



St. Paul's Lutheran School



From the Principal

Making
Disciples
for Life



This weekend kicks off **National Lutheran Schools Week**. The staff of St. Paul's Lutheran School thanks God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with our children and their families. **For 96 years** our school has been an amazing incubator for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by staff and students alike.

For 96 years the ultimate desire of St. Paul's has been to have students, staff and every constituent be disciples of Jesus for eternal life. Every aspect of our daily, weekly, monthly, annual and decades-long ministry of our Lutheran church and school has been to have every child receive eternal life, believing in the crucified and risen Savior.

We do this "making of disciples" as an extension of our congregation. Through the support of our congregation, we are able to minister to God's children from the age of six weeks and up. Through church support, we are able to hire and support teachers, pastors, support staff and other disciples as God's instruments in making and equipping disciples. Through church support we were able to build a state-of-the-art playground, purchase the latest in educational tools, and provide a cutting edge education. I want to thank the members of our church for helping us Make Disciples for 96 years and for supporting us with your gifts and prayers.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20	End of 2 nd Quarter
January 23	Report Card Day – NO SCHOOL
February 1	Lincoln Open House
February 2	ECC Open House
February 3	Teacher In-service – NO SCHOOL
February 3-4	Volley for Life
February 24-26	Boys Basketball Tournament
February 27	Teacher Workday – NO SCHOOL

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VOLLEY FOR LIFE

St. Paul's Lutheran School – 7821 W. Lincoln Avenue, West Allis

February 3rd – 4th, 2023

Fundraiser for the Segura family

- Volleyball
- Contests
- Silent Auction
- Food



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

January 21	Kids last names R-Z @ 5:00pm
January 22	Kids last names A-G @ 8:00am
	Kids last names H-P @ 10:30am
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.

Open House

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Two Buildings . . . One School Family

LINCOLN CAMPUS

February 1st
3:00pm-6:00pm

ECC

February 2nd
3:00pm-6:00pm

www.spiswa.com

- Before and After School Care available
- Christ Centered
- Academics, Fine Arts & Athletics
- "Exceeds Expectations" rating on Wisconsin DPI's annual report card

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to the participants of the 2023 St. Paul's Spelling Bee!

Dominic Immekus, Ryan Allmann, Eliza Carson, Matthew Dawursk, Trevor Myren, Jackson Cruz, Leilani Matheu, Kylee Koble, Juliana Rivers, Bradley Hoffman, Elena Brofka, Chris Lucas, Jacob Lemieux-Petrovic, Carter Hafemann, Maks Burkee, William Baker, and Logan Romano.

These students will be participating in the school spelling bee and have a chance to participate in the regional spelling bee. The spelling bee is Wednesday, January 25. Friends and family are welcome to attend. The bee will be hosted in the school gym.



Sports Schedule



January 21	Girls Varsity vs. Granville Lutheran @ Granville 11:00am
January 25	Girls Varsity vs. Northwest/Pilgrim @ SPWA 5:30pm Boys Varsity vs. St. Martini @ SPWA 6:30pm
Jan 26-29	Immanuel Tournament – Varsity Boys and Girls
February 4	Girls Varsity vs. Mt. Calvary @ Beautiful Savior 11:00am
Feb 8-11	Elm Grove Tournament-JV Boys and Girls
February 11	Girls Varsity vs. Granville @ Granville 10:00am
February 15	Girls Varsity vs. Northwest/Pilgrim @ SPWA 5:30pm
February 16-19	Grace MF Tournament-Varsity Boys and Girls Zion MF Tournament-JV Boys and Girls

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 17th 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 23rd**. 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

January

Micah Baars
William Baker
Elena Brofka
Adan Correa
Layla Cruz
Liam Jessel
Helena Keen
Kian Koble
Emilia Kosek
Seth Lucas
Jackson Petersen
Rhyder Raatz
Owen Radtke
Joseph Segura
Joseph Stathas
Cal Streicher
Jaxson Zimmer

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY BAPTISMS

1 – Sophia Schulz
6 – Vincent Sanchez Loomans
8 – Ray Edwards
11 – Savannah Lentini
13 – Oliva and Hunter Kassa
15 – Easton Kassa & Maia Sleik
17 – Elena Brofka & Henry Sanchez Loomans
18 – Abigail Gennerman
19 – Layna Sleik
20 – Kian Koble
27 – Braelyn Zellmer

May God continue to keep you in your
Baptismal Grace!

From the Pastor

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20

How is the New Year treating you? Can you believe it has been three weeks already? How are the resolutions going? I know mine have already hit a few speed bumps! Isn't it a wonderful thing that no matter how often we fail in our resolutions we have a God who loves us?

God's love can certainly be taken for granted, it is so given and apparent that we lose sight of how precious and valuable it is. That is why our school theme this year is "Making disciples for life." At first glance this seems like an obvious mission for a Church and school, but passages like this really show how profound it is. In Matthew this is the first time the disciples had seen Jesus since he was arrested and killed. What did the disciples do in that crucial hour? They fled! They abandoned Jesus and scattered. They denied knowing him or having any association with him. All of this was done with good human reason, Jesus was about to be crucified and they might join him on the cross. Therefore, when Jesus needed them the most they were gone. They abandoned and betrayed him.

Anyone who has been abandoned or betrayed knows how hard it is to welcome that person back in your life. They have hurt you more than anyone, and proven how untrustworthy they are. Therefore, we would completely understand if Jesus wanted nothing to do with his disciples after he rose again from the dead. We would support him if he chose to go and get better more loyal disciples. But that is not what he did. He brought *his* disciples back to him. The disciples he called out of their ordinary lives, and asked to follow him. These disciples were now to be sent to make even more disciples! Couldn't Jesus have picked better men? Probably, but he didn't want better men. He wanted his disciples. And though they were the ones going, they were not going to go along. He was going to go with them wherever they went, still teaching them and leading them just as they needed. He would continue to disciple them even as he uses them to disciple others.

There are going to be times this year when you are unworthy to be Jesus' disciple. It's not just a feeling, you are in fact unworthy to be his disciple. We all are, we have abandoned him to pursue other things. We have denied him at various points in our lives. But it doesn't matter. He doesn't want anyone better than you to be his disciple. He wants you to be his disciple. And he wants to use you to make even more disciples! That is what we are about here at St. Paul's; we are unworthy disciples making disciples. Parents we are here to partner with you as you make your children disciples of Jesus. But that is the key word, partner. No matter what we do, you will have a far larger impact on making your children disciples of Jesus than we possibly can. This is truly a daunting task, but take heart because of Jesus' words. "I will be with you always, even to the end of the age." We are all unworthy to make disciples, we will all make mistakes. But that does not mean that Jesus cannot use you to turn your children into his disciples. So this weekend, find some time to be with Jesus and let him make you his disciples. Open your Bibles, pray with one another, come to church. Do all these things to the glory of Jesus who has made you his disciples through the power of the cross.

God's blessings to you all
Pastor Josh