



St. Paul's Lutheran Pre-Kindergarten program started in 1991. The first classroom was located in the old church basement with fifteen four-year old children enrolled in a three-day-a-week morning class. We now have five different Pre-K sessions in three of our school classrooms to accommodate the needs of today's families. We have four called teachers serving 72 children and their families. In addition, our before-and-after-school care has expanded over the years to provide care on those days children are not in PreK and during school breaks. This summer we plan to offer care for 3 and 4 year olds during the summer as a supplement to the Summer Fun program offered by our School of Early Learning.

St. Paul's Pre-K exists to support our church members by providing structured Christian education for their young children. Our mission includes outreach to the families in our community. The Pre-K program carries out this mission by teaching the children that Jesus loves us, died for us, and saves us from our sins. Opportunities for support and for further education for the families in the program are also provided and utilized by many.

Blessings of St. Paul's Pre-K program include:

- ✠ More than two-thirds of our Pre-K families are new to St. Paul's.
- ✠ Half of the 26 children in our kindergarten class are families new to our congregation who came to us through SOEL or Pre-K.
- ✠ Through the 18 years of the program's existence, the Lord has used our PreK to bring more than 830 children and their families closer to Christ.

Our Lutheran Elementary School (LES) is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year under the theme "Making a Difference for Eternity." Our LES works with our parents to educate and prepare students for giving a lifetime of service to Christ and sharing our Savior with all people through a high quality contemporary education. Our current enrollment in K-8 is 180 children. Our experienced and loving staff of thirteen full and part-time teachers and aides incorporates God's Word into all subject areas, creating the basis for exceptional learning as our children develop their lifelong foundation. In addition to regularly scheduled education classes, LES provides numerous extra-curricular activities and supportive programs to assist in the overall development of the children.

Our LES uses God's Word to guide our children through life's struggles and to focus their hearts on the precious promise of everlasting life through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the foundation that encourages every child to build his or her future on their God-given talents, keeping in mind that, whatever we do in life, we do it to the glory of our Creator and Savior. We have been given the opportunity to sow the seeds of the Word in the hearts of Jesus' little lambs. We are confident that the Holy Spirit will continue the work we have been privileged to start. This foundation is not just for life...it's for **eternity**.

***Plant a Seed – Reap a Harvest:** During March we are highlighting ministries that will be enhanced through the conceptual design for building expansion that the congregation has approved. At the end of March each member of St. Paul's who has not already made a promise will be given the opportunity to make a one-year capital funds promise that will help us make our expansion plans a reality. Multi-year promises will be sought at the dedication of the building with the goal of erasing a substantial part of the debt by the conclusion of those promises.*

*Visit the **Plant a Seed, Reap a Harvest** page on St. Paul's Website at www.stpaulmuskego.org for more information.*