



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 8, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11**

Charles Dickens' book, *A Tale of Two Cities*, begins with the famous line “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...” The line could very easily describe my relationship with the season of Fall. For example:

Best: Vivid colors on leaves

Worst: Raking up said leaves when they fall

Best: Flannel shirt weather

Worst: Cutting down summer annuals

Best: Not using air conditioning

Worst: That first time you turn on the furnace

Best: October baseball

Worst: Brewers no longer in October baseball

Jeremiah 29:11 is my all-time favorite Bible passage.

If Fall was a person, it would definitely be diagnosed as being bipolar. One day it's hot and humid, the next day it's a blustery 40 degrees. One week the trees are filled with indescribable beauty, the next week they are drab and bare. I do identify most with Fall. I have my ups and downs. We all do. Our faculty and staff do. Our students do. How can we be so happy/excited/motivated/etc. one day, and sad/lethargic/etc. the next? Our sinful nature and chemical make-up do not allow us to remain at a steady level of happiness. It's who we are. How comforting to know that amidst all of these constant changes, the one constant remains constant: Jesus. Does that mean that everything will always be great? Nope (see: sinful nature). It does mean that we always have hope for better days. We always have hope for a better day and more importantly, for a future with Him. How comforting to know that amidst all of life's ups and downs, our God guards us and guides us according to His plan.



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.

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 next week.

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.

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

Information on our fall fundraiser with Butter Braids was sent out last week. Information is also attached to this newsletter. All ordering will be done on line. **Orders are due October 15th.**



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**

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, as well as updated phone numbers, **cell phone provider**, email addresses, etc. We use this information for communicating many things. **If you need log in information, please contact the school office.**

UPCOMING OFF DAYS

Thursday, October 22 was supposed to be Grandparents Day here at St. Paul's. Due to COVID, we have had to cancel that. There will, however, still be a half day of school that day, with dismissal at 12:00 noon. **The 4K will NOT report to school on October 22 due to the half day.** There is also no school on Friday, October 23. A note was sent home if you needed to sign up for Daycare either 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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Families and Students of St. Paul's School:

God is continuing to bless us to be able to do face to face instruction in our school. It is a joy to see our students in the halls, interacting, and growing in academic knowledge and, more importantly, growth in knowing and following Jesus.

We have a phrase that has been "coined" in the last couple of years: **We are St. Paul's!** What is St. Paul's? ***We are a family of believers on a mission for Christ!*** To use the theme of our current mission and ministry expansion campaign: ***We are "Generations United in Mission."*** You are intimately connected to the mission of Christ!

Therefore, I want to invite you to become even more involved in the mission and ministry of Christ here at St. Paul's. We have some great spiritual activities coming up and ***you are invited!***

- **Prayer Walk, Saturday, October 10 @ 8:45am:** We are going to be gathering in the church sanctuary to get some instructions, then get some coffee and donuts, and then walk through the neighborhoods surrounding us. We will meet up at McCarty Park and end with some singing and prayer there.
- **Special four-part Bible Study, beginning Sunday, October 11 @ 9:15am:** This Bible study will meet in the church sanctuary. You won't want to miss it. This will be a great opportunity to grow in Christ. The title of the first study: ***"When God Doesn't Make Sense!"*** Come and grow with other believers.

- **Open house prayer vigil, Sunday October 18 from Noon to 5pm:** Come for five or ten minutes or stay and pray for much longer. Your choice! Prayer resources will be available. A wonderful quiet setting with soft Christian music and peaceful candles will adorn our worship area.

Come and participate! For even in the midst of all the craziness of the year 2020, **“The Counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.”** (Psalm 33:11) That is the theme verse for “Generations United in Mission.” God bless you in your life and in being part of our St. Paul’s family.

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Bender

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Please join us at our Open House, Wednesday, October 21st at 6:00pm. [RSVP here](#). Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, we ask that only students interested in attending Martin Luther in the fall attend with their parent or guardian. We are continuing to plan for how this event can be held safely and in accordance with local health ordinances. Masks will be required.

Apply Now! Priority academic applications for the 2021-2022 school year are now available and can be completed [here!](#)



JR. HIGH YOUTH INFO



Jr. Youth will be going to Schuett Farms in Mukwonago to do a corn maze on Saturday night, Oct. 10th. Cost per person is \$7. We will need drivers and chaperones for this event, and will caravan at 6:30 pm to the farm together. Payment must be collected when we meet on 78th St. the night of the event. This is not a haunted corn maze but usually takes 90 min to get through! Pastor Noah will get permission slips out in school and they must be returned by Friday, Oct 9th. If you have any questions, ask Pastor Noah or Shelly Mueller ssmajn@yahoo.com. See you then!

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

Please join us at an upcoming
forum to learn more about
our capital campaign!

-Sunday, 10/4 @ 12 noon

-Wednesday, 10/14 @ 6 pm

Both meetings will be in the
church sanctuary.

RSVP or questions to:
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