

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

April 29th, 2024



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

General News & Notes

- Thank you to all that responded to our brief **survey** last week about the **last day of school!** The plan will be to spend the last day at the softball fields at Ta-Ha Zouka. You can drop off your kids at the park between 7:45 and 8:15, then pick them up at noon! Everyone is welcome to join us for the day and watch some kickball. More info to come next week...
- **WELS Olympics** has been cancelled this year, but we are still planning on doing some **Arbor Day** things on Friday.
- **Half Day** this Wednesday May 1st.
- The **NE WELS Schools Track Meet** is this Saturday at Centennial High School in Utica. Field events are set to begin at 9:00, running events at 11:00. ALL track athletes are invited to this one! Plan to be at the high school by 8:30 to get warmed up!
- Once again, the St. Paul's school board is offering a \$500 tuition discount for **referring** a new family to St. Paul's that enrolls in our school next year. Take advantage of this great opportunity!
- **Opportunity Scholarships** of Nebraska Applications are now open! Incoming Kindergarten families and 8th grade families who will be attending private high schools next year, check out the application page at nebraskaopportunity.org. The deadline for applications is THIS TUESDAY, April 30th.
- **Children's Scholarship Fund of Omaha** applications are due this Friday. If you have questions about this fund or the application process, please let Mr. Markgraf know!
- **St. Paul's Scholarship** applications are due at the end of May. You can apply for this scholarship through FACTS.

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!

IF GOD IS **FOR**
US WHO CAN BE
AGAINST US?



ST. PAUL'S
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2023-2024 ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
ROMANS 8:31

Upcoming Events

May 1

Half Day

May 3

Arbor Day

May 4

NELHS Track Meet

May 9

Band Concert

May 12

Praise Choir

May 13

Little Lambs Last

Day/Preschool Graduation

May 15

K-8 Last Day of School

Mission Offerings

In this sinful world there are disasters constantly occurring all around. Just think of the recent destruction from the tornadoes in Omaha. People are always in need. Christian Aid and Relief helps ease some of the burden.

This is our mission offering for this semester. **Total last chapel offering: \$51.26 Total this semester: \$743.32**

Wow, What Generosity! Acts 4:32-35

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

Did you know that most children say their first words right around their first birthday? Do you have any guesses about what words they learn to say first?

Sometimes, it's Mama or Papa. Sometimes, it's doggy or kitty. Sometimes, it's yeah or no or even cookie. Your parents can probably tell you what your first word was.

Another word that kids learn to say very early is mine. If someone tries to grab their favorite toy or stuffed animal, they grab on tight to it with both arms and shout, "Mine!" just like those annoying seagulls in *Finding Nemo*.

Why do we learn to say mine way before we learn to say, here, yours, or share? Why do we care so much about getting more stuff for ourselves? Why is it so hard to share our stuff with other people?

It's because we're sinful. Sin is natural to us and makes us selfish. Sin makes us care about ourselves more than anyone else. Sin makes us grab onto whatever we can and shout, "Mine!"

Thankfully, Jesus cared more about us than himself. He came to our world and said, "Here, yours, and share." He gave his own life to forgive our sins and set us free from selfishness. He rose from the dead to give us new lives—lives filled with generosity.

Generosity is a big word, but if you want to know what it means, read today's Bible passage. The very first Christians shared everything they had. They even sold what they had so that they would have even more money to give to other people. They made sure that everyone had enough food to eat and clothes to wear.

Wow, right! Where did those first Christians learn to be so generous? Why were they so happy to share everything they had with others? It's because they saw how much Jesus shared with them. They knew how generously Jesus gave everything he had, even his own life, for them.

The same thing is true for us. When we experience the amazing love of Jesus Christ—especially seen through our family and church family, it excites and models for us what sharing is. We'll be happy to help the people around us. We'll be glad to show generosity.

Closing Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for giving me the amazing gift of forgiveness and salvation. Help me be generous with everyone around me. In your name, we pray. Amen.



PIONEERS
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Mrs. Mullen's Classroom

Mon. Wed. Fri. Morning and M-F Afternoon Class

Our bible story this week will tell us about a man named Stephen. He was chosen to do God's work and he had an incredibly strong faith! He was not afraid to tell others about Jesus. He even proclaimed it to his enemies at a great cost.

We will attempt to be fearless in these two classes. The children armed with their Jesus Loves Me books will go about their daily routine and share these words: **JESUS LOVES YOU!** Each person they tell can write their name in their special journal. I know these kids will rock this assignment!

Tue. Thur. Morning Class

The next part of our creation story will talk about how God made people. Adam and Eve were made in the image of God, perfectly perfect! God knew we needed a family to help us daily. What a blessing!

We will learn how many people are in each preschool student's family and graph how many are boys vs girls. We will also try to make our own people with playdough.

Our school has an early release this Wednesday, therefore no afternoon preschool on May 7th.

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

Mrs. Brown's Classroom

Christ Light: Faithful Stephen - God helped a man to bravely tell enemies about their sin and their Savior. We ask that God would help us to be like Stephen, bravely speaking up and sharing His word with others.

Memory Work: Isaiah 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you.

Math: The children will practice finding several different ways to put numbers together to make another number.

Reading: This week we will be doing a book study using the books "Koala Lou", by Mem Fox, and "Koalas", by Deanna Jump and Deedee Wills. The children will be reviewing the difference between narrative and informational texts. They will also be making connections between the text and things that have happened in their own lives.

Writing: Students will practice writing their opinion with supporting reasons.

Unit Studies: The students will discuss ways they can stay safe at school, at home, and in the car.

Reading Pockets:

Daily: Reading/Shoe tying

Thursday: Read Christlight Bible story – Faithful Stephen – Worksheet due Friday

Shoe Tying: Does your child know how to tie his shoes? If not, now is the time to learn! Please practice every day at home until this is mastered. Children will be assessed on this skill soon and it is one that is expected to be mastered by the end of kindergarten. Thanks for your help!

Mrs. Spreeman's Classroom

Happy Monday! There are only two more happy Mondays left. This week we will be learning about brave Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Daniel. We will probably never be threatened with a fiery furnace, but we might feel nervous to tell God's Word to others. We'll learn that God wants us to be bold to share his word and that he will be with us. We will review the ou/ow spellings in words, and complete some more of our Superkids units. No more spelling tests this year. In math we will learn to subtract two digit numbers without regrouping, and temperature. Practice counting 25, 50, 75, \$1.00 for our quarter counting. We will also take our MAP tests this week to see how much we've learned this year.

Show and tell is to bring your favorite food and tell about it. You can bring the actual food, with some for each student to try, or bring a picture or the recipe.

We have an end of the year field trip scheduled for Thursday, May 9th. We will be traveling with the second graders to the Columbus Children's Museum. We will arrive in Columbus at 9:30 and have a couple of hours at the museum. Then we'll eat lunch, play at a park and head back to school. It will be a fun day to celebrate the year. The cost will be \$5. Could you be a driver for our field trip?

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Nelson's Classroom

This week in Christlight the students will hear the lessons: Daniel in the Lion's Den and Queen Esther. In these lessons the children are reminded to obey God and speak up for others when we have a chance.

We will be working hard this week on MAP tests, finishing our Superkids curriculum, and preparing for 3rd grade!

We will be having show and tell this week. Your child can bring in an item that reminds them of summer. They can bring in the item any day this week.

Our end of the year field trip has been finalized. We are headed to the new children's museum in Columbus on Thursday, May 9th. We will be spending the morning at the museum, having a picnic lunch, and visiting a park. The cost for the museum is \$5. If you would like to drive please let me know.

Have a blessed week! Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Rixe's Classroom

MAP testing will take place this week. A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast helps have an extra edge.

In math, 3rd grade will be multiplying a single digit # by a multi-digit #. They will also be learning how to fill out a function chart and write decimals/tenths. 4th grade will be studying faces, edges, and vertices of 3D shapes. They will also be learning about order of operations. Ask us what parenthesis in math means.

We completed our language unit on helping verbs; the test is scheduled for Wednesday. Ask us how a helping verb can be compared to Clark Kent/Superman. Our next unit will be learning how to write a How To essay.

We are working on some special things in art. :)

"Put your hope in God..." Ps. 42:5



Mr. Brown's Classroom

5-6 ChristLight— Our lessons for this week are **Elijah and Elisha** and **Elisha and the Shunamite Woman**. In our lessons this week we will learn we trust that God is the Lord of life and death, who will take us to heaven when he sees fit. *Memory Work = Matthew 28:19, 1 Peter 2:9

3-8 Social Studies

- In 3-4: We start learning about the Pacific and Mountain states. We will also be taking time out of our schedule to do some MAP Testing.
- In 5-6: We'll finish up our book studies about ancient Greece this week! We will also be examining the history of Greece in the Bible and take a look at the many false Greek gods.
- In 7-8: This week we begin our chapter about the 1950s, President Eisenhower, and tensions rising in Vietnam. We will also be playing a computer simulation about what it was like to be a country's leader during the Cold War.

5-8 Music/Church History

- In 5-6 we begin a mini unit on Woodwind instruments.
- In 7-8 Church History: Students continue a Bible Study unit about Worship.

Mr. Markgraf & Miss Lindemann's Classroom

All of our 7th-8th graders did fantastic jobs on their weather presentations last week! We still have a few to finish up today/tomorrow. With our last two weeks, we will be focusing on a brief overview of physics principles. There will be no math test this week (we just took one on Friday!). Please turn in your field trip forms this week so we can plan out drivers! Mr. Markgraf

Hymn 497 v 1,2,5 are due on Wednesday. Our last song for the year will be the Closing Prayer which is the song the whole school will sing on the last day of school. We will learn about gerunds and participles in English this week. Wednesday is a half day, and we will use that time to do our final round of MAP testing. In reading, we continue to read short stories. We are getting closer and closer to our goal! 776 out of our 800 book challenge! Only 24 more books to go! Miss Lindemann



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