

# WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023



**ST. PAUL'S**  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

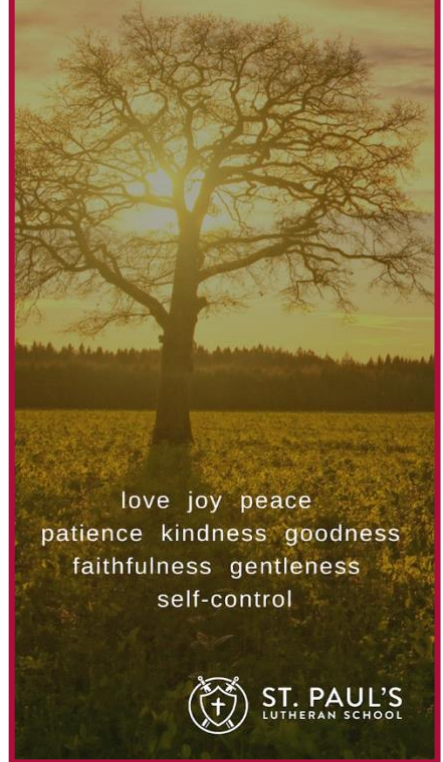
## General News & Notes

- This week is **Teacher Appreciation Week!** Make sure to let your teachers know how much you appreciate the work they do.
- The Board of Ed has decided to offer a **recruitment discount** for next school year. If you recommend a family to us and they mention your name in their Gradelink application, you get \$500 and they get \$500 off of tuition!
- Reminder that **financial aid** opportunities are available for next school year – the CSF Omaha scholarship application deadline is this Friday. St. Paul's scholarship applications through FACTS are due by the end of May. Also – St. Paul's members, make sure to get your member scholarship forms back ASAP!
- We are accepting **applications** in all grade levels for next school year. If you know of someone looking for a school, please mention St. Paul's!
- Camp Messiah dates are set for this August 2-5. This is our local summer Christian camp led by local pastors, teachers, and parents for students entering grades 5-8. We will be in A/C cabins with catered meals! Please look for more info and online sign-up on our webpage: [www.stpls.com/campmessiah](http://www.stpls.com/campmessiah)
- Summer band instrument lessons are being offered again this year for experienced and new students alike entering grades 4 on up! A sign-up form was put into student mailboxes last week. If interested please speak to Mr. Brown. Lessons start Thursday, June 8th. Some rentals are also available.
- This spring our school will be receiving another check from Box Tops that you submit from your app. Your participation helps our school!

## 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

### May 11

Spring Band Concert

### May 15

PreK Last Day & Graduation

### May 17

K-8 Last Day of School & Graduation (K-8 Sings)

### May 31

St. Paul's Scholarship Applications Due

## Mission Offerings

"Go and make disciples of all nations..." Jesus commanded us. Through our chapel offerings we can do that. At the end of this semester, we will be sending our Wednesday chapel offerings to Costa Maya ministries in Mexico. Our offerings might stop; however, our prayers do not have to.

**Last weeks' offerings: \$112.44**

**Total semester offering: \$1040.76**

### *You Don't Know Who You Are Dealing With*

*Acts 4:8-12*

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

"You don't know who you're dealing with."

You hear that line in movies. There is a person who holds power but whose power is hidden. Maybe she is an undercover spy. Or a superhero disguised as a normal human. Or the owner of the company, but the employees don't recognize her. Someone says something threatening or intimidating and the response is, "You don't know who you are dealing with." The person is saying, "I may look like you, but if you knew who I really am, you would be afraid of my power."

God came to earth as a little baby. He looked and lived like everyone else. Jesus was on an undercover mission. He tucked his power and glory away to live and die in a way no one would expect God to live and die. He used his power to say "no" to sin. He used his strength to bear the punishment of the world's sin.

After Jesus' resurrection, Peter spoke to the Jews who had called for Jesus to be crucified. He told them that God raised Jesus from the dead, which proves that Jesus is really God. Basically Peter said, "You didn't know who you were dealing with." Those words can be terrifying. You didn't know you were dealing with God Almighty, who has the power to punish you!

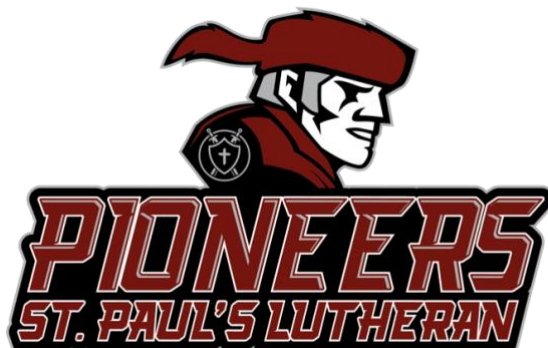
There is another movie situation that involves hidden identity. Someone is in danger, but a person with them reveals that he is able to help. For example, there's a car accident and someone is badly hurt. But a passerby runs up and says, "I'm a doctor. I can help." What a relief! Here's another example: Hikers find themselves lost in the mountains. But then, a fellow hiker appears and says, "I'm a park ranger. I know the way out." Here's one more: A group of terrified people have been taken hostage. But one of them whispers, "I'm a police officer. I know exactly what to do."

The point is this: While Jesus lived on earth, he revealed his identity. He said, "I'm the Messiah. I've come to save you." What a relief! What peace! Many believed him. When they learned his true identity, it gave them peace. How different from Jewish leaders who were disturbed and fearful when Jesus' identity was revealed!

Praise the Holy Spirit for showing us Jesus as our loving Savior. Through the Bible, we know his true identity. We are secure because he has taken back all his power as God. We know that he uses that power to care for us, forgive us, and bring us to heaven.

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Thank you, Holy Spirit, for showing us Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust in him always. Help us to share Jesus with our friends and family so they, too, can know his identity and be saved. Amen.



## Poems from Mrs. Rixe's classes

### Twister

Eerie skies, dark day,  
Whirling cloud of destruction,  
Close your eyes and pray.  
by Jackson Hansen

### Rain

Rain falls from the sky,  
The ground is wet and soggy,  
Rain is good for earth.  
By Norah Nelson

### Purple

Reminds me of lilac,  
It's beautiful and precious,  
Purple is for me!  
by Jadeana Ramirez

Don't forget your homework  
by Emma Hockabout

When I left my homework at school,  
My teacher let me in.  
But forgot about the rule,  
To turn the lights on in school.

I walked through the dark hall,  
Towards my classroom door.  
I heard a rustling in the wall,  
I fall to the floor where i sprawl.

I stand up and run,  
I listen for the rustling.  
But there was none,  
I thought I was done.

I made it to the room,  
And shut the door in a hurry.  
Then I hear a boom,  
From somewhere in the room.

Then I think,  
Forget about my homework.  
I run out of there in a blink,  
To the car where I shrink.

The next morning,  
I did not go to school.  
I think the noises were a warning,  
Do not forget your homework.



# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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Dear families,

The end of the school year is upon us! It's hard to believe we're on our last full week of school. This means that the last day of school (Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>) is fast approaching. Here is all the information you should need to know:

1. **Chapel (8:15)** – Everyone is invited to join us for our closing service!
2. **Kickball Tournament (9:00ish)** – All students in K-8 will be divided up into teams to play in a kickball tournament. Teams have been selected, and each team was assigned a color. Your child is asked to please wear the color of their team on the last day of school. Ask your child's teacher what color your student should wear! Games will happen on the green space to the east of the school building as well as to the west of the church parking lot. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come and watch (but please let the teachers do the officiating!).
3. **Picnic Lunch (11:15ish)** – The 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade parents are serving lunch for everyone on the last day of school. There will be hot dogs with some sides to choose from.
4. **End of the Day (12:00)** – Students will be dismissed for the summer at noon. Report cards will also be sent home on this day. Please make sure to check the lost and found table during the last week to see if any of your items have been lost and found! Any items remaining will be donated.
5. **Graduation Service (6:30)** – All students in K-8 should plan on attending! We will be singing one last time as a school for this service. This is a short service in the church where we will hear God's Word and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their diplomas.
6. **Awards Ceremony (Following Grad. Service)** – Another reason for everyone to attend the graduation service... Various awards from the school year will be acknowledged or passed out at this time.
7. **School Dance (Following Awards Ceremony)** – We'll close out the year with a dance in the gym put on by the 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade parents. Pizza and other snacks will be provided. Everyone is welcome to come!

Thank you for a great school year!

## Mrs. Mullen's Classroom

Ready or not, it is our last week for the Tuesday Thursday class! The other two groups will have school through Monday the 15th. I'm not ready to say goodbye to these good friends. All three classes will review bible stories we learned about this year. We will also send home a couple of weekly readers we won't get to and the names we used all year to check in. I've watched these children grow personally, academically, and most importantly they have grown in their relationship with Jesus. There is **nothing more important**.

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

## Mrs. Brown's Classroom

**Christ Light:** Philip and the Ethiopian – We will focus on ways we can spread God's Word to others, just as Philip did in our Bible story.

**Memory Work:** Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Math:** The children will finish up their last math unit this week as they continue to work on solving word problems and making fact families.

**Reading and Writing:** This week we will be doing a book study using the book, "How I Became a Pirate". The children will be working on skills such as predicting, retelling, making connections to previous knowledge, and making inferences based on clues in the story. They will not have separate writing lessons this week, but rather, will work on their writing skills as they complete assignments related to their book.

**Unit Studies:** The students will learn about bike safety, sun safety, and water safety.

**Reading Pockets:** No homework this week!

**Pirate Day:** We will celebrate on Tuesday!

**Packing up:** Please send a brown grocery or other similarly sized bag for your child to use when packing things up to bring home at the end of the year. Students should bring them by Friday.

## **Mrs. Spreeman's Classroom**

Happy Monday! There is only one more Happy Monday left—the year has flown by. WELS olympics was fun for all. God blessed us with some great weather for having fun outside. This week we will keep learning to read and write and do math. Our Bible lessons this week are about the early church and how God used people to spread his word. God still uses people to spread his word—us!

Show and Tell is student choice.

Tuesday is Stuffed Animal Day.

Wednesday is beach day. Your child can wear flip flops in the classroom, but he/she will need socks and shoes for outside.

Thursday is Hat Day.

Our field trip is planned for this Friday. Please send these items with your child on Friday: a booster seat, \$2.00 (if you haven't already sent it) and a water bottle. Be sure to check the weather forecast so that you can dress your child appropriately. If you would like your child to wear sunscreen please send it in a labeled bottle. Please have your child wear his/her St. Paul's t-shirt.

Please send a brown paper grocery bag to school for transporting bulky items home on the last day. If you could have it here by Friday that would be great.

Lakota will be our tea party host on Friday morning. Thank you, Lakota and family!

We will celebrate Sawyer's late May birthday on Wednesday. Happy early birthday, Sawyer! God's blessings to you.

Homework: There will be a Bible story to read each night this week. No other homework.

Have a wonderful week!!

## **Mrs. Nelson's Classroom**

I am looking forward to a fun last week and a half of school!

In Christlight we will be learning about how believers continued to courageously preach about Jesus wherever they went. We are finishing up our Superkids reading program this week. It's been wonderful to see your child grow their reading and language skills through the Superkids Curriculum.

We have some fun events planned throughout the week:

Tuesday: Bring a stuffed animal or doll to school.

Wednesday: We are going to be making some special milkshakes to go with their puzzles your children put together in class. Please look for a post-it note of an item they are to bring into school for the milkshakes.

Thursday: Our class gets to go down to Mrs. Rixe class to learn all about 3rd grade. It's a fun afternoon filled with learning and games.

Friday: We are headed to Poppy's Pumpkin Patch at 12:15. If you are able to drive please let me know. Please send in \$2 to help cover some of the cost for the afternoon. Please have your child wear their St. Paul's shirt.

Have a blessed week, Mrs. Nelson

## Mrs. Rixe's Classroom



## Mr. Brown's Classroom

\*Omaha Zoo trip: For our trip next Tuesday, students are asked to bring in \$5 to help defray the cost of the trip. Chaperone parents with zoo memberships need not bring in money. More detailed info about the trip will be sent home with the kids this week.

**5-6 ChristLight**— This week we will see segments of the Bible on video as we look into Acts, including acts and persecutions of the first apostles.

\*\*\*Memory Work: Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 28:19,20

### **3-8 Social Studies**

- 3-4 will learn about the location of our state in the country, land types within our state, rivers, plants/animals, and the weather and climate we have.
- Grades 5-6 finish their finances unit and will learn about the 1920s-30s decades.
- In 7-8, we finish chapter 11 this week. Chapter 11 is all about America under the helm of war hero and infamous "Trail of Tears" president, President Andrew Jackson. We will also view an episode of "Roots", which will give students a better understanding of what slavery was like in the South.

### **5-6 Science**

- This week in science we will finish putting together our essays and presentations. We will start presenting on Wednesday.

### **5-8 Music**

- Grades 5-6 have been making some beautiful noises on their recorders! We keep at it. 😊
- Grades 7-8 will begin learning about different American artists in our Jazz-Blues-Rock unit!

# Mr. Markgraf & Miss Lindemann's Classroom

Our field trip is next Monday! We will leave school at 8:00 and head down to TreeRush Adventures. Please make sure you wear comfortable "active" clothing, bring gloves (for the ropes course), and shoes with some grip on the bottom. Also, pack a lunch as well as some extra snacks... Our time on the course begins at 10:30 and goes until 1:30, so a snack beforehand and some lunch afterward is a good idea! We plan on being back before 4:00. I will send a text about an ETA back at school once we leave the park.

We took our last science test on Thursday last week... So, this week's focus is DRONES! We will be practicing manually flying and programming drones to accomplish certain tasks. Course 3 and Algebra will also finish up our math this week, with our last test on Thursday.

Hymn 752 verse 1 and 2 will be due this Wednesday. We will not have another hymn due before the end of the year. We will be finishing up English this week. We will have a review day on Tuesday and Test on Thursday. With Julius Caesar done, reading class will focus on finishing our 40-book challenge and looking at some short stories in our textbook.

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