



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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**“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
Matthew 20:28**

December 10, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Why Me?

OK, I know you are busy, but I am going to ask for a couple minutes of your time anyway. Begin by watching the following video and asking yourself the question, “**Why Me?**”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBCVIJBB7o4>

For another perspective on the question of, “**Why Me?**”, let’s look at Elizabeth.

“Why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” — Luke 1:43

I love Christmas music of all genres. “*It’s the most wonderful time of the year,*” says an old Christmas song. But for some of us who are reading these words, today may be far from wonderful. Maybe your life has been devastated by disease, or you have recently lost a loved one, or some other painful event is causing you to cry out, “**Why is this happening to me?**”

Elizabeth knew such pain. She was old and she was childless, and in that culture, she was therefore disgraced. Long ago she had probably given up all hope of becoming a mother. Imagine the talk in her village: “What do you think she did to make God punish her this way?”

God actually doesn’t operate that way, but people often made that wrong assumption back then, as many people do now.

Soon after God’s promise that she and her husband would have a son, Elizabeth did become pregnant. Then, six months later, her cousin Mary came with even greater news: an angel had said Mary would become the mother of God’s Son! Elizabeth was not disappointed or jealous. Full of excitement, she exclaimed, “Why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”

Today let each of us, no matter our circumstances, look in awe at Christ like Elizabeth did and ask ourselves, “**Why Me?** Why should I be so blessed that Jesus has come to save me and fill me with the hope of eternal life, no matter my circumstances in life?”

Why Me? Because God loves you!



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.



CHRISTMAS STORE
Monday, December 14th
Fliers were sent home last week.



Here is the sign up link to help with the store!

[Christmas Store 2020](#)

ESSAY WRITING CONTEST WINNERS



Earlier this year the 7th and 8th grade students, as part of their social studies and computers classes, wrote essays with the theme "What Patriotism Means to Me". These essays were submitted to the VFW Patriots' Pen essay writing contest. The contest begins at the Post level. Congratulations to Brooklyn Hoffman for placing 3rd and Leyla Candelaria for placing 1st for Post #12100. Leyla's essay will continue on to the District (Greater-Milwaukee Area) Level.

The girls read their winning essays to all the students following chapel yesterday. Congratulations to all students for demonstrating strong writing abilities and ideas and to Leyla and Brooklyn for their success.

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 held on Thursday, October 29th. The second meeting is set for February 26th. School Board members will be available to answer any of your 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 if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.



CHAPEL OFFERINGS – GENERATIONS UNITED IN MISSION

Our church is beginning a capital campaign, Generations United in Mission, soon in an effort to raise funds for a playground and other projects that will benefit our church, school, and surrounding community. In an effort to connect our school and church during this campaign, Chapel offerings collected for the months of November and December will be donated to the capital campaign. We are hopeful that this will help our school kids realize that they are part of raising funds for this project.

DAYCARE DONATIONS

St. Paul's Daycare continues to grow, and with that we are looking for donations of new or gently used toys! Our greatest needs are age appropriate toys for 6 weeks to age 5. We also would appreciate board games and card games for ages 4-10. You may drop off any donations at the ECC during schools hours. Thank you for helping us, help the children in our care to grow, explore and learn with new things!



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends in Christ,

Christmas is coming!! It really is. Oh, I know, it will be a bit different this year. Everything is different this year. Aren't we tired of the different! Are not our souls a bit weighed down and burdened by all the things we have endured and continue to endure in this unusual year of our Lord, 2020. I mean, life is tough enough when the going is normal, and this year has been anything but normal!

Christmas is coming!! We need Christmas. Oh, not the "traditional holiday" with all the trimmings, that's not what we need. We need the truth of Christmas. We need the hope and joy the true meaning of Christmas brings. We need to take to heart what Christmas is all about: God sent a Savior into this world, His very own Son, to love us, redeem us, and ***save us, not only from our sins, but from this world that is so often filled with trouble and sorrow.***

Christmas is coming!! That is the theme of a commercial by a national department store. Perhaps you have seen it. There is a family decorating a Christmas tree. Dad says, "This will certainly be a Christmas to remember . . . or forget." His oldest daughter who is clearly depressed says, "It doesn't even feel like Christmas. Why don't we just cancel Christmas . . . they've cancelled everything else." Then after picking on her little sister she takes the cue from her dad to go cheer her sister up. She starts singing a line from "Santa Clause is coming to town" and her little sister joins in. Then one word is put up on the screen: Believe. The next screen has three words: Christmas is coming.

We do need to believe . . . that Christmas is coming. We need, especially in these days, greater faith in the message of the angels to the shepherds of old: ***"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the city of David a Savior has***

been born to you. He is Christ, the Lord. And this will be the sign: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

Christmas is coming!! We need Christmas. We need a Savior. We need Jesus!! “Joy to the world, the Lord is come.” Whatever burdens you have faced this year, whatever troubles, especially in this year of our Lord, 2020, we need to believe . . . and know that Christmas is coming.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Bender

UPCOMING DATES

Video to be released in December

ECC Christmas Program

Video to be released in December

Grades 1-8 Christmas Program

December 14

Christmas Store – Grades 4K-8

December 16

Advent Worship 10:00am & 6:00pm

December 24

Christmas Eve Worship 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 & 11:00pm

December 25

Christmas Day Worship 9:00am

December 21-Jan 3

Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL

January 4

Classes Resume

January 15

End of 2nd Quarter

January 18

Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL

