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In his “Letter to the Mayors and Alderman of All the Cities of Germany in Behalf of Christian Schools,” Luther points out that the neglect to give children a Christian Training is a scheme of the devil to destroy the Gospel, the church, and the faith of the individual yet no one thinks of this dreadful purpose of the devil, which is being worked out so quietly that it escapes observations; and soon the devil will be so far advanced that we can do nothing to prevent it. For the right instruction of youth is a matter which Christ and all the world are concerned.”

I Peter 5:8 - “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” The devil has been very active in our country’s public school systems. Under the disguise of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the promotion of LGBTQ+ agenda, knowledge is being replaced with arbitrary emotions. The search for Absolute Truth is being replaced with personal truth. Thanks be to God for leading St. Paul Lutheran Church to establish a Lutheran school years ago to teach the saving faith of Jesus Christ. The founders realized the importance of training a child in the ways of the Lord (Proverbs 22:6). They recognized that a faithful child of God would be beneficial for society. Many people today like to separate the spiritual from the world. The truth is, we are children of God who are armed with God’s Word to live as Christian citizens in a world under the influence of the devil. All our decisions in life are based on God’s Holy Word. In order to make God pleasing decisions, we must know His Word and apply it to our lives. That is what St. Paul Lutheran School is doing.

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The fact is that all knowledge is integrated and unified under the discipline and illumination of God's Word. The Lutheran School teaches the Word of God for a correct understanding and use of all areas of learning. It is true, that the historical and doctrinal facts of Scripture are taught as a regular school subject, but the truths of Scripture are applied to all knowledge and to all conduct throughout the day.

Friday, May 31, 2024 St. Paul ended it's 99th academic year. We thank God for all the blessing He has bestowed on St. Paul all these years. We ask for His continued blessings as we begin our 100th year this coming August.

May the Lord watch over us as we continue to serve our Lord at St. Paul. May He give us all talents, skills & energy to proclaim the message of Jesus in both Church and School.

Blessing to you as you enjoy the summer months.

Pastors at St. Paul +

This summer, June 16 - August 18 we will be helping serve at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Waterford. Their pastor will be in Africa teaching at the Lutheran seminary. Pastors Dumbrille and Dunseth will be taking turns preaching at St. Stephen.