

MONDAY MESSENGER

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AFTER SCHOOL CARE POSITION: St. Paul's School is in need of your help. We are looking for caring individuals to watch over our students in After Care from 3:00pm-6:00pm. If you can help us out on select days during the school week or all week please contact Mr. Schulmeister at 414-421-1930.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: In lieu of the in-person Children's Christmas service this year, our students will be working on a video to share. We are asking that **all students** dress nicely this Wednesday, December 9th, as that is when we will be videotaping them.

CALL RECEIVED – HEATHER SCHMIDT: Dear Members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, This past week, I received a call to teach grade 3 or 4 at Divine Savior Academy in Liberty Hill, Texas. During my years at St. Paul's the Lord has blessed me in so many ways and I have truly enjoyed serving this congregation. I have much to deliberate during this time that I hold these two divine calls – one here at St. Paul's and the other to Divine Savior Academy, and must decide where the Lord can best use my talents and abilities to serve His kingdom. 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

CALL RETURNED – PASTOR WESTRA: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. I am writing to inform you that after much prayerful consideration, I have decided to decline the divine call you extended to me to serve as your congregation's pastor. It was a truly humbling and rewarding experience to be called to serve as a pastor at St. Paul's, and I thank you for the opportunity to consider where to serve our Lord in his Kingdom. I thank you also for all the helpful information I received from everyone I talked to during this deliberation process. I greatly appreciate your kindness and prayers. God has richly blessed your congregation with many opportunities to serve our Lord. It is my prayer that the Lord of the Church provide a faithful shepherd for your congregation soon and continue to richly bless your congregation in the years to come. You will certainly remain in my prayers. May our gracious God bless and keep you in his care. in Jesus' name and service, Pastor Mark Westra

DECEMBER FUN: Every Friday in December will be an opportunity for some Christmas cheer! This Friday, December 11th wear your Christmas pajamas and on Friday, December 18th wear your ugly Christmas sweater! On Wednesday, December 23rd (the last day before Christmas break) wear Christmas colors.

READ TO SUCCEED PROGRAM: Due to COVID-19, the 2021 Read to Succeed Program has been suspended. Unused tickets earned during the 2020 season will be valid through August 31, 2021.

SOUTHSIDE MINISTRIES FOOD DRIVE: We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry at Southside Ministries (St. Peter's) over the next several weeks. Please bring any donations to the main hallway of school. You may drop it off anytime. If you wish to help out with a monetary gift, you may do so as well. Checks can be made out to "St. Peter's Food Pantry" and can be brought to the office. Thank you for your support!

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE DECEMBER: The pandemic of COVID-19 has brought many changes to our world. With that in mind, we have made some adjustments to our normal worship schedule for the remainder of 2020.

Midweek Advent Service - Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 pm (No Advent meal)

Children's Christmas Service - Sunday, December 20 – Cancelled
(Regular 8:00 and 10:30 am Sunday services are still scheduled)

Christmas Eve Worship - Dec. 24 Candlelight Service, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm & 10:00 pm (*all in-person*)

Christmas Day Worship - December 25 Christmas Day – 10:00 am (*in-person*)

New Year's Eve Worship - December 31 (*online only*)

SECOND QUARTER MISSION PROJECT – APACHE MISSION: The Apache Mission celebrated 125 years of God's blessings in 2018 as the first world mission of WELS. The Apache Mission is located in eastern Arizona on the Fort Apache Reservation and the San Carlos Apache Reservation. Between the two reservations there are eight churches, one preaching station, and two Lutheran elementary schools. The Apache Lutheran churches are currently training future leaders for work as evangelists, teachers, and pastors through the Apache Christian Training School (ACTS) located at the East Fork Mission. Your gift will support theological education through the Apache Christian Training School, outreach to new Native American tribes, property repairs and renovations, and general school and ministry expenses.

WLHS DRAMA PRODUCTION: Performing before limited audiences, Wisconsin Lutheran High School's drama department will offer two, one-act plays *Drop Dead, Juliet!* and *The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet* the weekend of December 11-13, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and can only be purchased online at wlhs.org/drama or by calling 414-453-4567. Seating is general admission with safety measures in place. Please note, the annual Choir Associates Spaghetti Dinner, held before the drama production on Friday night, will be postponed this year.

SCRIP: The next Scrip order will be placed on Monday, December 14th. Please have your order in the Scrip box in the office by 3:15, or you may place your order online.

SPORTS:

Boys A Team BB Practice: Tuesday, December 8th 6:00-7:30 PM
(Grades 7-8) Thursday, December 10th 6:00-7:30 PM
Thursday, December 17th 6:00-7:30 PM

Boys B Team BB Practice: Tuesday, December 8th 4:00-5:30 PM
(Grades 5-6) Thursday, December 10th 4:00-5:30 PM
Thursday, December 17th 4:00-5:30 PM

Boys C Team BB Practice: Monday, December 7th 3:30-5:00 PM
Wednesday, December 9th 3:30-5:00 PM
Monday, December 14th 3:30-5:00 PM
Wednesday, December 16th 3:30-5:00 PM

Games: Tuesday, December 15th @ St. John's - Wauwatosa
Boys B at 5:00 PM, Boys A at 6:00 PM