

St. Paul's Lutheran School Newsletter
November - 2018



From the Pastor's Desk

With the shorter days of Autumn, the changing color of the leaves, the beautiful sunrises and sunsets, it is difficult not to let one's mind wander to the beauty of God's blessed creation. I urge you to take time from your busy schedules to enjoy God's handiwork of which you, as St. Paul writes, are "God's masterpiece." (Ephesians 2:10)

Take time for your children. Join them outside at the end of the day. Point out to them the glorious wonders of God's magnificent creation, his beautiful palette of color as the evening sun slips below the horizon. Your children will amaze you as they do me when I take time to visit with them outside pointing out a tree just starting to turn red, a black and yellow spider as she weaves her fanciful web glistening with drops of rain or dew. Take time to celebrate the blessing that your children are.

With this, my favorite time of the year, also comes that day set aside to thank our Creator God for all the blessings He bestows upon us each and every day. I invite and urge you to join us Wednesday evening, November 21st, at 6:30 pm, for our Thanksgiving Eve worship service at St. Paul's. Come and be a part of our family as we give thanks to God not just for the material goods of this earth, but also for you and your families. Join us as we give thanks for the blessed Savior Jesus Christ through whom we are found forgiven of our sins and made righteous before our Father in heaven.

May God bless and keep you this school year,
Pastor David H. Reber, Jr.

Note from Principal

The final months of 2018 seem to be the busiest time of the year. Programs at school, attending special worship services, shopping for family and friends, preparing a feast for our loved ones.....our list goes on and on. It is easy to be overwhelmed with all the activities that we forget to stop and reflect on why we should be celebrating. We are so very blessed here at St. Paul's. Psalm 100 is a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God. "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

As we gather with friends and family this Thanksgiving, help us remember how much God has blessed this school and our lives. I am so thankful for our students, our staff, our parents, the school board, our pastors, and our wonderful PTL and congregation. God is a priority here at St. Paul's, and continues to be our main focus each and every day. We welcome our parents and congregation members at any time to visit and see the great things happening. Please join us on Friday, November 9, at 10:00 a.m. for our Veteran's Day program. We pray for our students and their families that they continue to be blessed by our Lord and Savior.

With God's Help,
Carolyn LaBrue

Pre-K Class News

Pre-K had a very busy October! We started the month learning about Pumpkins and Fire Safety. On the 10th we got to ride on the big bus all the way to Enid's newest fire station. On the 17th we went to the pumpkin patch. This time we got to ride on the little bus, super cool. Thank you Pastor Wade for driving the bus for us that day! Now we are learning about spiders. Did you know spiders have eight legs and eight eyes too!

In November we will learn about something called nocturnal animals (we never even heard about those kind before!), turkeys, and Thanksgiving.

Remember to say your prayers every day.

God Bless,
The Pre-K Class

Kindergarten News

Second Quarter - WOW! The first quarter went by so quickly! We have learned about so many important men in the Bible: Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses. We will soon be learning about David, Daniel, Samuel, and others.

In reading time we will be adding many more sight words to our list and we are beginning to sound out, read, and write 3 letter words. The next 9 weeks will consist of learning to count by 5's and 10's, using geoboards, measuring, estimating, adding, and we will continue to review what has already been taught.

We will be talking about the words Thankful, Thanksgiving, Family and why they are such special words! I am so blessed to have such wonderful children in my class and it's my prayer each day that our Heavenly Father watches over each of them and keeps them safe!

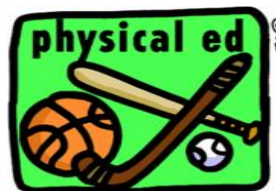
Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Lamle

4th/5th Grade News

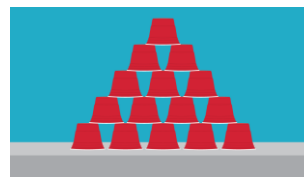
The 4th and 5th graders have been hard at work! We are finishing up our unit on Colonial America and will be moving on to events leading up to the American Revolution. The simulation will help the students understand the strategies that a small, untrained army used to defeat the British. We are also learning about rocks and minerals which will lead to plate tectonics. We will be erupting volcanoes, moving plates of Earth and so much more. "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."
~Benjamin Franklin

Ms. Collums



We have been working on juggling techniques during our PE classes. Mr. Steve Wiederkehr demonstrated for us all and gave us some tips. We began with scarf juggling, then bean bag juggling, and some students even tried juggling with bowling pins. We will be starting our unit on cup stacking. The students love this! We continue to work on our daily exercises and keeping in shape!

Ms. LaBrue



Cup Stacking Event

Our students will be participating in a National Cup Stacking event on Thursday November 8, 2018, during their PE time. This is a yearly attempt at breaking the Guinness World Records Title for "Most People Sport Stacking at Multiple Locations in One Day." We have many excellent cup stackers in our school.

We have had a crazy holiday mash up in music! Everyone loves spooky Halloween songs and we have also been fine tuning our patriotic singing for Veterans Day.

The younger grades have been learning about *piano and forte* and love to play a hot/cold (loud/soft) game to find the pumpkin. They also play a freeze movement game to one of their favorite Halloween songs, *Scary things of Halloween!* They "Frankenstein," walk, skate, tip-toe and run to variations of this song accompanied on the piano.

The older grades have been enjoying a wonderful skeleton dance to *'Dem Bones*, and a variety of hand-jives to the accelerating tempo of *Hall of the Mountain King*. We have also followed listening maps focusing on the elements of music for the orchestral pieces, *Hall of the Mountain King* and *Danse Macabre*.

We are preparing for our Veterans' Day program by first learning what a Veteran is. Every student has learned the proper etiquette for our United States Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance and our National Anthem. The second through fifth grades even learned about *Francis Scott Key* who wrote the words to the *Star Spangled Banner* in 1814. We are singing all the patriotic songs and rehearsing some special ones everyone will enjoy! The Veterans' Day program is Friday, November 9th, at 10:00 a.m. Family and friends are invited! The students will wear jeans and we will provide them with red, white, or blue t-shirts.

Each week we learn religious songs that correspond with our Chapel Lesson. This month the students have enjoyed learning or reviewing, *Thy Word, He's Got the Whole World in His Hands, This is the Day* and a special new one, *Whisper a Prayer in the Morning*.

Our congregation really enjoyed the second through fifth grades singing in church on October 7th. Thank you students and parents! Please join us in worship anytime!!! As always, thank you for allowing me to teach your precious children.

Dian Salisbury



Library News

We have access to World Book Encyclopedia online at St. Paul's School. The students have used this online encyclopedia to find facts about the Great Chicago Fire, Sequoyah, and animal comparisons. We can access this on our computers at school as well as your computers at home as long as you have internet service. To access this at home, please login to World Book Web with the following URL:

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=J7394>

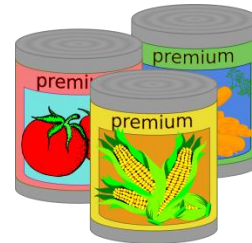
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Thank you to our wonderful PTL for subscribing to this for us. Hope you enjoy using this.

Ms. LaBrue

St. Paul's Library Media Specialist



ON WEDNESDAYS - THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER, WE ENCOURAGE ALL STUDENTS TO BRING CANNED GOODS AND NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS TO SCHOOL!!!! We will be donating those items to our local Salvation Army.



Be sure to check your child's backpack every night for notes!



**Operation Christmas
THE SHOEBOXES ARE BACK!**

The collection of shoe box gifts, which will be sent overseas, will soon be upon us. Your child's teachers will be working with the students to make class shoeboxes. They may start bringing their items at any time. Here is a website if you have any questions.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

All items must be received by November 9th.

Set Clock Back



Don't forget to set your clock back on November 4th!



Reminder!

After Fall Break, shorts are no longer allowed. Students may begin wearing shorts again following Spring Break.

The weather is becoming chillier as the fall season progresses. Please be certain your child has a coat or sweater, as morning recess is particularly chilly. **All students go out for recess!** We want every child to be warm and comfortable while they are outside.



On October 17th, Reading Counts Awards and Christian Discipleship Awards were given out during Chapel

First Quarter Christian Discipleship Awards were awarded to:

- Londyn Buchanan.....1st Grade
- Lynnon Bland.....2nd/3rd Grade
- Liko Iasma.....4th/5th Grade

First Quarter Reading Counts were awarded to:

Grade	Student	Points
1 st	Londyn Buchanan	25
	Kyrstin Harbron	25
2 nd /3 rd	Lynnon Bland	25, 50 & 100
	Nixon Buchanan	25
	Kaylee Eckhardt	25 & 50
	Garrett Froese	25
	Emily Hall	25 & 50
	Max Iasma	25 & 50
4 th /5 th	Paxton Kelly	25 & 50
	Reagan Orr	25 & 50
	Caden Sneed	25 & 50
	Jalen Barrientez	25
	Daniel Breitenkamp	25
	Jarod Froese	25
	Maddox Heim	25
	Liko Iasma	25
	Addison Marlatt	25
	William Orr	25, 50 & 100
Taylor Pietarila	25	
Cheyenne Schlichting	25	

October 31st was the last day chapel offerings were collected for the Heifer Project. Beginning in November, chapel offering will go to support LWML missions!



PTL NEWS

Yearbook Cover photo Shoot

November 2nd, PTL will be taking the photo for the yearbook cover. Please have students wear their new blue Friday T-Shirts and nice jeans.



We are eager to increase our membership and hope to see new faces at our next meeting on Monday, November 5th, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. It is definitely never too late to join. We plan to meet on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the library, unless there is a conflict.



Family Dine Out will be on **Tuesday, November 12th**, at Buffalo Wild Wings. Dine out is from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. We will receive 10%. You will need to provide them with a ticket at time of purchase. Watch for notes with more details! We hope to see you, your friends and family there!



Remember to check your child's bag on Thursday night for pop & popcorn order forms. If you'd like to sign up as a helper, contact Hattie or the office.



St. Paul's Lutheran School PTL Announces... School Logo Items for Sale

If you'd like to order a shirt, contact the office or find a student with order forms.

Youth Sizes:

Short Sleeve T-Shirt - \$12.00

Long Sleeve T-Shirt - \$17.00

Hooded Sweatshirt - \$27.00

Adult Sizes (**Adult 2 XL add \$2.00; Adult 3 XL add \$3.00):

Short Sleeve T-Shirt Crew Neck- \$15.00,

Short Sleeve T-Shirt V-Neck - \$17.00,

Long Sleeve T-Shirt - \$20.00

Hooded Sweatshirt - \$30.00.

This year for our Fall fundraiser we will be selling T-shirts, long-sleeved shirts & hooded sweatshirts with our school logo on them. Thank you for supporting our school with your purchases. Be sure to get one for the whole family! Our fundraiser event will run November 5th-16th.



Raffle Tickets

We will be sending home a book of Raffle Tickets with each student November 16th. We are raffling off front row pews at the Christmas Program as well as two close parking space reservations! Tickets are \$1.00/chance. Use Thanksgiving Break to sell them to your family and friends! Tickets are due back December 6th, and we will draw the winner December 7th. You do not need to be present to win. Contact the office if you would like more than one book to sell or purchase.



Advent Dinner

PTL will be hosting the Advent Dinner on December 5, 2018. Watch for notes & e-mails (as well as the PTL Facebook page) with donation requests. We also need volunteers to prep and serve the meal. Contact the office or the PTL President Hattie Bland.



The winning class of the box top drive was Mrs. Harbron's first grade class. Congratulations! Enjoy your popsicle & extra recess. Thank you for helping out your school! Please continue to collect Box Tops. Our next deadline is February 22nd.



Don't forget to check out our clothes closet upstairs. We gratefully accept donations! Please ensure donations are clean, and in good condition. All items are only \$2.00 and 100% profit to St. Paul's PTL!



November Birthdays!

Charles Wyant - November 4th

William Orr - November 5th

Jarod Froese - November 10th

Tristen Miller November 22nd

Taylor Pietarila - November 28th



MDO News

This is a very busy month. We started out talking about fall leaves and fire safety. We were very disappointed that our field trip to the fire station was cancelled. It was raining very hard. Getting little ones on and off the bus is hard in dry weather. In pouring rain, it is very difficult!

We did go to The Pumpkin Patch on the sixteenth. They love riding the big yellow bus. They were so good at The Pumpkin Patch during story time. We received many compliments.

We were closed for a much needed Fall Break on the eighteenth.

The rest of the month we will talk about owls, scarecrows, pumpkins and Halloween.

Our Bible story for the month is Joseph. The nursery rhymes are *Peter, Peter* and *Little Miss Muffet*. Our numbers are 6, 7, 8 and the shape is triangle. The colors for the month are orange and black.

Mary Bales, MDO Director





Church News

We invite you and your family to join us for services every Sunday morning in November. We offer an 8:00 a.m. service and a 10:30 a.m. service, as well as a Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Our Nursery is open during the 10:30 a.m. service for children 4 and under. There is a Children's Sermon during each service as well! You are welcome in this house.



Wednesday—**November 21**—Thanksgiving Eve
Communion Worship

Wednesday, **December 5th** —Advent Worship—
Meal at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, **December 12th**— St. Paul's School
Christmas Program—Meal at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, **December 19th** — Advent Worship
Service—Meal at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, **December 24th**— 6:30 p.m.- Christmas
Eve Service

Monday, **December 24th**— 8:00 p.m.—Christmas
Eve Candlelight Communion Worship

Tuesday, **December 25th**—10:00 a.m.-
Communion Worship

Monday, **December 31st**—6:30 p.m.—New Year's
Eve Service



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has entrusted their child/children to us.

Every staff member takes their job seriously! We all care about your child's spiritual, emotional, physical, and academic well-being.

It is a privilege to work with your child and with you, as we work together to do what is best for your child/children.

PLEASE tell others about our school. YOU are the best advertisement for St. Paul's Lutheran School. You even receive a \$100.00 credit on tuition for a referral after they have been here six months.