

# St. Paul's Lutheran School



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 25	MAP testing 1-8
Sept 26	School Pictures
Sept 29	Prof. Development - No School
Oct 2-6	Book Fair
Oct 8	Color Run
Oct 27 & 28	Play
Oct 27	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
	Records Day

## From the Principal

### God Chose the Colors

Happy Fall!

For many reasons Fall is my favorite season of the year. There is no doubt though that my favorite thing about Fall is the explosion of colors around us. From the subtle changing colors of the corn stalks to the obvious changes in tree colors, it just reassures me that our God, the master artist, is still at work. It reminds me that in a sense, He has painted and colored me and you exactly as He desired. No scribbles. No do overs. No mistakes. Just finished masterpieces exactly to His liking.

Now maybe **we** would have picked a different crayon for ourselves or for someone else, but we are not the Creator. Each of us is an original work of the ultimate artist, God. God, the ultimate artist, loves variety. No two works of His hand are the same. Despite their differences, His works of art are instantly recognizable by their stunning beauty. There is no doubt about who created them all.

Praise God for using His creative powers to create a humanity as varied as the leaves and colors of Autumn. It might take some time and effort, but we all need to develop an understanding and an appreciation of each other's differences, and to see those differences not as flaws, but as reminders of God's artistry.



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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 attached to this email. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

## PET POLICY

For many of us pets are part of the family, but for liability reasons pets are not allowed on church/school properties.

Thank you for understanding.

## SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures are scheduled for  
September 26<sup>th</sup>

At both Lincoln & Grant Campuses

Pictures can be ordered online here:

<https://orders.schoolandsportpics.com/ordering>

Use the drop down menu to select your school name

### SINGING SCHEDULE

- December 9 – 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- December 16 – 1-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## COLOR RUN

# 2023ColorRun

October 8, 2023

1:30pm

**Our total school goal is \$12,000**

**We are halfway to our goal!!!**

Our goal is to have 100% of all students registered online! It's easy, FREE, and takes a few quick minutes!

**Each student is encouraged to raise \$80**

Be an Overachiever Superstar by raising \$150

**PLEASE**

**help us reach our goal!**

## PLAY-“CACTUS PASS”

HELP!!

St. Paul's Lutheran School is excitedly beginning a new drama department. Our children will be performing our school play, “Cactus Pass” on October 27 and 28.

The Play is looking for some picnic table benches to be used as props for our performances. If you have some, please contact Mrs. Librizzi at [Katie.librizzi@splcwa.org](mailto:Katie.librizzi@splcwa.org).

Thank you!

# BIRTHDAYS

## SEPTEMBER

Faith Brunson  
Cato Lunak  
Kadyn Koble  
Skylee Ulatowski  
Owen Geitz  
Zoey Rueda  
Dominic Immekus  
Cheyenne Ulatowski  
Westley Dziengel  
Denver Rudig  
Ava Lowe  
Maks Burkee  
Eli Galindo  
Grayson Engelmann-Orozco

# BAPTISMBIRTHDAYS

## SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS

4 – Savannah Campagna  
7 – Gus Carson  
8 – Zach Myren  
9 – Lucas Ramos  
11 – Declan O'Brien  
12 – Jackson Cruz  
13 – Peyton Guzikowski  
23 – Liam Gennerman  
24 – Zeke Schulte  
29 – Cooper Klich

May God continue to keep you in your  
Baptismal Grace!

# FROM THE PASTOR

*I know you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. Job 42:2-3*

Job certainly had an interesting lesson that was given to him- one that we learn constantly even though it is hard. The whole story of Job is about Job trying to figure God out. You see God was doing things that just didn't make sense. From Job's perspective he had lost everything; his health, his wealth, his home, his livestock, even his children. As he lay in misery his wife told him to give up, curse God and die! His friends came and said all of this must have happened because Job did something to anger God. Eventually Job had enough and demanded answers from God.

Who could blame Job for demanding answers from God after losing everything? We do the same when we have minor inconveniences, we all have said at least at one point, "God how could you let this happen?" God is a good and gracious God, and yet he allows bad things to happen- even to his people. And so often we demand answers from him.

When God came down and spoke to Job he did not give any answers. You would think God would take Job and explain everything to him, but God did something completely different. He asked Job if he was God. He then asked Job where he was when everything was made, and if it was Job who sustained all life. Of course Job being a man was not around when all things were made, and he was not the one who sustains all things. Only God is. Once God reminded Job of this, Job responded with the words that I shared above from Job 42.

So often we wonder why God does what he does, and so often he doesn't give an explanation. The truth is, he doesn't need to give an explanation. As a professor of mine often repeated "God is God and we are not." Who can fathom the power of God, who can delve into his wisdom? It is too much for us, no one can comprehend it. God can do whatever he wants on a whim, and we would be powerless to understand it much less stop him. It is truly a terrifying thing to realize how dependant we are on one we cannot understand and cannot control. It is humbling to realize and ask the question "Who am I to question him or his ways."

However our God is not just a hidden God that is unknowable. He is also the revealed God. He has revealed himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ. In Christ we do not only see his power and might, but his infinite love and his abounding grace. So in the face of this almighty hidden God we cling to the cross, and trust in the Word of God which has been revealed. For this Word gives us promises- that though we may not understand what he is doing he is indeed with us and not against us. His acts are for the good of those who love him. So instead of becoming frustrated delving into the hidden God, when his ways are insearchable and our questions unanswerable, go to the cross and be filled with knowledge of who he is. He is the one who sent his Son to die for us. He could have sent another flood, he could have caused this world to perish in an instant. Instead he chose the cross out of love. Why did he do this? Who can know, but the fact that he has is enough for us. Therefore the cross is indeed enough of an answer when we begin to wonder what he is doing.

Pastor Josh