

St. Paul's Lutheran School
Newsletter
September-2019



From the Pastor's Desk

"School days, school days, Dear old Golden Rule days. 'Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic, taught to the tune of the hick'ry stick. You were my queen in calico. I was your bashful, barefoot beau. And you wrote on my slate, "I Love You, Joe", when we were a couple o' kids."

This 1907 song tells of the reminiscences of a mature couple looking back on their childhood. How times have changed. Those "dear old Golden Rule Days" cause us to look back to a time when our faith was lived out on a daily basis, not just Sunday. Of my own public "school days" I remember each day opening with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance as we all proclaimed "one nation under God." Music class consisted of the music teacher pushing her upright piano into each classroom and the songs we sang included among others, familiar hymns.

Yes, my how times have changed. As they have changed, we adults, parents and grandparents and guardians are called to remember the words of God as spoken through Moses: "7 You 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." (Deuteronomy 6:7 ESV) What shall we teach? We shall teach God's

holy Word. As such, in keeping with this command of God, we read Martin Luther's admonition as found at the beginning of his *Small Catechism*: "As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household." The onus, the responsibility for this, lies with the head of the household.

Our children, and we, live in the tension of two kingdoms, man and God. We must take the call of God to teach His Word to our children with due diligence as Luther calls us to in the "Table of Duties" in the *Small Catechism*: "Fathers...bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)."

What a great way to open and close each school day with a devotion that includes the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's prayer, a reading from the Small Catechism, family discussion and depending on the time of day, either Luther's "Morning" or "Evening Prayer" as found in the "*Small Catechism*." This because, as we are taught, the Lutheran Confessions are a true exposition of God's holy Word. Keep the Word of our Triune God before your children and yourselves each and everyday. Live the straight and narrow for there is but one way, Jesus Christ, who is the way and the truth and the life. (John 14:6 ESV) To aid you with this, a copy of Luther's *Small Catechism* will be coming home with your child soon.

God's blessings on this school year.
Pastor David Reber, Jr.



Principal News

Our 2019-2020 school year has gotten off to a fantastic start. We have 51 bright students who come every morning ready to learn and willing to work on seeing the JOY in everything. During our morning meetings, we have been working on this bible verse and its meaning in our own lives:

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

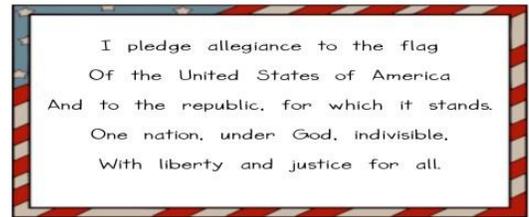
We have also been discussing the importance of giving to those less fortunate. Our first quarter chapel offering will be dedicated to the Heifer Project. Heifer International is a global nonprofit organization working to eradicate poverty and hunger. Heifer distributes animals, along with agricultural and values-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency.

We will be celebrating Grandparent's Day on September 4th. Our students will be inviting their grandparents to a short music program followed by a delicious chicken and noodle lunch. We want all of our grandparents to know what a blessing they are to us all.

Cherokee Strip Day will be celebrated at St. Paul's on Friday, September 13. We have an exciting day planned and would love for everyone to join us. We are sure to have one of the best entries in the Cherokee Strip Parade on Saturday, September 14.

Our school is blessed with wonderful parents! I cannot thank each of you enough. You have shown how much you value your child's education and the importance of working as a team with your child's teacher. We appreciate each of you!

With God's Help,
Carolyn LaBrue

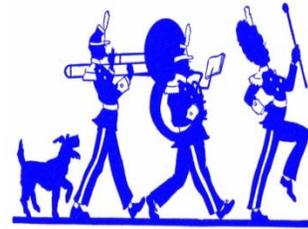


This year, we will continue to get together as a school family for 10 minutes each day.

We say the three pledges; The Pledge of Allegiance, The Salute to the Flag of Oklahoma and The Pledge to the Christian Flag. We also say our Mission Statement.

Serve God, Praise God, Love God, Cherish God, Share God. We then have a lesson and end in prayer.

This is 10 minutes where we learn to be a family, learn important character traits, and learn how to be part of a larger group.



Please plan to bring your child to the Cherokee Strip parade on September 14, 2019. Notes will be sent home with more information soon.



Check your child's back pack for notes every night!



If your child will be absent due to illness (or any other reason), please notify the office by 9:00 am at 234-6646. If the office does not hear from you by 9:00 am, we will call to check on your child. The office will notify the teacher.

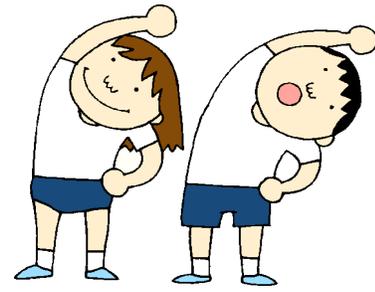
If your child arrives after 8:15 am, please check in at the office **BEFORE GOING TO CLASS.**



Out of concern for the safety of all our students and their families, it is important to review the dismissal procedure. The playground will be closed from 3:30 pm-3:45 pm unless parents are on the playground visibly watching their children. Dismissal is at 3:30 pm and all people picking up students should be here or make other arrangements.

- (1.) The middle lane and the parking spaces by the building are *moving* lanes.
- (2.) Always stay in your vehicle when you are in these two *moving* lanes. If you need to get out of your vehicle for any reason, park in the parking spaces by the bushes - **FACING SOUTH**. This will be the only area for nonmoving vehicles.
- (3.) Once students are in the car, kindly move forward to exit the parking lot and make room for other cars.
- (4.) Pre-K and Kindergarten parents are welcome to park in the alley. All parents need to exit their cars and go to the teacher to visibly "check out" their child.

Please know - we take your child's safety very seriously.



Physical Education

Hello,

I am pleased to inform you that P.E. with your kids has been a joy thus far!!! In my class, the kids have begun to learn the basic skills of physical education. The first week we focused on balance and what it takes to be balanced. We learned not only how to balance our weight on one foot but also got to walk across a balance beam!!! The kids also practiced balancing certain objects. Each child practiced balancing a noodle on only his or her hand, foot, and even forearm!!! The second week of school we learned our locomotor skills (skip, hop, leap, gallop, jump). The kids were able to learn these skills by going "camping". I had made a paper "river" for the students to hop from stone to stone, "trees" to gallop through, "lily pads" to leap from. Currently the third week we are learning soccer!!!! We will be covering soccer for a few weeks. I want to provide all the information such as rules and proper terminology for your children, and the best way to do that is to expand the unit an extra week.

Cannot wait for the weeks to come,
Mrs. Kaity Lamunyon



LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

I am Karen Boardman and am so excited about starting my first year at St. Paul's. Reading is a very important skill in the life of a child. There is a strong connection between reading and academic achievement. Reading is a team effort between family, teachers, and the community. I look forward to helping each of your children as they discover their own love for reading and learning.

The purpose of libraries has changed over the last few years. Libraries are a place where students can come to share ideas, create, and experience learning through a variety of hands on activities. On Tuesdays, your children will be coming to the library for a lesson that will help to support the reading and language arts curriculum in their rooms. Thursdays will be our checkout day where children will select books to bring home. On Thursdays, I will also be incorporating some STEAM activities. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). I'm excited about the opportunities that your children are going to have this year. If there is ever anything that I can do to support you and

their education, feel free to stop by and visit with me.

Mrs. Karen Boardman



Music News

All of our precious students are amazing us with their beautiful, angelic voices. We are singing for chapel every Wednesday morning and at our "morning meetings." In music class, we hit the ground running as we prepare for the Grandparents Day program on September 4th, at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

On Friday, September 13th, at 10:00 am we have authentic "cowboy songs" sung by the students and a special guest. Also, the students love singing our Oklahoma Centennial song, "Oklahoma Risin,'" by Vince Gill and arranged by me for our students to sing with the touching video. It is not to be missed! Second and Third grades just began their square dancing for Cherokee Strip and it is a lot harder than it looks. They are so proud when they master new moves!

PreK and Kindergarten are still working on finding their "singing voices" and practicing the beat. I am proud of their progress. The rest of our students are adding more and more music skills every class period. We have the best and most talented students at St. Paul's! Thank you for sharing them with me for music!

*** If you haven't received a music packet containing all the performance dates for this year please contact Crystal as soon as possible.

Blessings,

Ms. Dian Salisbury



MDO

We have started the school year with a quiet beginning so we are counting our blessings! The children were excited, but not as much as the parents!

We will learn about creation this month. Our nursery rhymes are "Little Boy Blue" and "One, Two, Buckle My Shoe". The numbers are 0, 1, and 2. The shape is square and the color is blue.

We will spend the month getting to know one another, all about me and my family and positive behavior.

We have two new teachers. Jennifer Edwards lives in Pond Creek. She has an education degree and has taught in public school several years. She is working with the Bullfrogs.

The other teacher is Kristina Bernitsky. She just finished her master's degree. She is working in the Bumblebee room. She was also in the program when she was little and mother was a teacher.



PRE-K

School has just begun and the Pre Kindergartners are already hard at work! The first week of school had us rocking in our school shoes while reading Pete the Cat books by James Dean. Our studies for the next week will focus on author Marc Brown and his stories including Brown Bear, Brown Bear. The last week of August we will focus on the colors of the rainbow.

In September we will begin working on recognizing and identifying the letters in our names. We will also be learning about APPLES, COWBOYS, FALL, and FARMS. We will be reading stories and doing all sorts of activities based on these themes.

Ms. Penny Stover

Kindergarten

We're off and running in Kindergarten! Our math (which is brand new) and reading curriculums were introduced by our class friend "Backpack Bear". We have learned a few sight words and we're writing letters. Our math concepts include calendars, using a number line, shapes, patterning, and writing numbers.

I am proud to say the children know there are 66 Books in the Bible and it is divided into 2 parts: the Old and New Testaments. We are currently learning about the 7 days of Creation. Our next unit is called God Made Me Special!

It is going to be a wonderful year and I'm anxious to see the plans God has for these little ones this year! ♥ ♥ ♥

God's Blessings,
Mrs. Lamle ☺

1st Grade

First graders will be going on a safari this year learning new concepts! In Social Studies, we are learning about "Responsible Citizenship." In Reading, we are reviewing word families and practicing reading to our friends and family. We can't wait to see all the adventures of our First Grade Year!

Mrs. Heather Harbron

2nd/3rd Grade

School is off to an exciting start! The 2nd and 3rd grade Super Students have been working hard on procedures, and have been doing some fun back to school activities. The Cherokee Strip parade and festivities will take place in September. The students will be learning about Oklahoma and the famous land run. On September 13, they will reenact the run in front of their school, family, and friends. On Saturday, September 14, the 2nd and 3rd grade will pull their covered wagons in the famous Cherokee Strip parade, The rest of the students will ride on the St. Paul's float. These are exciting times!!!

Ms. Marilyn Mitchell

4th/5th Grade

Reading Counts goals have been set, book reports have been assigned, and homework is starting to come home. It's a start to another great school year! I'm so happy to be back to school and to get to see these smiling faces every day. It brings great joy to my heart! "A cheerful look brings joy to the heart." Proverbs 15:30

Ms. Wendi Collums



PICTURE DAY

Fall Individual Pictures

September 24, 2019

Look for notes coming home soon.

Volunteers Needed

We will be coming together to finish the building of the fence on September 7, 2019. If you are available to help, we will meet on the front lawn at 8:00 am. Thanks for everything you do to support this school!

"Stamp out Starvation"

Want to wear JEANS on Friday???

Ms.Collums' 4th/5th grade class will be raising money for Stamp Out Starvation as a service project this year. Each Friday students will have the opportunity to pay \$1.00 to wear jeans and a St. Paul's T-shirt. The last Friday of each month will be a free day to wear jeans and a St. Paul's T-shirt so everyone can participate on that day. Just send \$1.00 to school on the Friday you will be wearing jeans and a St. Paul's T-shirt. Feeding Children International will send us the supplies that we purchase with our fundraiser dollars so we can assemble baggies of food for the children. Each bag that we assemble will contain 6 servings of food. For every \$500 raised, we can prepare enough food for 2,173 meals. PLEASE be a part of the solution for world hunger and support this worthwhile cause.



PTL NEWS

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated and assisted with making our Back to School Night a success! A special thanks goes to Julie Osborn for helping set up, serve and clean up.

Support your School!

There are lots of other ways you can help support the students here at St. Paul's. When you shop at Target, ask your cashier to credit St. Paul's. We will get a percentage of the sale! Also, please continue to collect Boxtops & Best Choice Labels to turn into the office.



Opportunities to volunteer: We are currently seeking volunteers to be in charge of Yearbook. We will assist you in any way possible. Please contact Becca Buchanan at (405) 334-3800 if you are interested in helping with the yearbook!



Don't forget to check out our clothes closet upstairs. We gratefully accept donations. Please ensure donations are clean, and in good condition. All items are only \$2.00 and 100% profit to St. Paul's PTL!



Our September Dine Out will be at Mazzi's Pizza September 23rd, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Flyers will be sent home so keep an eye out for them in your students' folders.



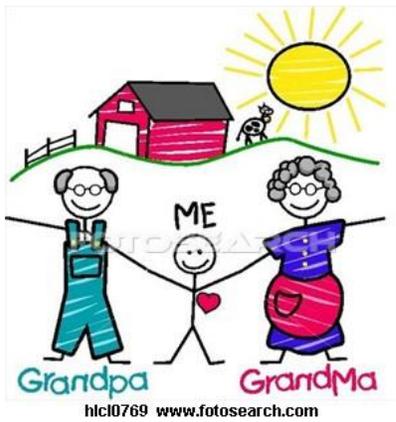
We are eager to increase our membership and hope to see new faces at our next meeting on September 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the Library. It is definitely never too late to join. We plan to meet on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the library, unless there is a conflict, so mark your calendars!



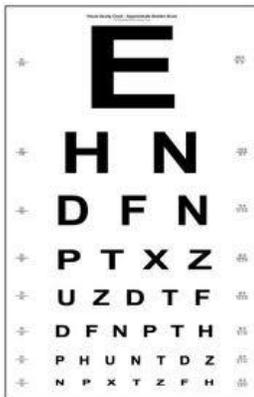
There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, September 2, 2019 in honor of Labor Day.



There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, Sept. 20. Our staff will be attending State Lutheran Teacher's Meeting.



We love our families here at St. Paul's and that includes our wonderful GRANDPARENTS! We will be presenting a short Grandparent's Day Program in the sanctuary on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. Following the program, we invite all grandparents to join us for a "Chicken and Noodle" dinner with our students. We need a head count by Thursday, August 29, 2019. The cost will be \$3.30 per person. Extra Forms are available in the office.



Vision Screening will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 beginning at 8:30 am. We will be sending home a note that gives you the opportunity to OPT-OUT if you DO NOT want your child's vision checked. If you are okay with their vision being checked - you don't need to do anything.



Hearing Screenings will take place on September 17, 2019, beginning at 8:30 am. We will be sending home a note that gives you the opportunity to OPT-OUT if you DO NOT want your child's hearing checked. If you are okay with their hearing being checked - you don't need to do anything ☺.



August Birthdays

- Bella Meza - 15th
- Charlie Siemen - 12th

September Birthdays

- Christine Callaway - 4th
- BJ Capelle - 30th
- Austin Heim - 13th
- Max Iasma - 16th
- Clara Schlichting - 23rd
- Evan Siemen - 29th
- Leah White - 22nd
- Londyn Wilson - 27th



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has entrusted their child/children to us.

Every staff member takes their job seriously! We all care about your child's spiritual, emotional, physical, and academic well-being.

It is a privilege to work with your child and with you, as we work together to do what is best for your child/children.

PLEASE tell others about our school. YOU are the best advertisement for St. Paul's Lutheran School.



Welcome!

We invite you and your family to join us for services every Sunday morning. We offer an 8:00 a.m. service and a 10:30 a.m. service, as well as a Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Our Nursery is open during the 10:30 a.m. service for

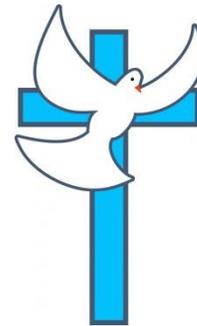
children 4 and under. There is a Children's Sermon during each service as well! You are welcome in this house.



Sunday School Update

Come Join Us!

All children are invited to join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. Children ages three to five are meeting in Room 108. Grades 1-5 will be meeting in Room 110/112. Grades 6-12 will be in Room 104. Watch for signs to direct you.



Confirmation Classes

Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth graders:
It is time to think about confirmation.

Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 p.m. There is a Parent/Confirmand Information Meeting on August 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the basement. Please contact the office or Pastor Reber for more information if you are interested.