



PANTHER PATTERN

A weekly newsletter of St. Paul's Lutheran School (May 21, 2020)

LOVE IS THE SOLUTION

When is the right time to reopen the state? How can we best protect ourselves and our loved ones from COVID-19? When, if ever, will we recover from the economic impact of the pandemic? There are many questions on the minds of many people. Because people are suffering across our country in different ways, people are responding emotionally to this pandemic in different ways. And, since the situation is so emotionally charged, people are acting out in anger at those who do not share their perspective.

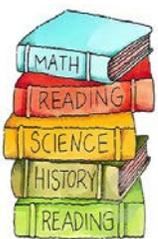
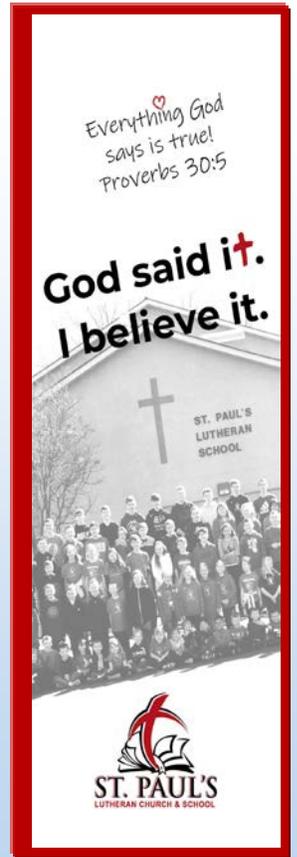
Love brings healing. We show the love of Christ when we think more about others – their needs, struggles, and feelings. If we don't agree with them about an issue, how can we lovingly lead them to see the issue differently?

Our model of love is Christ. He gave up everything to redeem the lost. He gave up His life to save people who rejected Him. He sacrificed himself to help those who could not help themselves. Christians seek to follow Jesus' example of sacrificial love as they serve those around them.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:16-18

The faculty and staff of St. Paul's Lutheran School wish all of you a very blessed summer!

by Principal, Benjamin Bain



MATERIALS DROP OFF / PICK UP TO END 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Who wants to keep all of those textbooks at home all summer? I don't! Tuesday, May 26, is the date scheduled for students to return school-owned materials. Items to be returned include things like Chromebooks and chargers, textbooks, classroom novels, library books (classroom, school, or even Onalaska Public Library), and more. Parents should watch for a forthcoming Parent Square post for a complete list of items to return for each grade.



At the same time, there will be a few things to pick up from school as well. Teachers will prepare items that need to be picked up to make this a quick, easy stop for families. Our goal is to keep most people out of the building, so we hope to stage the drop off / pick up outside, weather permitting. Parents should sign-up for a time through the forthcoming Parent Square post.

FIFTH GRADE CLASSROOM GETTING NEW DESKS!

The Board of Education approved the purchase of new desks for the fifth grade classroom. These new individual desks are similar in style to the tables purchased last summer for grades 1-4. St Paul's will continue to replace our old student desks each year, as funds allow.



MEET MR. COREY PASKE

The Lord, in His infinite wisdom, has assigned Mr. Corey Paske to serve St. Paul's as eighth grade teacher. Mr. Paske grew up on a farm in Arlington, Wisconsin. He is the second of six children. Mr. Paske attended Eastside Lutheran School in Madison, Wisconsin, and Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. Ask Mr. Paske about his role in their award-winning student newspaper!



Mr. Paske is engaged to Erin Wenzel, who was assigned to teach preschool at Christ-St. John's in West Salem. Their wedding in Appleton, Wisconsin, is scheduled for June 19. We look forward to welcoming them to the area soon!

MEET MATH AWARD WINNERS

What is Meet Math? Meet Math is a service club at Martin Luther College that provides mathematics contests for students in grades 5-12 who are enrolled in WELS or ELS schools. St. Paul's students participated in this competition once again during the 2019-2020 school year. Students complete four six-question contests each year. The six questions are usually challenging story problems. Below is an example from the fourth contest for grades 7 & 8.

Megan, Emma, and Carley are working on their science assignment in their dorm room, which is a 2-minute walk from the cafeteria. They have already finished the reading and are now answering a 10-question worksheet. They begin the worksheet at 4:33 pm and the cafeteria stops serving dinner at 6:30pm. They are stumped on the first problem, so they answer the other 9 questions, spending an average of 4 minutes on each question. They get to the cafeteria 2 minutes before dinner time ends. How long did the first question on the worksheet take them before dinner that day?

Schools enter top scores for a team score with each competition. Top teams earn awards, and top individual scorers also earn awards.

Congratulations to these top scorers for grades 5 & 6 from St. Paul's: Kyle Wortman (15), Marlie Krause (15), Jonah Degner (18), and Mackenzie Olson (19)

Congratulations to these top scorers for grades 7 & 8 from St. Paul's: Xander Wendt (17), Eli Krause (18), Jack Schmeling (18), Jacob Evenson (18), Samuel Hackbarth (19), Micah Schiebel (19), and Rileigh Olson (21).

STEM CAMP @ ST. PAUL'S CANCELLED

After careful consideration of the situation, I am disappointed to announce that STEM Camp has been canceled for this summer. Parents who registered will be provided several options from the National Inventors Hall of Fame. It is my hope that we will be able to have STEM Camp once again in 2021.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer office hours will be Tuesday through Thursday from 8 am to 2 pm. If you need to reach the office during non-scheduled office hours, messages can be left at 608-783-2552 ext. 0 or emailed to lpeters@stpaulsonalaska.org or kmiller@stpaulsonalsa.org.

