# 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



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# From the Principal

#### **Treasured Possessions**

I bet you didn't know this about me, but I am a treasure hunter. One way I like to spend time is seeking out that diamond in the rough at flea markets. My eyes are constantly scanning the tables for that perfect antique tool or better yet, that perfectly aged railroad lantern. To spend a Saturday morning finding a hidden treasure is well-worth the time!

Whether you enjoy the thrill of the hunt like me or not, you must admit, getting something new is thrilling. The problem with new things on Earth though, is that they do not stay that way for long. Things become old and rusted; the paint fades, the glass breaks. Items can be destroyed or stolen.

We can rejoice that God is a treasure hunter, too. He, too, enjoys finding that diamond in the rough. He willingly sacrificed his only Son to bring us home as His prized possessions. He promises us an inheritance that can never be destroyed, get old, or be taken from us again, and best yet...it is free for the taking!



#### **Kids and Internet Safety**

Do you know how to talk to your kids about internet safety? The internet offers a world of opportunities for people of all ages. The ways of socializing and communicating online can be fulfilling, but also comes with certain risks. The West Allis Police Department will be here on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00, to present how to help keep your kids safe online. They will offer tips on how to talk to your kids and protect your computer and your child's privacy and offer advice for parents of kids of different ages. They will also touch on topics such as socializing online, including sexting and cyberbullying, communicating online, mobile phones and socializing on the go, and how you can set parental controls on different devices your children may use. The internet is not going anywhere and gets more complicated by the day, join us on Sept 13th at 6:00pm, in the church, to gain knowledge on how to keep your kids safe online!

# COLOR RUN

# 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.

## STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

The current student/parent handbook was email to all families on Tuesday of last week. Please read through this information, then sign and return to school page 3.

# 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



# 2023 Color Run

October 8, 2023

Our total school goal is \$12,000

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

Information was sent home last week!

# PLAY-"CACTUS PASS"

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. To put this production on, we're looking for help. We're going to need help with building the set, collecting props, and costumes. To help defray the cost, you are welcome to adopt a flat, which will be part of the wall of our set. Each flat will cost \$50.00. The plan is to save these flats for future productions. If you are willing to help in any way please contact me at katie.librizzi@splcwa.org or the school office.

## **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

## **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

#### 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

Hear O sons a fathers instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching. Proverbs 4:1-2

If one is to gain wisdom and knowledge they ought to go to one wiser than themselves. For most people the first ones they would ever go to is their parents. It is our parents who taught us how to walk, how to talk. It is our parents who taught what to eat, and what we should avoid. It is our parents who taught us the basics of what is good, and what is evil. This is why God has given us the gifts of parents, because when we first enter this world we know nothing. We need others to raise us and teach us how to live in this foreign world. For indeed when we were born this world was foreign to us, and we had no idea how to live in it other than to cry out for help. The fact that we have made it this far is truly a blessing that God has given us through our parents (or those who have raised us).

Not only has God given us a mother and a father, but indeed he has become a Father to us. For we became his children when we were baptized, and received the new birth into a new life. For indeed the Christian life is just as foreign to us as this world was when we were firstborn. We need someone to teach us how to live as Christian's in this world, which is why our heavenly Father urges us to listen to him. He knows what it means to follow him, he knows how to walk in his ways. He knows what is good for us and what is evil. Therefore if we want to live as people of God we need to listen to his word, and live accordingly. But like I said, living as Christians can often feel like living in a foreign land. We need to be taught and be brought up in the faith if it is going to last.

This is why we have Church and Sunday school. These places are where we go and listen to our heavenly Father as he teaches us his wisdom in how to live. It is also where he teaches us the greatness of his grace and mercy. We at St. Paul's are all about proclaiming and teaching his word as faithfully as possible so that we may listen to his teachings. In order to carry this out we are revamping what our Sunday School program looks like in order to encourage families to come and receive this word. Every Sunday at 9:15 we will be meeting in the gym to receive an introduction for the Bible Lesson of the day.

Then each family will split up into their respective age groups for the lesson, before meeting back in the gym for a recap. Every age group, including parents and adults, will be going over the same lesson that week in order to encourage family discussions at home. Each lesson will be age appropriate, and will have songs and activities to help us engage with these lessons and take them home so that we may live by them. So if you are at all interested in Sunday School this year please join us at the Ice Cream Social at 9:15 in the Fellowship hall September 10th, or in the gym September 17th for the first day of Sunday school. We hope to see you there as we partner together in hearing God's word and receiving true wisdom from him.

**God Bless** 

Pastor Josh