



# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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**IN ALL THINGS**  
Colossians 1:15-20

October 28, 2021

**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 “**In all Things**,” 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 love the overlooked and you can serve.

We’ve all seen Jesus at some time.

He’s the kid with the outdated clothes and the sad face.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.

You’ve seen Him often. He dresses in the garb 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. ***“Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me---you did it to me.” (Matt. 25:40)***

## 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 night 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. Once Common Council approves the plan, we may move forward.

## DRESS CODE ITEM

When we get back to school on Monday, it will be November 1<sup>st</sup> and students will not be allowed to wear shorts any longer.

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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!



### **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

### **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.

### **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.

## CARLINE

With increased traffic on Lincoln Avenue and more cars turning onto 78th and 79th Streets to avoid Lincoln Avenue construction, we are seeking your full cooperation and adherence to our Lincoln Avenue building's pick-up procedure at the end of the school day.

- DO NOT park/stop in the NO PARKING zone across the street from our 79th Street exit.
- Please only pick up students with your car facing north (on 79th) or south (on 78th). If this procedure is not followed and students need to cross the street, they can cross at the CORNER only.

We truly believe these procedures are best to help with flow of traffic, and more importantly, student safety.

**Please share this carline message with anyone who picks up your Lincoln Avenue students from school.**

## 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

## ***From the Pastor***

Dear friends in Christ:

The ***Reformation*** began over 500 years ago when a Catholic monk named Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther simply wanted to have an open discussion about church teachings and practices that he found no basis for in the holy Scriptures we call the Bible. It became a really big thing and shook up the church . . . in a good way. But it was challenging and difficult for all involved. To make a difference in a good way is often challenging and difficult.

Out of the Reformation came some short but important teachings: Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, Sola Scriptura. To translate those Latin words into English: Faith alone, Grace alone, and Scripture alone. To explain a bit, this means that salvation is through ***Faith alone***, that is, faith in Christ Jesus, ***by Grace alone*** based totally upon what is written in God's Word, ***Scripture alone***.

You see, tradition and teachings contrary to Scripture had crept into Christ's holy church. Salvation became something man had to accomplish or at least complete. Through the purchase of indulgences sins were forgiven, at least that's what was being taught. But Christ paid for all our sins on the cross. Through works of "penance" a Christian was told that they were "working off their sins," atoning for the actual sins they committed by doing good works or following certain traditions, like lighting candles to saints.

All of those teachings were truly contrary to ***the Good News of the Gospel!*** That good news of salvation is found clearly in Ephesians 2:8-9: ***"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith— and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."*** Salvation is a gift. God gave us this gift by sending Jesus. God's grace in Jesus covers all our sins. Praise God! Of course, good works are important. God wants us to do good works, just not to earn salvation! Ephesians 2:10 goes on to say: ***"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."***

Thank God for the Reformation. However, more importantly, thank God for the gift of Jesus and the good news of the Gospel of God's grace and forgiveness found only through faith in Christ Jesus. Then, with great gratitude for God's gift of Jesus, let's do some good works in His name!

In Christ's love,

***Pastor Bender***

## 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

October 28 PM Parent Teacher Conferences  
October 29 AM Parent Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL  
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 25-26 Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL



## OCTOBER

Valerie Baker  
John Bingenheimer  
Jameson Cruz  
Hadley Emmer  
Drew Gutknecht  
Charlotte Haase  
Mason Rowell  
Maia Sleik

# BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

## OCTOBER

4 – Kylee Koble

9 – Alysse Partl

15 – Zachary Hafemann

16 – Jaxon Veit

27 – Mila Hamilton

28 – Valerie Baker

29 – Alexis Blair

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