



# St. Paul's Lutheran School



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Feb 23-25	Boys Basketball Tournament
Feb 26	In-Service – No School
Feb 27	MAP Testing K-8

## From the Principal

### I Will Trust God Even in the Silence

These last few weeks have been really weird ones for me, my timing has been off since Christmas. Tuesdays seem like Mondays, Wednesdays seem like Fridays. This week, I could have sworn that every day was Friday. Well, today I am finally right!

On a much larger scale there are many times that I have questioned God's timing on things. Why does He wait until the money is almost gone? Why does He let some people with incurable illnesses linger on? How come some children have to struggle so much harder than their peers in so many ways?

I don't know. I don't have the answers for those questions. One thing that I do know though, one thing that God has shown me over and over, is that His timing is always right. He has promised that He will do what is best for His children...in His time.

***God does what is best, when it is best.***

*Luke 18:7 God will always give what is right to His people who cry to Him night and day, and He will not be slow to answer them.*



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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 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

## SINGING SCHEDULE

April 13	Grades 6-8
20	Grades 3-5
27	3K, 4K & K
May 4	Grades 1 & 2

# VALENTINE'S DINNER

## *Valentine's Dinner!*

The Board of Missional Community is hosting a special Valentine's Dinner for couples on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are thrilled to offer an opportunity to celebrate your marriage with fun and fellowship. Dinner will be cooked and served by our Youth Group, and there will be a testimony shared by one of the couples from church with the intent to encourage your marriage. Babysitting will be provided in the gym. Doors open at 5pm, and dinner will be served at 5:30pm. This event is complimentary but registration is required. Either scan the QR Code or fill out the form you'll receive from your child and return to the school office.



# BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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Jan 20	VGirls vs Div Redeemer 2 @ Beautiful Savior 11:00am
Jan 24	VBoys vs HC3 @ Our Fathers 5:30pm
Jan 25	JVBoys vs Our Redeemer @ Our Redeemer 5:00pm
Jan 27	VBoys vs St. Johns @ Beautiful Savior 11:00am
Jan 31	VBoys vs. Grace OC @ Our Fathers 4:30pm

# BIRTHDAYS

## JANUARY

William Baker  
Maliyah Keys  
Micah Baars  
Joe Segura  
Hazel Smith  
Jaxson Zimmer  
Seth Lucas  
Kian Koble  
Jackson Petersen  
Emilia Kosek  
Joseph Stathas  
Helena Keen  
Layla Cruz

# BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

## JANUARY BAPTISMS

Abigail Bublitz  
Layla Cruz  
Sophia Schulz  
Hunter Kassa  
Olivia Kassa  
Easton Kassa  
Henry Sanchez Loomans  
Abigail Gennerman  
Kian Koble  
Braelyn Zellmer  
Vincent Sanchez Loomans  
Ray Edwards

May God continue to keep you in your  
Baptismal Grace!

# FROM THE PASTOR

I have a dream

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone. Ephesians 2:19-20*

This last Monday we celebrated Martin Luther King jr. Day. Though this is not the Martin Luther that we are named after as Lutherans, it is good to reflect and remember the wonderful things that God had done with this man. He lived in a time when the country was divided, and many citizens were not afforded the same rights as others due to their race. Still being relatively young as a nation, America had to ask itself these questions; what did it mean to be a citizen, and what qualifies you to have all the rights and privileges of one? What does it mean to be the United States of America, and what will it take to be united? Indeed we are still asking these questions as we enter another election year, and the country seems to be divided as ever.

I am no historian, and cannot claim to have the answers for America as a country. But what is fascinating is that the Early Church had to ask themselves several of these same questions. What did it mean to be a Citizen, what qualifications were necessary? Also what does it mean to be a united Church, and what indeed would unite them?

Paul puts it so clearly throughout all of his letters, but especially here in his letter to the Ephesians. Jesus is the answer to all of these questions. What did it mean to be a citizen, or member, of the church? Being connected to Jesus. What unifies the Church is Jesus. It is Jesus who brings us together, and it is Jesus that holds us together.

What is amazing is how well Jesus holds us together, even when we get divided. Church's divide due to disagreements of doctrine, but Jesus still has his people in other denominations. Even within denominations there are things that divide, but we are held together. Distance, time and even death itself try to divide the people of God but Jesus holds us together through his death and resurrection. As Paul says elsewhere in Ephesians, there is One Lord, one Faith and One Baptism.

America will always be divided, it does not have a sure foundation. But as Church we have a sure foundation, and we will always be united no matter how hard the world tries to divide us. So when you are feeling dismayed about the divisions of this country, look to Christ and remember that in him we are united by something far greater than ideals or principles. We are united by his death and resurrection, and all who believe in him will live together forever with him. United in Heaven.

Pastor Josh

# More Principal's Notes:

**Next week is National Lutheran School's Week.** NLSW is a time for deepening connections in our school between students, staff, administrators, and our church as well. The most important connection we make though, is our connection with Christ. Next week we set aside time to focus on that special connection we have with Jesus in our Lutheran school. Jesus promises, "Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me, you can do nothing."

- You should have received information about special dress up days next week.
- One way that we (our student body) will be connected is by starting each day in the church with All School Devotions.
- We will also be taking virtual field trips to Australia, to learn about how we are connected, through faith, to people on the other side of the Earth, and how they are also connected to God.

**Today** marks the end of the 2nd quarter, and the end of the 1st semester. Report cards will be mailed home late next week.

**Today** was also the annual **Spelling Bee**. Congratulations to our champion **Jasmine Sayavong** in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, to our runner-up Jackson Cruz in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and to our third-place finisher, Maks Burkee in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Bell Choir** begins Wednesday morning, January 24, at 7:15am in the church. On Tuesday, Deaconess Carole will be visiting grades 1-8 to give more details about this opportunity.

## REGISTRATION NEWS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

**Starting February 1<sup>st</sup>,** we will begin to register students for the 2024-2025 school year. **All registrations will be completed on-line using FACTS.**

- Non-Choice families will need to pay a \$125 registration fee per child, if it is **before March 15<sup>th</sup>**. After March 15<sup>th</sup>, the registration fee goes to \$175 per child.
- All Choice enrollment opens February 1. Choice families will need to go on the DPI website and re-enroll and register on-line in FACTS. Please note that the **WISCONSIN CHOICE PROGRAM** application period ends April 18. Call the school office if you have any questions.
- Any family that refers a NEW, enrolling family to St. Paul's, will receive a **\$150 gift card**. Get out there and start spreading the word about what a great school we have here!
- If you have a **St. Paul's yard sign** sitting in your garage, get it out and proudly display it on the snow bank in your front yard!

**FYI-**The Department of Public Instruction shows that participation in Wisconsin's parental school choice programs continues to grow. Nearly 55,000 students are enrolled in one of Wisconsin's four parental choice programs — an increase of 2,760 from last year — attending one of 383 schools. Both marks represent record participation. This comes on the heels of Governor Tony Evers and Republican legislative leaders agreeing to an historic bipartisan funding increase as part of state budget negotiations earlier this year. **"School choice is growing because it works.**

