



# 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**

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



My dad was a very interesting, and very complicated man. Like so many others in his generation (The Greatest Generation), after the bombing of Pearl Harbor he dropped everything, put his plans and his life on hold, and ran off to enlist in the Navy, where he was promptly placed on a boat to serve. I like to think that God has enlisted each of us in **His** Navy and placed us on **His** ship. That ship has one purpose—to carry us safely to the other shore.

Make no mistake. This is no cruise ship, it's a battleship. **We aren't called to a life of leisure; we are called to a life of service.** Each of us has a different task to fulfill. Though different, we are the same. Each of us has had personal encounters with the Captain. We all want to do our part, for the success of the Ship. There is only one Captain and one destination. Though the battle is fierce and rages on around us, our boat is safe, for **OUR** Captain is God. The ship will not sink, for that there is no concern! We are all in this together; **what is your place of service in the vessel called St. Paul's?** All jobs and tasks are important for our success! You are needed. How will you help?

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“If there is no struggle,  
there is no progress.”  
Frederick Douglass



**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.**

### **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.**

### **SCHOOL PICTURES**

School pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Due to COVID, order forms will not be used this year. All orders will be placed online. School Pics will email the ordering link with instructions to the parents.



### **FROM THE PASTOR**

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

It's great to have begun another school year especially with our students and teaching staff in the building!! Praise God we have remained healthy in our school and continue to pray that we will stay healthy for weeks and months to come. God is blessing our school year in a wonderful way.

Our school first began in 1926 at the location down on Grant Street. It was the church and school for many years and still served as the "Little School" until the late 1990's, until we built the Early Childhood Center at that location. Much energy, sacrifice, and hard work has gone into building our two campuses for our church and school. We are the beneficiaries of what previous generations have done.

Now we are moving into the future, and we want to be those who spend our energies, make sacrifices, and work hard together so that our generation and future generations will be blessed. So we have begun a ministry expansion capital campaign called "Generations United in Mission." We intend to grow stronger as a church and school community. We are looking to accomplish some wonderful things in the future, including a playground and parking lot. Will you pray for this effort? Will you consider getting involved when someone asks you? Please be thinking about this over the coming weeks; more information will be shared.

“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.” We are St. Paul’s. You are a part of the St. Paul’s family. St. Paul’s is a family on mission for Christ. God bless you in your life and in being part of our family.

In Christ’s service,

*Pastor Bender*

#### JR YOUTH GRADES 6-8

We have planned our first event for Thursday, September 24. We are going to meet at the Moorland Golf Center for mini golfing. Please meet at the golf center at 4:30 pm. You will need permission slips for this which will be distributed in classrooms. Church members not attending school may pick one up in the church office. We will golf the 18 hole course. Cost is \$5 per person payable at the golf center. If you'd like more information please email Shelly Mueller, Youth Group Leader at [ssmajn@yahoo.com](mailto:ssmajn@yahoo.com). Hope to see you there!



#### UPCOMING DATES

October 8	School Pictures
October 22	Half day of School – noon dismissal
October 23	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
October 29	Parent Teacher Conferences PM
October 30	Parent Teacher Conferences AM – NO SCHOOL



## LIBRARY NEWS

We have a new library system in motion at St. Paul's!!!! This system allows students to have access to our library via a website.

Please feel free to look around!! <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/SPWA-Library>

With this system they can view/search books in our library and check them out in a COVID safe way without having to wait for a specific library time during the school week.

Here is an example of a typical library experience:

1. Students search the library website for books and checks them out.
2. When a book is checked out, I will automatically get an email.
3. I pull books from our library and deliver books to the classroom.
4. When a student finishes the book, it can be dropped off during library hours or I travel to classrooms to collect any books that are due.

There are 2 very nice features with this system.

1. Students can access our library at *any time*. This is great for all ages because our younger students can have family members help them check out books at home and our older students can still check out books even if there wasn't time available during the school day.
2. Emailing is available between families/students and the library. Some good examples of this would be automated emails for due dates/overdue dates on books, or students can request to be put on a waitlist for a specific book.

**If you would NOT like to receive emails from the library please let the office know.**

If you have any questions please contact me at [nikki.lemberger@splcwa.org](mailto:nikki.lemberger@splcwa.org)

