



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**

September 24, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I love fall!! The color change, the weather change, the smell change.....it's all about change. But to change, means that something must go.

As I sit here looking out the window with massive trees all around my back yard, I see it happening right now. Leaves are falling. What was once a tree deep in rich green, then a tree with vibrant shades of red and orange, now is soon becoming a tree that will be empty. Nothing left but the branches. I guess our human side finds that sad and we wish the color stayed, we think the only thing that makes the tree beautiful is the colorful leaves ...why does it have to be so bare? But that's a sign of what is to come.

But for every beginning there is an end, and for every ending there is a new beginning. What I find amazing is that those trees still stand. Those branches still reach out and upward. Not like my plants in the front of my house that have to be cut back and will re-grow from their roots next spring. Those trees still stand. There is beauty in the strength of those branches.

This is such a picture of what Jesus does in our lives. We go through all kinds of seasons in our lives. Some are seasons of hard times, some loneliness, seasons of loss or other things such as financial hardships. And, those seasons change us. We have seasons that are bright and beautiful and rich in life. Then we have seasons that He allows things in our life to enter so that we don't remain the same. But through all those seasons He is telling us let go and let Me. Let go and let me show you what I can do. Let go and let me show you what I can teach you... There is strength in your branches with Me. We have to let go and grow a new perspective.



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.

INFORMATION ON COVID-19

Attached to this newsletter are two sheets from the West Allis Health Department that contain valuable information on COVID-19. Please read through these, as it explains the length of time the student needs to stay home in different circumstances.

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 BRAIDS FUNDRAISER

Watch your email next week for information on our one and only fundraiser for the year with Butter Braids. A flyer will also be sent home to each family. All ordering will be done on line.

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 8th. Due to COVID, order forms will not be used this year. All orders will be placed online. We emailed the link to order out to all families on Monday, but here it is again:

Pictures can be ordered online here:

<<https://orders.schoolandsportpics.com/ordering>>
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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 St. Paul's families,

I pray that you are well and that your family is off to a good start in this crazy, new, and unusual school year. Please know that all of us at St. Paul's on staff are praying for your well-being in this pandemic. We hope that God keeps you safe and healthy, and prevents the virus from harming our community here. If there is anything that you need or if there is a way for us to walk alongside your family outside of the school day, please let us know and we are glad to minister to you!

In this new school year and in this pandemic, it is easy to lose our footing because we have had to all pivot into a different "normal." But as followers of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, we stand firm because he holds our future in his hands. I would like to share this verse with you:

"Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved." Philippians 4:1

Paul encourages the church to stand firm because we have a Savior that conquered death. Jesus stood in our place (that we deserved) by taking on death. But death lost the battle. Jesus rose! Our standing with God is restored all because of Christ and He is our anchor in this new normal. He will lead you and will be your Shepherd all your life!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Noah Kegley

UPCOMING DATES

October 8	School Pictures
October 22	Half day of School – noon dismissal
October 23	End of 1 st Quarter
October 29	Parent Teacher Conferences PM
October 30	Parent Teacher Conferences AM – 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:
ccstpaulswa@gmail.com
414-541-6250



"The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations."
Psalm 33:11



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

