



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

February 27, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's a Jungle Out There!

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:2

For many people, life is---well, life is a jungle. Our jungles are comprised of thickets of failing health, broken hearts, and empty wallets....We don't hear the screeching of birds or the roaring of lions, but we do hear the complaints of neighbors and the demands of bosses....

When you are lost, everything changes when your rescuer appears. Your despair decreases, your confusion lifts. You haven't left the jungle, it hasn't changed, but you have. You have changed because you have hope. And you have hope because you have met someone who can lead you out.

MARCH MADNESS.....STALLIS STYLE!

Yep--March Madness starts right here with our very own **State bound Lady Panthers!** The girls first round game in the State tournament is Friday, March 6th, 5:15 vs First Immanuel-Cedarburg at Concordia University Wisconsin.

Come out and cheer them on!

On Thursday the 5th at 2:00 we will be having a short send-off pep-rally for the girls.

- Please make sure to stay current with your tuition and Extended Care payments.
- Do you know about using the Scrip program? It is a great way to raise funds for our school and all you have to do is purchase gift cards to where you normally shop! Call the Office for details.

REGISTRATION has begun and is in full swing! Act early for a couple of reasons:

1. Half-price registration fees through March 15th
2. Class sizes are limited. Make sure to register early to guarantee a spot in your desired class.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING DATES-please set aside the following dates for Grades 3-8 Achievement testing. Make sure there are no scheduled appointments, vacations, etc. during those times.

April 14-17 Grades 3,4,8

April 20-24 Grades 5.6.7

PANTHER PALOOZA FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

Panther Palooza is quickly approaching. Mark your calendars for March 13th. Information is attached to this newsletter. Thank you.

2020-2021 REGISTRATION

We have started to register for the 2020-2021 school year. We have attached to this newsletter the 2020-2021 Schedule of Tuition and Fees and the Contract for Enrollment. Just a note that the Re-enrollment Fee **is per student and NOT per family**. Deadline to receive the \$75.00 per student Re-enrollment Fee is March 15th. After that the fee goes up to \$150 per student. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

TUITION TAX DEDUCTION

Thanks to advocacy by WCRIS (WI Council of Religious and Independent Schools), state law continues to allow WI parents to deduct private school tuition on their taxes for grades K-8. Information on this was emailed to all families that paid tuition for 2019. If you paid and did not receive an email, please contact the school office. We can forward you the papers.

CHOICE ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in the Choice Program (Milwaukee and Wisconsin) began February 3rd for the 2020-2021 School Year. Please remember to bring in your residency verification and any income verification, if necessary, by the 20th of the month you applied. If you have any questions about the Choice program, please contact the school office.

LENT

Lent brings with it the opportunity to worship at 6 pm each Wednesday evening as we prepare our hearts for the Lent season and Holy Week. Beginning Wednesday, March 5th, you are invited to join us in the parish hall for a simple evening meal, prepared for you and your family. If you have already attended these meals, why not bring a friend this season? This meal is available not only to encourage fellowship with our church family, but also to create time for you to relax and not worry about cooking a meal before worship. Supper is available from 4:45-5:50 pm. Participants are asked kindly to give a free will offering to cover only the cost of the meal, however this is not mandatory. Menus for each week are posted in the school newsletter, weekly church bulletins, the Herald, as well as in the narthex. There is always a kid friendly menu available as well. It is our hope that this would be a blessing to you and your family. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Mueller @ 262-613-3657.

THANK YOU

The Vogt family would like to express their sincere appreciation for all the prayers and kindness shown to them over the last few weeks with Doug's health issues. He is home and on the road to recovery. You are a blessing!

ECC VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to be greeters at the Early Childhood Center during school hours. Volunteers* will sit at the front desk and let families into the building. There will be a morning shift (7:45-11:30) and an afternoon shift (11:30-3:00). You could do it once a week or just once a month.

If you would be interested in serving our Lord this way, please contact Barb Heimsoth (barb@splcwa.org) or call the school office (414-541-6251).

*St. Paul's policy says all volunteers are subject to having a background check through the school office.

Church at St. Paul's: Saturday - 5:00pm; Sunday - 8:00am and 10:30am; Sunday School/Adult Bible Class - 9:15am

Acolyte Schedule:

Saturday, February 29	5:00pm - Melia Allen
Sunday, March 1	8:00am – Aubrey Kadolph
	10:30am – Lexi Tavidian
Wednesday, March 4	6:00pm – Logan Rauter

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to all who were able to venture out to our bowling event. If you paid but we're unable to get there, I have gift certificates for you to use another time!! Also Jr. High Youth is scheduled to help serve our first Lenten dinner scheduled for March 4th. Please meet in the kitchen by 4:30 that day. Thanks! Shelly

FROM THE PASTOR

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday. That day marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a 40 day journey (not counting Sundays) to the day of Resurrection: Easter! The "Ash" of Ash Wednesday relates to the words spoken at many graveside services: "Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust." Ashes are a sign of our mortality . . . a sign that one day we will die . . . no doubt.

I'm sorry to start out on a "downer," but, in truth, this downer is going to touch our lives in many ways. The Holy Scriptures give a clear reason why death is in the world. Death is the result of sin. (Romans 6:23a) Sin is everything that we do contrary to God's will. And sin brings death in so many ways. Sin can bring death to relationships. Oh, we have other names: breakups, a relationship on the rocks, divorce, ghosting. But all of those things are simply a result of sin. More than a relationship breakup, the ultimate consequence of sin is literal death. "Death came to all men because all have sinned." (Romans 5:12b)

So the season of Lent is a time to recognize the serious nature of sin and, perhaps with greater heart and more sincerity, confess that our sins are indeed serious and worthy of

God's righteous judgment. Yet, Lent is far more than simply the "downer" of acknowledging sin. There is an end to Lent which climaxes during Holy Week and then Easter. Lent leads us not only to acknowledge our sin but to look to the One who has overcome it: Jesus!!

The wages of sin IS death (Romans 6:23a), but the GIFT of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!! (Romans 6:23b) God sent Jesus as a GIFT. "For God so loved the world that he *gave* His one and only Son that *whoever believes* in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) That's the "Gospel" in a nutshell!!

During the season of Lent, we have Wednesday services here at St. Paul's. This year's theme is "The Gospel in Seven Words." The word Gospel means "Good news." I would invite all our school families to join us in worship on these Wednesdays. One of our members plans meals and gathers a team to prepare them before each service. The meals begin at 4:45pm. So come on out after work, enjoy a nice meal, and then feast on God's Word. Be filled up . . . both body and soul.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bender

PRACTICE SCHEDULES

- **Handbells – Wednesday 7:15am**
- **Varsity Girls Basketball
Tuesday and Thursday 5-6:30pm**

SINGING SCHEDULE

February 29	K-1 Grades Choir 5:00pm
March 4	4-5 Grades Choir 6:00pm
March 9	2-3 Grades Choir 8:00am
March 11	6-8 Grades Choir 6:00pm
April 5	4-5 Grades Choir 10:30am
April 19	6-8 Grades Choir 10:30am
April 27	4K Choir 8:00am

SPORTS SCHEDULE

March 6

Varsity Girls in State Basketball Tournament
First game 5:15pm @ Concordia University



February 29	Short Shots
March 4	Lent Worship 10am & 6pm Lent Dinner 4:45pm (chicken & rice casserole, green beans)
March 11	Lent Worship 10am & 6pm Lent Dinner 4:45pm (baked potato soup, veggies, bread)
March 16-20	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
March 18	Lent Worship 10am & 6pm Lent Dinner 4:45pm (minestrone soup, Italian bread)
March 25	Lent Worship 10am & 6pm Lent Dinner 4:45pm (spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad)
March 26	End of 3 rd Quarter
March 27	Teacher In Service – NO SCHOOL
April 1	Lent Worship 10am & 6pm Lent Dinner 4:45pm (tacos, chips, corn)
April 4	Clothing Giveaway at the ECC
April 10	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
April 13	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
May 1	Fine Arts for grades 1-8
May 4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 21	ECC Spectacular for 3K, 4K and K 6:00pm