

**St. Paul's Lutheran School
Newsletter**



From the Pastor's Desk

As I sit down to address you this month, we are in the midst of National Lutherans' School Week. Sunday's worship service was a celebration of Christian Education. My message Sunday was based on the Great Shema of Deuteronomy, Chapter 6, verses 4 through 9:

"⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

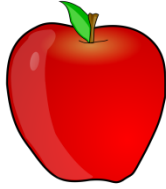
As a sermon, these words invite us to believe in our God, to trust in our God. As a covenant between us and God, we are called to love our God. The question then is how are we to love our God? This is the message of Deuteronomy Chapter 6; and, it may very well be the most vital message of Deuteronomy for parents facing raising their children amidst the chaotic world of the 21st century. Our world is ever changing. What was illegal yesterday is legal today.

What was considered socially unacceptable yesterday is suddenly acceptable today. What Holy Scripture considers a sin - a thought, a spoken word, or a deed in opposition to God's word - is today legislated by congress to make it *seem* okay when in truth, in God's truth, it remains a sin. This is the world our children are being brought up within to live.

This then leads us to how we are to love our God. We must prioritize our lives so that He is first. We do this by loving Him so much that we love our children enough to teach them the unchanging word of God. We teach them of His love and mercy, His grace and the forgiveness of sin won for us on the cross by Christ Jesus our Lord. And as we do so, our children come to know that amidst whatever the world throws at them, they have a firm foundation of God's Word upon which to stand; and they forever know that they are loved as children of God, the God who will never leave them alone. We love our God so much that our children come to love Him more than anything else as well.

May we nurture our children's relationship with God by taking them to church and Sunday School. May we continue to gift to them a Christian education. May they come to know and love the God who promises that "³⁸...neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39 ESV)

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



Note from Principal

Throughout the school year, Lutheran schools thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children they serve and for the opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work. National Lutheran School Week, celebrated January 27-February 2, is the perfect opportunity for our St. Paul's Lutheran School students to tell our families and our community how blessed we truly are. The theme this year is "REAL.PRESENT.GOD."

We want everyone to know that "Our God is Real and Present Here." Singing in church on Christian Education Sunday, our students sang an arrangement of the Lord's Prayer according to Luther's Small Catechism. Our prayer is that this week long celebration would strengthen our understanding of why we all chose to be part of this wonderful school. Psalms 46 was chosen as the scripture verse. This portion I feel really applies to our school.

Psalm 46:1-3 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; ³Though the water thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

God promises in Psalm 46 to be truly present in our lives through His great and precious promises. Lutheran schools provide opportunities for teachers and students to teach and hear the Good News of God's Love. We, as teachers, are committed to teach the children entrusted to us about all the wonders of God's creation. The students at St. Paul's are unique and wonderful creatures of God, who grow up in the grace and knowledge of His Son and His whole creation. We at St. Paul's Lutheran School truly believe

that we are here to make a difference in our students' lives each and every day with the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection for sinners. This is a wonderful celebration we all share in.

St. Paul's Lutheran School thanks you for your continued support. We value your children and their families.

Carolyn LaBrue

Plans being made for 2019-2020 School Year!

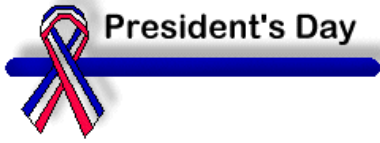
March 1st is the deadline for reserving your child's spot before admission is opened up to the public. To reserve your spot, simply complete a registration form and pay your \$100.00 deposit.

We are inviting our Mother's Day Out 3yr. old students and any other students (who will be 4 by Sept. 1) to come for a visit in our Pre-Kindergarten class on February 13 at 2:00pm. We are having a parent meeting and Pre-K/Kdg Round up on March 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the basement of our school. More details to follow.

We ask you to tell others about our school. We have small class sizes, wonderful, caring teachers who are state licensed and highly qualified. Keep in mind there is a \$100.00 referral incentive to refer someone to our school. Thank you for your support of St. Paul's Lutheran School!



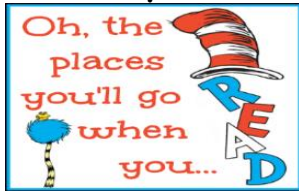
Class parties will be held February 14, 2019, at 2:30 p.m. unless notified otherwise by your teacher.



President's Day

No School February 18th

Library News



Read Across America Week

Read Across America Week is scheduled for February 25 - March 1. Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Monday	Oh the Places You'll Go!	Come dress up as what you want to be when you grow up!
Tuesday	One Fish, two Fish, red Fish Blue Fish	Dress in fishing or camping attire
Wednesday	Wacky Wednesday	Wear mismatched, backward clothing
Thursday	The Cat in the Hat (Thing One and Thing Two)	Grab a friend and dress up as twins
Friday	The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins	Hat Day! Wear your favorite hat or a birthday hat for Dr. Seuss!

I would like to thank all the families and friends who visited our Scholastic Book Fair. Stomp. Chomp. And Read was a huge success.....because of YOU! We are now able to purchase many new books for our library and many students have new books to read that they chose! THANK YOU THANK YOU!

Carolyn LaBrue



PE News

We will be working hard on our jump roping skills in preparation for "Jump Rope for Heart", sponsored by The American Heart Association. This event will kick off February 6th. The jump off will take place February 27th, during regular PE times.

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.

Carolyn LaBrue



Music News

All the students did a beautiful job celebrating Lutheran Schools week by singing in church in January! We sang a meaningful arrangement of the Lord's Prayer and a Child of the King!

February is a fun month to play Valentine musical games and we all explore the families and instruments of the orchestra through interactive smart board games, listening activities and snowman instrument centers.

We will be learning to sing Luther's Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer and hope to sing it regularly during chapel.

Students who are currently taking private piano or other instrument lessons and want to participate in the Tri-State Music Festival in May, needs to let me know this month as entries are due early. I will be sending notes home soon.

Psalms 104 vs. 33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

Dian Salisbury, Music Director

PreK News

This school quarter will be a very busy time of year for Pre-K. We start each day with a star *letter of the day*. We sing letter songs, read letter poems, search for letters in print, and practice writing the letter of the day. We are also practicing our numbers. We have been counting the days in school. Friday, February 1 will be our one hundredth day of school!

We invite you to stop by our classroom sometime and see all the exciting things we are learning!

Penny Skover



The fifth grade class will be going on a field trip to OBA for OBA Preview Day on February 7, 2019. We will load about 10:00 a.m. and return about 1:00 p.m. OBA will be providing lunches to the students. Fifth graders will also be going to OBA on February 20, 2019, and their will be a financial aide meeting for parents. Please keep an eye out for notes! More details to come!

★ February Star Students ★

PreK	Cora Lea Eskue
Kindergarten	Leilani Dutro
First	Adarious Martin
Second	Nixon Buchanan
Fifth	Addison Marlatt



February Birthdays!

Jessie Hern - February 3rd

Jacey Kleis - February 12th

Scarlet Gauthier - February 13th

Cora Eskue - February 17th

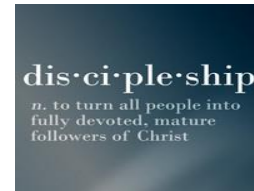
Colton Walker - February 17th

Luci Berkenbile - February 21st



Chapel News

Wednesday, January 9th, we had our Awards Ceremony after chapel.



The highest honor given a student at St. Paul's is the Christian Discipleship Award. A student receiving this award will have exhibited the following qualities:

1. A desire to serve God in his/her church, school, community, and home with all of his/her God-given talents.
2. A respect for church, school, and community property.
3. A spirit of love and concern toward teachers and fellow students.
4. Faithfulness in using his/her mental abilities to their fullest in meeting class requirements.
5. That he/she exhibits the faith worked in him/her through his/her daily living in dealing with personal temptations, problems, and challenges, and in his/her relationships with others.
6. An eagerness to serve others in school and club activities.

Christian Discipleship awards for the 2nd quarter were presented to the following students.

Kyrstin Harbron
Garrett Froese
William Orr



**PTL NEWS
Yearbook**

Read Counts awards were given to the following students:

25 Points

Keona Arita
Cho Lynn Harbron
Jessie Hern
Clara Schlichting

50 Points

Kyrstin Harbron
Londyn Buchanan
Nixon Buchanan
Jalen Barrientez
Daniel Breitenkamp
Jarod Froese
Maddox Heim
Taylor Pietarila
Cheyenne Schlichting

100 Points

Londyn Buchanan
Nixon Buchanan
Max Iasma
Jalen Barrientez
Liko Iasma

150 points

Lynnon Bland
Liko Iasma
William Orr

200 Points

Lynnon Bland
William Orr

250 Points

Lynnon Bland
William Orr

If you have any pictures please send them so we can fill up our yearbook! There are three easy ways to send your pictures in this year!

1. Login into link.entourageyearbooks.com
2. Click register
3. Create your new link account.
4. Click submit

OR

1. Go to app store on your phone
2. Search for "Entourage Yearbooks"
3. Login with the same username and password you used to login to link.

OR

E-mail photos to stplsphotos@gmail.com

If you are interested in putting an Ad in our yearbook, please contact the office.

Business Ads:

- 1/2 page \$75
- 1/4 page \$50
- Business cards \$20

Personal:

- 4.25x2.75 Shout Out's \$20
(additional \$5 for design/background)

A simple form is available in the office if you are interested. Feel free to take more than one to pass out to local businesses!

Dine Out

We had a great turn out at our January Dine Out at McAlister's and raised about \$200.00! Thank you for supporting our school! Our February dine out will be at Wings to Go on February 10, and it's all day! You don't have to have a flyer, but you do need to tell the cashier you are there to support St. Paul's School.



Valentine Fundraiser

We will be selling Valentines for students again this year. Order forms should be sent home soon. Each goody bag will be \$5.00. There are three options: M&M's, Skittles or and additional non-food item.



Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to prepare the Valentines and deliver to the classrooms. They will need to be put together on Thursday, February 14, 2019.



Next Meeting

We are eager to increase our membership and hope to see new faces at our next meeting on Monday, February 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. We plan to meet on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the library, unless there is a conflict.



MDO News

The first week of February is Dental Week. We have a dental office coming to talk about the importance of taking care of your teeth. The second week in February is Hearts and Valentines. We will have a party on the 14th. In the third week, we will explore space. We will learn about the moon, stars and planets. The last week we will learn about President Washington and President Lincoln. Our Bible story is Samson. The Nursery Rhymes are Queen of the Hearts and Yankee Doodle. The letters are S, T, and U. Numbers are 17, 18, and 19. The colors are red and pink with the heart shape. -Mary Bales, Director

Church News



Welcome!

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

We offer an 8:00 a.m. service and a 10:30 a.m. service, as well as 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.

