



# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NOTES December 17-23, 2017

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STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-8 PLAYED IN CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH THE MELHS ORCHESTRA AND BAND ALONG WITH OTHER AREA LUTHERAN GRADE SCHOOLS.

## ADVENT 3

*The sign of the cross may be made by all as the invocation is spoken in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**THE APOSTLES' CREED is confessed by all.**

**THE PSALM is prayed:** Mon & Tues: 85

**LEARN-BY-HEART:** 3rd Article of Apostles' Creed – Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

**BIBLE VERSE:** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

**HYMN:** LSB: Mon 345; Tues: 954; Wed: 345; Thurs: 720

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* LSB 345 stanza 2

Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

## CHAPEL:

Mon Dec. 18 8:20am Responsive Prayer – Isaiah 40:1-8

Tues Dec. 19 8:20 Matins – Ephesians 2:8-9; 3rd Article of Creed

Wed Dec. 20 8:20am Divine Service III: Matthew 11:2-10

Thurs Dec. 21 8:20am Divine Service III: John 20:24-29

Fri Dec. 22 No School – Christmas Break

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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December 17	3:00 pm	Early Childhood Christmas Program Pre3/PreK4/K
December 21	2:00 pm	Christmas Hymn-sing
December 24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Program Pre-K - 8
December 22-January 1		No School—Christmas Break
January 2	8:15 am	School resumes
January 12		End of Second Quarter
January 15		MLK—No public school bussing
January 17		Second Quarter Report Cards sent home
January 18		Science Fair Judging
January 19	2:40 pm	Science Fair Awards
January 21-27		National Lutheran Schools' Week
January 23		Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day
January 26		NLSW sing at IC / field trip St. Louis
February 9		End of Third Mid-Quarter
February 9		SID Convention – No School
February 14		Mid-Quarter Reports home
February 19		No School – Presidents Day
March 9		End of Third Quarter
March 14		Third Quarter Report Cards sent home
March 23	6:30 p.m.	Pre-K – 8 Spring Music Concert
March 21		Kite Day
March 26-March 30		No Public Bussing
March 30		End of Fourth Mid-Quarter
March 30	Noon	Good Friday Chief Service; Dismiss after Service
April 2-6		Easter Break – No School
April 7	TBD	Go! St. Louis Marathon Races
April 30-May 4		IOWA Basic Testing
May 6		Confirmation
May 11	6:30 pm	Fine Arts Festival
May 18	10:30 am	Closing service
	11:00 am	Closing picnic

**Join us Wednesday evenings** for mid-week Advent service at 7:15pm (hymn sing at 7:00pm) This is a wonderful opportunity to gather together for prayer and singing as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our newborn Savior at Christmas.

*(From Mrs. Curtis)*

*Give me your holey, your stained/Your ruined pantses yearning to breathe free*  
Are stained, holey, and otherwise incurable khakis an aspect of life you struggle to accept? The joy of amnesty is yours this Advent! Retire your cotton khaki school pants and shorts in the box labeled "School Pants Redemption" between now and Christmas break. **This program applies to Dockers-style khakis only; polyester uniform skirts are not eligible at this time**

**Science Fair:** All students are eligible to enter a Science Fair project at our fair in January, whether they participate in the Grades 4-8 Thursday Club. Students prepared their materials list, their hypothesis and procedure. Those participating in Thursday Club should be receiving their materials by our meeting tomorrow. Some experiments may be performed at home. Students may use Thursday Club time to research their topic and receive help on their report and presentation boards, otherwise the entire project will be completed in the church basement.

**Early Childhood Christmas Program (PreS3/Pre-K/K)** is Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 3:00pm in the church. Rehearsals happen during the school day.

**Christmas Hymn Sing:** All are welcome to join us for our hymn sing on Thursday, December 21 (the last day of school before Christmas break) at 2:00pm.

**Christmas break** begins Friday, December 22 and school resumes January 2.