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# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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### St. Paul's Lutheran School

August means preparation is in high gear. Oh, it's been going on all summer long but now the urgency kicks in. Soon the kids will be back! That's not a bad thing either. They have been missed. The hallways have been far too quiet. Soon comes the hustle and bustle of a school day. Soon the joy of kids at play. Soon the agony and the triumph as new skills are achieved through hard work. It's an honor to be a part of all of it. It really is! To get to be a part of everything. To get to be a part of the family as kids grow in the classroom in front of you. To get to share God's Word with them. It's never earned, it's never deserved. It's always a special grace from God bestowed upon our faculty.

But this year, maybe it would be good to take just a second to answer a question before the busyness begins anew. Why do we do it? Why a Lutheran School?

Perhaps the answer comes from knowing what we truly are. We are not a "private school". We are a "parochial school". Parochial means "relating to the church". That one statement provides a relatively solid answer as to why we operate a Lutheran School.

We truly do believe what is written in Psalm 24, *"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters"* (Psalm 24:1-2). Since God created everything and controls everything, then any real pursuit of knowledge is best done under the understanding that it is a gift from God. Math, Science, Social Studies, English or any language for that matter, Physical Education and any other study or pursuit there may be is a gift from God. In a parochial school, this is the primary default and all subjects are considered in the light of God's Holy Word.

Those last three words, provide still more of an answer. In a parochial school, we take time for theology (the study of God & His Word). We add in classes that focus our attention on it. Catechism in

house twice a week, religion classes where we dig into the history of God's Word, devotions morning and afternoon, prayer, and chapel services allow us to give time to the one thing needful as we sing praises to God and wrap ourselves in the Means of Grace.

That's an important part of the answer too. We need to spend time with God's grace because we are sinful here too. That sounds pretty basic but we take seriously the job our parents have assigned us. We support what is happening in the family. God tells moms and dads to *"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it"* (Proverbs 22:6). God wants children brought up in the *training and instruction of the Lord* (Ephesians 6:4). He doesn't want them exasperated by the law. Though they certainly need it in order to learn right from wrong and to be able to follow in the Lord's decrees, they need the Gospel even more. They need the daily reminder that they have a Savior from sin, sin which clings to them even as it clings to us. They need the reminder that God loves them, loves them enough that He would save them from their sin by sending Jesus to suffer and die on a cross to free them from the consequences of it. They need the assurance that even in a world that can be scary and harsh, God is with them and will bring them safely to their heavenly home where sin is gone and perfection reigns for all eternity.

In a Lutheran School, we are still interested in raising a generation that will be able to serve its neighbor and self as fruitful citizens of society. Statistically, we do pretty well at that. But what is most important, more important than earthly success or an impressive list of achievements is that our students walk out the door knowing that Jesus loves them, has saved them, and has supplied heaven for them. It's not about our achievements. It's about His!

Want to learn more? Contact the office today and ask for Mr. Hartwig. He would love to talk to you.

# Happy Birthday

Marlyn Jensen	8/1	Jesse Schumacher	8/18
Mandy Kurtz	8/2	Sally Jackson	8/18
Tonia Nebl	8/2	Kaylee Tackett	8/19
Lisa Stollfus	8/2	Sherry Auchue	8/19
Mary Wendt	8/3	Lisa Schneiter	8/19
Cody Marschall	8/4	Mary Beltz	8/19
Eric Purswell	8/5	Sam Merwin	8/21
Lisa Freiberg	8/6	Miles Rickert	8/21
Glynné Faust	8/6	Jenna Rozek	8/21
Joel Mathwig	8/7	Keith Kovalaske	8/21
Jonathon Schalk	8/8	Craig Peachy	8/21
Amelia Wiener	8/8	Christine Ludwig	8/22
Stephanie Page	8/8	James Drummond	8/23
Steve North	8/8	Jordyn Stettbacher	8/23
Jody Pollom	8/8	Amanda Richardson	8/23
Joshua Hintz	8/9	Bryan Eaton	8/23
Bryce Van Loo	8/9	Aaron Hartwig	8/24
Natalie Reitz	8/9	Jacqueline Christie	8/24
Bonnie Wagner	8/10	Carl Kuchenbecker	8/24
Jess Pollom	8/10	Julianna Schalk	8/25
Tristan Breikreutz	8/11	Christy Hoffman	8/25
Theresa Bortner	8/11	Colleen Kingsland	8/25
Pam Eckert	8/11	Craig Freiberg	8/25
Easton Roedl	8/12	Linda Fucik	8/25
Traci Kertscher	8/12	Winifred Franke	8/25
Dawn Nemitz	8/12	Kalista Rivera	8/26
Melodee Dorzok	8/12	Mandi Jo Wilkens	8/26
Gertrude Adams	8/12	Staci Fisher	8/26
Collin Ferriol	8/13	LaVila Poppe	8/26
Abigail Lane	8/13	Judith Jahns	8/26
Amy Boehning	8/13	Andrew Kuechler	8/27
Mason Jerman	8/14	Patsy Brennand	8/27
Landon Schumacher	8/14	Rebecca Kingsland	8/28
Janet Schwefel	8/14	Katie Fischer	8/28
Stephanie Herzberg	8/15	Renee Ninman	8/29
Jeff White	8/15	Amy Morenzien	8/29
Connie Herzberg	8/15	Gerry Zimmel	8/29
Cindy Gratton	8/15	Dominic Wagner	8/30
Sawyer Fritch	8/16	Bill Tabbert	8/30
Ben Schumacher	8/16	Amanda Scott	8/31
Donna Kollmann	8/16	Trevor Kuphal	8/31
Jacob Brinkman	8/17	Connie Kuehl	8/31
Harper Nett	8/18		

A great way to celebrate your birthday is to find your baptismal certificate. And recall everything that event meant as well. You are not only a child of your earthly father and mother, by your baptism are born into the family of Christ and are an heir of heaven.

## Welcome to New Faculty and Staff

This summer we have been blessed with the addition of two new faculty/staff members. **Joel Mathwig** will be taking over in the 5&6 Grade classroom. **Katie Schwartz** will be joining us as a classroom Aide working with Mrs. Hinn in Preschool and Kindergarten. We wish them and all our faculty, families, and students God's richest blessings on the upcoming school year.

## Welcome to New & Returning Members

We recently welcomed into the congregation: **Mark** and **Cheri Deibert** with their grandson **Matthew Riederer** by transfer from St. Peter's in Fond du Lac; **Shawn Schultz** and his adult son, **Clayton**, by transfer from St. John's in Lomira; **Jeff Richardson** and his sons **Gabriel** and **Edward** returning to the congregation from Messiah Lutheran Church in Omro; and **Cody** and **Cheyenne Sokolik** by Adult Confirmation, having completed our Bible Information Class. We are excited to have them all join us here at St. Paul's. God bless them and all of us as we gather around His Means of Grace!

## A Calendar Full of August Activities!

### **Vacation Bible School: Tree of Life**

August 1-5 from 9:00 - 11:30 AM

### **Family Movie Night: Ferdinand**

August 5 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM

### **Back to School Night:**

*for all parents & children for SPLS*

August 9 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

### **School Cleaning & Church Work Day**

August 13 beginning at 8:00 AM

### **Worship at the Cross**

*A service for the developmentally disabled*

August 16 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM

### **School Orientation & Church Picnic**

*Orientation is for school families*

*The Picnic is for everyone!*

August 21 after worship

### **First day of School St. Paul's Lutheran**

August 24 from 8:30 AM

### **WLA Events**

August 12 Freshman Lock Out

August 17 New Student Orientation

August 24 School Begins