



# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## IN ALL THINGS Colossians 1:15-20

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### From the Principal

### Finding Good in the Bad

*Wish good for those who harm you; wish them well and do not harm them.* (Romans 12:14)

Think about it. Can you possibly think of a worse person than Judas Iscariot? The Bible says that, "Judas was a thief." The man was a crook, a common criminal. Yet somehow he was able to live in the presence of God, experience the miracles of Christ, and still remain unchanged. Judas was a scoundrel, a cheat, and an accomplice to murder. How could we see him any other way?

I don't know, but Jesus did. Only moments away from his betrayal and inches from the face of his betrayer, Jesus looked at him and said, "**Friend**, do what you came to do."

**Friend!?!?** What Jesus saw in Judas that was worthy of being called His "friend", I can't imagine. But I do know that Jesus doesn't lie, and that in that particular moment, he saw something good, in a very bad man...

What a different world we would be living in if we could all do the same thing. Imagine a grudge-free society where people would look past peoples' shortcomings and differences, and accept people as they are.

What a great trait to model for our kids!

## **PLAYGROUND UPDATE**

We are getting closer and closer to our goal of having a playground at the Lincoln Campus! We have had two listening sessions with our neighbors, and last week the City of West Allis Plan Commission gave their thumbs up to our plan. The last remaining hurdle is getting Common Council approval. **The next Common Council meeting is November 16 at 7:00.** This is an open meeting that all parents can attend. If you are able to attend, it would be great to see a huge turn out and show of support for our project, ESPECIALLY if you are a West Allis resident. This is the final meeting and vote that will determine the fate of our project.

## **PTL MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 6:30**

**TOPIC:**Supporting Kids During COVID: COVID and Kids' Mental Health Challenges. We are fortunate to have Lutheran Counseling and Family Services here on November 30 to present on these topics. Please come and learn about these important topics. All parents and guardians are encourage to attend.

## **LIFE COACHING**

St. Paul's Church and School is excited to share a new partnership with life coaches Natalie Romano and Heather Sanchez on Wednesday, **November 17th at 6:30pm.** Come to the church sanctuary to learn more about how coaching can serve you and your family, ask questions, and share in fellowship.

## **STUDENT PARENT HANDBOOK**

There are many families that have not signed and returned page 19 of the Student Parent Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year. The handbook was emailed at the beginning of the school year. You can also find it on our website ([www.splswa.com](http://www.splswa.com)). Go to quick links – forms, publications, manuals – and then under other school documents, you will see Student Parent Handbook. Call the office with any questions

## **PANTHER PAW MAGNETS**

Is it time to replace your worn, lost, or faded Panther Paw magnet? Another way to display your school spirit, we are selling Panther Paw Magnets for your vehicle or your refrigerator for only \$5. You can purchase them from the school office or from the SCRIP table in back of church after all worship services.

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## Nominations Now Open!

### South Wisconsin District Teachers and Administrators of the Year

Our Lutheran school has the privilege of sharing the love of Jesus every day with students and families. Our school is exceptional because of great teachers and leaders. Each year, the **South Wisconsin District** honors those teachers and leaders who are truly extraordinary. In the past, SWD has used the Kohl Foundation Teacher Fellowship process to determine these awards. This year, our district awards are no longer tied to the Kohl Foundation Teacher Fellowship. To be eligible for the SWD Teacher/Administrator of the Year, an educator simply needs to be nominated through the appropriate nomination link below or on our district web page. This means that the nominated teacher does not have to fill out any application! **The nomination window is open from October 1 until November 15.** Winners will be notified no later than December 15. All award winners from 2021 and 2022 will be recognized at a banquet tentatively scheduled for January 23, 2022 at a location TBD.

The links are also on the SWD website -  
<https://swd.lcms.org/schools/>.

Teacher of the Year nominations:  
<https://forms.gle/k8PRF2jN5jHooUBm9>

Early Childhood Director of the Year  
nominations: <https://forms.gle/NVUJQ89M8iYx9wDYA>

Principal of the Year nominations:  
<https://forms.gle/1xoQtKu57cLcvGo47>



#### **TOURNAMENT HELP AND DONATIONS**

The Girls Tournament is quickly approaching – November 19 & 20. Your help and donations are needed.

Here is the link to sign up to volunteer to help:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4eabaf2aa57-stpauls18>

Also, the kitchen is taking cash donations so they can go and purchase the items needed to prepare the food. Send your donation to the school office in an envelope marked "Girls Tournament Kitchen Donation". Thank you.



## CALLING ALL ST. PAUL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Come join the St. Paul's pep band on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to help support our team during the St. Paul's girls' basketball tournament. You may play for our pep rally Friday afternoon beginning at 1:30pm, before the games begin AND/OR during our first team game around 7:00pm. Contact Michelle Prince: [michelle@splcwa.org](mailto:michelle@splcwa.org) or the school 414-541-6251 to let us know if you can join us! Let's praise the Lord with our instruments and celebrate our team!



## FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

Just a reminder that in the morning, **children should not be dropped off at the 79<sup>th</sup> Street doors before 7:45am and left unattended.** These doors remain locked until 7:45, and we do not want children waiting outside the building with no adult supervision. Prior to 7:45am, students can be dropped off at the Lincoln Avenue doors but will need to go to Before School Care in the Fellowship Hall IF THEY ARE REGISTERED and pay the \$5/hour fee.

## LUTHERAN COUNSELING AND FAMILY SERVICES

This year we are happy to again be partnering with **Lutheran Counseling and Family Services. LCFS** provides students and families with emotional support and counseling on issues like anxiety, depression, anger management, grief, eating disorders, etc. These services take place during the school day. If you think that your child might benefit from this program, please contact Tammy and she can forward you the necessary paperwork.

## 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 is **Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.** 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. The second meeting is set for **February 24<sup>th</sup>.** Please come to our meetings if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.



## MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL 2022-2023 Admissions Information

- Do you know of a current 8<sup>th</sup> grader interested in attending Martin Luther in 2022-2023? [Applications Now Open!](#)
- Please note if you are returning family with a current student, you do NOT need to complete this application. This is for new students only.
- For any specific questions regarding the admissions process, please contact Abbie Amling at [aamling@martinlutherhs.org](mailto:aamling@martinlutherhs.org) or 414.421.4000 ext. 180.

### 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](mailto:amy@splcwa.org) or call 414-430-2542.

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE SIGN-UP

Dear BSC/ASC Parents:

I am writing to let you know that I need your help. I really must know the days and times your child will be attending Before/After School and the hours within 15 min of start and pick up times. This plays a huge part in staffing. Schedules are due **Thursday at noon for the next week**. It is extremely difficult to have 17-20 children one night and then drop down to only 4 children on another night. St. Paul's will do our best to help out with last minute emergencies if needed but this shouldn't happen on a regular basis. You can send one schedule for the whole year if your schedule doesn't change but if your schedule changes you can let me know via email at [amy@splcwa.org](mailto:amy@splcwa.org) Last minute changes should be texted to 414-430-2542 no later than 1:30 PM on the day care is needed. Thank you to those families who have faithfully sent schedules to me by Thursday at noon. To all of our families, St. Paul's appreciates the opportunity to care for your child/ren. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.

God Bless,  
Amy Puechner

#### HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

November 12	Spaghetti Bake
December 10	Chicken Strips
January 19	Sloppy Joe's

## WINTER SPORTS PRACTICES

- **JV Boys Basketball – Monday & Wednesday 3:15-5:00**
- **JV Girls Basketball – Monday 5:00-6:30 & Thursday 3:15-5:00**
- **Varsity Girls Basketball – Tuesday & Friday 3:15-5:00**
- **Varsity Boys Basketball – Tuesday 5:00-6:30 & Wednesday 3:15-5:00**  
**Optional Friday 5:00-6:30**

## SINGING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 8 10:00am & 6pm 3K, 4K & Kindergarten Christmas Service  
Wednesday, December 15 10:00am & 6pm 1-8<sup>th</sup> grades Christmas Service

## UPCOMING DATES

November 5 Professional Development – NO SCHOOL  
November 8-9 Teacher’s Conference – NO SCHOOL  
November 14 Voter’s Meeting 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall  
November 19-20 Girls’ Basketball Tournament  
November 23 School Picture Retakes  
November 25-26 Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL  
December 15-17 Christmas Store  
December 22-31 Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL  
January 3 Classes Resume





## **NOVEMBER**

**Matthew Dawursk  
Nadia Galindo  
Theodore Bickel  
Joshua Hafemann  
Ava Bingenheimer  
Abigail Gennerman  
Sage Becker  
William Minor  
Lauren Flessert  
Ronan Slaske  
Leyna Sleik  
Memphis Cruz  
Logan Wachholtz**



## **NOVEMBER**

**1 – Riley Strysick  
2 – Bella Avila  
5 – Kayla Knapp  
11 – Kayla Gennerman  
11 – Lexi Tavidian  
15 – Drew Gutknecht  
21 – Matthew Dawursk  
22 – Skylee Ulatowski**

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