

# THE SPARTAN WEEKLY

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

December 6, 2018

St. Paul Lutheran School

School News & Notes

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## Happy Birthday

Celestina Duran December 7  
Gabby Patton December 10  
Ethan McKnight December 13

*May God Bless You On Your Birthday!*

## 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. **All Christmas gift orders must be at school by 3:30 on Friday, December 14 to be received by Christmas.**

## Lunch Menu

Mon., Dec. 10 Boneless Chicken Wings  
Tue., Dec. 11 Beef Teriyaki Dipper  
Wed., Dec. 12 Lasagna Cheese Roll Up  
Thur., Dec. 13 Tyson Breaded Chicken w/Orange Sauce  
Fri., Dec. 14 Sloppy Joe

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Project Angel Hugs

We delivered our gifts on Tuesday to a very appreciative organization. Between the Thrivent card and our school donations, we were able to spend \$360 on items.

### Animals

The Student Council voted to wait to donate to Heifer International and we finally did on Giving Tuesday and were able to TRIPLE our donation! We bought 3 Alpacas, 3 Goats, 3 Sheep and 3 flocks of Ducks.

### Children's Christmas Service

Mark your calendars for December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. ALL the students will be proclaiming the Birth of Jesus. It's a great evening with cookies to follow.

Have a great weekend! Mrs. K

## "Happenings This Week"

Thurs., Dec. 6 Lego/Game Club, 3:15-4:00  
Bd. Ed. mtg., 6:00  
SALSA Band @ LHS  
5 & 6 gr., 6:30-7:15  
7 & 8 gr., 7:15-8:00

Friday, Dec. 7 Band lessons  
Movie for gr. 3K-4<sup>th</sup> gr.  
3:30-4:25 (approximately)

Saturday, Dec. 8 Gift Wrapping @ church  
9:00am - 3:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 9 LHS Christmas Concert  
6:00 @ Weill Center

Tuesday, Dec. 11 BB @ Immanuel vs. CCA  
5/6 Girls, 5:00  
7/8 Girls, 6:00

Wed., Dec. 12 Library open  
Chapel, Pastor Shive  
Advent services  
11:00 am & 6:30 pm  
Advent Supper, 5:15 pm

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3:30-5:00 (approximately)  
BB @ Bethlehem  
4/5/6 Boys, 6:00



### **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!

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**GRADES 3K - 8**

**WED., DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

***INVITE YOUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS!***

Please note: Since this is a divine worship service, we respectfully request that you **REFRAIN from taking pictures during the service.** If you want to **use video cameras, please use them in the balcony.** We thank you for your cooperation.

**After the Children's Christmas Program**

**...EVERYONE is invited to the Church Fellowship Hall to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies hosted by the Church Elders!**



### **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.

### **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.

### **German Russian Information**

The Sheboygan and Milwaukee chapters of the AHSGR will be hosting The Reverend Vsevolod Lytkin, the Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Siberia, on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center in Sheboygan! Bishop Lytkin has been sharing the Gospel with many of the exiled Germans from Russia who were forced to Siberia during the Stalinist purge of 1941. The program will begin at 1:00. There will be a question/answer session and excellent refreshments and Gemütlichkeit following Pastor Lytkin's presentation! If you have any questions please call Chapter President, Kevin R. Greatens at 920-207-0277.



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 TO PASS  
 IN THOSE  
 DAYS THAT  
 THERE WENT  
 OUT A DECREE  
 FROM CAESAR  
 AUGUSTUS THAT ALL  
 THE WORLD SHOULD  
 BE TAXED: AND THIS  
 TAXING WAS FIRST MADE  
 WHEN CYRENIUS WAS GOV-  
 ERNOR OF SYRIA, AND ALL  
 WENT TO BE TAXED EVERY ONE  
 INTO HIS OWN CITY. AND JOSEPH  
 ALSO WENT UP FROM GALILEE, OUT  
 OF THE CITY OF NAZARETH, INTO JU-  
 DEA, UNTO THE CITY OF DAVID WHICH  
 IS CALLED BETHLEHEM, BECAUSE HE WAS  
 OF THE HOUSE AND LINEAGE OF DAVID, TO  
 BE TAXED WITH MARY HIS ESPOUSED WIFE,  
 BEING GREAT WITH CHILD. AND SO IT WAS  
 THAT WHILE THEY WERE THERE, THE DAYS WERE  
 ACCOMPLISHED THAT SHE SHOULD BE DELIVERED,  
 AND SHE BROUGHT FORTH HER FIRST-BORN SON,  
 AND WRAPPED HIM IN SWADDLING CLOTHES, AND  
 LAID HIM IN A MANGER BECAUSE THERE WAS  
 NO ROOM FOR THEM IN

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 LUKE 2:1-7**

### Holiday Worship Schedule

**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

**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>.**

**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>



**Worship Attendance**

To help keep accurate track of church attendance over Christmas vacation, please keep a record of when your child attends church during the vacation. Return the form (which will be handed out to students next week) on **Wed., January 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Parents are reminded that worship attendance is important for each family member's spiritual growth and welfare.

**Safety Patrol / Chapel Acolyte**  
**Sam & Ethan M.**

**Mission Statement**

Molding God's children for time and eternity.

