

St. Paul's Lutheran School



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 5 | Special Guest Day-1/2 day |
| May 8-12 | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| May 21 | Confirmation |
| May 29 | Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL |
| June 2 | Last ½ day of school Graduation 6:00pm |

From the Principal

One Incredible Promise

He humbled himself and was fully obedient to God, even when that caused his death---death on a cross.

Philippians 2:8

I love this quote from Max Lucado, *"When human hands secured divine hands to a cross with spikes, it wasn't the soldiers who held the hands of Jesus steady. It was God who held them steady. Those same hands that formed the oceans and built the mountains. Those same hands that designed the dawn and crafted each cloud. Those same hands that blueprinted incredible plans for you and me."*

Spring is my favorite time of year for many reasons, one of them being Easter. Every year I am also reminded of a quote by Martin Luther, *"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in Springtime."* Wow. Look around. Despite their temporary slumber and the cold dreary weather we have been experiencing, trees, flowers, bushes and dandelions are all ready to burst forth, waking from their temporary slumber through the dark and dreary days of winter. How can this not remind all Christians of Jesus' resurrection, and of God's great love for us all...even in the dark dreary times of our lives!



By this time next week, we will have a bunch of new **enrollment yard signs** for you to put in your yard. You may pick them up in the Office, at Carline, or after Church. These are a great way of getting our school's name out into the community!



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Singing Schedule

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

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Co-Ed Soccer

April 24 @ Northwest vs HC 2 5:50pm

May 8 @ Elm Grove vs Pilgrim 6:15pm

Boys Volleyball

April 27 @ Immanuel vs IM 1 4:30pm

May 2 @ SP 4:30 and 6:30pm

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 how important 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

REGISTRATION PAPERWORK WAS EMAILED OUT. PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE YOU GET A SEAT.

****Registration Fee is \$150per student.**

ST. PAUL'S CHOICE OPEN APPLICATION PERIODS

MILWAUKEE

February 1 – 20

March 1 – March 20

April 1 – April 20

May 1 – May 22

June 1 – June 20

July 1 – July 20

August 1- August 21

September 1 – September 14

WISCONSIN

February 1 – April 20

GRANDPARENT/SPECIAL GUEST DAY

Grandparent and Special Guest Day

On Friday, May 5, we are hosting a Grandparent and Special Guest Day. On that day, all students are welcome to bring along a Grandparent or Special Guest to spend the morning with. The morning will include snacks and beverages, a chapel service, and group activities. The morning will conclude at 11:30 at which time students and guests are dismissed for the day. **(Yes, there is only a half-day of school).** If students do not have a Grandparent or Special Guest for the day, we will arrange one for them.

For planning purposes, please fill out and return the bottom portion of the sheet you received (for each of your children) to your child's teacher by **Monday, April 24.**

Schedule of Events

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| 7:45-8:15 | Fellowship/Coffee/Donuts at Lincoln Fellowship Hall |
| 8:30-9:15 | Chapel |
| 9:30-11:05 | Activity Centers with students and guest |
| 11:10-11:30 | Classroom visits (optional) |
| 11:30 | Dismissal |

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

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May 8th – May 12th

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! We can still accept donations in the school office through April 24th.

Here is the link to sign up to help:

[Teacher Appreciation Week](#)

SAVE THE DATES

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY

April 23rd at 9:15am

Save the Dates

May 7th Anniversary and Farewell Celebration at Noon

May 12th Playground Celebration with Food Trucks

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

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Teagan Ivy
Alexander Meeks
Carter Hafemann
Lucille Keen
Mackenzie Meinzen
Jace Lemieux-Petrovic
Noah Lucas
Aaron Brofka
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!

FROM THE PASTOR

Two Steps Forward One Step Back

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24

Sometimes I think God just enjoys messing with us. Last week Friday I was able to have a nice long bike ride, and then get some patio seating at a restaurant as I enjoyed my lunch enjoying the beautiful 80 degree day. This week, well let's just say it's no longer that weather. It feels as though the weather moved two steps closer to summer, just to go one step back into winter. I don't think this week's weather would've felt so cold if we did not have such wonderful weather last week. So then, should we be upset and mad about last week's weather since it made this week's feel worse in comparison? I am not so sure, because enjoying that wonderful weather in April was truly a joy I would not trade back.

Life often takes this pattern of one step forward two steps back. It can feel like we are improving on our grades, then we get another D. We can feel like we are getting caught up on our payments, then another kid needs to go to the doctor. We are making progress in our marriage, and then another pointless argument comes up. We get better at our devotions, and then miss a night. Oftentimes when we take this step back it can feel like we are complete failures, and struggle to pick up and try again. It is hard to pick up our cross and follow when it feels like we are making no progress, or even worse feel like we are going backwards. We wonder why we should keep on putting in the work, when all it does is make the status quo feel worse when we slide back into it.

Yet Jesus' command is clear- we need to keep on going. We need to keep following him, even if it makes us feel worse about ourselves. Progress will always make us feel worse about where we have been, that is why it is progress. Sometimes it can be hard to keep going, and the burden of following Jesus, fighting our sins and our daily struggles can seem to be too much. That is why Jesus also reminds us that his yoke is easy and his burden is light. He has already taken care of our sin, he has already carried the cross. He has done it so that he can carry ours as well. We make this journey not afraid of the destination because he is there, even as he is alongside us keeping us going.

So do not settle for the status quo of life- keep pushing. Read your devotions when you want to sleep, come to Church when you want to stay at home, love your neighbor when they are being unlovable. When you slip and take a step back do not give up. Remember that Christ will pick you up and keep you going forward, he is there for the movement forward as well as the step back. So do not despair and get down on yourself, give that step back, back to Jesus and move forward once again.

God Bless

Pastor Josh