



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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**IN ALL THINGS
Colossians 1:15-20**

December 2, 2021



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Why Me?

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 COVID or some other 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?"**

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>

Joseph and Mary must surely have asked, **"Why me?"** For another perspective on the question of, **"Why Me?"**, let's look at Elizabeth for a minute.

"Why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Elizabeth asks in Luke 1:43.

Elizabeth was a person who 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.

VIRTUAL LEARNING

As you know, we had to switch to virtual learning this week. I appreciate everyone's flexibility and understanding in the switch. I'd like to share a few thoughts:

- Virtual teaching is a challenge.
- Virtual learning is a challenge.
- It's not easy for anyone and presents educators with all sorts of new problems.
- Extra patience is required by all
- Students need a quiet work space, not one with dogs barking, parents or siblings fighting. These things distract ALL the learners.

The pandemic is not going away anytime soon and neither are school closings. This is something that we all need to adapt to, and seek to get better at with each opportunity.

DECEMBER 10TH
HOT LUNCH
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

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 Monday, December 6th.**

Christmas programs for the school
on December 8 & 15
have 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 and Heather's website- www.thisonewildlifeco.com

BAKE FOR THE SHUT INS

"Be the light this Christmas by signing up to bake cookies for shut ins and help drop them off! St. Paul's is looking for volunteers to bake 3-4 dozen cookies to be dropped off at church or school by Wednesday, 12/15. We also need volunteers to drive the donations to shut ins. 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."

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 79th 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 18th**. The second meeting is set for February 24th. 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 or call 414-430-2542.

SAVE THE DATE
VBS
June 20- June 24, 2022

HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

January 19

Sloppy Joe's

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 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**
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Optional Friday 5:00-6:30**

SINGING SCHEDULE

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

UPCOMING DATES

December 8	Advent Worship 10:00am and 6:00pm Advent Dinner 4:45pm (baked potato soup with toppings)
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



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!