



# St. Paul's Lutheran School



## From the Principal

***"Whatever work you do, do your best."***  
**Ecclesiastes 9:10**

I wish I had a dollar for each time I heard my parents tell me that! **God honors our work.** What a great lesson to instill in and to model for our kids. Yes, God has ordained our work as something necessary and good. Before God gave Adam a wife or a child, even before God gave Adam clothes, God gave Adam a job (cultivating the garden). **God honors work.** This is a lesson that was made clear to me as a young child by Great Depression era parents that valued hard work, and it is now a lesson that our Faculty is striving to instill in our students. Yes, **God honors work**, so honor God in your work!

Mid-Point: It is hard to believe that this school year is already half over! A lot of hard work (see above) has gone into making that happen and I want to commend our teaching staff, office staff, building maintenance staff, volunteers, and students for their hard work in making this happen!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 3	Teacher In-service – NO SCHOOL
February 3-4	Volley for Life
February 14	Basketball and Group Pictures
February 24-26	Boys Basketball Tournament
February 27	Teacher Workday – NO SCHOOL
March 8	Cousins Fundraiser
March 10	Masterpiece Gallery
March 20-24	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL



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## Volley for Life February 3-4, 2023

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### FAQs (and answers)

- When exactly is this taking place?
  - Matches on Friday begin at 5:00 and will wrap about 9:45
  - Matches on Saturday run from noon-4:30 and then again from 6:20-9:45
- I'm not planning on playing volleyball, can I still attend?
  - YES! You can come and watch volleyball, eat some food, and check out our items in our raffle and silent auction.
- Is there a cost to attend the fundraiser?
  - No, there is no admission fee, but feel free to grab a bite to eat or check out items up for raffle/silent auction.
- I heard there's a dinner Saturday night, did I need to buy a ticket for that?
  - Yes, there is an extra Dinner Special (Spaghetti Bake w/ garlic bread for \$6.00) that will be added to the menu after church, but NO, you did not need to purchase a ticket for this. If you want to help with our guesstimate of how many to expect, please contact the church or school office and let them know.
- Do you accept Venmo or Apple Pay?
  - No, we prefer cash or check, but also accept bank cards (\$10 minimum purchase)
- Can I still register to play?
  - There is no more room for teams to register, but depending on your availability and division of play preference, we may have a spot available on a partially-filled team. Please contact Danielle Jackson (414-541-6251 ext. 2203 or [danielle@splcwa.org](mailto:danielle@splcwa.org))
  - We would like to have more children/parents participate in some activities/contests Saturday afternoon. If you are available at noon and/or 1:10, please contact Danielle Jackson (see contact info above) for more details.

**Thank you for your interest and supporting this fundraiser!**

## Trivia Night

### A Spiritual Trivia Night for Families

Saturday, February 11 @ 6:15pm

Dinner Provided

**Save the Date!!**

Come out for a wonderful gathering to grow in faith as parents and children while having a whole lot of fun as well!! There will be just three categories and we want you to know the topics so you can prepare to compete well. Here are the topics:

Toy Story - The Original Movie

The Stained Glass Windows of St. Paul's Sanctuary

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

So, before February 11, watch Toy Story *again* and be prepared for questions about the movie including some spiritual emphases. Take a look at the stained glass windows and use one of the booklets available in the church office that explains the imagery. Finally, during the month of January and early February, read through Paul's letter to the Ephesians as a family (or individual) and be prepared for some questions on this important book of Biblical Truth.

# Singing Schedule

April 1                      Grades 5-8 @ 5:00pm

April 16                     Grades 1-4 10:30am



# Worship Attendance

All school families are invited to worship with us each weekend. We understand that it is in worship where we draw closer to our God. In worship, God is present, and we have the opportunity to give thanks, receive forgiveness, gather with fellow believers, listen to His Word, pray for others, and to be strengthened in our faith to go out into the world to share Christ and to meet the challenges in everyday living. Our worship life also demonstrates how important God is to us and our families. As we teach our children God's truth, we model how important God is to us and should be in our lives as He is so good. Make it a priority to worship regularly and spend time in His Word this school year.



# REGISTRATION

**REGISTRATION PAPERWORK  
WAS EMAILED OUT. PLEASE  
RETURN AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE TO ENSURE YOU  
GET A SEAT.**

**Remember that if you  
participate in either  
Wisconsin or Milwaukee  
Choice, the application  
website for DPI opened up  
on February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

# TOURNAMENT HELP

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE OUR  
TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS!**

**REMEMBER TO SIGN UP TO HELP AT OUR  
BOYS' TOURNAMENT**

**HERE IS THE LINK:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4eabaf2aa57-stpauls1#/>

# Sports Schedule

February 4	<b>Girls Varsity vs. Mt. Calvary @ Beautiful Savior 11:00am</b>
Feb 8-11	Elm Grove Tournament-JV Boys and Girls
February 11	<b>Girls Varsity vs. Granville @ Granville 10:00am</b>
February 15	<b>Girls Varsity vs. Northwest/Pilgrim @ SPWA 5:30pm</b>
February 16-19	Grace MF Tournament-Varsity Boys and Girls Zion MF Tournament-JV Boys and Girls

## BASKETBALL & GROUP PICTURES

### FOR THE YEARBOOK

WILL BE TAKEN ON

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

## Choice Meetings

As most of you know, St. Paul 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 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. 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. The second meeting is set for **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please come to our meetings if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul participates.

## Raise Money with the Milwaukee Wave

St. Paul's is teaming up with the Milwaukee Wave (indoor soccer) team. All you need to do is purchase tickets for the Saturday, March 4th (6:05 P.M) game using this link: <https://fevo.me/3ZszQJ0>

The Wave will make a donation to the school for each ticket purchased. If more than 50 tickets are sold using the link, the donation per ticket increases! So, you get to have a night out with friends and family and earn money for our school at the same time. You are welcome and invited to share the link with anyone... your entire email contacts list if you want! Remember you need to order from this link <https://fevo.me/3ZszQJ0> in order for the sale to count towards this fundraiser.





# BIRTHDAYS

## FEBRUARY

Korbin Burkee  
Izayah Clemons  
Aria Dachowski  
Mariana Fimreite  
Noah Jackelen  
Hunter Kassa  
Logan Kennedy  
Ainsley Kosek  
Mario Martinez  
Lance Romano  
Miriam Sanchez Loomans  
Nick Ulbing

# BAPTISMBIRTHDAYS

## FEBRUARY BAPTISMS

2 – Jacob Smith  
11 – Wyatt Hinkes-Gates  
17 – Miriam SnachezLoomans  
22 – Audrey Segura  
27 – Kadya Koble

**May God continue to keep you in your  
Baptismal Grace!**

# From the Pastor

*Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. Psalm 96:1-3*

This week we have been preparing to have Martin Luther Highschool bring their bands and choirs to our worship services this weekend, and I cannot tell you how excited I am to have them. Have you ever wondered why we sing songs in Church? This might be just something a pastor thinks about, but wouldn't church services be so much shorter if we just cut the music out? Yet throughout the history of God's people we have always included Music in our worship and praise of him. We have an entire book of the Bible, the Psalms, made up of songs that the people would praise God with! Throughout scripture we hear God declaring that we ought to sing to the Lord! Even Martin Luther said "Next to the Word of God, God's greatest gift to us is music." Why is this?

Well music is truly a unique form of art. Unlike a painting, or words on a page, as soon as the note is struck it disappears forever. The music only lasts the moment the note is played, but when you walk away from a painting you know it is still hanging there. Art can exist without anyone seeing it, but music only exists among those presently listening to it. This is why a good concert can feel timeless, it brings us out of our everyday lives and brings us to focus exclusively on the moment that you are in. Time has no meaning when you are enraptured in the music. For me at least, music is the most powerful thing to make me focus on the present moment. On the music itself, and those gathered together with me enjoying and appreciating the music. You could also argue that since it only belongs to those in the room listening that out of all art forms it is the one that most belongs to a community. This is why music can unite people in a way few other things can. When you go to a concert, or are sitting with a group of people in a car and a good song comes on, music has an ability to uplift and unite those around you. When you sing together you become one with one another in the music.

Another wonderful thing about music is that it is memory. Every time you listen to a song you think about every other time you have heard that song. This is why songs that we grew up listening to mean so much to us. The music has actually grown up with us in its meaning! I remember being a teenager belting out tunes with my mother, and every time those songs come on the radio I still need to turn the radio up. This is because it is no longer just about the music, but the people I have sung this with. This is also why I cannot help but get emotional every time I hear *Go my Children with my Blessing* for that was the final hymn that was sung when my Grandfather retired from being a pastor, and it was also the hymn that was sung at his funeral. Songs grow in their meaning every time we listen to them. Every time we listen to them they bring back all the memories, all the emotions that we have had throughout our lives whenever we listen to these songs.

So it is when we sing songs together in Church. It focuses us on the moment, while also bringing up memories and emotions from the past. The Church service as a whole brings us out of the world and into the eternal presence of God, and good music helps us capture that moment. It brings us closer to those around us, to those that we are together with as we worship our God. It brings us closer to the God whom we worship for he is present with us in that service. And finally these hymns, these songs help us remember. They help us remember all that God has done for us. They help us remember what God has brought us through so far, and they bring us into his presence all over again. These hymns bring us into his story. The Christmas hymns bring us back to the manger, Lenten hymns to the cross, and Easter hymns to the empty tomb. Every hymn has a story, a memory about God's people that it invites us to participate in. This is why music is truly such a wonderful gift for the people of God.

So this weekend come and worship with us, and the Martin Luther music groups. Let God speak to you, and enter into your lives through his word and through song. Let him make memories with you that will last you throughout eternity. Sing to the Lord a New Song for he is with you, he is with us and through him we are truly united together.