



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 17, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

God Came Near

His kingdom will never end. Luke 1:33

She looks into the face of the baby. Her son. Her Lord. His Majesty. At this point in history, the human being who best understands who God is and what he is doing is a teenage girl in a smelly stable. She can't take her eyes off of him. Somehow Mary knows she is holding God. So this is he. She remembers the words of the angel, “His kingdom will never end.”

He looks like anything but a king. His face is prunish and red. His cry, though strong and healthy, is still the helpless and piercing cry of a baby. And he is absolutely dependent upon Mary for his well-being.

Majesty in the midst of the mundane. Holiness in the filth of sheep manure and sweat. Divinity entering the world on the floor of a stable, through the womb of a teenager and in the presence of a carpenter.

She touches the face of the infant-God.

Max Lucado

I love Max Lucado's style of writing, and this is one of my favorites. We, too, can touch God as we reach out in compassion to others. Think about the many ways you can touch lives over the Christmas season with God's loving care. Remember, we are all “Sent to Serve”.

God's richest blessings to you and your family this Christmas season!



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.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We are happy to be able to share our students' virtual Christmas services. Links can be shared for our 1st-8th grades service, "What Child is This?", and our 3K, 4K & Kindergarten service, "The Many Shapes of Christmas".

If you would like a DVD of either service, or digital access to the links, please contact Mrs. Prince at michelle@splcwa.org.

We pray the Lord blesses your Advent and Christmas Seasons through the watching of these services. The students worked hard to share the joyful message of Jesus our Savior.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who brought in offerings during the months of September and October. We were able to put together 24 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for sharing what you have with those in need.



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 St. Paul's family,

Anticipating for Christmas and everything that comes with the holiday is a reason to *Rejoice*. There are many reasons to rejoice in the holiday season, even in a pandemic! Jesus' birth, time with friends and family, delicious food, and the list goes on Paul the Apostle writes:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:4-7

Paul writes these words to the church in Philippi during a difficult time in his life. He's in prison, yet he still says, "*Rejoice!*" How can that be? There are times around the holidays and in life in general that make it extremely difficult to rejoice always. And I have to admit, I have not rejoiced *always* and in every circumstance and have too often forgotten to rejoice and give thanks during this crazy 2020 we have all lived through, yet God's faithfulness and provision remain the same.

So how and why does Paul *rejoice* in his imprisonment? Well, it's because he knows the love that God has for him in Jesus Christ. The baby born in Bethlehem is the reason to rejoice, even when life is difficult. It was Jesus who came to release us from the imprisonment of sin and death which *always* gives us the reason to *rejoice*. It is my hope and prayer that all of the families of St. Paul's *rejoice* in God's love this Advent season.

Your Fellow Servant,

Pastor Noah Kegley

UPCOMING DATES

December 24

December 25

December 21-Jan 3

January 4

January 15

January 18

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

Christmas Day Worship 9:00am

Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL

Classes Resume

End of 2nd Quarter

Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL



***MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM THE FACULTY AND STAFF***

