



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**

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Unexpected Opportunity to be Thankful

We are doing a great job!

My mom would roll over in her grave if she ever heard me brag like that. My mom was the most humble person you could ever meet and she raised all of us to be the same way, so for one of her children to be so brash, well, that might almost warrant a good bar of soap in the mouth! But the truth is, we **are** doing a great job and we have a lot to be thankful for!

Yes, I know there is a horrible pandemic raging uncontrolled all around us.

Yes, I know the counts and the positivity rates keep going up.

Yes, I know schools all around us are being forced to close.

Yes, I know we have had to quarantine a couple classes.

But you know what? **We are still open!** As of this writing we have only had one student test positive. To me, that is miraculous and certainly **cause for giving thanks** during these dark and gloomy times.

We are St. Paul's!



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.

We Need Your Help!

As I noted earlier, up to this point our student body has been virtually infection-free! How have we done that? I feel a lot has to do with the fact that we have strictly followed CDC and Health Department recommendations as well as our own school safety plan. Students and parents have been extremely cooperative and proactive.

But we are now at a crossroads with Thanksgiving nearly upon us. Because of the spike in numbers and in fear of an outbreak, many schools are choosing to extend Thanksgiving break by two weeks and go virtual. Given our track record I am **not** planning on that **at this point**.

So, how can you help? Well, I want to remain as politically neutral as possible here, but if families were to follow the latest [CDC guidelines](#) in regards to the holidays, I believe our infection rate after Thanksgiving will remain low and we will be able to remain open! Please take the time to open the link and look through the information.

Together we can do this. Together, we are St. Paul's!

GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

- Due to COVID-19 concerns, we will unfortunately not be hosting our Girls Basketball Tournament this year.
- We do plan on having basketball teams this winter season.
- More information will be coming soon in future newsletters regarding the basketball season.



LATE TO SCHOOL

Remember that if you drop your child off after 8:00am, the parent needs to walk the child to the school office so their temperature can be checked. If the child has a fever, the parent will need to take their child home.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

All children attending before and after school must have paperwork on file with the child care. **If your child is not registered, they should not attend school before 7:45 AM and must be picked up by 3:10 PM.**

**EXTENDED
CARE**

CHRISTMAS DOVES



We will once again be helping families this Christmas with our Dove Tree in the narthex. If you are having great financial difficulties and are struggling with how you are going to provide any gifts for your child(ren) this year, we want to help. Please call Mrs. Evers, at the Lincoln Campus 541-6251 x 3011, and tell her you would like to have a dove put on the tree for your child(ren) who are students at our school. All this information is kept anonymous, only Mrs. Evers and Mr. Burkee will know your name. The doves will then be put on the tree set up in the narthex, for both church and school members to take and purchase gifts. The gifts are wrapped and brought to the office to be sorted and labeled for pick up the Friday before Christmas vacation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Evers in the school office. **The deadline for getting names in is tomorrow Friday, December 4th.**

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 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 to our meetings if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.



CHAPEL OFFERINGS – GENERATIONS UNITED IN MISSION

Our church is beginning a capital campaign, Generations United in Mission, soon in an effort to raise funds for a playground and other projects that will benefit our church, school, and surrounding community. In an effort to connect our school and church during this campaign, Chapel offerings collected for the months of November and December will be donated to the capital campaign. We are hopeful that this will help our school kids realize that they are part of raising funds for this project.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear St. Paul's Community,

It is great to be writing to all of you today. It is crazy to think that we are already in the month of November and that Thanksgiving is just around the corner! It is also hard to believe that we have been living through this pandemic since March! I pray that in the midst of cases of COVID-19 on the rise, I hope you are safe and healthy. We will make it through this together with Jesus as our lead!

November is a time to give thanks. I write this not to be predictable or cliché, but simply to express a truth that we can't lose sight of in 2020, even though it has been a dramatic year for the history books.

King David writes this:

"With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;

I will give thanks to your name,

O LORD, for it is good.

For he has delivered me from every trouble,

And my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies." Psalm 54:6-7

Even in the face of enemies, David places his trust in the One who sustains and upholds everything. We do the same. Even though we are in a pandemic, march through the daily grind, endure hardship in the year 2020, we offer the Lord our thanks because he offered up himself for us! Jesus gave himself up on the cross to win you back! Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

Sincerely,

Pastor Noah Kegley

UPCOMING DATES

November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
Video to be released in December	ECC Christmas Program
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December 21-Jan 3	Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL
January 4	Classes Resume
January 15	End of 2 nd Quarter
January 18	Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL