



St. Paul's Lutheran School



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 9	Cookie Walk
Dec 14	* 1:30 Band and Choir Mini Concert*
Dec 15	Christmas Store
Dec 21-Jan2	Christmas Break

**** The Mini Concert will consist of each group performing a short selection of Christmas songs. Parents are welcome to attend.**

From the Principal

Why Me?

OK, I know you are busy, but I am going to ask for a couple minutes of your time anyway. Take a short break by watching the following video and asking yourself the question, "Why Me?"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBCVIJBB7o4&ab_channel=BetsyCoy

I love all genres of Christmas music. "It's the most wonderful time of the year," says one Christmas song. But for some, the Christmas season may be far from wonderful. Maybe your life has been devastated by sickness, or you have recently lost a loved one, or some other painful event is causing you to cry out, "Why is this happening to me?"

Joseph and Mary must surely have asked themselves the same question.

Maybe they wondered if God were punishing them, humiliating them, disgracing them for some reason. Perhaps they feared they were now the talk of the village: "They must be terrible people for God to punish them like this. They are certainly paying for their sins now!"

Sometimes it gets so hard to see through all the negative things that might be going on in our lives, that we lose our focus. Like Peter walking on the water, we shift our focus from our true source of strength. When that happens, when we turn our focus inward, we lose sight of our Savior's hands reaching out to help guide us through our own personal storms.

Peter survived his storm. You will survive yours, too. Soon, Joseph and Mary's "storm" would be over as well, and they would find themselves gazing into the eyes of their Savior and being drawn to His outstretched arms.

Today let each of us, no matter our circumstances, look in awe at Christ like Mary and Joseph did and ask ourselves, "Why Me? Why should I be so blessed that Jesus has come to save me and fill me with the hope of eternal life, no matter my circumstances in life?" Why Me? Because He loves you!



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FACTS

Remember to set up your account in our new Student Information System, FACTS. Instructions on how to do this are available from the school office. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

CHOICE MEETING DATES

Come find out about the Wisconsin and Milwaukee Choice programs. One more meeting left.

Thursday, February 22, 2023

COOKIE WALK



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Saturday, December 9th

9:00-11:00 a.m.

\$10 per pound

ADVENT DINNERS

December 6

Beef Tacos
Rice, Beans
Nachos
Dessert

December 13

Sloppy Joes
Chips
Fresh Veggies
Dessert

December 20

Chili
Garlic toast
Fresh Veggies
Dessert

Hotdog meals are available weekly for kids, along with coffee, milk and juice

SINGING SCHEDULE

- December 9 – 6-8th Grade 5:00pm
- December 13 3K,4K & K 6:00pm
- December 16 – 1-5th Grade 5:00pm

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

Lillianna Gosling
Wyatt Hinkes-Gates

Sophia Schulz
Cooper Klich

Henry Sanchez Loomans
Braelyn Zellmer
Layla Martinez
Audrey Segura
Malachi Allmann

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER BAPTISMS

Owen Geitz
Denver Rudig
Ainsley Kosek
Blake Kosek
Emilia Kosek
Leilani Matheu
Henry Peschman
Lillianna Gosling
Taylor Cannon
Autumn Lovas
Reagan Lovas

May God continue to keep you in your
Baptismal Grace!

FROM THE PASTOR

When Plans don't work out

St. Paul really wanted to visit the Christians in Rome. He was encouraged by the reports he had received from them, and spent time addressing this longing of his in his letter of Romans. The plan was to visit Rome after he dropped off a collection from other Gentile nations to Jerusalem. I am sure that he planned on this being a wonderful time of visiting fellow Christians, a time of mutual support and building one another up. However things did not go according to plan.

When Paul arrived to Jerusalem he was arrested for spreading the Gospel and put on trial. Then he was put on trial again, and again and again. Eventually, due to his credentials as a Roman citizen he was sent up to Rome as a prisoner awaiting yet another trial. Yes, he arrived where he wanted to eventually. But it was not his timing. Yes he arrived to the people he wanted to see, but I am guessing he did not want to arrive as a prisoner awaiting trial. But God had indeed delivered, and had gotten Paul where he needed to be in the manner God needed him to arrive. For through these trials Paul was able to speak to the elites of the culture, as well as the everyday people.

This Christmas season things will not always go according to your plan. You may have already decided on what gifts everyone is getting. Well, stock may run out, or an emergency may come up that suddenly makes giving those gifts a whole lot harder. You may plan on seeing certain people at certain times, but weather and illness will cause delays. But God will accomplish what he needs to accomplish, and this gives us peace.

For God's ways are not our ways, and his thoughts are not our thoughts. But his ways, and his thoughts are always for our good. So even when things don't go to plan this Holiday Season, be at peace knowing that this Christmas is in the hands of our heavenly Father, and his Son Jesus Christ. Celebrate the birth of this Son, and the wonderful gift this is. Rejoice and be at peace, for the Father who loves you is making all things happen according to his plan- even when they don't go according to ours.

Amen.

Pastor Josh

DAYCARE CORNER

Hi, I'm Mrs. Carol. I have been married for 26 years to my husband Vern and have one daughter named Liz, who just so happens to work at the ECC with me. I have been going to St. Paul's Lutheran Church since I have been born and currently teach the Sunday school program. I turned 56 years old in October and have been in the field of education for over 30 years. In my spare time, I like to make handmade cards for all occasions and watch the hallmark channel.

