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A Letter from your Pastor

Friends in Christ – Every Sunday is special, as we gather in God’s house to be fed by the Lord through His Word and Sacrament, and to offer God our worship and praise. This month, however, we have some extra special celebrations.

February 4 – Team Sunday -- This fun annual event hosted by your Board of Education reminds everyone in our congregation that we are all part of God’s team at St. Paul. The Lord uses each one of us as we work together to accomplish His mission. *“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it”* (1 Corinthians 12:27). You are invited to wear your favorite team shirt today (options include a sports team shirt or a religious shirt/St. Paul shirt indicating you are on God’s team).

February 10 – Time and Talent Sunday – Jesus gave of Himself so that we might be blessed forevermore. In joyful response, we use the time and talents God provides us in order to live for Jesus. This Sunday will be hosted by the Board of Stewardship and will remind us of the gifts of time and talents that we have been given by God, with ongoing opportunities to use these blessings to the glory of Jesus. *“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms”* (1 Peter 4:10).

February 17 -- Loyalty Sunday -- How did Christ show His loyalty to us? He went to the cross for us. How do we show our loyalty to Jesus? We serve Him by using the blessings He has bestowed on us -- in the work of His kingdom. This Sunday will be hosted by the Board of Stewardship and will remind us of the abundant blessings we have been given through Jesus and the ongoing opportunities to use those blessings to the glory of God. *“Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness”* (2 Corinthians 10:10).

Youth Sunday! – February 24 – Once each year, our youth share their talents by leading the worship services. As our youth use their gifts of music and speaking, the Bible’s message comes to life in a special way. Come celebrate the youth of our church! *“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity”* (1 Timothy 4:12).

You are warmly invited to attend these special worship opportunities.

Your pastor and worship officiant, Pastor Jenks

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Our Mission is:

- To Know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
- To Grow in faith through His Sacraments and Word, and
- To Go share His Gospel with love in our community and world.

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Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 3

Team Sunday

Holy Communion

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, February 10

Time & Talent Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 17

Loyalty Sunday

Holy Communion

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 24

Youth Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

If you are a Thrivent member, and have accumulated **choice dollars** in your accounts, now is a good time to designate them to an organization of your choice. If it is St. Paul Lutheran, you may select your choice dollars to go to any of the programs at St. Paul. If you do direct them to a specific program please notify the Financial Secretary (Tom Baas) of the amount and the program/ministry area. If you need help in designating your choice dollars, please contact your Thrivent representative or St. Paul Office. If your choice dollars are not distributed by March, Thrivent will distribute them to organizations of their choice.



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Board of Stewardship

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'...Matthew 25:21

Good news abounds at St. Paul! While there are always "many things" waiting to be accomplished, we are blessed to have members with a wide array of talents to "get it all done"! All members, from our youth to retirees, have unique skills endowed by God our Creator. Using these skills to further our mission at St. Paul pleases the Master...and brings joy to each of us as we share in His happiness!

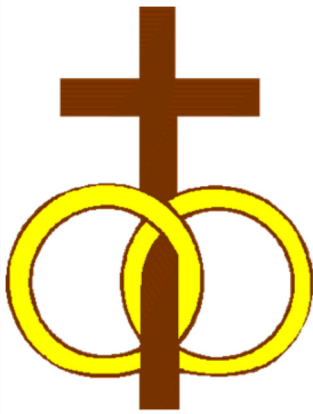
We invite you to experience this "good news" during services on Time and Talent Sunday, February 10, and on Loyalty Sunday, February 17, with messages that will encourage all to be "faithful with the things we have" for the good of others.

Letters that include Time and Talent forms, financial pledge cards and information about St. Paul's various organizations and committees will be mailed out to members in late January. Look this information over carefully and determine for yourself how you might bring "joy to the Master" in the coming year through your service.



**FAITHFUL
STEWARDS**

Coming in February ... A special event celebrating God's gift of love in marriage!



Calling all couples of St. Paul to a very special Valentine's week event! Get ready to take part in a mass marriage vow renewal ceremony that will feature "the largest kiss in Ames" when Pastor proclaims, "You may now (again) kiss the bride!" Imagine all the couples of our church kissing at once! What a sight! The short ceremony in the sanctuary will be followed by a fellowship event hosted by the Women of St. Paul.

This event will be held during education hour on Sunday, February 10. The marriage vow renewal ceremony will begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary, followed by the food and fun in the fellowship hall. Get ready to celebrate a great Valentine's week thanking God for marriage, love, and your truly special spouse. Questions? Talk to Pastor Jenks.



EVERYONE IS INVITED to a reception following the "marriage vow renewal" ceremony being held on February 10 following the 8:30 worship service. Please join us in the fellowship hall for delicious wedding cake and refreshments hosted by the Women's ministry. There will be surprises and entertainment to help you enjoy this time of fellowship. Please bring your wedding picture for a display table if you can. Even if you are not taking part in the renewal ceremony, we need guests and an audience to take part in the festivities.



Evangelism

Your Help is Requested– Think Ahead!

The board of Evangelism is looking for members of St. Paul to be a part of what I call the “St. Paul Transformers” as we once again are looking to take a group of volunteers up to Camp Okoboji May 16th - May 18th for the camp’s work weekend to help get the camp ready for another season of Christian fellowship and the camp experience. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.



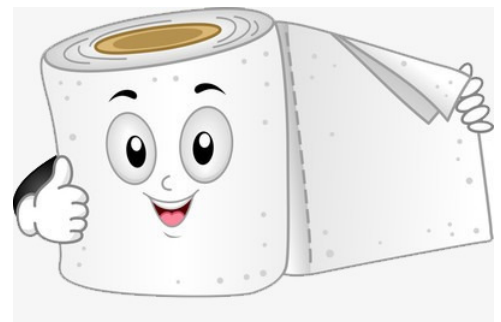
Lenten Meals

Lent begins March 6 and the suppers will need to be decided in February. The Board of Evangelism will be responsible for arranging the meal volunteers. There will be a calendar on the bulletin board to sign up. Evangelism will sponsor March 27. . but only that one. Any group of boards, families, or church groups, like the Joining Jesus Missional Community Groups are asked to think about signing up. The meal can be simple and we will start the serving exactly at 6:00 pm. This allows those to come from work and not as much free time before church begins.



Human Care

The Human Care Board is having a donation drive for ACCESS. There will be a large box in the narthex. Access is an organization that helps survivors of violence. Some of the needs are: toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, hygiene products. They have a registry at TARGET (search registry, then type in ACCESS under organization) where you can get more ideas or purchase a gift card. They also are always in need of gas cards. If you choose to donate a gift card please put it in the Human Care Board mailbox. If you have any questions please contact Gloria Lewis. Thank you! Board of Human Care.



Family Life

Feeling Comfortable

When I hear the phrase, “I feel so comfortable”, I immediately think of a fluffy blanket, being curled up on a couch watching a movie. I love that feeling of being in a place of comfort and peace. There is nothing better than having that feeling, it is such a joy! So, imagine my surprise when I had a conversation with a member at church about comfort that left me speechless! Yes, I, Thomas Wilson was speechless – it does not happen often, but it did at that moment!

It was Wednesday, December 19th, following our last Advent meal. There were children running around, laughing, playing, having a great time. Parents and other congregational members were standing around and carrying on with great conversation. And as Advent service was just beginning, Jim George stopped me in the lobby and we had a quick conversation:

Jim: “Isn’t it great that these youth are here and running around.”

Me: “Sure is, I love to see the children play.”

Jim: “It really says something about our church when they FEEL so COMFORTABLE to run and have fun, they feel safe.”

Me: (Speechless) “Yeah, yeah it is.” “That’s the way it should be!”

That’s the way it should be! That is. The way. It should be. WOW! It hit me right there. St. Paul is a wonderful church for families, youth, young adults, and grown adults to come and feel comfortable. We are a congregation that is placed here to guide these youth not to fear consequences and rules (other than the Ten Commandments!) but to use our church for fun activities, for fellowship, and to grow in their faith in a safe and comfortable place.



When we continue to make our church a comfortable place for those to visit, we will continue to build those relationships needed to expand our ministries and the ministry of the church. When we take the time to make others comfortable in worship, Bible study, fellowship, and at events in the church, we show them that they are welcome, and we want them as part of our family!

So, what youth have you built a relationship with this year? Who have you made sure is comfortable at St. Paul? What is the next step for you?

Family Life

NEW PARENT STUDY



A NEW Parent study has started on Sunday mornings. Janelle and Matt Wegner are guiding parents through “Gospel Centered Family: Becoming the Parents God Wants You To Be.” This study is open to any parent that would like to look at what the Bible says about being a parent. With lots of scripture and time for discussion this study will bring the parents together to discuss family life. If you have not joined yet and would like to join this group please speak with either Janelle and Matt Wegner or Thomas Wilson.

But don't worry plans are still in the works to offer “Can I Ask That?” as a parent study this spring! From the same authors, and part of the same curriculum, as *Sticky Faith* (2018 parent study), this new book takes parents through 8 hard questions about God and Faith that their children may have, and the best ways to answer them! If you are interested in this study please contact Thomas Wilson soon!

Still not sure about the parent studies? Thomas is here to help! Feel free to contact Thomas with any questions or concerns. He is willing to make time to sit down and discuss all options!



Survey Says!



Sign up is open for our next Family Life Event: Family Feud!

When: Sunday, March 3rd

Time: 1:00 PM (Lunch being served at Noon)

Where: St. Paul Fellowship Hall

Teams need to be made up of 5 participants. Any age can participate, as we will have some questions for those little ones, as well as the grown-ups! Even if your family does not have 5 people, ask someone to join your “family”. All are welcome to attend the afternoon either as a participant or as an audience member.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for all who would like to attend! Questions? Please contact Thomas Wilson!

Family Life

BIBLE JOURNALING COMING TO ST. PAUL



Bible Journaling is a concept that has been around for some time now. However, this spring it will finally come to St. Paul! A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board if you are interested in learning how to get started or to expand your Bible journaling. At this time no day or times have been set. A schedule will be available to be flexible for all that are interested. No need to have any art background.

The basic materials will be supplied, as your technique grows you may want to bring your own supplies

(all information will be communicated once we set up the schedule). Remember, if you can not make it to all sessions, or you will be gone for awhile, no big deal! Come when you can! Questions? Please contact Thomas Wilson!

NEW Kidz Build-A-Bag Center Debuts

The Board of Education was excited to bring a new look to our activity bag area this January. After months of discussion, planning, and work the NEW Kidz Build-A-Bag Center was up and running on Sunday, January 6th. It is a center for the children to decide what they want to play with or use during worship. Items include: Coloring Books, Crayons, Writing Pads and Pencil, Popsicle Puzzles, Wooden Puzzles, Prayer books, Magnetic Drawing Boards, and our "Little Books" (which include: Do You Know Jesus? Learning to Pray, and The Bully. These are FREE to the church and FREE to you – we encourage you to allow your children to take them home!). And we will rotate items out every now and then, you know, to keep things interesting!



Part of the new center is the amazing work completed by Janelle Swenson and LaDonna Osborn on the new colorful bags! Thanks to these two ladies for the hard work they put into the new bags!

We hope you enjoy this new center as much as we enjoyed putting it together!

Education and Youth

Mark your calendars for RISE UP WITH JESUS!

The Board of Education, in conjunction with the Family Life Office, is proud to announce the Family Easter Event: "Rise Up with Jesus!"

When: Sunday, April 7th

Time: 2:00 PM

Where: Saint Paul Lutheran Church

What: Families will discover, through the different hands on stations, what really happened on that bright, sunny morning long ago when Jesus' friends went to visit his body... and discovered the miracle of His resurrection!

Every family will be able to discover Jesus' present-day power through hand-on activities that allow them to experience and celebrate the resurrection. They will get a

take home keepsake that reminds them that Jesus is alive! And, most important, grow closer to God, and each other!

So, mark your calendar now to join us on April 7th!



Are you ready for a MISSION!

This year's VBS planning is in progress. But we wanted to announce that this year we will be presenting: "Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World."

In this enormous universe, where do I fit in? Our God created our vast, amazing universe but also loves each of us with a vast, amazing love. He loved the world so much that He sent Jesus, the promised Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise again to save us – the most Miraculous Mission of all!

Watch for more information, including dates, times, registration and volunteer needs, in the upcoming Epistles and bulletins. If you have questions, or would like to get your name on the volunteer lists, please contact Carla Murphy or the Board of Education.



Youth

Youth Sunday is Sunday, February 24th

Practices will be:

Wednesday, February 13th 5:30 – 7:00

Wednesday, February 20th 5:30 – 7:00

Saturday, February 23rd 9:00 – 10:30

LYF Event for February will be Wednesday, February 13th practicing for Youth Sunday at church.

Keep an eye out – We will have announcements in the bulletin or will be sending out emails if we have any important messages regarding Youth Sunday.



LYF EVENT

On Wednesday, January 9th there were 19 youth that went to the LYF event at Perfect Games. The youth ate supper at church first and then we headed to Perfect Games for a fun-filled night of bowling, arcade games and laser tag.

Youth

"Trebek's Rejects" take home the trophy!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the 2019 Trivia Night on Saturday, January 12th! Your support for the 2019 National Youth Gathering is amazing! Through the Trivia Night and Silent Auction, we raised over \$2,500 to help offset the cost of the gathering! What an amazing God and Church we have! Thank you so much for your support!

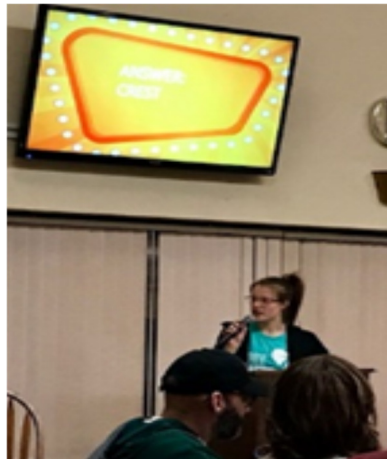
Winning team: "Trebek's Rejects"



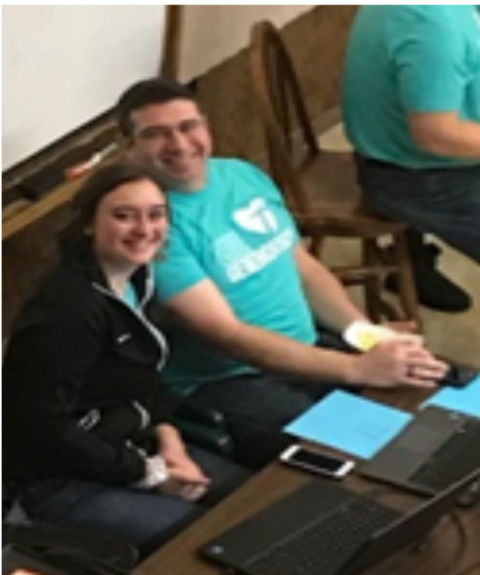
Winners: Trebek's Rejects



Silent Auction items ready for bidding



Erin reading the questions!



The "goofballs".

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A view from the top.

Education and Youth

Are You Chicken?????

Attention all 5th – 8th graders! The Board of Youth is proud to announce this year's Junior High Lock-In! "Are You Chicken" is scheduled for Friday, April 5th to Saturday, April 6th. A full schedule, additional information, and registration materials will be coming in the next month – so watch the March Epistle and for packets in your member mailbox!



It will be a fun night of games, fellowship and faith as we look deep into ourselves to see if we got the guts, or are we chicken with our faith! Make plans now to join us for our Junior High Lock-in!

MOM CONNECTION

Mom Connection Dates

Feb 6-Plex- 10:00 am

Feb 13- Craft Day at St. Paul -10:00 am

Feb 22-Library-10:30 am

Feb 25-Play Pals (Ames Community Center \$1.75 per player)-9:00 am

Questions– Contact Lindsey Dohrman at ldohrman@icloud.com



Women's Ministry

The American Heritage Girls kicked off the 2019 year at their first meeting on January 14. One of the subjects they will be learning about this year is dance. Some of the older girls demonstrated ballet. The Explorers and Patriots enjoyed the annual camp-in at the Isaak Walton League on January 25 and 26. They played games, made pizzas and sundaes, and worked on their fire safety badge. The ISU Line Dance Club taught line dancing and other dances at that event. Later the Robert Thomas Dance Studio will be teaching the Irish dances. The troop is looking forward to a tubing field trip at Seven Oaks, and an ISU Women's BB game in February.

Women's Ministry

LWML National 2017–2019 Mission Grant #17 — \$25,000 Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team

Seeking to expand their educational exposure, nursing students in the Concordia University System would be afforded the opportunity to participate in a short-term mission trip to Madagascar with a Mercy Medical Team. This service opportunity for students to work with medical professionals in providing medical and/or spiritual care to the under-served would be invaluable.



How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? Romans 10:14 As God's children, we are called to tell our neighbors the Good News of Christ's salvation, given for all. A short-term mission through the LCMS provides an opportunity to share God's grace with our brothers and sisters, wherever they are located.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) National Convention June 20-23 2019

Our sisters in Christ in Mobile, Alabama are saying "Welcome to the South! Ya'll come!" June 20–23, 2019 to Mobile, Alabama. Our theme is "In Praise to the LORD!" The members of the 2019 LWML Convention Hosting Districts — Florida-Georgia, Gulf States, and Louisiana-Mississippi — are excited to have the opportunity and privilege of being hosts for the 38th Biennial LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama.

We here at St. Paul are preparing and raising funds for the offerings, gifts from the heart projects, and the mission grants. We anticipate 8 or 9 ladies from our church attending. Please let Gretchen know your intentions so we can plan our funding for scholarships and registrations. Please submit a written request to her by February 1st for financial assistance. We will be paying everyone's registration fee. All the registration information was in the *Winter Quarterly* and we will make sure anyone interested has the registration information.

Note: Early Discounted Convention Registration begins February 1, 2019, and Regular Convention Registration begins March 14, 2019. Please see www.lwml.org for more convention info.



Plan Ahead!

The Soup and Pie supper sponsored by the board of Women's Ministry will be on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Do you have a new soup recipe to share? What is your favorite pie? YUM!!!

Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 12/31/18

2017-2019 National Mission goal: \$2,075,000.00

Amount Received: \$1,625,840.99

Amount Needed: \$449,159.01

We normally collect mites for missions on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML go to www.lwml.org.

Do you know what is going on in the Iowa West District of the LWML? The LWML IWD eNews is sent to all women of the congregation who have email.

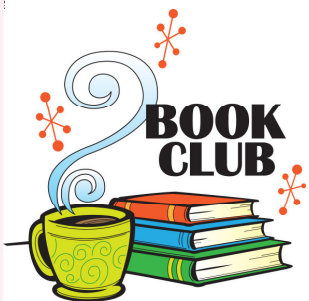


If you do not have email, a copy is printed and placed on the LWML/Missions bulletin board going up to the fellowship hall. You may read it and replace it when you are finished.

FAMILY SERVICE ~ Family Service Quilters will meet on Thursday Feb. 14th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a Thrivent Action Team Event. Bring a sack lunch and join us. We also meet on Thursday Feb. 28th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Bring a sack lunch for noon break. At 1:00 p.m. we will meet for our business meeting with a devotion and a dessert. You are welcome to join us. We could still use gently used sheets and blankets for the middle of our quilts. They may be left in the family service bucket in the front entrance of the church. Thanks to all who have contributed in the past.



“Book to Know to Help You Grow”



Everyone is invited to join us for our next discussion on March 14 at 7:00 pm at Pam Hagen's home to discuss “Women of Easter” by Liz Curtis Higgs.

The Barnes and Noble description of this book- “With unforgettable insights and powerful life application for today's women, Liz Curtis Higgs delves into the biblical text to help us view Easter through the eyes of three women named Mary, each of whom has a life-changing encounter with Jesus: Mary of Bethany, who prepares the way for the Lord's burial when she anoints His feet and fills the air with her perfume; Mary of Nazareth, who remains by His side from His first breath to His last, her loyalty unwavering; and Mary Magdalene, delivered of seven demons, who bravely supports her Teacher through His darkest hours, then proclaims the glorious news of His resurrection. What a trio. What a Savior!

Your mind and emotions will be engaged and your faith strengthened as each scene unfolds, preparing your heart for a richer, deeper Easter experience. Higgs, a seasoned Bible teacher and award-winning novelist, combines her storytelling skills with a thorough verse-by-verse study of Scripture as together you explore the remarkable lives of *The Women of Easter*.”

Date	Hostess	Book
March 14, 2019, 7 pm	Janelle Swenson	“Women of Easter” by Liz Curtis Higgs
May 9, 2019, 7 pm	Julie Coy	“Evidence Not Seen” by Darlene Deibler Rose

February 2019 Service Roster

	Feb 3 8:30	Feb 3 11:00	Feb 10 8:30	Feb 10 11:00	Feb 17 8:30	Feb 17 11:00	Feb 24 8:30	Feb 24 11:00
Organist	Zach Heilman		Emily Erickson		Zach Heilman		Praise Team	
Elders	Tom Henriksen	Ron Coy →						
Lectors	Gretchen Zitterich	Becky Jackson	Gretchen Zitterich	Becky Jackson	Dennis Dobberke	Nancy Wiebel	Dennis Dobberke	Nancy Wiebel
Acolytes	Ally Donavon	Jackson Stensland			Tate Esser	Ella Gebhart		
Greeters	Kent & Jan Ziebell Paul and Adele Knop	Gretchen Zitterich Tom & Beth Henriksen →						
Ushers	John Murphy, David Pietsch, Marilyn & Wayne Hagemoser	Steven & Marlene Johnson, Ben & Greg Gebhart →						
Coffee Fellowship	Al & Tanny Latuska, Gretchen Zitterich		Jim & Sandy George, Thelma Voetberg		Ladies Discipleship Group		Dennis & Karen Griffin, Gloria Lewis	
Coffee Time Greeter	Mark & Janelle Swenson →							
Altar Flowers			Tom & Beth Henriksen					
Offering Counters	Paul & Adele Knop →							
Power Point	Stephanie Mandernach	Becky Jackson	Stephanie Mandernach	Becky Jackson	Stephanie Mandernach	Becky Jackson	Stephanie Mandernach	Becky Jackson
Sound Board	Jordan Mandernach	Ryan Latuska	Jordan Mandernach	Ryan Latuska	Jordan Mandernach	Ryan Latuska	Jordan Mandernach	Ryan Latuska
Altar Guild	Karen Griffin Gloria Lewis Beth Henriksen →							
Video Recorder	Jerry Schradle →							
Collate Bulletins	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke →							
Valet Parkers	Phil Voge		Phil Voge		Paul Knop		Paul Knop	

Application for Enrollment 2019-2020

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

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Jesus said to them,
"Let the little children
come to me ...for the
kingdom of God
belongs to such as
these." Mark
10:14

Child Information	Name of Child (First, Middle, and Last)	Gender
	Birth ____ / ____ / ____	Street Address (Address, City, Zip)
		Phone

Parent Information	Mother	Father
Name		
Occupation		
Employer		
E-mail		
Daytime Phone		
Cell Phone		

Class Selection Please check the class for which you are applying. Registration Fee is \$40.00

Number 1st and 2nd	Class	Meets	Time	Tuition
	2-Year-Old (Cub)	Tuesday & Friday	8:45 am - 11:15 am	\$120/month
	3-Year-Old (Lamb)	Monday & Thursday	9:00 am - 11:30 am	\$110/month
	3-Year-Old (Lamb)	Tuesday & Friday	9:00 am - 11:30 am	\$110/month
	4/5-Year Old (Lion)	Mon, Tues, Thurs	8:30 am - 11:30 am	\$170/month
	4/5-Year Old (Lion)	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	8:30 am—11:30 am	\$185/month
EK Class	4/5-Year Old (EK Class)	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	12:15 pm -3 :15 pm	\$190/month
All Day Option	3/4/5 -Year Old (Bear)	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	8:30 am—3:30 pm	\$450/month

BEFORE PRESCHOOL CARE

Please also sign my child up for Before Preschool Care. Childcare is offered between 7:15am - 9:00 a.m. each morning. The cost for this service is \$5.00 per morning each day needed per month. Please sign my child up for the following days each month.

To be accepted into a class the Application Form, the Registration Fee, and September's Tuition must be submitted together. If a parent decides to withdraw their child's application the Registration Fee and the September's Tuition are non-refundable. Class options subject to change based on enrollment. If there are no openings in the class the parent will receive their Registration Fee and September's Tuition back in full. You may apply for BooSt Area Tuition Assistance. Eligibility requirements must be met to receive scholarships.

Parent's Signature

Date of Signature

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool, Inc. admits students of any race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, and scholarship programs.