



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

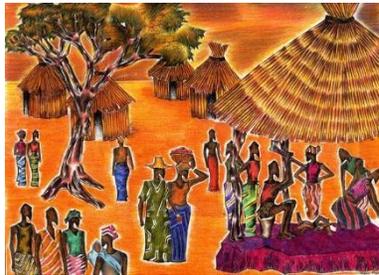


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**“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
Matthew 20:28**

October 22, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It Does Take a Village...

I was reminded of that fact this morning in Staff devotions as a fellow faculty member read her devotion. When parents send their children to Lutheran schools like St. Paul's, they are sending them to unique places-places of learning concerned about both the academic and the spiritual welfare of the children. **But parents and teachers are to SHARE those responsibilities.** The teacher takes over from the parents every morning and the parents take over from the teacher in the afternoon.

At St. Paul's, I like to think we employ the "Village" approach. When your child is dropped off they are cared for and educated by dedicated and caring teachers, aides, administrators, Title teachers, staff, pastors, and volunteers. We need to use all the human resources available for helping shape the students entrusted by God into our care. God has placed these key people in the lives of students to help carry out teaching responsibilities effectively and efficiently. Working in and among this "village" of people is Jesus Christ, the Master Teacher who died on the cross for us all.

We praise God that the Master Teacher has safely led us through one quarter of the school year amidst a world-wide pandemic with very little illness, and very few problems. We also praise God for such a supportive team of people that God has knit together here at St. Paul's, for without it, we could not have accomplished what we have done so far.

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.

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.

PARENT- TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences were scheduled for the evening of October 29th and the morning of the October 30th. Due to COVID, we are extending those times and making different meeting options available. Your conference may be via phone, via Zoom, or in-person depending upon your choice and comfort level. All in-person conferences will be conducted observing social distancing, with a plexi-glass barrier between you and the teacher.

Your child's teacher will be sending out a preference form.

BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair is back! While the Fair will be exclusively held online this year, we still plan on making it a fun and joyous experience for our kids. Features include:

- *St. Paul's own online store, with a large selection of titles, at the right price points
- *A Virtual Fair so you and your kids can experience the magic of the school shopping experience. Browse titles by grade, meet popular authors, and discover the comfort and joy of our Fair
- *Every dollar you spend will benefit our school directly (25% back in rewards!)

Save these dates and view our school's Fair site:

Fair Dates: October 26th – November 8th

Online Store: Link to be sent out soon!!

We can't wait to "see" you at the Fair!

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.

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

We have a date set for picture retakes. They will be taken on Thursday, November 12 starting at 9:00am.

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**

UPCOMING OFF DAYS

There is no school on Friday, October 23, Friday, October 30 and Friday, November 6. A note was sent home if you needed to sign up for Daycare any of these days. Please call the office if you have any questions.

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, October 29th 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 26th. 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.

UPCOMING DATES

October 22	Half day of School – noon dismissal NO 4K TODAY
October 23	End of 1 st Quarter Teacher Records Day – NO SCHOOL
October 29	Parent Teacher Conferences PM
October 30	Parent Teacher Conferences AM – NO SCHOOL
November 6	Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL
November 12	School Picture retakes
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL

Video to be released in December

ECC Christmas Program

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Grades 1-8 Christmas Program



Dear friends in Christ,

The last eight months have been the most unusual of my entire lifetime. Perhaps you feel the same way. Sheltering at home, watching infections rates and deaths due to COVID-19, seeing the social unrest around our nation, lock-downs, political division, fires and hurricanes and flooding . . . all these kinds of things have made the year of our Lord, 2020, a memorable year. These are not the kinds of memories we like.

All that is going on in our world can also cause us all kinds of emotions: sadness, loneliness, insecurity, and downright **fear**. Fear is a difficult thing to deal with. There are dozens of “phobias” in our world today. After this year, we could probably add one more: “Coronaphobia.”

There is an answer to **fear!** The answer is **faith in the God of all creation . . . and in the Son He sent to save us**. Jesus Christ is **love incarnate**. Jesus Christ loves us with an **unfailing love**. Jesus Christ gives us the **perfect love of God that never fails**. The apostle John writes, **“There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear.”** (1 John 4:18a)

The Old Testament prophet, Zephaniah, had some encouraging words for God’s people of old: “On that day they will say to Jerusalem, **“Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.”**

There is a lot of “fearful things” going on in our world. God’s perfect love can drive those fears out. So face your fears with trust in the unfailing love of God!

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Bender