

# WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

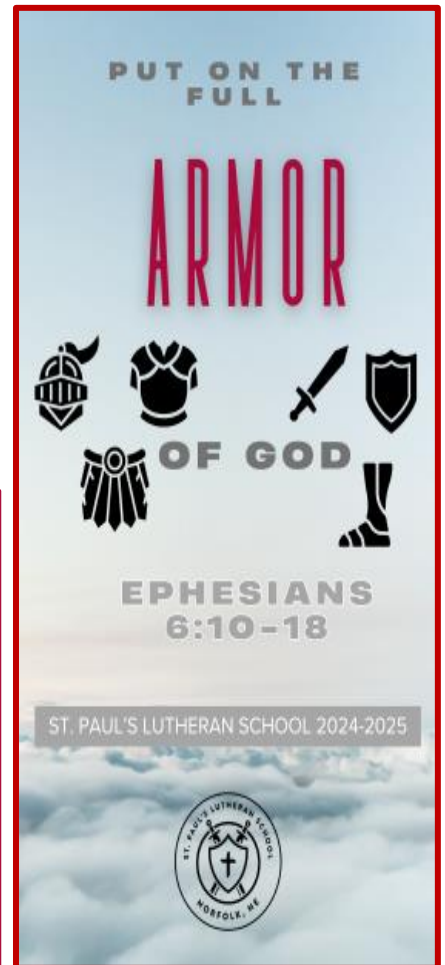
January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**ST. PAUL'S**  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## General News & Notes

- There will be **no school** next Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> for MLK Jr. Day.
- A [sign-up](#) has been sent out for **Winter Carnival** (which will be Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>). This is a yearly favorite for students and families alike! If you can help out with any of the things on the [sheet](#), we would be very grateful.
- We will have a **Parent Connection** meeting next Tuesday at 6:00. Please join us!
- **Basketball** is at home again this week on Thursday vs. St. John's, Battle Creek. Girls @ 4:30 | Boys @ 5:30. Go Pioneers!
- **Enrollment season** is upon us! As we have done for the last couple of years, all current K-8<sup>th</sup> students are automatically re-enrolled for next year unless you let us know otherwise. The deadline for removal of a student (for the 25-26 school year) is March 15<sup>th</sup>. During this enrollment season, we could use your help! Share our posts on Facebook, and we may be asking around for some parent testimonials in the near future... If you have something positive you'd like to say, we'd love to hear it!
- **BAND:** Practice time sheets have been distributed. The goal is for each student to practice a minimum of four days per week, with a result of 75+ minutes total. I ask that a parent check and sign the timesheet the night before each lesson. Make practicing your instrument a regular habit. Make a joyful noise!



## Upcoming Events

**January 14**  
Parent Connection (6:00)

**January 16**  
Basketball HOME – Girls @ 4:30 | Boys @ 5:30

**January 20**  
No School – MLK Jr. Day

**January 26**  
PRAISE Choir @ St. Paul's

**February 9**  
Preschool sings

**February 23**  
K-8<sup>th</sup> Sings  
(Christian Education Week Service)



**PIONEERS**  
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

**Mission Offerings:** Our new mission for second semester is Nebraska Lutheran in Waco, NE. It is our area WELS school. It is where the November Academic Fair was held.  
**Chapel Offering for 01/08/2025 \$54.62 Total for semester: \$54.62**

## **God Knows Who You Are, and So Do You!**

*Devotion based on Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Have you ever been confused with somebody else? Perhaps you look like your brother or sister, and your coach, your teacher, or your pastor called you by someone else's name? If that has happened to you, how did you respond?

Sometimes, it's just easier to go along with it. (Maybe you don't want the person to feel embarrassed.) But maybe you find a gentle way to correct the person. You might say, "I'm sorry, but you have me confused with someone else. My name is \_\_\_\_\_." Then, maybe you give them a way to tell the difference.

The people in the days of John the Baptist were starting to get confused about who he was. They wondered if he was the Messiah (or, the Christ). They wondered if he was the promised Savior whom the Old Testament predicted. Did you catch how John the Baptist responded? He gently corrected them and pointed them to Jesus.

In today's Bible reading, the triune God gives us a clear way to know who Jesus is.

When John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River, God the Father declared, "You are my Son." Then, God the Holy Spirit came down in the form of the dove that said, "I, the Holy Spirit, am with Jesus." This was God's way of making sure no one would get it confused. Jesus is the perfect Son of God, the Messiah, and the Savior.

In the same way, your baptism is God's way of making sure no one—including yourself—gets confused about who you are.

At your baptism, when splashes of water were put on you "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," God declared you to be his perfect child. Ever since your baptism, Jesus has proudly declared you to be his brother or sister. The Holy Spirit promised, "I will guide you all the days of your life." Your baptism guarantees that God knows who you are.

And it helps you to know who you are. The next time you wonder who you are, the triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—says, "I put my name on you. You are a Christian. You are my child, and I am well-pleased with you.

God knows who you are, and so do you!

### **Closing Prayer:**

Father in heaven, at Jesus' baptism you made clear that he is your Son whom you love. Through your Holy Spirit, help us to remember that our baptisms have made it clear that we are your children whom you love. Amen.

## Mrs. Zemlicka's Classroom

This past week we explored the map and learned where penguins live and how God designed them to live in that cold environment. This week we will continue to learn about penguins and review colors and shapes.

P is our letter this week (I switched with D so we can do P for Penguin!)

In our Bible lesson we will talk about Baptism and Jesus' baptism. We talked briefly about John before Christmas and now we will hear about how God had a special plan for John to baptize Jesus. What an amazing thing that everyone at the Jordan River that day heard God's voice.

We have the special opportunity to sing in church on Sunday February 9, at 9 am. We would love it if your child could make it to help beautify our service that morning!

Parent teacher conferences are also approaching. At St. Paul's the second semester conferences are optional. This week I will be getting a list of those interested so I can properly schedule. I think an easy way to do this is simply put a star next to your child's name on the sign in/out sheet if you would like a conference. Thanks!



## Mrs. Brown's Classroom

**Christ Light:** Jesus is Baptized and Jesus Changes Water Into Wine – Jesus uses his almighty power to give us what we need!

**Memory Work:** Galatians 4:4 When the time had fully come, God sent his Son.

**Superkids:** The children will review the letter Uu and will practice using various types of punctuation.

**Math:** Topics include understanding the concept of ordinal numbers and telling time to the hour.

**Writing:** Students will be looking at parts of an informational book such as close-up pictures, maps, labels, and captions, and will add some to their own "All About" books.

**Unit Studies:** We will learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Ruby Bridges, as we talk about treating all people with love, respect, and kindness, regardless of how someone looks, acts, or speaks. What a wonderful thing that God made each person special! Students will also be completing their standardized MAP testing. Our penguin study will continue next week.

### Reading Pockets:

Daily: Reading/blending pages/math facts

Tuesday: Read Christlight Bible story – Jesus is Baptized – NO worksheet

Thursday: Read Christlight Bible story – Jesus Turns Water Into Wine – Worksheet due Friday

**Book orders:** Book orders will be coming home this week and are due online this Friday, October 17th. Please use the code **J8W63** when ordering.

## Mrs. Spreeman's Classroom

Happy Monday! This week we will learn about the healing of the ten lepers and how only one came back to say thank you. We pray that we will lead lives of thankfulness to God for all that he has done for us. Later in the week we will learn about Mary and Martha and the different approaches they took to welcoming Jesus to their home. In math we are subtracting two, working with tens and ones and dimes and pennies. Our new phonics rule is adding endings to mama e words. Sometimes you need to just add d and sometimes mama e needs to go to work and let the babysitter i do her job. In our explorations we will work on creating an effective mitten and also learn about life in the arctic.

Show and Tell this week is something you made or created.

We will have a tea party on Friday. Mariana will be our hostess. Thank you, Machado family!

I am going to be gone on Wednesday for a family event. Mrs. Pufahl will sub for me in the morning and they will go with Mrs. Nelson in the afternoon.

Keep working on BookIT goals.

### HOMEWORK

Monday: read lesson 6B/ journal page

Tuesday: supershort and wksht on back

Wednesday: Four in a Row game

Thursday: read lesson 7A / journal page

Have a great week!!

## Mrs. Nelson's Classroom

This week in Christlight we will learn that God's Word is the one thing needed as we hear lessons about Jesus visiting Mary and Martha and the parable about the Big Dinner.

In Superkids we are learning the /tion/ and /ture/ spelling patterns, short vowel /ea/ words, editing sentences, and finishing reading Ivy and Bean.

In Social Sciences we will learn more about maps, penguins, and lifecycles.

Have a blessed week, Mrs. Nelson

## Mrs. Rixe's Classroom

MAP testing is coming up.

In math 3rd grade will be writing numbers to 1,000 using words and looking for a pattern to solve a problem. 4th grade will be learning about equivalent fractions and equal group story problems. Ask us what is the difference between parallel and perpendicular lines?

We are enjoying our play, Red Writing Hood! When we are done with the unit, we'll be inviting parents/grandparents to come see us perform. :)

BOOK REPORTS: Grades 3-6 have chosen a book to read; they'll be using the events in their story to create a board game. \*\*They have a directions sheet to guide them.

Friday we hope to test some different chocolate chip cookies for our science experiment. This will be the template for their own experiment.

"The Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him." Ps. 32:10



## Mr. Brown's Classroom

**5-6 ChristLight** -- Our stories this week are **Mary and Martha** and **The Parable of the Great Banquet**. In both of these stories we focus on the theme: God's Word is the one thing needed. We serve God in many ways, but hearing the Word is the most important thing we do.

\*\*Memory Treasures: Thursday = Psalm 119:105, 2 Timothy 3:15

**Social Studies Classes: Grades 3/4**— We continue studying rural communities, cities, and suburbs. **Grades 5/6**. Our final week of Europe studies ends with some final assessments of famous landforms and another quiz on landmarks. **Grades 7/8**— This week we will learn more about how our government is divided between the States and Federal governments in the system we call Federalism. We will also continue looking at the first amendments to our constitution, The Bill of Rights.

**Music Classes: Grades 5/6**—Students will begin a new unit about the instruments of the orchestra this week. **Grades 7/8**— Our next unit of study is about American composers. Do any of these names ring a bell: Foster, Sousa, Berlin, Copland, Gershwin, Rogers?

Looking forward to a stellar 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and thank you for your continued communication and partnership!

*Mr. Brown*

## Mr. Markgraf & Mrs. Markgraf

We have a new floor in our classroom! Thanks so much to our students for taking out all of the stuff from our room before break... Then putting it all back in after break! Many young, strong hands made for light work! We will have a math test on Tuesday – it got pushed back from last week. We will spend math class today reviewing our study guide before the test tomorrow. In science, we have completed our trip through the solar system as we've looked at the characteristics of all of the planets. We have a fun look at rockets coming up late this week! As we watch *The Chosen*, we continue to see Jesus' love for people as he served the people around him and gathered his ministry team. Please ask your child about this show and what they're getting from it! We've had a lot of fun watching it in class.

7th&8th Grade ELA - This week in English we are starting our unit on adjectives and adverbs. In Reading, we are continuing *The Giver*. Students are also presenting their root words in class this week. There will be a quiz on those root words next week.

5th&6th Grade Science - This week in our study of our solar system, we are studying the moon. We will look into craters, the moon phases, the moon landing, and what effects the moon has on our planet. End-of-unit project information went home last week. A signed parent note indicating which project your student will do is due on Friday.

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