

**School Mission Statement:**

Using God's Word as our guide, St. Paul Lutheran School will raise up future generations of Christians in our community by assisting parents in the Christian teaching of their children and by striving for excellence in all areas of instruction.

Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church: Please join us for worship! Services are Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30. Monday evenings are at 6:00pm. *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"* (Psalm 122:1)

Yearbooks - Last Call! There are a handful of copies remaining if anyone would still like to purchase one. They are sold in the office for \$8 each on a first come, first served basis. Any unpurchased copies will be sent back to LifeTouch on Friday, 5/7.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch Donations: If you would like to put money toward the TA luncheon from Panera Bread on 5/7, please have your donations to the office by 8am Thursday morning (5/6). Thank you! ~SPL PTO

Teacher Appreciation is THIS WEEK ♥ The "Giving Tree" is up and on display near the office. Families have the opportunity to purchase scrip cards in the office to gift to the teachers, and sign an item to hang on the tree to show their appreciation. *If you'd like to purchase scrip as gifts, please do so by 8am Thursday (5/6)* so they may be prepared and presented to the teachers on Friday. In addition to the tree, we will use any of the rummage sale donation funds to purchase a lunch for the teachers from Panera on May 7th. There will be a daily theme for the week. Please help your child to put together meaningful notes for his/her teachers. These gestures require minimal prep, but mean so much to the faculty! Here are the remaining themes:

Wednesday: Compliment your teacher

Thursday: Write a note to a teacher explaining how they've helped you and made a difference in your life

Friday: Share a fond school memory you've had with a teacher

Field Trip Lunch Order Forms: Meals will be provided, free of charge, to all children, teachers, and chaperones for Field Trip Day, 5/26. Every individual will need to fill out and return an order form, which will be sent home this week. The deadline to return forms is 5/21.

School Lunch Accounts: For those families with funds in their lunch accounts, you may request a check with your refund by emailing office@stpaulappletonwi.com or stop by the office. There is a chance that government funding will continue through the 2021-22 school year, but we are still waiting for a confirmation of that. If you choose to do nothing at this time and your child continues at St. Paul next year, your funds will roll over again. If you've notified the office that your child will not be attending St. Paul next year, a check will automatically be cut with your refund and you will be contacted individually with further details.

'My Devotions' Summer Edition: The June – August 2021 copy of 'My Devotions' will be coming home with the youngest student in the family this week. Please take a few minutes to study these daily devotions with your family. Your time will be blessed.

Calling all Salmon Lovers! St. Paul PTO is sponsoring a spring fundraiser. We have a special opportunity to partner with Salmon Season (a local business with ties to St. Paul - the owner is the son of former St. Paul teacher, Nancy Zander). You will have the opportunity to pre-order Salmon in bundles of 5, 10 or 20 pounds. Salmon Season catches their salmon in Bristol Bay, Alaska and flash freezes it so quickly after catching that it retains the flavor and nutrition of fresh-caught salmon. This is a special opportunity for you to support your school AND feed your family delicious Alaskan salmon :-). Order sheets were sent home last week, and are due back on May 21st.

Summer Camp Registration Deadline 5/7: If your child will need daycare during the summer months, please contact Candy Schulz (cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com or 733-9061) before 5/7 to register.

8th Grade Graduation: 8th grade graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 27 @ 6:00PM. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines, it has been decided to limit attendance to 8th grade families, faculty, staff, and the Handbell Choir. Each 8th grade family has been allotted 10 spots, including graduates, for this worship service. A separate email with details on how to sign up will be sent to the 8th grade families. Please sign up by May 14. After that date, there may be spots available to attend this service. If you would like to attend, please let Mr. Kelley know, and he will place you on a waiting list and will notify you after May 14. God-willing we can hold our normal closing service/graduation during the 2021-2022 school year. The faculty, staff, and students will have a special school closing chapel service on the morning of May 28.

Athletic Updates:

Soccer: Our soccer team traveled to St. Peter, Weyauwega last week for another conference match-up. After a slow start, our Falcons rallied and turned it into an exciting game! In the end, however, St. Peter came away with a 6-4 victory. The Falcons are now 1-1 in league play and will take on St. Paul, GB this Tuesday at "home" (game played at Riverview's field).

Grades 3-4 Basketball Skills Sessions: We look forward to welcoming Brian Butch to our gym this Thursday, May 6th (4:00-5:00) for a 3rd/4th grade basketball skills session! All students who signed up should remember to bring a water bottle, gym shoes, comfortable athletic clothing, and a face mask. Students will be supervised in the gym after school. After the session ends at 5:00pm you can pick up your child from the parking lot by the side-gym door. Looking forward to a fun afternoon of basketball!

Spring Plays:

Grades K-4 plays will be held on Friday, May 7th:

12:30PM: K-2 performances- Fairy Tales 1:15PM: Intermission

1:30PM: 3&4 performances- Fairy Tales

6:00PM: K-2 performances- Fairy Tales 6:45PM: Intermission

7:00PM 3&4 performances- Fairy Tales

Grades 5-8 plays will be held on Friday, May 21st:

12:30PM: 5&6 performance- Phantom Tollbooth 1:15PM: Intermission

1:30PM: 7&8 performance- MidSummer Night's Dream

6:00PM: 5&6 performance- Phantom Tollbooth 6:45PM: Intermission

7:00PM: 7&8 performance- MidSummer Night's Dream

ALL families will be dismissed during intermission to allow for sanitization before the next group enters. ***Please note that all are invited and welcome to attend these performances!*** Students will stay for the remainder of the day after morning performances. For the evening performances, students will also be dismissed during intermission. Social distancing will be practiced and offered. There will be a separate entrance/exit for our performances. The entrance will be at the gymnasium door "S8" near the playground. The exit will be at the Stage Left door "S3" near the parking lot. Please view each teacher's newsletter for learning parts and evening student arrival times.

Spring Food Drive Challenge – THANK YOU! We would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming generosity. Together we collected over 800 items for the Apple Valley Food Pantry! Congratulations to Kindergarten for winning the ice cream party with over 200 items donated.

The St. Paul Early Childhood Center is Growing! We are blessed to be able to expand our facility, specifically in the infants and one's rooms, to serve more families. Along with that comes *the need to add more teachers and assistants to our team*. With work being completed by Fall, we are looking to bring new employees on soon to get them trained and ready to care for more children in a few short months. If you or someone you know is ready to join our team, please contact Candy Schulz (cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com or 733-9061) right away - We'd love to hear from you!

Upcoming Events:

5/3 – 5/7 Teacher Appreciation Week

5/6 3rd & 4th Grade Brian Butch Basketball Clinic

5/7 K-4 Play Performances

5/10 @ 6:30pm LES Board Meeting

5/12 @ 8:10am Chapel Service

5/13 @ 5pm Piano Recital

5/21 5-8 Play Performances

5/26 Field Trip Day

5/27 Graduation

5/28 @ 8:10am Chapel Service

5/28 Last Day of School & Picnic; noon dismissal