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“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:35, 37-39

New & Old

It's just past Christmas and a lot of us may have gotten a new outfit, a new book, a new electronic device, a new (fill in the blank). I tend to be careful with my new things for awhile until it becomes a regular part of my life, then it is no longer treated as special. It's not as exciting.

But have you done this - put away something until you really need it later? Or set aside some of the too many toys your kids got and brought them out a month later?

The joy of having something new & special comes back! What a great feeling to have! It's even better when we as Christians relish our gift - new life in Christ! Paul talks about it to the people in Ephesus.

But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Eph. 4:20-24

What does that mean? Put off your old self? Put on the new? Paul tells the Ephesians many specifics, but sums up the chapter with this:

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Eph. 4:31-32

What if we treat our new life in Christ and forgiveness as something so special and wonderful that we want to revel in it again and again?!? Of course, we don't want to intentionally go back to the old self, but unfortunately we do it all the time. That is our sinful nature.

The incredible thing is that God forgives us - every time we ask for forgiveness! We are washed new through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. It is never too late and there are never too many times to be forgiven. God is good all the time - and all the time, God is good! Have a New Year in Christ!

~ Ms Bremer, Music Teacher

JANUARY

- 6-22 We-Fr MAP Testing
- 11 Mon Progress Reports
- 13 Wed Chapel – 4th Grade (Langfield)
PreK & K Info Night 6:00pm
- 18-22 Mo-Fr Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 21-22 Th-Fr K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 22 Fri 1/2 Day of School Noon Dismissal
- NO 3&4Pre-K AM Classes PM classes attend in AM
- 24-30 Sun-Sat National Lutheran Schools Week
- 27 Wed Chapel – Kindergarten (Nauta)

FEBRUARY

- 3 Wed Chapel – 1st Grade (Boyce)
- 10 Wed Chapel – 6th Grade (Wellna)
Family Life Lent Kickoff
- 15 Mon NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
- 24 Wed Chapel – 1st Grade (Pingel)

MARCH

- 3 Wed Chapel – 3rd Grade (Haas)
- 5 Fri Interest Day – Noon Dismissal
- NO 3&4Pre-K AM Classes PM classes attend in AM
- 8 Mon Progress Reports

This year's **St. Paul Library Book Fair** is going to look a little bit different! We will be having a "Book eFair" from **January 20th-31st!** This is the **ONLY** fundraiser the Library has to purchase new and exciting books for the students to read! The books will be delivered to the students at the end of the Book Fair! If you are placing an order and you do not have a student at St. Paul, you will be able to pick up your order in the School Office. Please consider participating in this year's Book Fair! I will be sending you a link when we get closer to the eFair. If you have any questions feel free to email me at jennifer.willman@splgraffton.org.

Keep on Reading,
Mrs. Jenny Willman



FiG – Families in God – As we head into 2021 FiG is looking for ways to connect you and your family more deeply with one another and as safely as possible with other families. Take a look at some of the great activities and events we have planned as well as the launch of a new resource (A Family Gathering) to help you and your family grow in your faith and your relationship with God and one another.

- **Book/Game Swap** – Is your family looking for a new book or game? Or do you just need to clear out some of the books or games you don't need?



Saturday, January 16th from 9am – 10:30am in the FLC FiG will be hosting a Book/Game swap. You can drop off your books/games (in good used condition – games must have all pieces) beginning Saturday, January 9th thru Monday, January 11th in the bin in the carport entrance. Then bring your family on January 16th to pick out some new activities for your family. Masks and physical distancing will be required in the building.

- **FORT Night** –

When was the last time you and your family built a living



room fort? Your family is invited to get planning and build your living room fort on Sunday, January 31st from 6pm – 7:30pm when FiG will host our first online FORT Night. There will be prizes for the best family fort, the most unique fort, and more! We will also spend some time together watching a fun family movie. Get planning and sign up TODAY at www.splgrifton.org/fig

- **A Family Gathering** – FiG loves being able to provide resources for your family to use at home to help you grow in your faith. As we kick-off 2021 we are excited to share with you some new resources. Beginning Sunday January 3rd we will introduce A Family Gathering resources on our Facebook page (SPLfig) and our YouTube channel (SPLfig). You'll find Bible Bedtime Stories, Messages from God's Word, Table Talk starters, Crafts/Goodies/Ideas to try, Fun Facts and questions to get you talking, Songs to get you thinking, and MORE. Make sure to like our Facebook page and subscribe to our YouTube channel so you don't miss out on any of these activities.

For more information about any of our FiG activities or events, please contact Kim Butz at kimberly.butz@splgrifton.org

MSY Night – Laugh away

2020 – 2020 is a year we will never forget! As we move into the new year, all Middle School Youth (grades 6-8) are invited to join us for our first event of 2021 Sunday, January 17th beginning at 3:30pm (NOTE time change). This online event will have you laughing with videos, jokes, comedians, and a fun game. Please sign up at www.splgrifton.org by Thursday, January 14th to participate.



St. Paul Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten....

... a Great Place to Learn and Grow!

Information Night January 13, 2021

Registration Opens January 15, 2021



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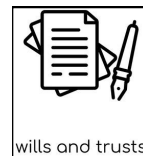
St. Paul Preschool & Kindergarten Information Night – Wednesday, January 13, 2021@ 6:00 PM Join our Early Childhood Staff as we share our unique program based upon our Christian foundation. Learn about our curriculum, goals for our students and our commitment to educating your child in a Christian environment. Due to Covid restrictions, we will be hosting our Information Night through Zoom. Sign up on the St. Paul Website:

www.splgrifton.org/school

The meeting notes will be sent to you. We will share our program presentation with you livestream and there will be time for questions. The presentation will be recorded for parents who are not able to attend. Please contact Dauna Werner dauna.werner@splgrifton.org (262)377-4659 Ext. 327 with any questions.

Free VIRTUAL Estate Pre-Planning appointments are now available! Greg Fictum & Craig Mellendorf will be available **Tuesday, January 12** at 10am, 11am, 12pm. **Thursday, January 28** at 3pm, 4pm, 5pm.

These will be 75 minute virtual meetings. To schedule an appointment, click [HERE](#) to sign up!



JAM – Jesus and Me – Our new JAM year isn't like any other! Because JAM is now Family JAM and comes to you LIVE online at **1pm Sunday** afternoons. It's not too late to join us as we dig in to God's Word and grow in our faith and relationship with Jesus and with one another. To participate in Family JAM you MUST register by going to www.splgrifton.org/fig, then gather your family and maybe a few friends and tune in!





ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	10-Jan	17-Jan
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 MSY - Laugh Away 2020, 3:30pm
Monday	11-Jan	18-Jan
	MAP TESTING Progress Reports Worship at 6:30pm	MAP TESTING Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences Worship at 6:30pm
Tuesday	12-Jan	19-Jan
	MAP TESTING	MAP TESTING Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences
Wednesday	13-Jan	20-Jan
	MAP TESTING CHAPEL - 4th Grade (Langfield) PreK & K Info Night 6:00pm	MAP TESTING CHAPEL - Living Word Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences Scholastic Book E-Fair
Thursday	14-Jan	21-Jan
	MAP TESTING	MAP TESTING Pre-K & K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences Scholastic Book E-Fair
Friday	15-Jan	22-Jan
	MAP TESTING	MAP TESTING Pre-K & K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL - Noon Dismissal NO 3&4PK AM Classes 3&4 PK PM Classes attend in AM Scholastic Book E-Fair
Saturday	16-Jan	23-Jan
	Book & Game Swap 9:00-10:30am Worship at 5pm	Worship at 5pm

Rooted Café – Ladies, we can't wait to see you in the New Year at our first Rooted Café of 2021! Join us at NSeven Saturday, January 9th from 8:30am to 10am. There will be time for fellowship, a devotion, a fun make and take, and information about events coming up in the first part of 2021. You won't want to miss it . . . so mark your calendar TODAY!



Two new Women's Bible Studies are coming in 2021 – Kate & Erin Schmidt will be starting a Sunday afternoon women's study in January. And Kim Butz will be beginning a new Tuesday evening study beginning February 2. Watch for more information in the coming weeks about start dates, topics, and how/where to purchase your books. We hope you'll join us for one of these new studies in the new year!