

**St. Paul's Lutheran School  
Newsletter**

**JANUARY**



**2021**

**From the Pastor's Desk**

"<sup>21</sup> And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." (Luke 2:21 ESV)

Hence was the prophecy of the angel Gabriel to Mary fulfilled: "<sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus." (Luke 1:31 ESV) From His birth did this Jesus begin the fulfillment of the ancient prophecies - from the place of His birth in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) to His virgin birth and naming (Isaiah 7:14) to His escape into Egypt (Hosea 11:1) - and more. However, on this day, January 1<sup>st</sup>, did this Son of God begin the fulfillment of not just the prophecies, for by His circumcision was He put under the Law: "<sup>10</sup> ...Every male among you shall be circumcised. <sup>11</sup> You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you..." (Genesis 17:10-11 ESV)

So much more occurred on this day though than just Jesus beginning to fulfill the Law, for with this fulfillment did He also begin the pilgrimage to Calgary. With this fulfillment did He also begin the works of salvation for our sake, for on this day did He, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ first shed blood on our behalf. This baby named

Jesus - which means helper, deliverer, rescuer, savior - did as the literal meaning of His name proclaims, He in obedience to the Father was sent forth to save us from our sins.

In His circumcision, were all humanity circumcised once and for all, for it was for all that He was sent. In His active obedience to the Law, did Jesus, even while under the care of Mary and Joseph, render obedience to God on our behalf.

Throughout scripture, especially in the Prophecy of Isaiah, is Jesus given various names or titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace. Those names, though, "are meaningful only because of this name Jesus." (William Graumann, *Why the Circumcision of Jesus is Important to Us*) However, regardless of the name, the power associated with it lies only in the incarnate One who bears it, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, God Only-begotten. He who was, is, and always will be, He who spoke creation, is the only one who could and did bring to fulfillment the prophecies and the Law.

This first blood, the blood of circumcision, shed within the octave of Christmas by the baby Jesus, was but the precursor of the blood to be shed upon us by the Christ child hung upon a cross that we are saved from our sins now and forever more. May we find peace in this Child of God, Jesus Christ, who died that we too may be called children of God. May you find peace this New Year in the fulfillment of promises of old; and in faith, of the promise to come, when this Lord Jesus Christ comes again in all His glory to gather the believers to His bosom once and for all. Amen.

God's blessings to all,  
Pastor David Reber, Jr.

## Note from the Principal

In our virtual morning meetings each school day in December, we took a close look at the meaning of the advent wreath and candles as well as learning about the beautiful banners in our sanctuary....Joy, Peace, Love, Hope, and Alleluia. It is my prayer that our students enjoyed learning about the beginning of a new church year and about the season of Advent - I know I have. We have prepared our hearts for the wonderful celebration of the birth of our Savior.

The staff at St. Paul's has missed their students terribly during this time of distance learning. We have the most dedicated parents and amazing students that have worked together as a team with our teachers to make this difficult time successful. We cannot thank them enough. The following bible verse has come to mind many times throughout the first semester of school.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

The "circumstances" that our teachers, students, and their parents have been faced with the first semester have been difficult but we will give thanks for all the wonderful blessings that we have all received. We will continue to pray without stopping and rejoice always because we know this is the will of God. We are excited to see what wonderful plans God has for our school in 2021. May God Bless Each and Every One of You.

Ms. Carolyn LaBrue



## St. Paul's Teachers share their Christmas wishes:

**PRE-K - Ms. Penny Stover** "My wish for Christmas this year is... for everyone to experience the warmth and strength of Jesus' love."

**Kindergarten - Mrs. Rhonda Lamle** "My wish for Christmas this year is that I will get to see all my kiddos and all the other students back in school on January 5<sup>th</sup>!! Merry Christmas everyone and God's Blessings to Each One of You."

**First Grade - Mrs. Heather Harbron** "My wish for Christmas is more snow, hot cocoa, and to be back in school in January. God bless everyone!"

**Second/Third Grade - Mrs. Marilyn Mitchell** "My wish for Christmas is for JOY - JOY TO THE WORLD."

**Fourth/Fifth Grade - Ms. Wendi Collums** - "My wish for Christmas this year is...snow, hot chocolate, friends, family, and the love of Jesus."

**Library Media Specialist - Mrs. Karen Boardman** - "My wish for Christmas is...One more Snow Day! It brought such joy to see all the pictures of kids laughing and making great memories!"

**Music - Ms. Dian Salisbury** "My wish for Christmas is that all St. Paul's students sing Christmas Carols to celebrate the birth of Jesus!"

**Principal - Ms. Carolyn LaBrue** "My wish for Christmas this year is that all St. Paul's students remember the real reason for this season - the celebration of the birth of our Savior."



We will begin the second semester of our school year on **Tuesday, January 5, 2021**. Our teachers will be having a Professional Day on Monday, January 4, 2021. Class will not be in session that day.



**Be sure to check your child's backpack every night for notes**

★ **December Star Students** ★  
**Enid News & Eagle Newspaper**

Pre-K	Tarek Miller
Kindergarten	Scarlett Gauthier
First	Jacey Kleis
Third	Kody Nguyen
Fourth	AJ Swann



**January Birthdays!**

Katniss Whittington - January 14<sup>th</sup>

Alex Cuthbertson - January 18<sup>th</sup>



The Scholastic Book Fair is one of the highlights of our school year. We love putting new books in to the hands of our students. We are postponing the Book Fair until later this spring in hopes that we can have a wonderful in-person event. Be watching for details!



**National Lutheran Schools Week**

A Message from the....

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
 Lutheran School Week  
 Jan. 24–30, 2021

Matt. 20:28 The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many

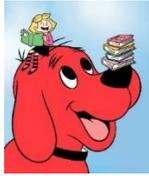
National Lutheran Schools Week provides more than 1,900 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve.

Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.





### READING COUNTS PARTY

Friday, January 8, all students who met their Reading Counts goal for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter will be treated to popcorn and a movie. Congratulations St. Paul's students!

**Professional Day/NO SCHOOL  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY  
January 18, 2020**



### BEACH DAY

Bring on the warm weather, beach towels, and all the fun on Friday, January 15, Beach Day 2021!



### CHAPEL NEWS

Our Chapel offering will be for Loaves & Fishes this quarter. Also, we continue to fill up our mite boxes for the LWML. Thank you students and families for your giving hearts.



**AWARDS CHAPEL FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup>  
QUARTER WILL BE WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 6, 2021 @ 9:00 AM.**



### PTL NEWS

Our next meeting will be **Monday, January 11th at 7:00 PM** at the **Early Childhood Center on E. Broadway.**



### Dine Out

Our next dine out will be at  
**Chick-fil-A**  
**January 26 from 5:30PM-8:00PM**  
Come out and support our school!



Don't forget to turn in your Box Tops! It's super easy to download the app and snap a picture of your receipt. All of those pennies add up! We are also collecting Best Choice labels, so be sure to clip them and send them in to school.



With the colder weather upon us, remember to check out the clothes closet. Everything is \$2 and benefits St. Paul's PTL.