



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**

January 14, 2021

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!
- January 23-29 is **National Lutheran Schools Week**. During that week we will be doing several fun activities and dress up theme days. A sheet will be sent home next week listing all the activities.
- Because of **COVID** concerns and uncertainties we will not be hosting our basketball tournament this year.



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.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Starting February 1st, we will begin to register students for the 2021-2022 school year. All paperwork will be emailed to you at the end of January. 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 will be sent out at the end of the month. 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) begins February 1st for the 2021-2022 School Year. If you have any questions about the Choice program, please contact the school office.



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.



Talk Us UP!

Word of mouth is the number one method of advertising for a school.

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

JANUARY TUITION PAYMENT DUE

If you signed up at the beginning of the year to make two tuition payments for this school year, the second payment is due by the end of January. Please call the school office if you have any questions. Thank you.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Chapel offerings for the month of January will be used to buy food and gift cards for the church to give to people who come here looking for help.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE DVD's

DVD's are still available from both children's Christmas programs. Contact Mrs. Prince if you are interested in one.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends in Christ,

Have you ever heard the old saying, "You never talk about religion and politics!" I think there is a reason these topics are often avoided and it's because people often have very deep seated ideas and convictions regarding both issues of faith and political views and ideologies. Well, I am going to risk sharing with you some thoughts on both, praying that you will take to heart what God's Word (religion) has to say about government (politics).

God's Word tells us the following: **"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you."** (Romans 13:1-3, NIV)

The Scriptures clearly teach us that authority, governmental authority, indeed, all authority comes from God. If someone rebels against authority, they are rebelling against God and what He has established. This is a serious matter. This is a very important matter that not enough people in our nation understand and respect. We have seen all kinds of rebellion in the last year in our nation, and such rebellion is clearly not of the Spirit of God. We are called to submit to authority. We don't always agree with the authorities, like those in authority, and even sometimes despise those in authority. As Christians, we are called to pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2) and to respect them (Romans 13:7).

On January 20, 2021, a new president will be inaugurated and installed as the President of the United States of America. It does not matter what our political views are. We are to honor every president as God's representative over us in our nation. We are to pray for him. We are to submit to his authority. It's the Christian way. By the way, all governmental leaders are imperfect, so we rejoice that Jesus is King of kings, Lord of lords, and the Prince of peace. We look to him above all. He teaches us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Listening to him above all, we will seek to live in peace with all people (Romans 12:18), even those we disagree with over matters of religion and politics.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bender

UPCOMING DATES

January 15	End of 2 nd Quarter
January 18	Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL
January 23-29	National Lutheran Schools Week
February 5	Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL
March 1	Teacher In-Service – NO SCHOOL
March 15-19	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
March 26	End of 3 rd Quarter