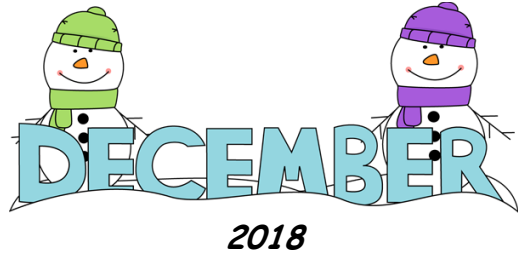


St. Paul's Lutheran School Newsletter



From the Pastor's Desk

Time does not stand still. Thanksgiving has past along with the first snow. The excitement of Black Friday shopping has past. As I write this letter, the weatherman reminds us that winter is fast approaching, and along with that comes the Advent season; that season during which we with great anticipation await the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

I recently watched an episode of "The Waltons" in which a lady bearing Christmas gifts had traveled to the mountain and the children had gathered around hoping for their name to be called out, that they might receive a gift. Their eyes were full of wonder. Anticipation of the receiving of a possible gift showed in their faces, in their stances. When a name was called, that person would recite a verse from Holy Scripture, and upon doing so would receive a gift.

This holiday season, I invite you parents to greet this season with the wonder and faith of a child. Through you, will your children come to understand and appreciate the most precious gift of Christmas, the sure gift, the birth of our Lord Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary and conceived of the Holy Spirit. Read to them *The Night before Christmas*, but follow that with a reading of the true Christmas story from Luke,

Chapter 2, "1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus..." Teach them a Bible verse that tells of this most sure and special and holy gift: "23 Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. (Matthew 1:23 ESV)

I invite you to join us at chapel on Wednesday, December 12th for our celebration of the birth of the Christ Child. Likewise I invite you to join us here at St. Paul's for our Mid-week Advent services on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and again for Christmas Eve (6:30 and 8:00 pm) and Christmas Day worship at 10:00 am.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus keep you this holiday season,
Pastor David H. Reber, Jr.

Note from Principal

'TIS THE SEASON! On November 25th we celebrated the Last Sunday of the Church Year. We have talked about looking for some signs of a whole new season ahead. We know that Jesus was born in a stable at Christmas. When he was older, people nailed him to the cross, but that was all part of God's plan to save us from our sins. Jesus took all those sins away by dying on the cross, and then he rose again from the grave. After that, he went back up to his Father in heaven. It is important to remember on the Last Sunday of the Church Year, that Jesus made a promise before he left. HE PROMISED THAT HE IS GOING TO COME AGAIN SOMEDAY TO TAKE US TO HEAVEN. Jesus says that we will see signs of his coming back. There will be wars, earthquakes, times of trouble for Christians, and the Good News of Jesus will be preached everywhere. I asked our students if they have heard or seen any of these

things happening. Indeed we all have. They have all happened and they are always happening. The whole new season we are talking about is Jesus coming back to earth to take us and all who believe in him to heaven. THE BEST SEASON OF ALL! My prayer for our St. Paul's students and their families is that this Christmas season is filled with love and happiness and the joy of knowing that Jesus keeps his promises for the perfect joy of heaven, forever.

With God's Help,

Carolyn LaBrue



Chapel

Chapel offerings this quarter were donated to The Heifer Project. We were able to raise \$269.82. Our new project will be to raise money for the LWML



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



The winner of the Enid Fire Department coloring contest this year was . . .

Nixon Buchanan

He got to ride the firetruck to school November 15, 2018

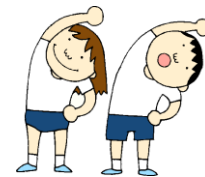
★ November Star Students ★

Pre-K	Evan Siemen
Kindergarten	Noah Bondi
First	Londyn Buchanan
Third	Garrett Froese
Fourth	William Orr
Fifth	Liko Iasma



December Birthdays!

Hadleigh Taylor - December 3rd
 Londyn Buchanan - December 15th
 Chloe Winters - December 16th
 Jalen Barrientez - December 23rd
 Madison Vasquez - December 24th



PE News

Please remember to send PE shoes if your child wears boots or open toed shoes to school. We want everyone to be able to safely participate.



Music News

Mark this joyful event on your calendar so you don't forget: *What Child Is This?* St. Paul's Lutheran School children's Christmas service at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** on **Wednesday, December 12th, at 6:30 p.m.** Students wear Sunday best and no tennis

shoes. Please meet in the basement at 6:15 p.m. Let the joy about Jesus' birth fill your heart! A meal will be served by donation at 5:00 p.m. by the LWML. LWML will be serving chili, potato soup & desserts. The proceeds will go to support the school. You are welcome to come.

Blessings,
Dian Salisbury



Library News

Our students love working with the dictionary and the thesaurus. We have become very good at finding the correct spelling, meaning, pronunciation, and parts of speech. Our younger students enjoyed The Gingerbread Baby by Jan Brett. We worked on size sequencing and plot with this cute book. REMINDER: We have access to World Book Encyclopedia online at St. Paul's School. 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>

User Name: splhome

Password: splhome

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

Pre-Kindergarten News

Happy Holidays from the Pre-Kindergarten!

November had us very busy learning about how the Pilgrims came to America on the Mayflower and how the Native Americas taught them how to plant crops so they could make it through the harsh winters. The Pilgrims were so thankful for their crops. They give thanks to the Lord for all of His blessings. We had the most fun, though, singing songs about turkeys.

We are all very excited about the upcoming celebration of Jesus' birth. In preparation we will be making gingerbread boys and girls, singing carols, creating all sorts of Christmas crafts, and learning all about the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Penny Stover

Kindergarten News

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I love you! How are you? I would like a little doll house for my dolls and I want a big magic unicorn and a pink race car.

Thank you! Leilani

Dear Santa,

How are your elves? I would like a Barbie Dream House that automatically talks and a new Barbie to go with it.

Thank you! Londyn

Dear Santa,

I know what I would like for Christmas. I'd like a Barbie doll house (even though I have one I want 2 for more Barbies), and 12 more Barbies, some glitter, and some art stuff. Have a Merry Christmas!

I love you Santa! Christine

Dear Santa,

I want a Christmas tree, a Mario race car with a remote controller. I only want 1 toy because I want to share toys with 100 other kids! Thank you!

Noah

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I want a whole bunch of Nerf guns and peg boards. I would like a remote control car and a remote control robot, and a whole bunch of super hero costumes, a Nerf vest and mask, and the Nerf rifle that shoots yellow balls. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Sage

Dear Santa,

Are you ready for Christmas? Would you please bring me a guitar, a guitar pick, a drum set, a trumpet, ear plugs for mom, more Hot Wheels, a light up Nerf gun, Green Zord, and surprise me with a board game. I'll set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas night. Merry Christmas!

Byron

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? Please bring me a dirt bike, an X-Box, and a real four wheeler. Thank you!

Colton

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control flying car, a big Paw Patrol LEGO set with a tall tower, a huge remote control fire truck with a ladder that gets really high and that's all.

Please and Thank you!

Alex

Rhonda Lamle

2nd/3rd Grade News

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas! The Grinch proclaimed, "Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas means a little bit more." The 2nd and 3rd graders will be learning how children from around the world celebrate Christmas. They will do a book study of The Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomie DePaola and then make paper poinsettias. Santa Symmetry for math is always a hit as well as writing about how to get Santa unstuck from the chimney. The Christmas season is full of fun, but like the Grinch, we will learn that Christmas is SO MUCH MORE. It's all about Jesus. He is the reason for the season.

Marilyn Mitchell



PTL NEWS

Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets were sent home 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. Tickets are due back **December 6th**, and we will draw the winner **December 7th**.

All students who participate will get to be a part of a punch & cookie party! Contact the office if you would like more than one book to sell or purchase.



PTL will serve the Advent Dinner on **December 5, 2018**, at 5:00 p.m. We are requesting donations and volunteers to set up, serve and clean up. Please contact the office, or PTL President Hattie Bland, if you would like more information. The complete donation list is posted on the PTL Facebook page.



Remember to check your child's bag on Thursday night for pop & popcorn order forms!



Please continue to collect Box Tops & Best Choice UPC codes. We use this money for our specials such as Physical Education, Music & Library. I almost have enough to send in the best choice labels so if you have any, send them in. There are no deadlines or parties associated with the Best Choice UPC codes. The deadline for Box Tops for the 2018-2019 school year is February 22nd.

-Crystal Heim, Box Top Coordinator

Kid's Night Out!

We will be have a fun night of activities for the kid's! The evening will include a movie, pizza and games! The event is open to 6 weeks old through grade 5. Children will be divided into three separate groups based upon age. Registration and payment is due December 7. We will accept late registrations if room is available, but space is limited!

Date: December 14, 2018

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per child with a cap of \$30.00 (If you have four children, one gets in free!)

If you are interested in signing up to volunteer or donate in any capacity, please contact the office or Hattie Bland.



We are eager to increase our membership and hope to see new faces at our next meeting on Monday, **December 3**, at 7:00 p.m. It is definitely never too late to join.



MDO News

The month of November has everyone in the holiday mode. Our themes for the month are the Mayflower, and the Pilgrims and Indians. We had our class Thanksgiving lunch on the 15th. We wonder if the Pilgrims and Indians would know what chicken nuggets are.

Our Bible story for the month is all about Moses. Our nursery rhymes are Hickory Dickory and Old Mother Hubbard. Our letters are K, L, & M. Our numbers are 9 & 10. The colors are brown and gray and the shape for the month is the rectangle.

We had our food drive for Loaves & Fishes. Our parents always support this by filling up decorated paper sacks.

Church News



Welcome!

We invite you and your family to join us for services every Sunday morning in December.

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.

Youth Group is 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., for grades 6 through 12, on Sunday evenings.

There is a Children's Sermon during each service as well! You are welcome in this house.



Advent Services:

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

Wednesday, **December 12th** St. Paul's School Christmas Program @ 6:30
Meal at 5:00 p.m.
The students of St. Paul's Lutheran School
Will show us their Christmas Story!

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

Special Services:

Sunday, **December 16th** - Both Services
Adult Choir will present their Christmas Cantata

Monday, **December 24th**
6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Worship Service

Tuesday, **December 25th**
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Communion
Worship Service

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

JESUS is
the Reason
for the
Season.