



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

March 12, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Free to Enter His Presence

When Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. Matthew 27:50-51

That has always been one of my favorite parts of the Easter story. I remember as a kid trying to visualize what that must have looked like! It's as if the hands of heaven had been gripping the curtain, waiting for this moment. Keep in mind the size of this curtain---- sixty feet tall and thirty feet wide. One instant it was whole; the next it was ripped in two from top to bottom. No delay. No hesitation.

What did the torn curtain mean? For the Jews it meant no more barrier between them and the Holy of Holies. No more animal sacrifices to atone for sins.

What does the torn curtain signify for us?

We are welcome to enter into God's presence----any day, any time. God has removed the barrier that separates us from him. He has removed the curtain of sin. Nothing can separate us from Him. We should live in His presence daily!

ECC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

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.

SPRING BREAK
MARCH 16-20
CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, MARCH 23RD
THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS WEEK

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15-19

- 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

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.

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. On Wednesdays before Easter, you are invited to join us in the fellowship 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.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

On Saturday, March 7, the students from St. Paul's competed in the LHSAGM's solo and ensemble contest. Once again, our students did very well. Here are the results:

Elena Brofka	Gold
Eric Brofka	Silver
Anna Carson	Gold
Lilly Carson	Gold
Solomon James	Gold
Olivia Kukor	Gold
Griffin Lemberger	Gold
Ashley Matusewic	Gold
Elizabeth Minor	Gold
William Minor	Gold
Hanna Schaber	Gold
Riley Strysick	Gold



Congratulations to all of our musicians!

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

Acolyte Schedule:

Saturday, March 14	5:00pm - Jack Harper
Sunday, March 15	8:00am - Brooklyn Hoffman
	10:30am - Riley Gibbs
Wednesday, March 18	6:00pm - William Minor

FROM THE PASTOR

There are a lot of things that happen in life that make people wonder what in the world is going on. There are the sad and evil events we hear about on the news, diseases spreading around the world that have the potential of being deadly, and even the daily troubles and struggles we face in our lives. That last one touches us on a much more personal level than the others.

The Bible actually gives us a reason for all of it. It is a little three letter word called "Sin." Sin is simply any thought, any word, and action that is contrary to God's will . . . and when

the first humans “fell into sin,” disease and decay came into the world with the fall. This is simply Biblical truth and it is something that we should take note of.

At the root of those daily troubles and struggles we face in life is this thing called “sin.” We can try to ignore, avoid thinking about it, not want to acknowledge it . . . but there it is every day. We sin. Other people sin. And then there are the consequences of sin that simply exist in the world.

The Word of God, indeed, God Himself, calls us to “confess” our sins. This means to admit the things we do that are just plain wrong. God’s Word calls us to confess our sins to one another and to pray for healing (James 5:16). This is what I have been teaching our 8th grade students in confirmation class. Luther writes, “When I urge you to confess your sins, I am simply urging you to be a Christian.”

We naturally try to excuse our sin, blame our sin on other people, rationalize our sin, minimize our sin, or just ignore it all together. Confession of sin usually begins with some wonderful words, “I am sorry . . .,” sorry for hurting your feelings, sorry for being disrespectful, sorry for not listening carefully to what you say, etc. We confess “sorrow,” that is we are sad for the wrong things we do. Then we ask for forgiveness. We should do this with one another. We should always do this before God.

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Yet, if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8ff) So take time each day to reflect on your life. Tell others that you are sorry . . . and really mean it. Confess to God above all; He will always forgive. For the old saying is true: “Confession is good for the soul.”

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Bender

PRACTICE SCHEDULES

- **Handbells – Wednesday 7:15am**
- **Soccer – Monday 3:30-5:00pm and Wednesday 3:30-5:00pm**
- **Volleyball – Tuesday 3:30-5:00pm and Thursday 3:30-5:00pm**

SINGING SCHEDULE

April 5	4-5 Grades Choir 10:30am
April 19	6-8 Grades Choir & 4-8 Bell Choir 10:30am
April 26	4K Choir 8:00am
May 1	Fine Arts Grades 1-8 in Lincoln Gym 6:00pm
May 9	2-3 Grades Choir CANCELLED DUE TO LUTHERAN NIGHT @ MILLER PARK
May 21	ECC Spectacular (3K, 4K, and Kindergarten) 6:00pm
May 29	6-8 Choir for 8 th Grade Graduation 6:00pm



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 6:00p

March 16-20

