



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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"Making Disciples For Life"

Matthew 28:19-20



October 13, 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Harvest Time

Galatians 6:7, *"Do not be fooled: You cannot cheat God. People harvest only what they plant."*

It's that time of year when we harvest what we planted. Let's take a minute and pretend that our thoughts are like seeds. Some thoughts become flowers. Some become weeds. When we plant seeds (thoughts) of hope, we harvest optimism. When we plant seeds (thoughts) of doubt and negativity, we can expect a harvest of pessimism.

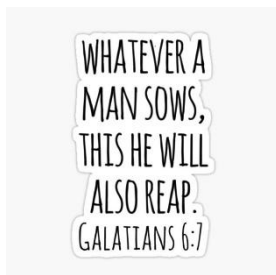


The proof of Galatians 6:7 is evident everywhere you look. Ever wonder why some people are like Teflon and can resist negativism and remain patient, optimistic, and forgiving? Could it be that they have carefully planted those same seeds and are now simply enjoying the harvest?

Ever wonder why some people have such a sour outlook? Such a gloomy outlook? You would, too, if your heart were a greenhouse full of weeds and thorns...

If our heart is a greenhouse and our thoughts are seeds, shouldn't we be careful about what kinds of seeds we plant? Shouldn't we be selective about the seeds we allow to enter our greenhouse? Our heart is a fertile greenhouse ready to produce good fruit. Our mind is the doorway to our heart—the place where we determine which seeds are planted and which seeds are discarded. Our God is ready to help us guard our heart—all we need to do is ask! The more selective we are about the seeds, the more delighted we will be with the crop.

What seeds of goodness can you sow in your own life or in the lives of others this week?



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.



- **Noah Segura update:** Noah and his family received some good news this week!
 - Noah was released from isolation and can have a limited number of visitors
 - A donor match was found for his bone marrow transplant
 - Noah is a huge WWE wrestling fan. The Make-a-Wish Foundation will be honoring Noah's wish to meet some of his favorite WWE stars.
- There has been a lot of progress on the playground this week! The next step will be pouring the rubber play surface and then installing the equipment. Once the surface has been poured, we must guard it for 48 Hours to make sure no one tries to walk on it. **We are seeking volunteers** to help guard the surface through the night hours once it gets poured. We will divide the night into 2 hour shifts. **Please let me know if you could help!**
- **Emergency Contacts:** Yesterday's storm was an important reminder for everyone to **go on Fast Direct and update your cell phone number and provider**. If that isn't up to date, you will not be able to receive emergency texts.
- We have a supply of free Rapid COVID tests. If you are ever in need of any, please let the Office know.
- **Car Magnets-**We have a new supply of our popular bright red Panther Paw car magnets. These can be purchased in the Office for \$5.00 each. So, if your current paw has faded to some strange shade of pink or orange or white, TIME FOR A NEW ONE! If you don't have one on each vehicle, time to BUY ANOTHER ONE!



SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken on October 25th.
Information was sent home last week.

Pictures can be ordered online here:

<<https://orders.schoolandsportpics.com/ordering>>
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Use the drop down menu to select your school name

Use this coupon code to save 10% off of your order if placed prior to picture day:

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Pizza Fridays Start Tomorrow!



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 15th at 6:15pm join us for the dinner presentation From One to Many – Disciples Making Disciples! We know that we are called to share our faith but don't know where to start and feel intimidated. Join us around the dinner table to learn practical, approachable ways to connect with others, build relationships, and share the Good News of Jesus. The cost is \$5/adult. Kids will enjoy dinner and games in the gym. Contact Heather Sanchez for early registration @608-228-6376 or heather.loomans@gmail.com.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Chapel offerings for the months of September and October will be going to ***Feed My Starving Children***, a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. The 8th grade students, as part of their weekly *Sent to Serve* class, will be heading to Brookfield Lutheran Church later this month to help pack meals that are assembled because of people's kind donations. *Feed My Starving Children* sends meals to dozens of countries all over the world. If you would like to learn more about this organization, donate online, or learn about volunteer opportunities for you or your family, please click here: <https://give.fmssc.org/campaign/2209-059sc-brookfield-wi-brookfield-lutheran-church/c412998>



MEDICATION CONSENT FORM

If your child needs to take **prescription or non-prescription medication**, a [form](#) needs to be filled out and kept in the school office along with the medication in its original container. These forms can be picked up from the school office or found [online](#) and printed.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS / FAST DIRECT UPDATES

All families are asked to log in to their Fast Direct account and update any information that needs to be changed. Please make sure to check emergency contacts, we well as updated phone numbers, etc. If you need log in information, please contact the school office.

PLANNED ABSENCE FORM

Whenever you know your child is going to be absent for a vacation or appointment, please see that they pick up and complete a [Planned Absence Form](#) **from their teacher or online**. This will list all the work they will be missing and are **expected to have completed upon their return**.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

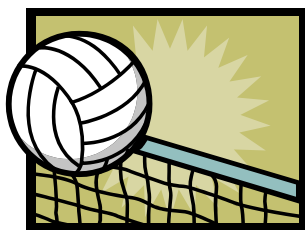
All school families are invited to worship with us each weekend. We understand that it is in worship where we draw closer to our God. In worship, God is present, and we have the opportunity to give thanks, receive forgiveness, gather with fellow believers, listen to His Word, pray for others, and to 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.



SPORTS SCHEDULE

October 14 & 15

Volleyball Tournament @ Immanuel Brookfield



From the Pastor

Romans 10:14-15. *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news."*

The Good News

When I was in college I was blessed with an amazing opportunity to serve on a mission trip in Thailand. Now Thailand is a heavily Buddhist country, and so we got to travel and see many of the Buddhist temples. There is one image that has always stuck out to me, and has made me ponder throughout my life. While we were walking in one of the temples I saw a father and his son who was probably around 5. They were kneeling in front of a statue, and I saw the father teaching his son how to bow properly and leave a rose in front of the statue. I surmised that they were doing their version of prayer. What shook me was the fact that this father thought he was doing what was best for his son, teaching him their religion likely the same way his father taught him. Yet as a Christian since they were not praying to Jesus I knew their prayers were going to be unanswered, and that they needed to hear the good news about the God who will hear them. Yet I did not speak the language so I was unable to go and speak with them, telling them about Jesus.

I have often thought about this father and son; are they still alive? Are they still Buddhist or has someone been able to reach them even though I could not? Having these faces in my head makes it far harder to answer the question *"what about those who don't believe in Jesus, especially those who never had a chance to hear."* It is easy to think about the Hitler's of the world and be confident about what happened to them, but it is far different when we think about those who are living normal every day lives but have never gotten the chance to hear about Jesus. How can they believe unless someone goes and talks with them?

It is one thing to have to leave for a foreign nation, learn a new language and culture in order to spread the Gospel. God does not call everyone to that sort of work! But as I reflect on this father teaching his son to follow Buddha, I think of all the parents here in our neighborhood who are teaching their kids what they think is best, but have no clue about the God who hears them, loves them and saves them. How many parents teach their kids about fishing, sports, games, the benefits of hard work, how to be a good friend and so many other life lessons but never teach their kids about Jesus. How will they ever teach these things to their kids, let alone believe it themselves, unless someone goes and teaches them. This is why it is so important for us as Christians to share the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus, with those in our lives and in our neighborhoods. If we don't do it, no one will. Yet, as Christians we are terrified of sharing this good news that we have that Jesus has died and rose again so that we too will rise again from the dead!

There are many reasons for this anxiety of talking about Jesus. We do not want to be too pushy, we don't want to be rejected, we don't want to be asked questions that we don't have the answers to. These anxieties are compounded by the fact that we don't have much urgency, we think we have more

time to share. However we have no idea how much time we have, which is why we need to share the Gospel now. We hear at St. Paul's want to help work through these anxieties and train everyone to be able to share the Good News of Jesus Christ so that people in our families, neighborhoods and yes even the world can hear and believe. One of the ways we want to help equip you to share the Gospel is through the One to Many Dinner October 15th after the 5:00 service. This is a time for us to practice sharing the Gospel with other Christians so that when God calls us to share with non-believers we will be ready. So please, if you find yourself free that night (or even if you can make plans move around) I urge you to come to this event. It is truly an amazing thing that we have the relationship with Jesus that we do, and we wouldn't unless someone had first told us about him. Now it is our job and responsibility to take this good news that we have received and share it to those who so desperately need it. Blessed are the feet of those who bear this great and wonderful news.

Pastor Josh



October 10	Book Faire
October 25	SCHOOL PICTURES
October 27	End of 1 st Quarter
October 28	Report Card Day – NO SCHOOL
November 2	PM Parent Teacher Conferences
November 3	Parent Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL
November 4	Teacher In-Service – NO SCHOOL
November 18 & 19	Girls Basketball Tournament
November 23-25	Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL

**Remember to sign & turn in page 3 of
the
Student-Parent Handbook**



OCTOBER

Jameson Cruz
Drew Gutknecht
Liam Marshall
Benjamin Bublitz
Landyn Rowland
John Bingenheimer
Easton Kassa
Maia Sleik
Delylah Roth
Valerie Baker
Mason Rowell



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4 – Kylee Koble
9 – Alysse Partl
15 – Zachary Hafemann
16 – Jaxon Veit
20 – Cato Lunak
27 – Mila Hamilton
28 – Valerie Baker
29 – Alexis Blair

May God continue to bless you in your Baptismal Grace!