



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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IN ALL THINGS
Colossians 1:15-20

February 10, 2022



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

As Americans we have a lot of freedoms and a lot of choice. Freedom to choose what we eat, freedom to choose our vocation, freedom to choose who we vote for, freedom to choose crispy or crunchy, Coke or Pepsi, etc. Jesus had choices, too. Think about it, in order to change our world, he chose to say good-bye to His world. He chose to give Mary that good-bye kiss. He knew what was going to happen, yet He continued to make choices that would bring on Him all the pain and suffering that we deserved. He could have chosen to keep His identity a secret. He could have chosen another path...but instead, for our sake, He chose the path to the cross.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT- For many years I was blessed with the opportunity to be in charge of the basketball tournaments here at St. Paul's. Being involved with the tournaments was a great way to experience the friendship and fellowship that St. Paul's offers. Whether it was working in the Kitchen, at the Scorers' Table, Concessions, Tickets, or helping Clean Up, I always enjoyed the time spent and the relationships that were formed. I encourage you to sign up and experience the same.

BTW-did you know that our boys' tournament is the longest running Lutheran tournament in Milwaukee? This year marks our 60th!

SPIRIT WEEK- the week of tournament is always a fun one because of all the fun Dress Up Days. Earlier this week a sheet was sent home detailing this years' special days. Please encourage your child to participate!

PAINTERS NEEDED-we have been raising funds to start repainting the Lincoln campus. If you could help in that effort by painting a classroom **this summer**, please let the Office know. If we can get volunteers to do the rooms, that will save us a lot of money!

LCFS-mark your calendars for April 7 at 6:00. LCFS will be here presenting on the topic of Mental Health and School-aged Children.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

February 1st, we began to register students for the 2022-2023 school year. **All paperwork was emailed to you.** Non-Choice families will need to pay a \$75 registration fee per child, if it is **before March 15th**. After March 15th, the registration fee goes to \$150 per child. Choice families will need to fill out all the paperwork that is sent out. Please call the school office if you have any questions. **Try to get registration completed as soon as possible to insure your child gets a seat.**

CHOICE ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in the Choice Program (Milwaukee and Wisconsin) began February 1st for the 2022-2023 School Year. If you have any questions about the Choice program, please contact the school office.

TOURNAMENT KITCHEN DONATIONS

The kitchen committee for the boys' basketball tournament is looking for cash donations to help them shop for items needed to prepare the food for the tournament. If you would like to donate, please send the cash or check (made out to St. Paul's Lutheran School) in an envelope marked boys' tournament kitchen donation to the office. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE!

The students of St. Paul's are busy preparing for the 2nd Annual "**Masterpiece Gallery**." This special event will be held Friday, March 11, 2022. Come any time between 4:30 - 6:00pm. Don't miss this chance to see the work of our talented student artists on display.



SHORT SHOTS – SATURDAY MORNING

Kindergarten and First Grade will run from 9AM-10AM and Second and Third Grade will run from 10:15AM-11:15 AM. Please make sure that your child has clean gym shoes and a water bottle. Shorts Shots runs from Saturday, January 8th - Saturday, February 12th. If you have any questions please contact Mike Carson or Sarah Zellmer.

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.

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.



SAVE THE DATE
VBS
June 20- June 24, 2022

HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

February 18 Mac & Cheese

March 16 Breakfast for Lunch (pancakes, sausage, hash browns)

FROM THE PASTOR

God Really Answers Prayers

“Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you.” *The Words of Jesus, Matthew 7*

God truly hears and answers prayers. He doesn't always answer on your time table. He doesn't always give you the answer you want. Yet, the living God hears your prayers and answers all who believe and trust in Him.

Certainly in my own life I can bear witness to this. The living God has answered prayers and given me strength in difficult times in life. My heavenly Father heard prayers and strengthened our marriage when, in younger years, my wife and I had some challenges. We have prayed over the years for God to give our five children Christian spouses who want to build Christian families. Our fifth wedding is coming up in June and our other four children are married to faithful Christian spouses.

Of course, there are times I have felt God isn't listening. But He always does. There are times I have had to wait for the answer, even becoming impatient with God. Yet, He comes through in the end. Yes, God hears, answers, and provided for all our needs.

Here at St. Paul's, we have just seen our Father in heaven answer many prayers in the provision of servants in our church and school. Pastor Joshua Grotelueschen has accepted the call to be our next associate pastor. He will be installed on Sunday, March 6. We have three teachers that will be leaving us at the end of this school year. One of those positions is already filled and calls have been extended to fill the other two positions.

Yes, God hears and answers prayers. He hears or cries for workers to come and serve His people here at St. Paul's. Seeing God answer and work His work among us, there is a bright future for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Bender

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.

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

February 20	10:30am Grades 3-5
March 5	6-8 sing 5:00pm
March 13	1-2 sing 8:00am
March 30	3-5 sing 6:00pm
April 2	Kindergarten sings 10:30am

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Feb 10-13	Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls – Grace M.F. Tournament JVBoys and JVGirls – Elm Grove Tournament
February 16	JV Boys vs. Hales Corners @ St. Paul's 4:30pm JV Girls vs. Hales Corners @ St. Paul's 5:30pm Varsity Girls vs. St. Paul's Oconomowoc @ home 6:30pm
Feb 25-27	Varsity Boys St. Paul's Tournament



February 25-27	Boys Basketball Tournament
February 28	Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
March 1	Read A Thon starts
March 11	Masterpiece Gallery
March 18	End of 3 rd Quarter
March 21-25	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
March 31	Read A Thon ends



FEBRUARY

Drake DeMarb
Mariana Fimreite
Lance Romano
Nicholas Ulbing
Christian Bowie
Ainsley Kosek
Aria Dachowski
Kylee Vish
Korbin Burkee
Logan Kennedy
Hunter Kassa

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

11 – Wyatt Hinkes-Gates

14 – Kaylen Emmer

22 – Audrey Segura

27 – Kadya Koble

May God continue to bless you in your Baptismal Grace!

Greetings

The St Paul's Senior Youth Auction is back!!! APRIL 2nd 2022

Many of you have helped to make past auctions a huge success and we know this year will be no different.

We are in need of donations new items, services from business, gift cards, gift baskets, sports memorabilia, bottles of wine, tickets to events and more...

If you are interested in make a donations items can be left with Mary in the church office.

Please contact Stacey Kukor skukor77@yahoo.com or 414-550-5291 or Kelly Crist kcrist211@gmail.com or 414-559-9122 if you have any questions.

We have a formal letter for business that may need it for tax deduction purposes (they are available in the church office or we can send them to you via email if requested).

We would also love all of you to join us at the auction.

Look for more information to come.