1:00pm <i>VBoys</i> vs. Zion @ Our Redeemer 1:00pm
December 15	VGirls vs. Granville @ SP 10:00am <i>VBoys</i> vs. Elm Grove @ SP 11:00am

UPCOMING DATES

December 5	Advent Worship 10am & 6pm Advent Dinner 4:45pm (Jr. Youth serve) Tacos, Mexican Rice, Fruit Cups & Brownies
December 8	Cookie Walk 9:00am-12:00 noon
December 12	1-8th Grades–Christmas Celebration 10am & 6pm Advent Worship 10am & 6pm Advent Dinner 4:45pm (Sr. Youth fundraiser) Rupenas Hot Turkey Sandwiches, homemade baked mac & cheese, green beans, rice krispie scotcheroos Christmas Store
December 14-15	
December 19	3K, 4K & Kindergarten–Christmas Celebration 6pm
December 22-Jan 2	Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL
January 3	Classes Resume