

# THE SPARTAN WEEKLY

*And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:17*

November 29, 2018

St. Paul Lutheran School

School News & Notes

[www.stpaulsheboygan.org](http://www.stpaulsheboygan.org)



## Happy Birthday

Kaleb Walter December 6

Celestina Duran December 7

*May God Bless You On Your Birthday!*

## Fees Owed

**If your account is over \$20, A PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>.** Some balances are quite high. We need consistent payments made to the school so we can honor our financial obligations. Thanks!

## Blue Harbor

Permission slips and payment for Blue Harbor are due **Friday, November 30**. Permission slips were handed out to students – if you need another one, please stop in the office.

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Blue Harbor

Money should be in for the school trip to Blue Harbor by this Friday. If your child does not participate, they will be counted absent from school.

### FEES

Please pay your fees in a timely manner so that we can pay our bills in a timely manner. Thank you!

### Christmas Service

Our Christmas service, which includes ALL students, will be held on Wednesday evening, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30. You are invited by the Elders to a cookie reception following the service in the church basement.

### Basketball Season

Shane Wolf and Kaleb Walter are part of the St. Paul-Trinity-Immanuel basketball team. They begin their season with a tourney this weekend! Good luck guys!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. K

## "Happenings This Week"

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Thurs., Nov. 29  | Lego/Game Club, 3:15-4:00<br>SALSA Band @ LHS<br>5 & 6 gr., 6:30-7:15<br>7 & 8 gr., 7:15-8:00                       |
| Friday, Nov. 30  | Band lessons<br>LHS BB tournament<br>7/8 Boys   |
| Saturday, Dec. 1 | LHS BB tournament   |
| Sunday, Dec. 2   | LHS BB tournament   |
| Monday, Dec. 3   | Faculty mtg., 3:30  |
| Tuesday, Dec. 4  | BB @ Christ Child Academy<br>5/6 Girls, 5:00  |
| Wed., Dec. 5     | Library open<br>Chapel, Pastor Kretschmar<br>Advent services<br>11:00 am & 6:30 pm<br>Advent Supper, 5:15 pm        |
| Thurs., Dec. 6   | Lego/Game Club, 3:15-4:00<br>Bd. Ed. mtg., 6:00<br>SALSA Band @ LHS<br>5 & 6 gr., 6:30-7:15<br>7 & 8 gr., 7:15-8:00 |
| Friday, Dec. 7   | Band lessons<br>Movie for gr. 3K-4 <sup>th</sup> gr.<br>3:30-5:00 (approximately)                                   |

**Safety Patrol / Chapel Acolyte**

**Alexia & James**



## **Christmas "Greats"**

**GOD** – the **greatest** love  
**SO LOVED** – the **greatest** degree  
**THE WORLD** – the **greatest** audience  
**THAT HE GAVE** – the **greatest** act  
**HIS ONE AND ONLY SON** – the **greatest** gift  
**THAT WHOEVER** – the **greatest** opportunity  
**BELIEVES** – the **greatest** trust  
**IN HIM** – the **greatest** attraction  
**SHOULD NOT PERISH** – the **greatest** promise  
**BUT** – the **greatest** difference  
**HAVE** – the **greatest** certainty  
**ETERNAL LIFE** – the **greatest** possession

### **SCRIP**

It is never too early to start stocking up for the holidays. Great Lakes offers many \$5 & \$10 cards of some of the most popular cards until Dec. 14. Check [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to see what is offered. You can place a special order to receive the following week. Please contact Lisa for more information.

### **ITEMS COLLECTED...**

St. Paul Lutheran continues to collect items to participate in the following fundraisers: Box Tops for Education, Kwik Trip Milk Moola, used ink cartridges, Coke codes, used markers, and recycled greeting cards. For additional information on these programs and to view lists of participating products, check out the following websites:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>

<http://www.milkmoola.com>

SPLS collects these items all year long. Please check the expiration dates on the Box Tops. Box tops already past the expiration date, we are unable to redeem. All items you collect can be turned in by the school office, church office, or narthex (back of church). Thank you for your support!

### **Tax Deductions**

Remember, tuition payments made before December 31<sup>st</sup> can be used for the State of Wisconsin tuition tax deduction for private school families on your 2018 income tax return. If you need a receipt for 2018, please contact Lisa @ [stpaulschool53081@yahoo.com](mailto:stpaulschool53081@yahoo.com).

### **2018 Private School Tuition Tax Deduction**

The State of Wisconsin, (started in 2014 tax year), is going to allow parents to deduct private school tuition. Parent of private school students in Wisconsin could receive an income tax deduction of up to \$4,000 for tuition paid for each kindergarten through eighth grade student and up to \$10,000 per high school student. Only the amount paid after January 1, 2018 will qualify for the deduction. We highly recommend that families work with their tax advisor to determine benefits. How can parents claim the deduction? There is a separate schedule that needs to be filled out by the student's parents. This schedule is available in the school office or can be obtained from the Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue website.

**How will tuition be defined?** Tuition includes any amount paid by the claimant for a pupil's tuition to attend an eligible institution and mandatory book fees paid to the institution. Tuition does not include amounts paid with a voucher or any amounts paid as a separate charge for items such as: supplies, meals, gym clothes, after school child care, extracurricular activities such as musical or athletic activity fees.

**How is tuition defined for students attending 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade in a single tax year?** For both an elementary pupil and a secondary pupil (grades 8 and 9), parent includes the amount paid for tuition during the taxable year for the period when the student was an elementary pupil (but not more than \$4,000) plus the amount the parent paid for the period when the student was a secondary pupil. If the total is more than \$10,000, the parent includes the maximum of \$10,000.



### **Living Nativity "Come to Bethlehem & See"**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School, 1121 Georgia Ave., Sheboygan, is sponsoring a living nativity Friday, Dec. 7 (viewing times = 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30 & 8 p.m.) and Saturday, Dec. 8 (viewing times = 6:30, 7, 7:30 & 8 p.m.) There will be costumed cast and live animals. Non-perishable food will be collected for the Bethlehem and St. Peter Claver Food Pantry. Food & warm beverages will be provided. For more information, call 920-452-4331.

### **Trinity German Service**

Trinity Lutheran Church, 824 Wisconsin Avenue, Sheboygan would like to invite you to join us on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2:00 pm for our German Christmas Service. Rev. Donald Hougard is the guest preacher and the Concordia German Singing Society is the guest choir. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Service will be in German and English. Coffee, hot cider, hot chocolate, German Christmas cookies, stollen, and "Gemuetlichkeit" will be enjoyed by all after the service. Bring your family, invite your neighbors and friends to celebrate.

### **FESTIVAL OF SONG**

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1634 Illinois Ave., Sheboygan, would like to invite you to this Christmas season's, **Festival of Song Sing-a-Long**, on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00. A **free-will** soup supper will be provided starting at 5:00. To "reserve" a bowl of soup or two...please leave a message (name and number attending) on the church answering machine: 452-9681.

### **December Sales @ Neat Repeats**

- 12/3-12/8** Pictures, Frames & Baskets are 50% off
- 12/10-12/15** Christmas Decorations 50% off
- 12/17-12/22** Christmas Decorations are 75% off & Magazines are 50% off
- 12/26-12/29** CDs, Videos & Record Albums are 50% off
- 12/31-1/5** Sports & Exercise Equipment 50% off

### **LHS Christmas Concert**

Sheboygan Lutheran High School is hosting their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm at the Weill Center in Sheboygan. The performance, entitled "O Come Let Us Adore Him", will feature the Symphonic Band, Chamber Choir, Konzertchor and Jazz Band. There is no cost for admission, however a freewill offering will be collected during the concert. To celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LHS – parents, alumni, friends and supporters of LHS are invited to join the LHS Konzertchor in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" or the Symphonic Band in performing "Sleigh Ride". If you would be interested in singing or playing with the LHS music department that night, please RSVP with Mr. Thiel. Please join us for what promises to be a wonderful night of music and fellowship!



### **Band Concert - December 18**

Your Sheboygan Area Lutheran Schools and St. John The Baptist School will be performing their annual Christmas Band Concert on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the St. John Lutheran School-Plymouth Gym. Please join us in a celebration of praise to our newborn savior, and stay for fellowship and treats afterward. No admission - freewill offering at the door. All proceeds are used to fund transportation for the bands nursing home tour in May.

### **Library News**

All library books are due on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. No books are out over the Christmas vacation. **The library is open for RETURNS ONLY on December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### **School Hot Lunches**

Just a reminder that any time during the school year you may apply for free/reduced lunches. If you have become unemployed or are experiencing other financial hardships, please contact Lisa in the school office for a form to be completed to see if you qualify.



## **Holiday Worship Schedule**

### **Wednesday, December 5**

Advent Worship ~ 11:00 am & 6:30 pm

Advent Supper ~ 5:15 pm

### **Wednesday, December 12**

Advent Worship ~ 11:00 am & 6:30 pm

Advent Supper ~ 5:15 pm

### **Wednesday, December 19**

Advent Worship ~ 11:00 am

School Christmas Service ~ 6:30 pm

### **Saturday, December 22**

Advent Communion Service ~ 5:30 pm

### **Sunday, December 23**

Advent Communion Service ~ 9:30 am

### **Monday, December 24**

Lessons & Carols ~ 4:00 pm

Candlelight Service ~ 10:30 pm

### **Tuesday, December 25**

Christmas Day Worship w/Comm. ~ 9:30 am

### **Saturday, December 29**

Worship Service ~ 5:30 pm

### **Sunday, December 30**

Worship Services ~ 8:15 & 10:45 am

### **Monday, December 31**

New Year's Eve Service ~ 5:30 pm

## **The Spirit of Advent**

The word "Advent" means "coming" or "arrival". The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent.

## **Lunch Menu**

Mon., Dec. 3	Chicken Tenders
Tue., Dec. 4	General Tso's Beef, Rice
Wed., Dec. 5	Hamburger
Thur., Dec. 6	Shredded Beef, Mashed Potatoes
Fri., Dec. 7	Breaded Mozzarella Sticks

## **Shop Amazon? Support St. Paul Lutheran!**

The web-based retail giant, Amazon.com, has a program that allows registered non-profit agencies the opportunity to receive a portion of sales generated by their supporters. We have an established account and would like you to consider picking St. Paul Lutheran as your charity of choice anytime you shop on Amazon. There are a number of ways to go about doing so, but the easiest way is to click the link below to get started <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0981433>



## **Gift Wrapping Day**

There will be two Gift Wrapping Days in the Church basement on Saturday, Dec. 8th and Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> (both from 9am to 3pm) for everyone to wrap their own gifts; (adults only, please no children). Quality wrapping paper, etc. will be supplied, so just bring your gifts to wrap.

## **We Need Your Help – Teens & Adults!**

The Altar Guild has voted to change up our Christmas decorating a bit. This year we purchased two new pre-lit Christmas trees to decorate the church chancel. We will be putting up the trees and other decorations on **Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am.** Both the Altar Guild and Property Committee would like to see people come to help us, as so many of us can no longer climb, crawl, or carry boxes like we used to. The more volunteers we have, the quicker and more efficiently the process will go. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Watson (920-451-1111) or Ralph Worm (920-207-7557). We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!



## **Mission Statement**

Molding God's children for time and eternity.

