



# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## IN ALL THINGS Colossians 1:15-20

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### God Meets Me Where I Am

The season of Advent is all about God coming to us. When I think of God coming to us I am reminded of the following passage:

I love the imagery of the Lord stooping to me. I remember when our sons were little. I was tall and they were short.

Sometimes they would come to me crying about something that had hurt, or scared, or frustrated them. When they came, I would always stoop or even kneel down (back when my knees worked) to get on eye level with them to love and comfort them. I love that David uses an image like this to describe God's response to him when he cries out.

I am down here. He is "up there." I am a little child and God is a good Father. **He meets me where I am.** The way of God is fatherly and gracious. Sometimes I imagine that I need to reach up to him and get his attention, as if I must jump to somehow reach him. But that's not how it works.

You see, God reaches down to us. He leans down to meet us where we are. He hears our cries.

...David says that he has learned to wait patiently for the Lord to come down to him. Little ones aren't usually good at patiently waiting. So David has learned to wait with some maturity and patience. This is an invitation to us. We can learn that when something in our life pressures or stresses us, we can cry out and patiently wait for God to come to us.

Advent is all about God coming down to our level. We simply have to learn to be patient in our watching and waiting for him. He *will* come. He will!



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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.

**The Christmas program for the school  
on December 15  
has been cancelled**

### **LIFE COACHES**

We are excited to be partnering with Life Coaches Natalie Romano and Heather Sanchez. Their coaching services are offered to kids, families, and individuals in our school and church. Their services can help assist with a variety of topics that kids and adults might be dealing with. For more information, please contact Natalie or Heather directly or visit their websites. Natalie's website- [www.bethelightcoaching.org](http://www.bethelightcoaching.org) and Heather's website- [www.thisnewwildlifeco.com](http://www.thisnewwildlifeco.com)

### **BE THE LIGHT – CHRISTMAS COOKIES**

Cookies for shut-ins! If you signed up to bake, drop off cookies at church or school by Wednesday, 12/15. Pick up will be Saturday 12/18 from 9-10am as well as after services on the 18th and 19th. Don't forget! We also have a box in the Narthex of church for Christmas cards to shut-ins. These will be delivered with the cookies. Contact Melissa Graf at [dgraf15@wi.rr.com](mailto:dgraf15@wi.rr.com).

### **WOMENS RETREAT**

"Rest + Recharge" is a retreat for women Jan 21-23, 2022 at the beautiful Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI. The retreat is designed to help you feel the peace of Jesus, continue accessing it beyond our time together, and leave recharged in the purpose and possibility God gives. Contact Heather Sanchez or Natalie Romano for more information. Or visit [thisnewwildlifeco.com/retreat](http://thisnewwildlifeco.com/retreat).

### **PANTHER PAW MAGNETS**

Is it time to replace your worn, lost, or faded Panther Paw magnet? Another way to display your school spirit, we are selling Panther Paw Magnets for your vehicle or your refrigerator for only \$5. You can purchase them from the school office or from the SCRIP table in back of church after all worship services.

## FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

Just a reminder that in the morning, **children should not be dropped off at the 79<sup>th</sup> Street doors before 7:45am and left unattended.** These doors remain locked until 7:45, and we do not want children waiting outside the building with no adult supervision. Prior to 7:45am, students can be dropped off at the Lincoln Avenue doors but will need to go to Before School Care in the Fellowship Hall IF THEY ARE REGISTERED and pay the \$5/hour fee.

### LUTHERAN COUNSELING AND FAMILY SERVICES

This year we are happy to again be partnering with **Lutheran Counseling and Family Services. LCFS** provides students and families with emotional support and counseling on issues like anxiety, depression, anger management, grief, eating disorders, etc. These services take place during the school day. If you think that your child might benefit from this program, please contact Tammy and she can forward you the necessary paperwork.

### 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 this school year **was Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.** The second meeting is set for February 24<sup>th</sup>. School Board members will be available to answer any questions. 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. Please come to our meeting if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.



## CHILD CARE HELP NEEDED

St. Paul's Child Care continues to grow; therefore we are looking for part time help 2-5 days per week between the hours of 11AM-6PM. Benefits of the job include no weekends and no late evenings. If you enjoy working with young children, this is a great place to be. Interested individuals should contact Amy Puechner at [amy@splcwa.org](mailto:amy@splcwa.org) or call 414-430-2542.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**VBS**  
**June 20- June 24, 2022**

### HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

January 19	Sloppy Joe's
February 16	Mac & Cheese

## JANUARY TUITION PAYMENT DUE

If you signed up at the beginning of the year to make two tuition payments for this school year, the second payment is due by the end of January. Please call the school office if you have any questions. Thank you.

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE SIGN-UP

Dear BSC/ASC Parents:

I am writing to let you know that I need your help. I really must know the days and times your child will be attending Before/After School and the hours within 15 min of start and pick up times. This plays a huge part in staffing. Schedules are due **Thursday at noon for the next week**. It is extremely difficult to have 17-20 children one night and then drop down to only 4 children on another night. St. Paul's will do our best to help out with last minute emergencies if needed but this shouldn't happen on a regular basis. You can send one schedule for the whole year if your schedule doesn't change but if your schedule changes you can let me know via email at [amy@splcwa.org](mailto:amy@splcwa.org) Last minute changes should be texted to 414-430-2542 no later than 1:30 PM on the day care is needed. Thank you to those families who have faithfully sent schedules to me by Thursday at noon. To all of our families, St. Paul's appreciates the opportunity to care for your child/ren. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.

God Bless,  
Amy Puechner

## WINTER SPORTS PRACTICES

- **JV Boys Basketball – Monday & Wednesday 3:15-5:00**
- **JV Girls Basketball – Monday 5:00-6:30 & Thursday 3:15-5:00**
- **Varsity Girls Basketball – Tuesday & Friday 3:15-5:00**
- **Varsity Boys Basketball – Tuesday 5:00-6:30 & Wednesday 3:15-5:00**  
**Optional Friday 5:00-6:30**

## SINGING SCHEDULE

### NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

January 22	5:00pm All students 3K-8 <sup>th</sup> grade last names I-Q
January 23	8:00am All students 3K-8 <sup>th</sup> grade last names R-Z
	10:30am All students 3K-8 <sup>th</sup> grade last names A-H
February 20	10:30am Grades 3-5

## UPCOMING DATES

December 15	Advent Worship 10:00am and 6:00pm
	Advent Dinner 4:45pm (cream of chicken wild rice soup)
December 17	Christmas Store
December 22-31	Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL
January 3	Classes Resume



## DECEMBER

Lillianna Gosling  
Wyatt Hinkes  
Sophie Schulz  
Cooper Klich  
Henry Sanchez Loomans  
Paityn Radtke  
Kayla Knapp  
Braelyn Zellmer

Gabriel Russell  
Sariyah Butler  
Audrey Segura  
Juliana Rivers Garcia  
Malachi Allmann  
Kaylen Emmer  
John Belsha  
Owen LaMach  
Ester Candelaria

# BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

## December

1 – Juliana Rivers Garcia  
4 – Autumn Lovas & Reagan Lovas  
10 – Owen Geitz  
12 – Denver Rudig  
14 – Blake Kosek, Emilia Kosek & Ainsley Kosek  
30 – William Minor  
31 – Taylor Cannon

May God continue to bless you in your Baptismal Grace!

