



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 3, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I've been doing a lot of thinking lately about what it means to be a truly effective teacher. What it takes to be an impactful person. I've been reflecting back on the best teachers that I personally have known, and one name keeps coming up over and over, Margaret Rehberg. Now, my mom was not a licensed teacher, but she was a teacher of sorts, and her lessons stuck!

My mom's favorite holiday was Christmas, and as a young know-it-all teenage boy, she taught and instilled in me the REAL meaning of Christmas. You see, my mom was a child of The Great Depression. She grew up with next to nothing. Her family was, "*On the dole*", as she would say, and existed on government issued food, clothes, and shoes. For Christmas in those days (her teen years), her gifts would be: an item of clothing that her mother had lovingly repaired and "spruced up" to look like new, a broken toy that her father was able to repair, and a ribbon for her hair.

Yep, that was it.

Existing in conditions like that would cause most of us today to lose hope and to despair, but she thrived in spite of her surroundings and developed into the most kind-hearted, appreciative and generous person that I have ever known. In tough times, her faith never faltered. In fact, it grew deep roots in those days. Roots that would keep her grounded and anchored for years to come.

You see, my mom knew the Christmas secret, she had been brought up by her parents to know the Reason for the Season. She knew that the best, and in fact, the only gift she really needed, she already had. She knew that no matter what her life circumstances might be, she possessed something far more valuable than many of her peers might ever hope to possess. That gift was her Savior, Jesus, who came to this Earth so long ago, to save people like my mom, Margaret Irene Rehberg, and all other believers, and to finally make them rich beyond measure!

As our world slowly drifts farther and farther away from the Church, we as parents owe that same thing to our children. It is our calling as parents to educate them on what this season is truly about.



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



[Christmas Store 2020](#)

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 4th.**

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, 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 to our meetings 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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear St. Paul's,

I pray you and your family had a great Thanksgiving weekend spent with family, friends, and of course, great food. All of these are incredible blessings from our gracious God. We also hope that your household is safe and healthy as we continue to live in this pandemic. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything from us at St. Paul's!

As the calendar year ends, the church, the gathering of God's people celebrate the beginning of a new year in the season of Advent. Advent means "coming." We wait for God's coming to be our King who will come and save us and rule over us in loving kindness. I want to take a minute and invite you to our worship opportunities in Advent either in-person or online (subscribe to our YouTube page https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLTK_vX6NR9S0VJuxmk0PpA?view_as=subscriber) We worship on Wednesdays in Advent at 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM or on our normal weekend schedule. Please join us!

I love December because it's a month of hope and we have a God who comes to bring us out of darkness and into His marvelous light. The Old Testament prophets foretold, and it came true for you and I! I pray that you experience the certain hope of Jesus' birth this December!

Sincerely,

Pastor Noah Kegley

UPCOMING DATES

Video to be released in December

ECC Christmas Program

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Grades 1-8 Christmas Program

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