

St. Paul's Lutheran School Newsletter



From the Pastor's Desk

Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Yes, He is risen. But, do we fully understand and appreciate these words of comfort and peace?

To gain full appreciation of these words we so joyously proclaim on Easter morn, calls for us to understand the opening words of Psalm 22 which Jesus quotes in painful cries from the cross in the ninth hour "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46 RSV) Psalm 22 verse 1 then concludes with these words, "Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?" (Psalm 22:1 ESV)

Pain and suffering are real. In fact, it has been said a man who does *not* suffer is not real. Theologian Morris Inch writes of mankind and the suffering and pain we endure: "Pain is real, and the man-less-pain is a man-less-humanity. To live is to suffer. There is no other world; only the one created in man's imagination conforms to his *advantage*. To accept one's humanity is to accept this life and the pain that attends it." (Inch, *Psychology of the Psalms*, p.87)

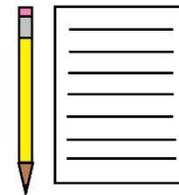
As we deal with the pain and suffering of this world, Jesus' cry from the cross so often becomes our cry from the crosses we bear. Yet, in this man, this God-man Jesus Christ, is revealed our God who in loving devotion to His creation has compassion and takes action to alleviate our suffering. Our God sent His only-begotten to take on *our* image, the image of mankind, to experience *our* suffering and ultimately to die for *us*. *Our* God, sent *His* Son to be incarnate, in the flesh, to reveal to us His compassion, to reveal to us His love for us.

Therefore, on a day long ago, a humble servant sat upon a beast of burden with His eyes focused on a

tree, for that *was* His destiny. Heralded as King and Messiah, this humble servant rode upon this beast of burden. As He drew closer and closer to that tree that awaited Him, imagine the weight that began to bear down upon His shoulders. He who rode into Jerusalem upon a beast of burden, became *for* mankind a beast of burden, shouldering our sins and the pain and suffering caused by those sins. Without a second thought He allowed Himself to be nailed to a cross in a bitterly painful death that we would be saved. Thus, for our sake, was He raised again from the dead to sit aside His Father above.

He knows our sin. He knows our pain. As the Father had compassion for His sin-covered Son, He sinless, the sins ours; so does the Father have compassion for us in our suffering. So we return to His gift of Holy Scripture and our Triune God, and revealed within are words of comfort as we look to the world to come, knowing and grasping in faith that the suffering of this world is but for a little while. Though our God may be veiled by this world's sin and suffering, there will come a day when the light will break forth, and we will stand before the risen Son of God, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Thus we cry out joyously: **Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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



A Note From the Principal

It is hard to believe we have already begun our fourth and final quarter of this 2020-2021 School Year. Our teachers and students are working extremely hard to reach our academic goals. We have some feeling of "normalcy" returning to our school. Highlights of this last and final stretch include a School Art Fair (we have some very talented students), trip to Leonardo's, and a field trip planned to Stillwater where we will be taking a guided tour through the Lost Creek Safari to learn about and feed some very unique animals!

More exciting than all these things I mentioned above is.....this year we have all been TOGETHER to take the journey of our hearts through the Lenten Season. This time of self-examination we have focused on practicing habits of prayer, giving, gratitude, and love. It is my prayer that our students enjoy our morning meetings as much as I do! Our Lenten journey is a special time to learn and grow with Jesus, walking with him to the fullness of life at Easter. We will try to break habits that keep our whole hearts from Jesus and build good ones that open our heart to Him. We talk about Jesus suffering on the cross and we know He is there because HE LOVES US! We know the story does not end there.....Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

With God's Help,
Carolyn LaBrue



PREK NEWS

Hello from the Pre-K kids! March was a busy month for us. We learned about St. Patrick and how he used the green shamrock to teach people how God was the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, three in one.

We also learned about all the changes God's world under goes in the spring. Then we looked outside and saw the grass turning green, daffodils growing and trees budding! Hooray, it is spring!

Next week is Holy Week and Ms. Stover said we will talk about how Jesus came to earth and gave us his promise of eternal life. We will celebrate His resurrection on Thursday, April 1st before we leave for Easter Break. Wishing all of you a safe and happy Easter!

Praise the Lord, He is Alive!

The Pre-K Class, Ms. Stover and Mrs. Teddie



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Hi All!

I would like to begin by saying Thank You for meeting with me for your child's conference! It was so nice to have time to visit with each of you! It's hard to believe that we're in the last few weeks of school. But we're not done yet☺!

I have such hard working kiddos and I'm very proud of each one of them!!!

We had a fun Easter egg hunt and party! We will be going to Leonardo's on April 16th with our Pre-K friends. Miss Julie will pack sack lunches for us to take so we can have a picnic. If your child brings his/her own lunch it will need to be in a disposable bag. I have a couple of other field trips I that I am working out all of the details on.

Please keep encouraging your child to read or read to them♥☐.

Have a Blessed April!

He is Risen♥☐

Mrs. Lamle



FIRST GRADE

April is an exciting month in first grade! We are starting off the month celebrating Holy Week. Then, April 7 we are getting our chicken eggs. It takes 21 days for our eggs to hatch, so you can expect some chirping from baby chicks around the twenty-eighth. Don't forget to get a good night sleep and eat a healthy breakfast during testing week, April 12-16.

Mrs. Heather Harbron



SECOND/THIRD GRADE

The Art Fair was a huge success with many great entries. In 2nd grade Christine Callaway received first, followed by Sage Kala receiving second and Londyn Wilson with third. In 3rd grade, Leah White received first, followed by Issac Kennedy with second and Cho Harbron with third. The students also enjoyed the Reading Counts party at Putt Putt. We will have an Easter party this Thursday and an Easter egg hunt at the park.

Most important, is the meaning of Easter. The students have been reflecting on this time of year and all it means. Jesus died on the cross to save us all from our sins. Hallelujah!

Ms. Mitchell



FOURTH/FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Everyone did such an AMAZING job on their art fair masterpieces! I loved walking down the hall and seeing all the creativity!! St. Paul's students are THE BEST!

It's hard to believe that we are in the last quarter of the school year! Time has flown by.

The last book report for this school year is due on the 23rd, this is worth two reading grades.

Mid-terms will be coming home the week of the 19th. Mid-terms are not a final grade. This is just to keep you informed of where your child is half way through the nine weeks.

Don't forget to keep practicing those multiplication facts!!

Blessings,

Ms. Collums



PE NEWS

As we begin the 4th quarter, we are quickly approaching track season. Our Lutheran talent/track meet in Ponca City has been cancelled; however, we will be having a track meet at St. Paul's on May 7th!! We will be competing in events such as dashes, relays, baseball and softball throw, standing long jump, and sack races. We will be preparing for these events and will be ready to have a great day! Thank you to all those that worked on getting donations for the American Heart Association Kid's Heart Challenge. The prizes have arrived and will be coming home soon! Stay active!

Ms. Carolyn LaBrue



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



MUSIC NEWS

The music students are continuing our "March Music Madness" into April! Each teacher and staff submitted two of their favorite songs of any genre. I put them into brackets and each class votes on their favorite and we progress to the next bracket. This has been really interesting to see which ones are the students' favorites!

In April we will learn and review instruments of the orchestra. The younger students watch and

listen to "Peter and the Wolf" and "Carnival of the Animals." The older kids concentrate on instrument families using fun interactive games. Our upper grades are also going to explore how music plays a role in movies. It is really fascinating!

Each student has really grown in their music knowledge and skills! It has been a fun March in Music!

Blessings,

Dian Salisbury



All students should be working towards getting their 4th nine weeks Reading Counts goal. Please continue to encourage your children and get this goal accomplished early. The party for this last quarter is going to be a fun time and I want all children to be able to attend.

Younger children are working towards reading our last books for the Redbud Award. It's a bit like March Madness and children cheer when their book is a winner. We are almost ready for our final four books. ☺

Older children are working on reference resources with a focus on atlases and map skills. We will be reading and writing some poetry during April for National Poetry Month.

Reading to your child is the greatest indicator of a successful education. Just a few minutes a day is totally worth your investment.

Keep reading!

Mrs. Karen Boardman



70'S DAY

On April 23RD, we are going to take trip to the past! Wear your 70's fashion for the day and be ready to DISCO! Suggestions include wide leg pants, brightly colored leisure suits, t-shirts, platform shoes. Please NO super mini-skirts or short shorts. ,



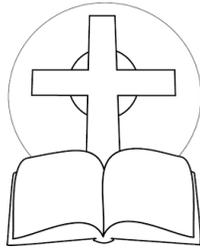
Achievement Tests

Beginning the week of April 12th. Grades 1-5 will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills in their classroom. Please help them do their best by making sure they get plenty of sleep, eat a well-balanced breakfast, and are here on time. We have very bright students and we really want them to shine! Thank you parents for all you do for your children and their education.



Enrollment Opened to the Public

Be sure to reserve your spot by paying your \$100 deposit and completing a registration form. Registration forms and fee schedules are currently available in the office.



Easter Parties

Our class Easter Parties will be on Thursday, April 1. The times will be determined by the classroom teacher, so be sure to check with her on all the details.



April Birthdays!

- Noah Bondi - April 5th
- Cho Lynn Harbron - April 14th
- Kyrstin Harbron - April 14th



Pre-K	Garrett Brueggemann
Kindergarten	Carsyn Buckminster
First	Peyton Brueggemann
Second Grade	Christine Callaway
Fourth Grade	Ava Cuthbertson



**NO SCHOOL ON GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 2. 2021**

PTL NEWS

Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 5** at **7:00 PM** at 1810 E. Broadway. We would love to see everyone there.

Dine Out



Many thanks to all who came to support our Dine Out at Mazzio's in March. Stay tuned for our next Dine Out.



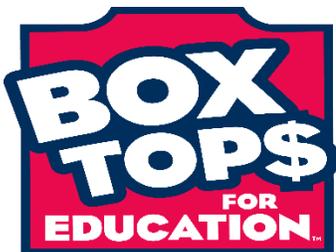
We will be kicking off our spring fundraiser selling chocolate on April 5th. Money will be due April 23rd. Be on the lookout for more details soon!

Also, we are planning an online auction April 22 since we will not be doing the carnival this year. We will be auctioning off class items and any other items we are able to get. If anyone knows

someone who would like to make a tax-deductible donation for our auction, please let Crystal know.



We need pictures for the yearbook! If you have any from school events or virtual learning or anything you would like to see in the yearbook, please send them to stpaulsyearbook20@gmail.com.



Keep collecting those Box Tops and Best Choice labels to earn money for our school.

Church News



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 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 of the light at 1:00PM at <https://stpaulsenid.com/church-media/#Video>.



Maundy Thursday service will be at 6:30 PM on April 1st.

Good Friday service will be on April 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Our Easter services will be offered April 4th. We will have services 8:00AM and 10:30AM with Sunday School at 9:15AM at the Early Childhood Center @ 1810 E. Broadway.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School has been scheduled, so mark your calendars! VBS will be held July 18- July 23. We have a very exciting theme !!! We will send information when it becomes available! Hope to see you there.