MONDAY MESSENGER

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CALL RECEIVED – HEATHER SCHMIDT: Dear Members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, This past week, I received a call to teach 3rd grade at Garden Homes Lutheran School in Milwaukee, WI. I am now blessed and challenged with the opportunity to consider where I might best serve the Lord with my talents and abilities - whether it be here at St. Paul's or at Garden Homes. I ask for your continued prayers during my deliberation and welcome any and all comments or input you may have. In His Service, Heather Schmidt

SECOND PASTOR CALL: On Tuesday, April 13th the voting members of the congregation called Pastor Darin Warnecke, currently serving at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church in Sturgis, Michigan. We received this letter from Pastor Warnecke: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, The president of St. Paul's Lutheran in Franklin, Wisconsin contacted me on April 13, 2021 telling me the congregation has extended a call to me to serve as associate pastor. Since God the Holy Spirit works through the Church to extend these calls, let us pray for the Holy Spirit to also guide this process. I ask for your sincere prayers and Christian counsel as I consider how best to serve God's kingdom. May God be glorified through this deliberation and final decision. Your brother in Christ, Pastor Darin Warnecke. Pastor Warnecke's contact information is: office (269) 351-5308, cell (920) 342-2507, or email dwarnecke12@gmail.com

WEATHER THIS WEEK: It looks like we are in store for some cooler temperatures this week (maybe even a bit of snow!), so please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather!

LOST AND FOUND: Please stop by the Lost & Found table right inside the lobby this week and check for any missing items!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Teacher Appreciation Week will be held May $3^{rd} - 7^{th}$. Watch for more details coming soon!

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: We will be hosting an Open House for our school on the following dates:

- Tuesday, May 4th 4:30pm-7:30pm
- Wednesday, May 12th 4:30pm-7:30pm

If you took a yard sign last week, please hold on to it and we will give you stickers to put on for our next dates! Thank you for your help in promoting our school!

ESCAPE TO CAMP ITCHYBOTTOM: Our 7th & 8th graders are proud to present this zany story about two Blues Brothers criminals who escape from prison! The boys, along with their tough Ma and floozy girl Didi, hide out as they disguise themselves as counselors at Camp Itchybottom. Hijinx ensue as the children at camp become suspicious of their new counselors. Music and laughter accompany this original and hilarious play written by St. Paul's former principal, Mr. Gary Wille. This play will be presented by live-stream on Friday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. Watch for the link to join us!

INSTRUMENT RECITAL: Our student musicians will be having their recital on Monday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m. The recital will be held in church with masks and distancing requirements in place.

HANGING FLOWER BASKET FUNDRAISER: Flower Petals Farm will once again be holding a hanging basket fundraiser to benefit St. Paul's! There are 6-8 varieties of baskets that can be seen here: www.flowerpetalsfarm.weebly.com. Baskets are \$25.00 each, with \$5.00 from each basket going to St. Paul's! Pick up dates are Sunday, May 9th and Sunday, May 23rd from 9am—noon, in St. Paul's parking lot. Please call (414) 517-5161 to place your orders and schedule a pick-up time. Thank you for supporting Flower Petals Farm and St. Paul's!

BRANCHES BAND: Next Sunday, April 25th, Branches Band will be here to lead us in our worship services. Branches Band, a Milwaukee-based music group, uses their love for music to identify the Savior of the world - Jesus! From a fresh take on ancient hymns to original compositions, from guitars and piano to vocal harmonies, the truth of God's love and grace is at the root of the Branches Band ministry.

Branches Band has performed in all 50 states and Canada and has served over 500 congregations by offering Christian concerts, assisting with worship, and developing music resources for today's church leaders and worship teams. Since 2008, Branches Band has produced 11 studio albums and completed nine songbooks, with plans to produce more albums and worship resources in the future. For more information, scheduling, albums, sheet music, and other resources, visit branchesband.com or find them on Facebook at facebook.com/branchesband. Seminarian Caleb Schaewe will also be preaching for us as well.

FOURTH QUARTER MISSION PROJECT – NEW BEGINNINGS: New Beginnings is a WELS-affiliated organization and has a location in Milwaukee on Wisconsin Avenue. Their primary focus is to provide a supportive environment and resources for new or single mothers in need. Many of the women they aid have a history of domestic abuse, neglect, or addiction. New Beginnings offers housing, education, financial advice, parenting classes, and so much more to these women to break the cycle and help them acclimate into society. Above all, they service everyone they come into contact with through their Christ-centered ministry and spiritual guidance. Currently, the staff at New Beginnings is looking to purchase a new site to double their current capacity to house additional mothers and their children. The money we raise would specifically go toward furnishing this new building to successfully equip it with items such as mattresses, toddler beds, study/office desks, and dining sets. If you are looking for more information on New Beginnings, you can check out their website, https://www.homeformothers.com.

WLHS PRESENTS "A NIGHT ON BROADWAY": WLHS is excited to present this all new Musical Theater Revue! This year's musical is a Revue featuring many of the all-time iconic favorite songs of Broadway. Come see this talented cast of students belt out those famous Broadway tunes, and leave with them stuck in your head for days! Performances are Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, April 25 at 1:30 PM. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased either at the door or online by visiting wlhs.ludus.com. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (through 8th grade). This is a socially distant event. Masks that follow CDC guidelines for Covid-19 protection are required before, during and after the event.

SCRIP: The last Scrip order of the school year will be placed on Monday, May 10th. Now is the time to stock up for summer! Please have your order in the Scrip box in the office by 3:15, or you may place your order online.