



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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IN ALL THINGS
Colossians 1:15-20

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you, parents, for your support through yet another very challenging and stressful school year. One of our younger students told me that all principals do all day is put their feet up on their desk, eat donuts, and watch TV. Well, that was certainly not the case this year! This year we all continued learning on the fly how to adapt to constantly changing outbreaks, government mandates, and regulations. So, once again, thank you for your support in these challenging times! I hope and pray that you have a safe, healthy, and blessed summer. **See you in church!**



PLAYGROUND UPDATE

- Houses are empty
- Utilities are disconnected
- Waiting for asbestos removal
- Demolition and sight work will begin around mid-June and we are hoping for an August completion date.

PLAYGROUND GROUNDBREAKING

June 12th will be an exciting day for us all. After all these years of waiting we will finally be breaking ground for our new playground! The ceremony will be held right after 9:00 church. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will meet in the alley.

GARDENERS NEEDED



Some of the planting areas around the ECC are in need of a little TLC (weeding and wood chips). We are in need of a few volunteers to help us keep the ECC looking beautiful; if you could help with this, please contact the Office.

LCFS SUMMER SERVICES

Our counseling service run by LCFS will be continuing to offer their services over summer at our school and has a few openings in their schedule. If you feel that your child or family would benefit from their services, please contact the 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.

YARD SIGNS

We still have a few left. If you would like one and be willing to put one in your yard, please let the Office know. These are a great way to get our name out into the community!



CHOICE ENROLLMENT

We are still accepting applications for the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program through September. If you have any questions about the Choice program, please contact the school office.

FREE MONEY

We are giving away \$150 gift cards! All you need to do is refer a new family to St. Paul's that registers for classes in Fall.

BSC/ASC ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Paul's will once again offer care for students for the price of \$6/hour. There is a \$50 annual registration fee/family. It is helpful to know your care needs prior to leaving for summer break so that staff is available come Fall. If your child will need extended care please contact Amy Puechner at amy@splcwa.org or call 414-430-2542.

SAVE THE DATE
VBS
June 20- June 24, 2022
9:00 am-noon
Children entering 4K-6th Grade

Come join in the fun of Vacation Bible School this summer!

As Rainforest Explorers, we'll learn about Jesus, our Savior, through five Bible stories, we will meet new friends, do fun activities, sing great songs, create crafts, play games, eat snacks, and more! Children entering 4K-6th grade are invited to join the week of June 20th-June 24th from 9am-Noon. Sign up online to reserve your spot today! vbspro.events/p/55f60a

CHILD CARE HELP NEEDED

St. Paul's Child Care continues to grow; therefore, we are looking for part time help 2-5 days per week between the hours of 11AM-6PM. Benefits of the job include no weekends and no late evenings. If you enjoy working with young children, this is a great place to be. Interested individuals should contact Amy Puechner at amy@splcwa.org or call 414-430-2542.

ST. PAUL'S CHOICE OPEN APPLICATION PERIODS

MILWAUKEE

February 1 – February 22

March 1 – March 21

April 1 – April 20

May 1 – May 20

June 1 – June 20

July 1 – July 20

August 1- August 22

September 1 – September 14

WISCONSIN

Closed



From the Pastor

When Tragedy Strikes

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. *Philippians 4:4-9*

When National Tragedy strikes, like what just happened in Uvalde Texas, it is easy to fall into despair. I could not imagine being the parents of those children, the administrators of that school, or the people in that community. Mass shootings of any kind are evil, but there is something truly

despicable about this particular event at an elementary school. It is truly heartbreaking to see the grief, to hear the stories of these parents who desperately trying to find their children only to be given terrible news. It is even more depressing when the leaders we look too, on both sides of the aisle, use such an instance for their own political gains and power. The solutions they offer just scratch the surface of what is going on in our culture as again we have witnessed families grieving for something that should never have happened. What is causing this to happen so often? To whom can we turn for aid? We join in with the opening prayer of Habakkuk chapter one *“How long, Lord, must I call out for help but you do not listen, or cry out to you Violence! But you do not save?”*

Paul was writing this letter to the Philippians as he was in chains. He was in prison because he followed God, and he could have easily said these words as well. But he didn't, instead he said to bring every request to God. The words he presents here are truly challenging, how can we rejoice in all things with the news being so terrible? How can we think of good and honorable things when there seems to be none of it in this world? But what I think Paul is getting at here is precisely the problem. The reason we are seeing such an increase of evil, seeing more and more mass shootings especially in our schools, is because we have less and less good and honorable things to look at in the world around us. Just turn on the news, and its bad news after bad news. In fact today News organizations often seem more concerned about tearing down other news organizations than giving us the news! We are focused on people who hate one another, and are told constantly that our nation is filled with hate and violence, racism and sexism, and every phobia under the sun. We are told that there is no meaning to anything in life other than the meaning we make for ourselves. Under such a bombardment of evils can we do anything but expect people to respond accordingly? With so little joy in the world, without the good and honorable things being proclaimed, shouldn't we expect people to respond to evil with evil? If people don't know what good is then how can they do it? For far too many people only know and have received is evil in their lives, so they act according to the evil that they know. They are told everything is meaningless and so they think they can act without consequence. Yet as we are seeing the weeping in Uvalde we know that there are consequences. And so we weep with them.

Even now though, we can do more than just weep with them, we pray for them. It is for them that we pray, but we pray to the only one who can truly do something good for them. We pray to the only one who is good, who is right, pure lovely and admirable. We seek his face, we seek to see him. In the face of so much evil and darkness we turn to him. All we see in this world is life being taken, so we look to the one who gives life. He gave life to us when he knit us together in our mother's womb, and he gave life to us when he sacrificed his own. This world only robs and takes, Jesus truly gives all that is good. He is the only one who can change hearts, who can comfort the mourning, who can ease the afflictions of the afflicted. He does this by turning our hearts, minds and eyes away from this world and upon himself. If we look to this world all we will see is evil repeating itself. But when we look to Christ we see all that is good, and we see evil come to its end. Therefore we pray that he would put an end to this evil as well, and we know that he will. When he comes again all these mass shootings will be no more, and justice will be had. That is what our faith is in. He has revealed these things to us so that we may have hope even in terrible times such as this.

Yet he doesn't just wait to change things in the future, he is still active in this life. The book of Hebrews tells us that he sympathizes with us. He understands the hurt and suffering these people are going through, far more than I do. Having never gone through what these parents did I can understand and empathize with their pain, but I do not know it the way they do. But Christ knows their pain, and he is at work making things right. We have a God who went through every sort of pain to be with us. He went through everything to restore us as his sheep, and to be our shepherd. He is not a God who sits back and watches pain, he goes and he reaches out to comfort and aid. When we were most desperate he went to the cross. He detests violence so much that he went to the cross because of it. He went to the cross to save his people, to deliver them including those in Uvalde. We confess in the Apostles Creed that he is coming again to judge the living and the dead, to establish justice in the land again. Our God is a God of justice; our God is a God who saves. Our God is living and active. He is active in us his people.

When Moses descended from Mt. Sinai, his face shown with the glory of the Lord to such a degree that the Israelites made him hide his face. Moses saw God, and the people could see it. In the same way Christ has called you to be the lights of the world. How can we be light, how can we receive the light to shine within us? By looking at him. Christ makes himself shown through his people. He asks that you bear his light throughout the world so that the world may have something lovely to look at even if they don't know why you are shining. He asks you to bear this light so that evil may be slowed down as we wait for his coming. Therefore I beg you, look to Christ this weekend. Pray to him in the midst of all this evil, lay all your burdens upon him. Let him reveal himself to you in his Word and Sacrament. Then let him shine through you to this grieving nation. This is how the Church responds to this tragedy, we mourn with those who mourn but rejoice because even now we know that Christ is at work. So in your prayers ask him to work, to shine for those mourning. Ask him to shine through you.

God's blessings

Pastor Josh

SINGING SCHEDULE

June 2

8th grade graduation 6:00pm



May 27 & 30	Memorial Day weekend – NO SCHOOL
May 31	All-School Field Day 3K Field Trip
June 1	Awards Day 7 th & 8 th grade luncheon
June 2	Last half-day of school – dismissal at noon 6:00 Graduation



MAY

Christopher Lucas
Annabelle Hegg
Trevor Myren
Bradley Hoffman
Eliza Carson
Taylor Cannon
Abigail Geitz
Mia Veit
Jamieson Lusty
Elizabeth Minor
Zavier Gonzalez
Maverick Dachowski
Riley Stryck
Declan O'Brien

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

MAY

- 1 – Jameson Cruz
- 4 – Annalise Carson
- 5 – Aria Dachowski
- 11 – Mason Rowell
- 17 – Joseph Segura
- 17 – Noah Segura
- 25 – Memphis Cruz
- 25 – Elliot Saugstad
- 25 – Madison Vogt
- 31 – Logan Kennedy

May God continue to bless you in your Baptismal Grace!



Have a great summer!!!!