



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.
- Sometime 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.

THE CHRISTMAS STORE IS TOMORROW, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST



This is a special day for the students in K-8. For a small sum of money, students are able to purchase gifts for their immediate family members. The younger ones get a little assistance from our helpers as they look for that special gift for their family members. The money that we receive is given to support a special mission.

Remember to send a strong bag for all your child's purchased gifts and the sheet of paper that was sent home earlier this week with the names of individuals for whom they need to purchase a gift. The cost of the items range from \$1.00-\$2.00.

It's not too late to sign up to help on Friday. Here is the link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084BA4AE2BA5F94-its>

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!

COOKIE WALK LAWN SIGNS

Cookie Walk Lawn Signs are out! Several of the reusable lawn signs were not returned after last year's event. If you still have a Cookie Walk lawn sign from last year, please return it to the school office by Monday, or contact Erin Carson (erin.carson@gmail.com) for this year's laminated date and time! Thank you!

CHRISTMAS DOVES



We will once again be helping families this Christmas with our Dove Tree in the narthex. If you are having great financial difficulties and are struggling with how you are going to provide any gifts for your child(ren) this year, we want to help. Please call Mrs. Evers, at the Lincoln Campus 541-6251 x 3011, and tell her you would like to have a dove put on the tree for your child(ren) who are students at our school. All this information is kept anonymous, only Mrs. Evers and Pastor Bender will know your name. The doves will then be put on the tree set up in the narthex, for both church and school members to take and purchase gifts. The gifts are wrapped and brought to the office to be sorted and labeled for pick up the Friday before Christmas vacation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Evers in the school office. **The deadline for getting names in is tomorrow Friday, December 1st.**



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.

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

ADVENT MENU DECEMBER 6TH

Taco bar, Mexican rice, peanut butter
brownies

Kids meals – hotdog, chips, carrots

SPORTS SCHEDULE

December 2 **VGirls vs. Mt. Calvary 10:00am @ SPI**
VBoys vs. Elm Grove 12:00pm @ SPI

December 4 *JVBoys vs. Hales Corners @ St. Paul's 5:00pm*
JVGirls vs. Hales Corners @ St. Paul's 6:00pm

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

UPCOMING DATES

December 6 Advent Worship 10:00am & 6:00pm
Advent Dinner 4:45pm (Taco Bar)

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Christmas music has been playing for weeks on the radio. Black Friday and Cyber Monday are past. Many folks have decorated their homes for Christmas, inside and out. There was a time when families waited until Christmas Eve to decorate. Gone are those days! Almost lost in the rush is the season of Advent. Like Lent before Easter, Advent is a time of preparation, in this case for the Nativity of our Lord, or Christmas. The word Advent means “to come”. Readings about John the Baptist, the Second Coming of Christ, the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, set the theme of eager expectation for Advent. The liturgical color of this season is blue, the color of hope.

One way to reintroduce Advent in our homes and classrooms is to set up an Advent Calendar. These can be home-made, purchased at a Christian book store or your favorite internet shopping site. They are usually made from card stock, very colorful, and feature a little window for each day of Advent, to be opened in sequence. Find a calendar that features a Scripture verse behind each window (many are rather secular in nature). Talk to your family or class about the purpose for this season, and may the Lord bless you as you prepare for the celebration of His birth!

Pastor Stanton

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 2	5:00pm – Brey Rudig
Sunday, December 3	8:00am – Lillia Carson
Sunday, December 3	10:30am – Ashley Vogt
Wednesday, December 6	6:00pm – Olivia Kukor