

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

January 22nd, 2024



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

General News & Notes

- **Winter Carnival** is this Friday, January 26th from 5:00 to 7:00. Tickets will be available to purchase for several different games in which you can win prizes, or you can buy a wristband for unlimited play. Food will also be available! We hope everyone can come and enjoy the fun evening with us.
- All families looking into **Kindergarten** next year are welcome to attend an open house here at school on Wednesday, January 24th, to see our K-2 classrooms, meet the teachers, get some information, and do some activities. The open house will go from 6:00 to 7:00ish.
- Next Friday, February 2nd, is a day off of school for **parent-teacher conferences**. These conferences are optional, but if you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please watch for info coming home this week on how to set up a time to meet! Some teachers may also ask to meet with you.
- Please remember to check your **lunch** account balance on Gradelink! There are also some who still need to pay the 2nd part of their tuition payment. Please get that taken care of asap. Thank you!
- **The Opportunity Scholarships Act** was passed in Nebraska State Legislature last May. This bill allows for scholarship dollars to be awarded to certain students entering Kindergarten, 9th grade, or transferring from a public school to a private school starting next school year. This scholarship fund is created through tax credit donations from taxpayers and businesses in the state of Nebraska. If you know of a family with students entering Kindergarten or who are looking for a change from public school, please let them know about this opportunity! If you have any questions, please speak to Mr. Markgraf.
- **Basketball** teams are HOME on Tuesday – girls at 4:30, boys at 5:30. We will be at LHNE on Thursday vs. St. John's BC – girls at 6:45, boys at 7:45.

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!

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

Upcoming Events

January 23

Boys Basketball @ Home

January 24

K-2 Open House

January 25

Basketball @ LHNE vs. St. John's - BC

January 26

Winter Carnival (5:00)

January 28

PRAISE Choir sings in church

January 29

Basketball @ Columbus

February 14

PRAISE! Choir sing at Ash
Wednesday evening service

Mission Offerings

Last semester we were able to send our chapel offerings to Sure Foundation mission congregation in Sioux Falls. This semester we'd like to send our chapel offerings to WELS Committee on Relief. Money is distributed to areas affected by various disasters. **This week: \$46.33 Total this semester: \$88.70**

God Is All About Forgiveness **Read: Jonah 3:1-5,10**

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

When you think about the story of Jonah from the Bible, what is the first thing you think of? Probably a big fish, right? God miraculously saved Jonah from drowning by sending a fish to swallow him. Jonah was in the belly of that fish for three days and three nights. And then God saved Jonah again by making the fish spit Jonah onto dry ground.

God had a plan for Jonah. His plan was all about love. Love for Jonah. And love for an entire city. Neither Jonah nor the city of Nineveh deserved love. After all, Jonah ran away from God. Nineveh was filled with wicked people who didn't love God.

But God is all about love and forgiveness. He loved Jonah so much that he gave him a second chance to do what God had commanded him to do: go preach to the city of Nineveh. He loved the people of Nineveh so much that he sent Jonah to them to call them to repent of their sin.

God has a plan for your life too. When you think about the story of your own life, what is the first thing you think of? Maybe you think about your friends, or your family, or sports that you play, or an instrument you are good at. Or maybe you think about how you fall short—you're not the perfect child or student. You make mistakes as a teammate or musician. Maybe you think of how you fall short of what God commands you to do. God says this failure means you do not deserve his love and forgiveness.

But remember, God is all about love and forgiveness. He gives you his Word to remind you of how he forgives sin because of Jesus' work of salvation. He gives you pastors to proclaim this forgiveness to you. And then he calls you to turn away from that sin and do what he commands.

One of the greatest things he commands you to do is share his love and forgiveness with others. Sometimes this means telling people first that they are sinners. As scary as that can be, you have a promise from God that he is with you. His words are powerful. Some words warn while other words forgive. Together, they change hearts and lives. You will get to see it, too. And when you do, you will get to share with people the God of second chances.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Lord, give me the courage to share your words with others. Fill me with joy because of your love and forgiveness. Amen.



Mrs. Mullen's Classroom

Monday Wednesday Friday and Afternoon 5-Day Classes

The children will hear the story of Jesus being baptized by his friend John. The TRINITY is a new idea for us in this story. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We will hear how all three persons of God were present at the baptism.

The #3 will carry out in many ways this week. Triangles, a game called 3 For ME, writing a story with 3 parts, and more...

We learn about ice and how it melts. We will add salt and find out what difference one addition makes. Gentoo Penguins are studied in our Scholastic Weekly Reader. It is a busy week!

Tuesday Thursday Class

Jesus Chooses His Helpers is our bible lesson for this group. These men left everything behind to work with Jesus. They knew how important his work was! We will pray for friends and family this week and do our part to work for Jesus. If you have a prayer request, please send it our way.

Scholastic studies in this class focus on Puffins. We will learn what a Puffin looks like and compare/contrast it to a penguin.

Have a wonderful (and hopefully warmer) week walking with Jesus.

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: The students will work with their first "Superkids Club" book as they review the letter Bb and its sound, add the letter s to the end of a word to make the plural form, and distinguish lowercase b and d letters.

Math: Topics include identifying pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters and stating their values.

Writing: Students will learn about organizing their writing and adding a closure.

Unit Studies: We will take a break from our unit studies to complete standardized MAP testing this week.

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: Your child will be bringing home a special assignment to help us with our new writing unit. Please help your child complete this and return it by next Tuesday, January 30th. Thanks so much for your help at home!

Mrs. Spreeman's Classroom

Nothing to report for this week. Shannon's mom passed away last week. Please keep Mrs. Spreeman and her family in your prayers. Blessings on your week!

Mrs. Nelson's Classroom

This week in Christlight the students will continue to hear about the Israelites traveling in the desert on their way to the promised land. The students will be reminded that God uses his Word to help us.

We are beginning a new unit in Superkids. We will be learning about double consonant spelling patterns, suffixes, and editing sentences.

In Social Science we are talking about animal traits and the earth's atmosphere.

Have a blessed week, Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Rixe's Classroom

My husband recently received a call to serve in Theresa, WI. Please keep us in your prayers as he deliberates. Conferences are coming up next week; a sheet is coming home today.

Book Reports are due for grades 3-6 on Jan. 31 (3/4 sport book; 5/6 biography book).

We would like to perform our reading class play, *The Crowded House* for you on Wednesday morning Feb. 7th (an email with more detail was sent out).

In math this week, 3rd grade will be learning about looking for a pattern to solve a problem, telling time to the minute, and rounding a number to the nearest 100. Ask us how to find area. 4th grade will be learning about ordering fractions, line segments, and equal group story problems. Ask us what perpendicular means.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield." Ps. 27:8



Mr. Brown's Classroom

MAP testing is wrapping up this week for our winter session. Remember to get plenty of rest each night and eat an adequate breakfast to be in tip-top shape mentally to take these tests.

Parent Teacher Conferences: I am planning to make times available next week Friday, February 2nd for families that would like to meet to check in on student progress. Please look for an online sign-up in your email this week!

5-6 ChristLight— Our lessons for this week are **Crossing the Jordan** and **Rahab and the Spies**. In our stories we'll learn that God took Moses home to the promised land of heaven and brought the Israelites into the promised land of Canaan. The Spirit has also given us faith, which we confess with our words and demonstrate with our deeds.

*Memory Work = 8th Commandment & WDTM?

3-8 Social Studies

- In 3-4: We are learning more about the Southern States.
- In 5-6: This week we are reviewing the geography of ancient Mesoamerica and learning about its ancient civilizations: Olmec, Maya, and Aztecs.
- In 7-8: We continue studying the Roaring 1920s. **The students will be working on a group project this week where they get to create Advertisements for an up-and-coming new product created at this time.**

5-8 Music

- In 5-6 we will learn more about Classical opera and a foundational composer of the Classical period: Haydn.
- In 7-8 Martin Luther studies, we will review for our test this week!

Have a blessed week!

Mr. Markgraf & Miss Lindemann's Classroom

This week WILL be the final week of our flameless heater unit. We will be testing each other's heater designs today (Monday), and taking our end-of-unit assessment on Tuesday. In Bible Study, we will move on to a lesson about choices that revolve around God's blessing of family. Course 3 and Algebra will have a math test on Thursday. We are beginning to work on our play this week! Play night is Friday, March 22nd. Mr. Markgraf

This week Hymn 283 v 1, 4 are due on Wednesday. Our new hymn of the week is "Go My Children." In English we will be looking at predicate nouns and predicate adjectives. We will be having our snow day fun today in reading, but for the rest of the week, students will be working in groups to rewrite a Twilight zone telescript that was written in the 60's with more modern technology. We are currently 390 books into our reading challenge! Only 410 more to go!!! Miss Lindemann

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