

**"Making Disciples For Life"**  
***Matthew 28:19-20***

November 17, 2022



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

In **Luke 17**, we read the story of the ten lepers. These ten guys had the dreaded, disfiguring disease that made a person unclean, unfit for society, and virtually subhuman. The tremendous physical toll inflicted by this incurable disease was only surpassed by the great emotional toll of feeling worthless, vile, and unlovable.

Can you imagine the overwhelming exhilaration these guys must have felt when they were healed? Their leprosy was cleansed! The disease that had taken virtually everything from them was now gone! They could return to their families! They could return to society! They could really live again! Nine of them scurried away to enjoy their great blessing.

But one guy turned back ...

This guy was also overcome with exhilaration at his cleansing, but he wanted to give thanks and praise to the One who made it possible. He couldn't dream of taking another step without glorifying God and expressing his sincere gratitude. **The question for us is clear:** why do so many experience the goodness of God and so few return with grateful thanksgiving?

**This Thanksgiving**, let me challenge you as I challenge myself to emulate the Samaritan in this story and stop to give thanks, first and foremost. **To be sure, giving thanks can be difficult at times.** Life can be cruel and hard. Circumstances can knock us down and leave us devastated. If we are not careful, we can easily become disillusioned, depressed, critical, cynical, and bitter.

**The key to rising above the circumstances:** focus on what you **do** have, not what you don't have. Rejoice in the Lord! Give thanks for the cross and the empty tomb! Give thanks for His unfailing love! I truly believe the greatest witnesses for Christ are those who have experienced the worst of life and yet have the best of attitudes, continuing to praise God no matter what.

Make this Thanksgiving a **Thanksgiving to remember** as you set aside time to glorify the King. He will be honored, and you will be blessed.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

- **Singing Dates**-There are a few dates where our kids will be singing in church, please add these dates to your calendar and plan on your child being there.
  - December 10, 5:00 Grades 5-8
  - December 14, 6:00 Grades 3K, 4K, and K
  - December 17, 5:00 Grades 1-4
- **Educator of the Year**-This is an award that the South Wisconsin District of Lutheran schools gives out each year. Last year we had three nominees, but not the winner. This year let's see if one of our outstanding staff members can win!



[Here are the links to the nomination forms.](#)

**Nominations will be open until November 15.**

- **Meal Train**- The Segura Family has been such a blessing to so many people and the Lord has always given many blessings to them and will continue to do so. Their son Noah not only needs our prayers, but time to spend with his parents and siblings. To maximize the time Lisa and Frank can spend with Noah while he receives treatment for leukemia, our community needs to come together.

A meal train has been set up to lighten the burden of cooking/making meals for the family. You may also contribute financially to help cover costs of groceries, take-out meals, medical bills, etc. Let's show the Segura Family how much they are loved! ♥ Please contact Lisa to coordinate meal drop off times.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/g9ezym>



### **COOKIE WALK IS BACK!!**

Come support our school at the Cookie Walk Fundraiser on December 3rd! Homemade cookies will be available for purchase from 9am-11am. Cookies will be displayed in the gymnasium and available for purchase for \$10/lb. We hope to see you there!



Words cannot express the love, generosity, and support Noah and our family have received from our St. Paul's family. We are grateful for each and every one of you and thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers and thoughts during this difficult journey. We have seen God moving and doing miracles through Noah's diagnosis. As of now, Noah is in remission and is preparing for transplant scheduled for January 6th. We still have a way to go on our journey but every day, the light is getting brighter, and we are praying for the day when he will be home with his family. Thank you again for everything and may God bless each and every one of you and your families.

Love, The Segura Family. (Frank, Lisa, Noah, Joseph, and Audrey)



### 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 last night. The second meeting is set for **February 23<sup>RD</sup> at 7:30P.M.** Please come if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.



**SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**



### 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.



### 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 Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **Changes are coming to the Kitchen!**

During the month of January, work will be taking place in the Kitchen to replace the sinks and cabinets on the South wall. **Please avoid using this area** during the month of January as the remodeling takes place and there will be no sinks available.

## ***From the Pastor***

On October 3, 1789, George Washington, the first president of these United States of America, issued a proclamation calling for all the people of our nation to unite in rendering “sincere and humble thanks” to the Lord God, the Almighty. This was to take place on Thursday, November 26, 1789. It was seventy four years later under the leadership of President Abraham Lincoln that it became a national holiday to be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

Washington’s original proclamation began with these words: “Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

It’s hard to believe in this year of our Lord, 2022, that our nation was once that strong in faith . . . that *political leaders* called the people of these United States of America to “render unto God sincere and humble thanks.” Well, you probably won’t hear that call from our elected leaders this year, but you will hear it from the pastoral leadership of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School.

We have so much to be grateful for in our lives. *“Every good and perfect gift comes from above, coming down from the Father of lights . . .” (James 1:17).* If our earthly blessings weren’t enough, God loved us enough to give us Jesus to be our Savior. Count your blessings this Thanksgiving. Pray and give thanks to God! We would love to have you join us at one of our Thanksgiving services next week: Wednesday, November 23 at 6pm or Thursday, November 24, at 9am. “Come, ye thankful people, come . . . Come to God’s own temple, come.” (LSB #892: 1)

So thankful for all of God’s blessings,

*Pastor Bender*





November 18 & 19	Girls Basketball Tournament
November 23-25	Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL
December 1	Picture Retakes
December 3	Cookie Walk
December 16	Christmas Store
Dec 22-Jan 3	Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL
January 4	Classes Resume

### **SPORTS SCHEDULE**

December 10	Boys Varsity basketball @ Beautiful Savior 10:00am
	Girls Varsity basketball @ Beautiful Savior 11:00am

### **SINGING SCHEDULE**

December 10	5-8 Grades 5:00pm
December 14	3K, 4K and Kindergarten 6:00pm
December 17	1-4 Grades 5:00pm



# **NOVEMBER**

Ava Bingenheimer  
Memphis Cruz  
Matthew Dawursk  
Aaron Drent  
Lauren Flessert  
Nadia Galindo  
Abigail Gennerman  
Joshua Hafemann  
Ronan Slaske  
Leyna Sleik  
Logan Wachholtz

# BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

## NOVEMBER

- 1 – Riley Strysick
- 3 – Aevery Moonen
- 5 – Maverick Dachowski
- 11 – Kayla Gennerman
- 15 – Drew Gutknecht
- 17 – Leo Reuter
- 21 – Matthew Dawursk
- 22 – Skylee Ulatowski
- 25 – Benjamin Bublitz

*May God continue to bless you in your Baptismal Grace!*