

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

January 23rd, 2023



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LUTHERAN SCHOOL

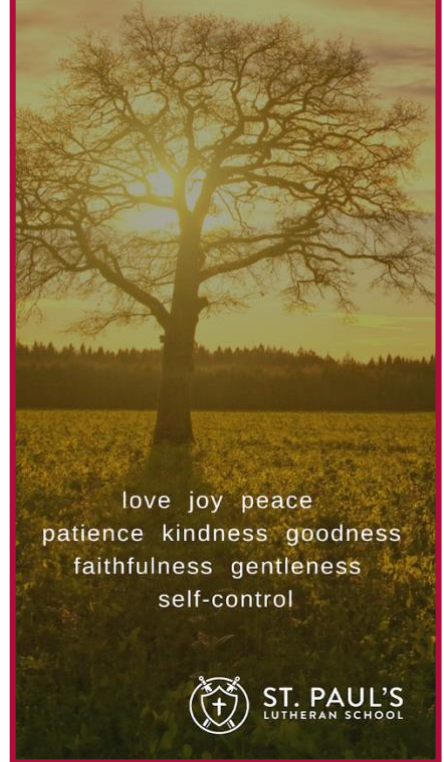
General News & Notes

- **Winter Carnival** is this Friday from 5:30-7:30 in the gym! Come for games, food, and prizes! Buy tickets for \$0.25/piece to play games or get an unlimited wristband for only \$10. You can even purchase an opportunity to throw a pie in the principal's face... See you there!
- **Preschool Enrollment** for 23-24 is NOW OPEN! Spread the word! The application can be accessed through our website.
- Thank you to Mrs. Sherry Kraemer and Mrs. Jamy Prokopec for filling in as our temporary **secretaries** during these couple of weeks! Mrs. Kathy Wiedeman will take her place as our secretary this Thursday, January 26th.
- Remember to check your **lunch balance** and remaining **tuition** on Gradelink!
- Our **Pioneer basketball** teams play away on Tuesday at Norfolk Crusaders – Girls at 4:30 and Boys at 5:30. They're both home on Thursday vs. St. John's – Columbus – Girls at 5:00 and Boys at 6:00.
- **Kids Heart Challenge** begins today! You should be getting an email about how you can sign up and participate.

St. Paul's Lutheran School

exists to serve our congregation and the community by partnering with parents for Gospel growth in children: spiritual, academic, social, emotional, and physical
all through the life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Jesus Roots Spirit Fruits



love joy peace
patience kindness goodness
faithfulness gentleness
self-control



Upcoming Events

January 24

Bball Games @ Norfolk Crusaders

January 26

Bball HOME Games

January 27

Winter Carnival

January 29

PRAISE Choir sings in church

February 3

NO SCHOOL – Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 19-25

Lutheran Schools Week

Mission Offerings

Mission Offering: Costa Maya has 3 WELS workers led by Pastor Martin Valleskey and teacher Chris Dean. They have recently completed their first church/classroom/ministry center. This semester our Wednesday chapel offerings will go to help spread God's Word in this area. Prayers are always needed!

The Lamb of God

John 1:29-41

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Today, let's take an imaginary visit to a really old church from the Bible. It was called a tabernacle, and later the temple. There was an altar. On it, animals were sacrificed. During the thousand-year history of God's people of Israel, how many animals were sacrificed on that altar? Hundreds of thousands of animals, if not millions. So many that you lose count. Does the thought of that altar make you sad?

Why would God want his people to sacrifice so many animals? He did it to teach them some very important lessons.

The first lesson that God wanted to teach his people is that death is very serious. Death is the end result of sin. If an Israelite sinned, they would bring an animal to the temple where it would be killed. The two go together: if there's sin, there has to be death.

But the second lesson that God wanted to teach his people is that even though there has to be death, it doesn't have to be your own death. If an Israelite sinned, an animal could be killed as a substitute. The animal would take your place.

There was a problem with all those lambs offered at the temple. They didn't actually have the power to take sin away. The blood of millions of lambs isn't worth enough to pay for even one sin.

Those sacrifices pointed ahead to Jesus, just like John the Baptist pointed at Jesus and said, "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

When Jesus went to the cross, all of the world's sins were put on him. When Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross, his blood was valuable enough to pay for all those sins.

So yes, because of your sin, there had to be death, but because of Jesus, it didn't have to be your death. He loved you so much that he was willing to die for you, in your place, as your substitute.

Because Jesus died for you, you get to live for him now. Because the Lamb of God died for you, you get to live with him forever.

Closing Prayer:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us and give us your peace. Amen.



PIONEERS
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Mrs. Mullen's Classroom

M-W-F and M-F Classes

We will learn this week about the baptism of Jesus. Amazing things happened when John baptized Jesus! Our tour of the church last week was pushed back because of snowy weather. We will give it a go this week and pay close attention to the baptism font.

Both of these classes will learn about a Scientist who takes care of bear cubs. We will find out how the cubs get a physical checkup!

Tue-Th Class

Another do-over opportunity for this group. We are learning about Jesus' life as a boy. How he dressed, what chores he did, and what games he might have enjoyed as just a sample of our study.

This group will learn about Arctic animals and find out about their homes in the snow. We sure enjoy learning about the different animals God created.

All of the children will practice setting the table and make a list of table manners. We will ask to be excused when we finish snack time. Another important etiquette item is introducing friends to each other. This takes practice and is very important to learn!

New in our classroom is our daily KINDNESS Check-In. We will share how we showed kindness during our day. Who did we help or take care of? Did we remember please and thank you? Was it easy to share and take turns? With practice I predict every one of these students will be Kings and Queens of KINDNESS!

Have a wonderful week walking with Jesus,
Mrs. Linda Mullen

Mrs. Brown's Classroom

Christ Light:

Jesus and the Paralyzed Man – Jesus takes care of our bodies and our souls.

Jairus' Daughter - We have nothing to fear, even death, because through Jesus we have eternal life in heaven!

Memory Work: John 14:19 Because I live, you also will live.

Superkids: "Superkids Club" book - reviewing the letter Bb and its sound, adding the letter s to the end of a word to make the plural form, and distinguishing lowercase b and d letters

Math: Identifying pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters and stating their values

Writing: All About Books – Organizing your writing and adding a closure

Unit Studies: Because of the snow days last week, our class will be working on MAP testing this week. We are also starting to work more on our songs for the upcoming musical, "Out on the Town."

Reading Pockets:

Daily: Reading/blending pages/math facts

Tuesday: Read Christlight Bible story – Jesus and the Paralyzed Man – NO worksheet

Thursday: Read Christlight Bible story – Jairus' Daughter – Worksheet due Friday

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Please watch for a special note in your child's take home folder regarding parent-teacher conferences and return it as soon as possible. Thanks!

Writing Special Assignment: Today your child is bringing home a special assignment to help us with our new writing unit. Please help your child complete this and return it by next Monday. Thanks so much for your help at home!

Mrs. Spreeman's Classroom

Happy Monday! The Pete the Cat musical was really good, and the weather was so nice for a walk! This week we will learn what Jesus teaches us about repentance. We will learn more about silent e at the ends of words and how to add endings with a silent e. MAP testing will start this week, and we will continue our studies of snow. The Chinese New Year celebration started yesterday. We will learn a little about that today as we also pray for the spread of Christianity in China.

Happy Birthday to Nini who will turn seven on Thursday. God's blessings to you for a great year being seven, Nini! Nini will also be our hostess for the tea party on Friday. Thank you, Schulz family. It will be a very celebratory week. Please bring tea, crumpets and a poem to share with the class.

The 100th Day is coming right up. Show and Tell this week is to bring something that means 100. We will keep these items at school until Thursday, February 2nd.

New daily math sheets are in folders today. We did not have a spelling test last week because of the snow days. There is a new list in folders today.

Keep working on Bookit! Goals. A reader's theater skit will be coming home this week. Please practice with your child at home, and be sure to mark the goal sheet.

A sign up sheet for parent/teacher conferences will be coming home soon. Please sign up for two slots that will work for you and I will work out a schedule.

Bible homework on Monday and Thursday. Reading or math on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Nelson's Classroom

I am looking forward to a full week of school! We will be taking our MAP tests this week (reading, math, and language). We will take one each day at the beginning of the week.

This week in Christlight we will hear the Pharisee and the Tax Collector and the Lost Son. In these lessons we are reminded that God loves us and forgives all our sins. In Superkids we are learning about double consonant spelling patterns, suffixes, starting a new chapter book, and finishing up our SUPER magazine. In Social Sciences we hope to talk about different types of weather events.

We are going to go sledding on Friday afternoon by the church. Please send in a sled for your child on Friday. The snow is fun to play in each recess but it is also fairly wet. If you have a spare pair of gloves or mittens please pack them in your child's gear each day so they can have dry hands for 2nd recess.

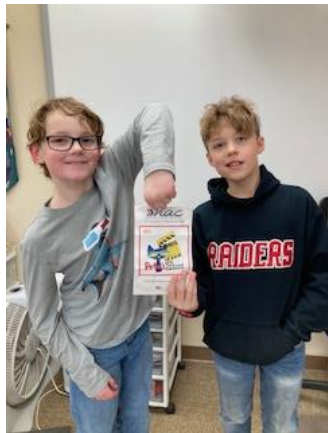
We have 2 events next week to take note of - Thursday, January 2nd is the 100th day of school and Friday, February 3rd in Parent-Teacher conferences. Please look for a note concerning those two events on Wednesday.

Have a blessed week, Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Rixe's Classroom

There has been a change of plans with the two snow days and the 100th Day coming up--we will postpone performing our reading play, Red Writing Hood until spring. We still look forward to putting it on. :) Parent/Teacher conferences are Friday, February 3rd; please look for a note coming home. In language class we have been learning about proper nouns, singular nouns, and plural nouns. Ask us how many nouns are made plural. Our test is scheduled for later in the week. The reading test on Red Writing Hood is also coming up soon.

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." Ps. 27:14



Mr. Brown's Classroom

3rd Quarter (midterm) Parent/Teacher conferences will be held next week Friday, February 3rd. As a reminder, this is an optional conference to meet and discuss your child's progress. If you feel things are going well or don't feel a need to meet in an official way, that is fine too and there is no need to sign up for a spot. Please look for a sign-up genius this week!

5-6 ChristLight— Our stories for this week are *The Parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus* and *The Rich Young Ruler*. The overall theme the students will focus on is: *Jesus teaches lessons on the dangers of possessions*. God doesn't want us to let our earthly treasures become more important to us than Jesus our Savior. We can show our love for God by using the earthly treasures he has given us to serve him in the church.

Memory Treasures for Thursday = Hebrews 13:5 1 Timothy 6:10a

5-6 Social Studies— Students are studying for European capitals and map quizzes. We will also be learning about several important rivers.

7-8 U.S. History— We continue learning about the three branches of our federal government, how a bill becomes a law, and the bill of rights. Students have a quiz scheduled for Thursday.

3-4 Social Studies— MAP Testing all week.

5-6 Music— The students will continue their instruments of the orchestra unit.

7-8 Music— This week we will learn about American composers Berlin and Copland.

God bless your week,

Mr. Brown

Mr. Markgraf & Miss Lindemann's Classroom

3-4 Music – In music we will start looking at the music for the play and for the song "Amen" that we will sing for Lutheran Schools week.

5-6 Science – We are working on building our final inventions in science this week. The students worked on getting me a list of supplies that they needed, and we should have everything. This should be our last week of inventions.

7-8 Reading – This week we will be reading our second nonfiction book and looking at what we need to do for final projects that will be due early next week. We also moved MAP testing to this week because of last week's unpredictable weather.

Course 3 & Algebra – Test Wednesday. Study guides will go home today!

Parts for our play were assigned over the weekend. Students can start memorizing their lines right away! Play night is Friday, March 3rd this year.

With Winter Carnival coming this Friday, all 7-8 parents are asked to provide a baked good for the cake walk. You can bring those into school on Friday anytime. Thanks!

With Mrs. Markgraf due with the baby this Saturday (any day now..!), it may be a strange week or two. We certainly have some plans, but those may get tossed out the window if I'm unable to be here... Thanks for your patience!

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