

Loved by God and Loving Others

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19
May 5
May 8-12
May 21
May 29
June 2

Pizza and Praise
Special Guest Day-1/2 day
Teacher Appreciation Week
Confirmation
Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
Last $1 / 2$ day of school Graduation 6:00pm

Jeremiah 31:3 "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love, I have drawn you to myself."

As many of you know, I love history and catchy quotes and phrases. I think that is part of the reason that I love the book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah is loaded with important and interesting information to nurture our souls. It is also where we find famous passages like, "As for me and my house...", and "I know the plans I have for you...". Jeremiah 31:3 is another popular passage from that book.

That short passage is loaded with important information:

- God loves us simply because He has chosen to do so.
- He loves us when we are lonely
- He loves us when others have abandoned us
- He loves us when we are ignored by others
- His love is everlasting
- Always
- No matter what

This is His promise. What that means for us, is that we have an unending aquifer of God's love from which we can draw. When you find it hard to love someone, remember to take a drink of God's unending love. God's unfailing love is a deep resource to help us love others, the same way He has loved us.

April 30<br>Grades 3K, 4K, K @ 8:00am

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL

April 13 vs. Immanuel 2 4:30pm @ Our Redeemer
vs. Hales Corners 5:30pm @ Our Redeemer
April 18 vs. Hales Corners (5/6) 4:30pm @ Hales Corners

## Worship Attendance

All school families are invited to worship with us each weekend. We understand that it is in worship where we draw closer to our God. In worship, God is present, and we have the opportunity to give thanks, receive forgiveness, gather with fellow believers, listen to His Word, pray for others, and to be strengthened in our faith to go out into the world to share Christ and to meet the challenges in everyday living. Our worship life also demonstrates how important God is to us and our families. As we teach our children God's truth, we model howimportant God is to us and should be in our lives as He is so good. Make it a priority to worship regularly and spend time in His Word this school year.

REGISTRATION PAPERWORK WAS EMAILED OUT. PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE YOU GET A SEAT.
**Registration Fee is $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 0 p e r}$ student.

## ST. PAUL'S CHOICE OPEN APPLICATION PERIODS

We will be wrapping up the D.A.R.E. program at St. Paul's on 04/20/23. This will be all done during our normal meeting time 9:00am to 9:45am. We will have this in the church sanctuary. Parents are welcome to attend this ceremony!

The following is the Graduation agenda:

- Principal Introduction / Welcome
- Officer Poklasny will thank students for participating and layout the way the completion program will go
- Guest speaker (West Allis Municipal Judge Murphy)
- Recognition of the essay winner(s)
- Special visit from WAPD K9 "Gizmo" and his human partner, Cpl. McNally. Students can pet the dog if they choose to do so.
- Hand out certificates / other goodies/ Dare Tshirts.
- Group picture


## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

## May $8^{\text {th }}-$ May $12^{\text {th }}$

There are some fun things in store for our hardworking teachers! We are looking for cash donations to help cover the cost for this fun and well deserved week! Send donations to the school office by April 21st.

Here is the link to sign up to help:

Teacher Appreciation Week

## SAVE THE DATES

## VOTER'S ASSEMBLY

April $23^{\text {rd }}$ at 9:15am

## Save the Dates

May 7 ${ }^{\text {th }} \quad$ Anniversary and Farewell Celebration at Noon

May 12 ${ }^{\text {th }} \quad$ Playground Celebration with Food Trucks

May 13/14 Mother's Day Special Worship and Reception
5:00 pm Saturday and 9:00am Sunday

## FROM THE PASTOR

## APRIL

Teagan Ivy, Alexander Meeks Carter Hafemann

Lucille Keen Mackenzie'Meinzen
Jace Lemieux-Petrovic
Noah Lucas
Aaron Brofká Kael Koble

## BAPTISMBIRTHDAYS

## APRIL BAPTISMS

3 - Lance Romano
3 - Samantha Vogt 10 - John Bingenheimer
10 - Adalyn Zellmer
17 - Lincoln DeTroy
27 - Ryan Allmann
27 - Malachi Allann
27 - Aaron Brofka
28 - Paityn Radtke
29 - Kael Koble

May God continue to keep you in your Baptismal Grace!

What a joy! Temperatures in the 70 's and even near 80 degrees! There are buds on the trees, plants and flowers peaking through the ground in gardens all over the place, and my wife and I can take some wonderful walks in Greenfield Park again. We certainly need the exercise and it's a joy to go walking in these wonderful spring days.

There is even a greater joy than the earth returning to life from the dormancy of winter. This greater joy is knowing Jesus, know that after dying on the cross for our sins and the sins of all, He rose victorious over both sin and death. You see, death is the just punishment of sin. Jesus took our punishment. Then Jesus rose again to bring us God's forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Jesus put all those benefits in Holy Baptism! (See Romans 6)

There were two disciples in the springtime of the year back in Israel who were walking on a road. They were not joyful, but downcast. They had seen Jesus die and their hopes died with Him. The resurrected Jesus met them on the road. They were kept from recognizing Him, but He explained to them how the Christ would have to suffer for the sins of the world and then rise again. He then revealed Himself to them in the "breaking of the bread," one of the names of Holy Communion. You can read about it in Luke 24.

Those two disciples went from sadness to joy. Their joy was so great, they rushed back to Jerusalem, walking again the 6-7 mile journey on foot, to bring the good news to the other disciples. While they were sharing their encounter with Jesus, He again appeared to them all!

There are a whole lot of people in this world who do not walk each day in joy. Sin and all the troubles of this life can drag them down. They are kind of like those two disciples on the road who only saw sin and death all around them. Yet, any person can be delivered from the sadness of sin to the Joy of Jesus and His resurrection. Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia (Praise the Lord)! Amen. We who believe need to share the joy of Christ Jesus with others.

So take a walk in the park and talk to your risen Savior. He is there, always! Take a walk in the park, and smile at others . . . and be so bold as to say, "God bless you" or "Isn't this a great spring day God has given us!" Go for a walk, with Jesus, in the joy of Jesus!

Joyful in Jesus . . . even in this troubled world,
Pastor Bender

