



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**

February 25, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Soooo... just what is Lent?

Lent is a period of repentant preparation for the celebration of Easter that was begun not very long after the first Easter almost two thousand years ago. The duration of Lent is 40 days, reminiscent of the 40 days of rain in Noah's flood, the Israelites' 40 years of wandering in the desert, and the 40 days of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness.

Lent actually begins, however, 46 days before Easter, not 40. That's because the Sundays during this time are not included, since Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday and so that day is always a day of celebration.

As we worship during Lent, we're reminded by Joel 2:13, "Rend your hearts, and not your garments." Outward signs like ashes and outward behavior like going to church or giving something up are meaningless without true repentance of the heart. The observance of Lent is not mandatory or necessary. It is an opportunity to encourage a closer look at our lives and Christ's sacrifice of His life for us, so that we can grow in faith.



I hope this Lent is a valuable time for you to do just that as you join with your brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Paul's in this time of self-examination, and Christ-exaltation. To help facilitate that, we offer Lenten services each Wednesday at 6:00pm. It would be great to see you and your family there next Wednesday as we prepare for the biggest celebration of the Church year, Easter!



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.

Word of mouth is our number one method of advertising. Knowing that, our Church Council recently authorized us to award a \$150 gift card as an incentive to any individual or family that brings in a new family that enrolls in St. Paul's in grades 3K-8th grade. This promotional period begins March 1, 2021 and ends on August 15, 2021.

Get out there and let people know what a great school we have!



Check out our ad at
milwaukee.com
Private School Guide



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration has started!!! All paperwork was emailed to you. Non-Choice families will need to pay a \$75 registration fee per child, as long as 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 was 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) is now taking place for the 2021-2022 School Year. If you have any questions about the Choice program, please contact the school office.

ST. PAUL'S CHOICE OPEN APPLICATION PERIODS

MILWAUKEE

February 1 – February 22

March 1 – March 22

April 1 – April 20

May 1 – May 20

June 1 – June 21

July 1 – July 20

August 1- August 20

September 1 – September 14

WISCONSIN

February 1 – April 15



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 held on 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 if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.



SHORT SHOTS

The Short Shot basketball program for students in grades 5K-3rd grade continues this Saturday, February 27th.

- Grades K & 1 – 9:00-10:00am
- Grades 2 & 3 – 10:30-11:30am – Note time change

Only 2 spectators will be allowed per participant. This will allow us to safely social distance. Thank you!

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

St. Paul's Child Care Center is located at 7835 W. Grant Street and provides care for children ages 6 weeks-14 years of age. The hours of operation are from 6:00 AM-6:00 PM (Monday-Friday). Our goal is for parents to leave with "peace of mind" knowing their child's needs are being met and learning is happening. Please call Amy Puechner for a tour (414) 430-2542 or email amy@splcwa.org.

Part-time Child Care Help Wanted

Work with children-Infants - 5 year olds

Shifts are:

6:30-11:00 AM

1:00-5:00/6:00 PM

Work 2-5 days per week.

If you enjoy being with children, this is the perfect opportunity for you. Interested candidates should contact Amy Puechner at amy@splcwa.org

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Chapel offerings for the month of February will continue to be given to the church so they can purchase food and gift cards for the needy.

JR HIGH YOUTH are invited to meet for a night of bowling and pizza! Students are to meet at New Berlin Ale House at 5 pm on Sunday, March 7. (16000 W. Cleveland Ave). Permission slips will be handed out in school, and the cost is \$15 for 2 games of bowling, along with pizza and soda. Permission slips and payment must be turned in, in a sealed envelope to Pastor Noah by Thursday, March 4th. Please do not wait till the last minute to do this! Reservations have been made for our group! The event should be ending no later than 6:45-7 pm, and students are responsible for their own transportation. Parents are welcome to stay and join us, please note that on the slips if you are interested! Thank you! Looking forward to some fun and fellowship!

Shelly Mueller

BAND NEWS

Students received their instructions Lutheran HS. Check your child's with you. Please contact Mrs. questions. awidener@milwaukeeelutheran.org



for the March 6 contest at Milwaukee band folder if they have not shared this Widener if you have any

PRACTICE SCHEDULES

- Boys – Monday & Wednesday 3:15-5:00pm
- 4th & 5th Girls – Thursday & Friday 3:15-5:00pm
- 6th – 8th Girls – Monday 5:30-7:00pm & Friday 3:15-5:00pm



FROM THE PASTOR

The Changing of the Seasons

Dear friends in Christ,

If you are anything like me, you have enjoyed the respite of slightly warmer weather in the past few days. Seeing the snow begin to melt, feeling the warmth of the sun with temperatures into the mid-40's, it is nice to know that the springtime of the year is on the way. The change of the seasons is something I have always looked forward to in my life.

One of the things we may not consciously think about is the one who controls these kinds of things. The book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible, declares: **And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years."** (Genesis 1:14, ESV)

God is so powerful that the alignment of the earth, pivoting on its axis, and the sun and all of the planets and even the stars in the sky bring about the orderly seasons each year. God put them in place and in motion at the very beginning of time . . . and His consistency is impeccable! We know that the winter time of the year will finally move into spring. Yea!! And then spring to summer, summer to fall, and fall back to winter again. It is all by God's design and power. And one of the powerful things I love in the last couple of days is seeing the warmth melt the mounds of snow!!

The changing of the seasons is a wonderful thing to observe. We also have seasons in the church year. Lent is a time of special devotion, heartfelt repentance of sin, and moving toward the most holy week of the year that begins with Palm Sunday. Then we reach Easter. Easter brings us the joy of sins conquered, the exhilaration of Christ's resurrection, and the hope that wells up to life everlasting. I love that we are moving toward that season, the season of Easter, as well.

The changing of the seasons! It all happens according to the wisdom, the power, and the design of our God. Watch the seasons change and rejoice with the coming of spring and Easter!

Looking forward with all of you,

Pastor Bender

UPCOMING DATES

February 27	Short Shots K&1 – 9-10; 1&2 – 10:30-11:30
March 1	Teacher In-Service – NO SCHOOL
March 3	Lent Worship 10am & 6pm
March 6	Make Up Short Shot Day K&1 - 9-10; 1&2 - 10:30-11:30
March 10	Lent Worship 10am & 6pm
March 15-19	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
March 26	End of 3 rd Quarter



FEBRUARY

Drake DeMarb
Leyla Candelaria
Mariana Fimreite
Lance Romano
Christian Bowie
Ainsley Kosek
Melia Allen
Aria Dachowski
Kylee Vish
Korbin Burkee
Finnegan Lavigne
Logan Kennedy
Hunter Kassa



FEBRUARY

14 - Kaylen Emmer
27 - Kadya Koble

May God continue to bless you in your Baptismal Grace!