



St. Paul's Lutheran School



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 9	Cookie Walk
Dec 14	* 1:30 Band and Choir Mini Concert*
Dec 15	Christmas Store
Dec 21-Jan2	Christmas Break

**** The Mini Concert will consist of each group performing a short selection of Christmas songs. Parents are welcome to attend.**

From the Principal

Unexpected Wrappings

We have all seen this happen. The large box sat unexplained in the corner of the living room for weeks. It appeared there after Thanksgiving and sat untouched throughout most of December. Mom(Marge Burkee)just assumed that Dad(Richard Burkee) had used Christmas as an excuse to buy himself another tool.

After all the gifts were opened on Christmas morning, my mom said, "Richard, aren't you going to open the big box and show us what you bought?"

Dad looked at her with a Santa sort of smile, "Marge," he said, "That gift isn't for me; it's for you."

Mom pried open the top of the box. She reached in and pulled out nothing but tissue paper. One armful after another.

"What's in here?" she asked, still pulling out paper. Finally, she struck pay dirt. A box within the box. She opened it to find another box, then another and then another. At last, she reached the smallest of the boxes. A ring box! She smiled sheepishly and exclaimed, "Richard!"

At the rather dense age of 14, I didn't really comprehend the romantic significance of a new ring to a mother of five, that was raised in The Great Depression, from a distant husband who never showed affection. But I did learn a lesson that Christmas: a remarkable gift can arrive in an unremarkable package. One did in the Burkee house that Christmas of 1974.

One did in Bethlehem, too.

PARENTS, during this busy season, PLEASE take the time to stress to your children the REAL reason we celebrate Christmas, and the gift we find in the manger!



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FACTS

Remember to set up your account in our new Student Information System, FACTS. Instructions on how to do this are available from the school office. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

CHOICE MEETING DATES

Come find out about the Wisconsin and Milwaukee Choice programs. One more meeting left.

Thursday, February 22, 2023

COOKIE WALK



COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 9th

9:00-11:00 a.m.

\$10 per pound

ADVENT DINNERS

December 13

Sloppy Joes
Chips
Fresh Veggies
Dessert

December 20

Chili
Garlic toast
Fresh Veggies
Dessert

Hotdog meals are available weekly for kids, along with coffee, milk and juice

SERVING HELPERS ARE NEEDED

SHORT SHOTS

We will once again be offering Short Shots this year. This will include kindergarten through third graders as well as the fourth grade boys. Information will be sent home with students on Friday, December 8th. All forms and payment need to be turned into Mrs. Zellmer by Friday, December 15th. If you are interested in helping coach you must complete a background check before January. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Zellmer at sarah@splcwa.org.

SINGING SCHEDULE

- December 9 – 6-8th Grade 5:00pm
- December 13 - 3K,4K & K 6:00pm
- December 16 – 1-5th Grade 5:00pm

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

Lillianna Gosling
Wyatt Hinkes-Gates
Sophia Schulz
Cooper Klich
Henry Sanchez Loomans
Braelyn Zellmer
Layla Martinez
Audrey Segura
Malachi Allmann

BAPTISMBIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER BAPTISMS

Owen Geitz
Denver Rudig
Ainsley Kosek
Blake Kosek
Emilia Kosek
Leilani Matheu
Henry Peschman
Lillianna Gosling
Taylor Cannon
Autumn Lovas
Reagan Lovas

May God continue to keep you in your
Baptismal Grace!

FROM THE PASTOR

Christmas is coming once again. I just love how so many radio stations start playing Christmas songs. You will even hear distinctively Christian Christmas songs on radio stations that play mostly worldly kinds of music. I love seeing all the decorations go up, lights on houses, and we are just this week putting up our ten foot high Christmas tree in our living room. What a joy!

Yet, what is it all about??? From many yard decorations you might think it's all about a Grinch who once stole Christmas . . . but even the Grinch said, "Maybe it's just a little bit more." Looking at decorations, others would think that it's all about Santa and a sleigh and a red-nosed reindeer leading the sleigh to deliver gifts all around the world. Of course, the true gift of Christmas is far greater . . . and it is a gift for all the people of the world.

Occasionally I look at the decorations in yards and I will see it! It's not there as often as when I was a child. But a house here and a house there . . . will have a manger scene at the center of the decorations. I love it!! You see, Jesus, that little **real** baby born to a **real** virgin named Mary, yes, Jesus is the **real reason for all of the hoopla!** He is the very Son of God, conceived by God's Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14), to be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), to grow up and heal the blind and lame (Isaiah 42:7), and to eventually die on a cross to bring grace, forgiveness, and eternal salvation to our terribly broken world (Isaiah 53; Psalm 22)

Yes, this whole season of Advent that leads us to Christmas . . . it's all about Jesus. I hope you will join us. We have special services on Wednesdays at 6pm, with a meal in our fellowship hall beginning at 4:45pm. We have Christmas Eve candlelight services at 3pm, 5pm, and 11pm on December 24 and a Christmas Day service at 9am on December 25. So, since it's all about Jesus, come to worship HIM! "Come and Worship, Come and Worship, Worship Christ the newborn King." (LSB #367)

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bender

