



# St. Paul's Lutheran School



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 21-Jan2	Christmas Break
Jan 3	Classes Resume
Jan 15	MLK Day – No School
Jan 19	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
Jan 21-27	National Lutheran Schools Week
Jan 22	Records Day – No School
Feb 2	Professional Dev. – No School



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## From the Principal

**Max Lucado** is my favorite Christian author; I love his style of writing, and this is one of my all-time Christmas devotional favorites. I hope you find it as meaningful as I do this Christmas season.

### God Came Near

*His kingdom will never end. Luke 1:33*

She looks into the face of the baby. Her son. Her Lord. His Majesty. At this point in history, the human being who best understands who God is and what he is doing is a teenage girl in a smelly stable. She can't take her eyes off him. Somehow Mary knows she is holding God. So, this is he. She remembers the words of the angel, "His kingdom will never end."

He looks like anything but a king. His face is prunish and red. His cry, though strong and healthy, is still the helpless and piercing cry of a baby. And he is absolutely dependent upon Mary for his well-being.

Majesty in the midst of the mundane. Holiness in the filth of sheep manure and sweat. Divinity entering the world on the floor of a stable, through the womb of a teenager and in the presence of a carpenter.

She touches the face of the infant-God.



# FACTS

Remember to set up your account in our new Student Information System, **FACTS**. Instructions on how to do this are available from the school office. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

## CHOICE MEETING DATES

Come find out about the Wisconsin and Milwaukee Choice programs. One more meeting left.

Thursday, February 22, 2023

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The Varsity girls have a basketball game on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am vs. Grace Oak Creek/Our Father's @ Divine Redeemer Hartland

## SINGING SCHEDULE

- December 16 – 1-5<sup>th</sup> Grade 5:00pm

## ADVENT DINNERS

December 20

Chili

Garlic toast

Fresh Veggies

Dessert

Hotdog meals are available weekly for kids, along with coffee, milk and juice

## SERVING HELPERS ARE NEEDED

### L.E.A.D PROJECT

The members of project L.E.A.D are collecting socks for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. The collection will begin on December 18<sup>th</sup> and end on January 12<sup>th</sup>. They will also collect money donations in the office. Also, whoever brings in at least two pairs of socks will receive a reward. Donation boxes can be found in every classroom, near the church doors, and other places throughout the school.

## SHORT SHOTS

We will once again be offering Short Shots this year.

This will include kindergarten through third graders as well as the fourth grade boys. Information was sent

home with students on Friday, December 8th. All forms and payment need to be turned into Mrs. Zellmer by

**Friday, December 15th**. If you are interested in helping coach you must complete a background check before January. If you have any questions please

contact Mrs. Zellmer at [sarah@splcwa.org](mailto:sarah@splcwa.org).

# BIRTHDAYS

## DECEMBER

Lillianna Gosling  
Wyatt Hinkes-Gates  
Sophia Schulz  
Cooper Klich  
Henry Sanchez Loomans  
Braelyn Zellmer  
Layla Martinez  
Audrey Segura  
Malachi Allmann

# BAPTISMBIRTHDAYS

## DECEMBER BAPTISMS

Owen Geitz  
Denver Rudig  
Ainsley Kosek  
Blake Kosek  
Emilia Kosek  
Leilani Matheu  
Henry Peschman  
Lillianna Gosling  
Taylor Cannon  
Autumn Lovas  
Reagan Lovas

May God continue to keep you in your  
Baptismal Grace!

# FROM THE PASTOR

## One More Week

Can you believe that Christmas is only one week away? How are the preparations coming? Are the cookies baked, decorations up, and presents wrapped? Are you ready for the kids to come home for a long break? We know the kids are! It truly is amazing how much we look forward to this time of year, but then when it arrives it sneaks up on us and catches us unprepared!

Do you know what also catches us unprepared? Jesus. For many of us he caught us in our baptisms. Others had been caught at various times in life, but they were not prepared. The Gospel always comes to us when we are not ready for it. This is a good and joyous thing for Jesus comes and he finds us in our sorrows, in our pains, in our hurts and turns them into joy!

The Bible also tells us that he is coming again, and he is coming at a time that we do not expect. None of us on our own will be prepared- we will either be unprepared or prepared by Christ for his future coming. He will come like a thief in the night, will he find the faith which prepares us here on this earth?

We all know how to prepare for Christmas, even if it does sneak up on us but how do we prepare for the coming of Christ which will sneak up on us? Well, by putting ourselves in his presence so he can work on us. Cookies cannot be made without ingredients, presents cannot be wrapped without hands, decorations cannot go up without homes, and we cannot be prepared without Jesus. Just as your home will not be ready for Christmas without you, so to will you not be prepared for Jesus without him.

So as we get ready this Christmas season, get ready for Jesus. Get ready for him by putting yourself in his presence. Study his word, sing Christmas songs, go to Church, receive the sacraments. For it is these things that prepare us for his coming. Prepare for Christmas, be prepared for Jesus.

Have a Merry Christmas, it is only a week away! (as long as Christ doesn't return before then!)

Pastor Josh

## **DAYCARE CORNER**



Please let Heather know ASAP if your child(ren) will be attending childcare the week of Christmas. We have to have at least 4 children attending to remain open for the day. The attendance sheet will be located at the front desk. We will be closed the following days:

**Friday, December 22, 2023**

**Friday before Christmas**

**Monday, December 5, 2023**

**Christmas Day**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2023**

**Day after Christmas**

**Monday, January 1, 2024**

**New Year's Day**