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A weekly newsletter of St. Paul's Lutheran School (April 29, 2021)

FAITHFULNESS

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." 1 Corinthians 4:2

Are you like me? Too often, when a problem or issue is brought to me, I try to figure out how I can help or fix it. If one of my students is having trouble with algebra, I find some time to offer additional instruction. If a friend is having car problems, I offer them a ride. *(No, I cannot help fix their car. That's not in my skill set.)* If one of my children seem to be in a bad mood, I try to comfort them or make them laugh. *(Admittedly, Dad Jokes are often groaners, so getting real laughter is tough.)*

Helping people is certainly something God has called all of us to do, but we cannot help everyone. We cannot fix every problem. Trying to do so will overwhelm us and lead us to neglect another area of our lives. Faithfulness in your use of God's gifts means that you take care of your duties; it does not mean you need to take care of everyone else's duties. Seek a balance in serving others in love without taking on so much that your physical or mental health decline.

God especially wants us to be faithful with our use of His Word. Since He wants all people to be saved, He wants His children to share the Gospel with others. He wants His children to encourage one another with His Word. He wants His children to turn to His Word for strength and wisdom to battle the temptations that come every day. That's the kind of faithfulness we want to seek first. I wish you God's blessings, brothers and sisters, as you strive for God-pleasing faithfulness in your lives.

This article was inspired by "[Carry On](#)" by Amber Albee Swenson for *Time of Grace*. You can find the full article at the link provided.

Benjamin Bain

TADS ENROLLMENT

Parents of returning students should have received an email from TADS with a link to complete Enrollment for 2021-2022 school year. **We are asking parents to complete Enrollment by May 1, 2021.** Thank you!



RETIREMENT SERVICE

On May 9 we will be celebrating the teaching ministry of our 2nd grade teacher, Linnette Fehr. Mrs. Fehr is retiring from teaching after serving at St. Paul's for the last 26 years. Please join us in celebrating her in any of the church services that day. There will also be a card box for well wishes and a cake reception outside (weather permitting) from 9 to 10:30 am in between the services.

We thank Mrs. Fehr for all her years of faithful service!



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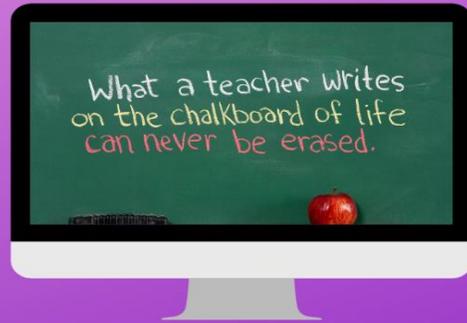
*We have this
hope as an anchor
for the soul.*
Hebrews. 6:19



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 3-7

This year, more than ever, we want to really take the time to appreciate our wonderful teachers and staff.



Thank you teachers for ALL you do!!

GIVING THANKS FOR ONALASKA SCHOOL STAFF – ONALASKA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Giving Thanks for Onalaska School Staff is a program offered by the Onalaska Education Foundation that permits students and parents to recognize a teacher, coach, educational assistant, custodian, bus driver, administrative assistant, administrator, food service staff, or anyone who works to make school happen for our students. By making a donation to the Onalaska Education Foundation, you can celebrate our excellent school staff. The Foundation provides funds for innovative educational programs or creative projects that will help inspire both teachers and students to achieve educational excellence. St. Paul's has received grants from OEF.

With each donation, the honored school staff member will receive a certificate of appreciation with your name and a personal note. You may also choose to honor the individual anonymously, if you wish. We will notify the person honored of your gift to the Foundation without disclosing the amount. You may also use this program to honor someone without making a gift to OEF.

[Complete This Form to Honor a School Staff Member](#)



YEARBOOK ORDERING

**Now is the time to order your 2020-2021 yearbooks!
The deadline to order to receive free shipping is May 1st.**

Yearbooks will be with a new company this year that allows you to customize two pages for free. The cost is \$12.21 (plus tax) per book and can be ordered online at www.treering.com/validate enter the school code 1016189453823108. For details, please see the attached flyer.

If you would prefer to mail in payment, please send a check made out to St. Paul's Lutheran School. Please also submit your child's name and grade with your order. Online orders or checks will need to be received by May 1st. Yearbooks are scheduled to arrive by the end of May. Please email Stacy Waldner at swaldner@stpaulsonalaska.org with any questions!

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT AND CALL SERVICES

Martin Luther College will be conducting a commencement service at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 15, 2021. The Call Service will follow. Check MLC's website for details about streaming. There are several St. Paul's members, as well as student teachers hosted at St. Paul's, graduating and available for assignment this year.



MEET MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE STUDENT – JULIA SCHIBBELHUT

It took Julia Schibbelhut a while to decide where to attend college. In the end, she chose Martin Luther College because she wanted to do something that allowed her to talk about her Savior. Julia loves all of the professors at MLC. Julia is in her final year of the Secondary Physics / Chemistry Education program at MLC, and she looks forward to helping her students use the grit they build solving tough science questions to help them face other spiritual battles in life. She is scheduled to graduate and be assigned May 15, 2021, and she indicates she would LOVE a Call to a foreign mission field.



MLC DAY – MAY 5, 2021 (visit mlcday.com)

What is MLC Day? It is a day to pray for Martin Luther College, share the story of MLC, and give financial gifts to support the work of MLC. Visiting the website, you can find lots of information. The page includes a photo gallery of 25 years of MLC graduates (look for some St. Paul's members). There are several resources for you to use to help support MLC, prayers you can use (or submit your own), and ways you can give to support our college of ministry. Considering the shortage of pastors and teachers in your Synod's congregations and schools, this is also a perfect time to

reach out to encourage young people to consider serving in the full-time public ministry.

WHY DOES ST. PAUL'S STILL DO HEALTH SCREENING?

It has been a relief to check local pandemic data over the past two months. While neighboring states saw some rather significant increases in cases, case counts in La Crosse County have remained low. Praise God! That might lead parents to wonder why we continue to conduct a simplified health screening each morning at school. First, we still want to keep sick people home. Sick students or staff may spread illness, and no one wants to deal with illness this late in the school year. Asking parents to continue completing the Health Screening Form on Parent Square helps keep all of us vigilant in monitoring our health and the health of our children. Second, the health screening process allows people a chance to serve and get to know children (and other parents) by name. Finally, we have established health screening as a routine, so we might as well keep it going until the school year ends. At least that way we avoid the potential need to re-establish the habit. Thanks again for all who volunteer to help screen, and thanks to all parents for continuing this routine for a few more weeks!

4th Quarter MISSION OFFERINGS

Week	Amount
3/24/21	\$69.75
3/31/21	\$43.32
4/7/21	\$49.92
4/14/21	\$49.41
4/21/21	\$62.13
4/28/21	\$33.53
Total	\$308.06

BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN FORUM – MAY 4 @ 6:30 PM

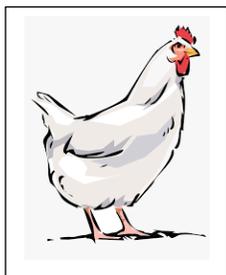
St. Paul's Board of Education next meets on May 4, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Topics on our agenda include 2021-2022 budgeting, 2021-2022 financial assistance awards, an eighth-grade graduation plan, and a recommendation for a part-time teacher Call to permit Mrs. Schibbelhut to dedicate more of her time to worship coordinator duties. Our meeting begins with an Open Forum for parents to bring questions, suggestions, and concerns to our school leaders. The Open Forum will be conducted virtually. You may join the meeting using this link: <https://meet.google.com/zko-depv-rny>, or by calling 727-637-0804; the PIN is 276 452 722#. To provide order for the Open Forum, each parent will be provided a three-minute time to present their suggestion or concern. The Board will provide a written response to the parent.

FOURTH QUARTER MISSION OFFERING – LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

We are blessed to have a strong connection with Luther High School in Onalaska. Many St. Paul's graduates continue their Christian education at Luther, which is less than a mile from St. Paul's. Our fourth quarter mission offerings will support Luther High School tuition assistance.

To learn more about the great things God is doing at Luther High School, visit their website: lutherhigh.org.

LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



The Luther Athletic Booster Club is holding a Chicken Q on

Tuesday, June 1. Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting the athletic office (608)783-5435 x1647 or by emailing: lkabc2018@gmail.com.

The cost per meal is \$10.00 through May 20. After May 20, tickets are \$11.00. Meals may be picked up from 4:00-7:00 pm in the Wilson Street parking lot (presale must be picked up by 6:30 pm). Enjoy a great chicken meal while watching the baseball game, softball game, or track meet that are all taking place that day on the campus.



LK LUTHER KNIGHT YOUTH SPORT CAMPS

2021

VOLLEYBALL

JUNE 7-9

Participants:
For girls entering grades 5-9 in Fall of '21
Times:
Grades entering 5-6 | 8:30AM-10:00AM
Grades entering 7-9 | 10:30AM-12:00PM
Cost: \$40
Location: Luther High School
• T-shirt included

BASEBALL

JUNE 7-9

Participants:
For boys entering grades 5-9 in Fall of '21
Time: 9:30AM-11:30AM
Cost: \$35
Location: Luther High School Game Field
• T-shirt included

FOOTBALL

JUNE 7-9

Participants:
Boys entering grades 5-8 in Fall of '21
Time: 12:30-2:30 PM
Cost: \$50
Location: Luther High School Game Field
• T-shirt included

BASKETBALL

JUNE 14-17

Participants:
Boys entering grades 7-9 in Fall of '21
Girls entering grades 7-9 in Fall of '21
**Registration is limited to first 50 boys & first 50 girls*
Time:
Boys: 8-9:30 AM
Girls: 10-11:30 AM
Cost:
\$40 for boys
\$40 for girls
Location: Luther High School
• T-shirt included

TENNIS

JUNE 21-24

Participants:
For girls entering grades 5-9 in Fall of '21
Time: 9:00AM-11:00AM
Cost: \$30
Location: Parkridge Courts
1123 10th Ave. North, Onalaska
• T-shirt included

COVID PROTOCOLS

• Daily screening
• Specific covid protocols will be determined and communicated in the week(s) prior to each camp
For more information regarding COVID protocols, please contact Joel Babinec:
babijoe@luther.k12.wi.us
608.783.5435 x 1645 (office)

For more information about the Luther Knight Youth Sports Camps visit lutherhigh.org.

GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

[“Hot Cross Buns”](#) is a classic! Some of you may be thinking, “I’m glad I’m not in that classroom.” Children playing recorders brings up negative feelings for some people, but we all have to start somewhere. As these young musicians increase the number of pitches they know how to play, practice rhythms, refine their tone, they will make music that is more and more beautiful. And, yes, the recorder can be a beautiful instrument. Right now I’m listening to the [theme](#) for *The Mandalorian*. Perhaps one of these budding musicians will be inspired to learn how to play the opening measures of that piece. It certainly is a step up from “Hot Cross Buns.”

