



# St. Paul's Lutheran School



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 27 & 28	Play
Oct 27	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Records Day-NO SCHOOL
Oct 31	Picture retakes
Nov 1	Evening Conferences
Nov 2	AM Conferences-NO SCHOOL
Nov 3	Prof. Development-NO SCHOOL
Nov 17-18	Girls Tournament
Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving break-NO SCHOOL

## From the Principal

### Servanthood

*Put on the apron of humility, to serve one another. (1 Peter 5:5)*

The passage I chose for this week is a beautiful passage for this time of year. The Fall seems to be a time people love to serve at their church, school, local food pantry, or wherever. Our theme for the school year is “**Connected**,” and it fits beautifully with the idea of **servanthood**. We can serve our God in numerous ways, in fact, we can serve Him in ALL things. The beautiful thing about that is that servanthood does not require any special skill or degree. Regardless of your strengths, age, training, education, or length of time you’ve been a church member, you can serve.

As you consider just how to serve, consider the times that you have seen Jesus. What do I mean by that?

Well, He’s the kid with the outdated clothes and the sad face. Or maybe He works in your office. You know, the person that is the subject of all the rumors and dirty looks. The person who is always late and tired and doesn’t quite fit in. The one that’s a little rough around the edges.

Yes, you’ve seen Him often. He dresses in the clothes of the overlooked, the ignored, the poor and those facing psychological or mental challenges. When you talk to and befriend the downtrodden, you are serving Jesus, and you are **Connected** to Him.

*“Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me---you did it to me.” (Matt. 25:40)*



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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. Two meeting dates have been set:

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Thursday, February 22, 2023

## PICTURE RETAKES

### SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Send picture packets you don't want to school that day with your child.

### SINGING SCHEDULE

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

## Congratulations MISS JACKSON!

Earlier this week our 6th grade teacher Miss Danielle Jackson, was a recipient of the *Influential Educator Award* in recognition of her valuable contributions to education. This was given by The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater as a result of her excellence and positive influence as an educator. Miss Jackson-we are blessed to have you on our staff, and we appreciate your influence on our students!



## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

### Nominations Now Open!

Each year, the South Wisconsin District selects an outstanding educator for the Teacher of the Year award in the following categories: early childhood teacher, elementary teacher, high school teacher, early childhood director, and principal. To nominate an educator who has at least two years of teaching experience, go to [swd.lcms.org/TOTY](http://swd.lcms.org/TOTY)

**Nominations are open through November 15**

### **DRESS CODE ITEM**

*Just a reminder that as of November 1<sup>st</sup>, students can no longer wear shorts to school until Spring.*



## **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.

**Come out and see the St. Paul's Players present**

## **Cactus Pass**

**At 6:30pm on Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28th**

### **TOURNAMENT HELP AND DONATIONS**

The Girls Tournament is quickly approaching – November 17 & 18. Your help and donations are needed.

Here is the link to sign up to volunteer to

help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4EABAF2AA57-45362399-stpauls#/>

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.

### **SUCCESS!!!**

Did you know that students who read at least 30 minutes a day for enjoyment (this includes being read to) have greater academic success than those who read less? As you might guess, this academic success often translates into success in other areas of life. If your child struggles to read, there is hope. Simply increasing reading time can help.

This [interesting article](#) can give you more information.

# BIRTHDAYS

## OCTOBER

Jameson Cruz  
Liam Marshall  
Benjamin Bublitz  
Landyn Rowland  
Zayne Rueda  
John Bingenheimer  
Easton Kassa  
Delylah Roth  
Valerie Baker  
Mason Rowell

# BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

## OCTOBER BAPTISMS

Delylah Roth  
Destinae Thornberry  
Devin Thornberry  
Violet Moonen  
Leo Chapa  
Zach Hafemann  
Jaxon Veit  
Cato Lunak  
Mila Hamilton  
Valerie Baker  
Kylee Koble  
Alysse Partl

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

# FROM THE PASTOR

Romans 1:16-17 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith.*

## Happy Reformation Day

Happy Reformation day! Yes we are celebrating Halloween this weekend. The kids will be dressing up, and getting sugar highs. We will be getting our steps in as we go from house to house. It is a truly wonderful time! However this weekend we are also celebrating Reformation Day. This is the day that Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses onto the doorpost of the Catholic Church announcing its corruption at the time.

What was the corruption? The corruption was simply the idea that we had to earn our salvation. The Church at the time used guilt and fear to manipulate people to pay money to make it out of heaven. They took advantage of the fact that the people did not have the Bible in their own language to see the truth of the Gospel. So people paid money for indulgences to get out of purgatory. They would make pilgrimages to visit holy relics, to gain more grace. God was a scary God who needed us to earn his favor. He was a distant God who did not care for the plight of his people, but actually became an increased burden upon them.

Martin Luther was terrified of God because he was terrified of his sins. He also made the pilgrimage; he also sought to earn God's favor. But after becoming a monk he was actually able to study the Bible and see what it actually said. He discovered that the Gospel was not for those who did the right things; it was not for those with enough money. The Gospel of Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins was for all people, and it could be received merely by believing in it. God was not and is not distant- nor is he an added burden. He is our strength and our refuge, a very present help in times of trouble. (Psalm 46:1). He comes to his burdened people and relieves them of the guilt of sin. He helps his people live as he desires, and forgives them when they fail. He loves his people and wants them to know his love.

Suddenly Martin Luther was not afraid of God anymore, and he realized we didn't have to be either. Our God is a God of mercy and love. He wanted the whole world to know it and therefore posted what he discovered on the front doors of the church. Soon the Bible would be translated and distributed so that all people could know the Gospel and the truth of God's love.

This is what we celebrate this weekend- the rediscovery of the Gospel. We give thanks to God that he so desires us to know him, that he raised up Martin Luther so that the Gospel could be proclaimed to us. So while you are out trick or treating, as you go from door to door, find someone who might need to hear this message as well. Life can be a burden. But there is a God who wants to relieve the burdens of life and be present with his people. So carry on the reformation Spirit and proclaim the wonders of the Gospel to the people of your neighborhood.