

"Making Disciples For Life"
Matthew 28:19-20

October 27, 2022



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I love everything about the fall season. I love the smell and feel of it when the air turns cool and crisp. I love the sound of it when I walk through leaves and everything crunches. I love the taste of it in warm apple pies and pumpkin spiced coffee. And I love the colors of fall... the corn fields all turned golden, the brilliant yellows, reds, and orange of leaves splashed against the backdrop of a grey blue sky...

However, as I sat admiring the work of His hand one day... I thought, ***it's ironic that we admire the beauty of leaves most as they are dying.*** Death is rarely (if ever) something that we think of as beautiful. Yet as I looked at the magnificence of the dying leaves outside my window, I couldn't help but think of the parallel to our life in Christ. The amazing reality for believers is... that because of Christ's own glorious death (and resurrection), death for us *has been made a beautiful thing.*

Like leaves in the Fall, we are made beautiful through our death in Christ. As His redeemed we have no fear of death and can long for the day when we will see our Savior face to face. And for that reason, as it says in **Philippians 1:21**, *for us... to die is only gain!*

Beyond our physical death, however, there is a death we are called to in this life. **A death to self.** Like the leaves in Fall, our lives grow ever more brilliant as we embrace the crucified life, dying to ourselves and reflecting the glory of the cross and Christ's resurrection. Leaves in the Fall must die, but in their death, they are beautiful! Similarly, there is beauty in the crucified life of Jesus our Savior.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me:
and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20



- **Singing Dates**-There are a few dates where our kids will be singing in church, please add these dates to your calendar and plan on your child being there.
 - December 10, 5:00 Grades 5-8
 - December 14, 6:00 Grades 3K, 4K, and K
 - December 17, 5:00 Grades 1-4
- **Educator of the Year**-This is an award that the South Wisconsin District of Lutheran schools gives out each year. Last year we had three nominees, but not the winner. This year let's see if one of our outstanding staff members can win!



[Here are the links to the nomination forms.](#)

Nominations will be open until November 15.

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are November 2-3. Make sure to use the **SignUp Genius** link to sign up soon.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ea5ae23ab9-parent3>
- **Meal Train**- The Segura Family has been such a blessing to so many people and the Lord has always given many blessings to them and will continue to do so. Their son Noah not only needs our prayers, but time to spend with his parents and siblings. To maximize the time Lisa and Frank can spend with Noah while he receives treatment for leukemia, our community needs to come together.

A meal train has been set up to lighten the burden of cooking/making meals for the family. You may also contribute financially to help cover costs of groceries, take-out meals, medical bills, etc. Let's show the Segura Family how much they are loved! ♥ Please contact Lisa to coordinate meal drop off times.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/g9ezym>



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, went to Brookfield Lutheran Church earlier 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.



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 17th 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 23RD**

Please come to our meetings if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.



SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST



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.



From the Pastor

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

Reformation Weekend

This weekend is truly an exciting one. The kids are all getting dressed up in their costumes ready to receive the sugar high that is Halloween. It is wonderful to watch the community get together and look out for one another every Halloween! However, this is not the only thing that we are celebrating this weekend, there is another important Holiday. The holiday I am speaking of is Reformation Day. This is the day that we celebrate what God did through a man named Martin Luther.

Martin was a Catholic Monk in the 1500's. At that time the church was focused on raising money and teaching people falsely about the forgiveness of sins. According to what the church was teaching at the time God's primary role was judge, and he hated all sinners. The preaching had an emphasis on hell, and what would happen to you if you did not earn God's forgiveness. Talk about terrifying preaching! Martin Luther knew that he was a sinner, and that he deserved to go to hell. However the avenues of salvation did not seem satisfactory to him. He could do acts of penance, works to make up for your past sins. He would beat himself as a punishment for his failures. He could also buy indulgences, pieces of paper that the church was saying were your ticket to heaven. None of these seemed to be enough for Martin Luther, and so he went into the scriptures to seek the truth. This was truly remarkable for at the time the Bible was only written in Latin, and most common people did not know Latin. As he studied the scriptures he realized the church was wrong; we could not earn forgiveness of sins through our

works or our money. Instead Jesus has already paid the full price so that forgiveness could be ours, and he gives this grace to his people through the Word, Baptism and Holy Communion. God is not a God who desires to send his people to hell, but gives them salvation here in this world!

Well when Martin Luther discovered the truth he was set free! He was free from guilt, free from fear. He needed the whole world to know it, he needed them to know this freedom and grace that he discovered. So he went to the front doors of the Church and posted all the lies the church was teaching, and the truth of the Gospel. (This to us would have been similar to posting this on facebook). Word quickly spread, the people heard the Gospel, and the Church found out and tried to silence him, but they could not. The teachings of Jesus were back in the world, and the world had been set free!

This is what we celebrate on Reformation Day- that the truth of the Gospel was rediscovered. That we can know the love of Christ, and the fullness of his grace. So this weekend come and celebrate with us. Celebrate the truth of God's Word which sets sinners free. I do not know what is chaining you or weighing you down, but come and be free with us this weekend. Let Christ remove your chains and heavy burdens and give you the free gift of the Gospel all over again.



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

SINGING SCHEDULE

December 10	5-8 Grades 5:00pm
December 14	3K, 4K and Kindergarten 6:00pm
December 17	1-4 Grades 5:00pm





OCTOBER

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



OCTOBER

4 – Kylee Koble
9 – AlyssePartl
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!