

"Making Disciples For Life"
Matthew 28:19-20

December 1, 2022



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God." Luke 1:30

What are You Afraid of?

When my oldest son, Jacob, was growing up he had a terrible weather-related phobia. He was afraid of clouds, wind, and storms. It was horrible and it robbed him of what should have been many care-free childhood days and activities.

Are you scared of something, too? If so, may I suggest that you need a little Christmas? I don't mean a dose of the secular "holiday" sentiment or Santa cheer, or even a double-spiked egg nog. That's not Christmas.

Christmas is about Christ. Think about this. **Christ's name occupies six of the nine letters of *Christ-mas***, for crying out loud! It isn't Santa-mas or reindeer-mass. It is ***Christ*-mas**. And ***Christ*-mas** is not ***Christ*-mas** unless or until you receive the message of Bethlehem.

Have you? In the hurry and scurry of the season, have you taken time to receive the promise of the season?

Simply put: God gets us. God saves us.

That's the message of ***Christ*-mas** and the message of Bethlehem.

- **Singing Dates**-There are a few dates where our kids will be singing in church, please add these dates to your calendar and plan on your child being there.
 - December 10, 5:00 Grades 5-8
 - December 14, 6:00 Grades 3K, 4K, and K
 - December 17, 5:00 Grades 1-4
- **Meal Train**- The Segura Family has been such a blessing to so many people and the Lord has always given many blessings to them and will continue to do so. Their son Noah not only needs our prayers, but time to spend with his parents and siblings. To maximize the time Lisa and Frank can spend with Noah while he receives treatment for leukemia, our community needs to come together.

A meal train has been set up to lighten the burden of cooking/making meals for the family. You may also contribute financially to help cover costs of groceries, take-out meals, medical bills, etc. Let's show the Segura Family how much they are loved! ♥ Please contact Lisa to coordinate meal drop off times.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/g9ezym>



COOKIE WALK IS BACK!!

Come support our school at the Cookie Walk Fundraiser on December 3rd! Homemade cookies will be available for purchase from 9am-11am. Cookies will be displayed in the gymnasium and available for purchase for \$10/lb. We hope to see you there!



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 last night. The second meeting is set for **February 23RD at 6:00P.M.** Please come if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.



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.



Come join us as we sing Christmas Carols throughout our neighborhood Sunday, December 11th at 6:00pm. We are going to share the Gospel with our neighbors through the wonderful gift of song. We will have hot chocolate and other goodies provided! Meet in the Fellowship Hall through the 79th Street doors.

CHRISTMAS DOVES



We will once again be helping families this Christmas with our Dove Tree in the narthex. If you are having great financial difficulties and are struggling with how you are going to provide any gifts for your child(ren) this year, we want to help. Please call Mrs. Evers, at the Lincoln Campus 541-6251 x 3011, and tell her you would like to have a dove put on the tree for your child(ren) who are students at our school. All this information is kept anonymous, only Mrs. Evers and Mr. Burkee will know your name. The doves will then be put on the tree set up in the narthex, for both church and school members to take and purchase gifts. The gifts are wrapped and brought to the office to be sorted and labeled for pick up the Friday before Christmas vacation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Evers in the school office. **The deadline for getting names in is Friday, December 2nd.**

Changes are coming to the Kitchen!

During the month of January, work will be taking place in the Kitchen to replace the sinks and cabinets on the South wall. **Please avoid using this area** during the month of January as the remodeling takes place and there will be no sinks available.

From the Pastor

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:9

Happy Advent!

Happy Advent everyone! I pray that your Thanksgiving was full of joy, family and food. What a wonderful day to give Thanks to God for everything he has done for us, as we now prepare for Christmas. Yes indeed, Advent is here already. This is one of my favorite times of the year, as we see the Christmas decorations going up on the houses, smell the baking Christmas

cookies, hear the radios playing the music that we only get to hear this time of year. It is truly a special time!

But it is also a busy, and for many, stressful time of life. Our middle school basketball seasons are in full swing, with all of their games and practices. Presents need to be bought, and budgets still need to be maintained. Plans need to be made, and schedules are already busy. Instead of the time of peace and joy that we remember in our childhoods, this time of year can indeed be overwhelming for many!

This is why it is so important for us to remember what this season is all about- the birth of Jesus, Immanuel, God with us. Jesus came for us for times such as this, to reassure us that in spite of everything going on he is still with us, and he will still take care of us. This is why I want to encourage you all to take time this Advent season to take a breath, and remember the fact that your Savior was born on Christmas, and that he is coming back someday. Have a nativity set be part of your Christmas decorations. Have a family devotion during one of your meals as you are already gathered together. If you need a break from cooking come to our Advent dinners on Wednesday nights at 4:45, and join us for Church afterwards! It is truly a wonderful time where we can all get together and enjoy a meal together, and have some peace in this busy time, and we hope that you can join us.

No matter how busy the month of December can get, no matter how stressed out you are the Lord will provide for you. If you ever go through times of doubt, for we all do, just remember what Christmas is all about. It is about Immanuel, God dwelling with us. He has already delivered our eternal salvation through Jesus. If he can do that, he will also deliver you through this month of December.

Take hope, put your faith in that and let him give you the peace and joy of the Christmas season in return.

Pastor Josh



December 3	Cookie Walk
December 16	Christmas Store
Dec 22-Jan 3	Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL
January 4	Classes Resume
January 16	Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL
January 20	End of 2 nd Quarter
January 23	Report Card Day – NO SCHOOL

SPORTS SCHEDULE

December 10 Boys Varsity basketball @ Beautiful Savior 10:00am
Girls Varsity basketball @ Beautiful Savior 11:00am

SINGING SCHEDULE

December 10 5-8 Grades 5:00pm
December 14 3K, 4K and Kindergarten 6:00pm
December 17 1-4 Grades 5:00pm



DECEMBER

Lillianna Gosling
Wyatt Hinkes-Gates
Sophia Schulz
Cooper Klich
Henry Sanchez Loomans
Paityn Radtke
Braelyn Zellmer
Layla Martinez
Audrey Segura
Jacob Smith
Juliana Rivers
Malachi Allmann
Ester Candelaria

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

1 – Juliana Rivers
4 – Autumn and Reagan Lovas
10 – Owen Geitz
12 – Denver Rudig
14 – Blake, Emilia and Ainsley Kosek
24 – Lillianna Gosling
31 – Taylor Cannon

May God continue to bless you in your Baptismal Grace!