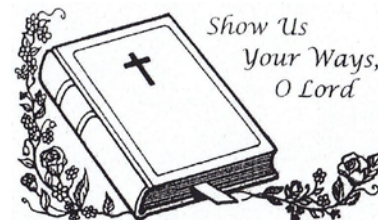

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From the Editor's Desk

In checking out the calendar, the month of August is here. In fact, the month is almost half over! Where did the summer go? Did you have time to spend it relaxing with your family and friends? Were you able to do some traveling? Or were you just content to spend it at home following your children's summer activities: swimming, summer school, ball games, etc.

As the new school year approaches, it's time to focus on the up-coming school year. There have been changes at St. Paul - room changes, staff changes, and most importantly, the addition of a new, expanded 3K & 4K program including before and after school childcare.

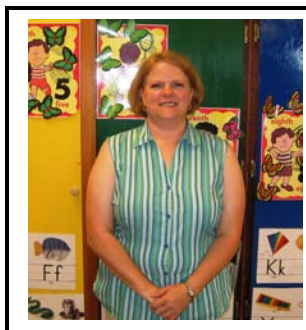
This issue will focus on introducing you to the new staff members as well as bringing you up-to-date on the staff members who are returning. Future issues will contain articles, poems, and other miscellaneous information from all grades - preschool through grade 8. We hope to continue making this newspaper exciting so that you can't wait for the next monthly issue to arrive.

Thank YOU for reading!

New Teachers

With this issue of the *Cardinal Journal News*, we take time to introduce you to

those who are beginning as new staff members here at St. Paul Lutheran School.



Preschool - 3K -

Mrs. Lygia Matthies

Mrs. Matthies joins the St. Paul's faculty as the 3K teacher this year. Mrs. Matthies has been involved in teaching both in Lutheran elementary schools - Jerusalem Lutheran School in Morton Grove, IL; Trinity/St. Luke's Lutheran School in Watertown, WI; St. John Lutheran School in Waterloo, WI - as well as at Lakeside Lutheran High School here in Lake Mills.

Mrs. Matthies grew up in Bay City, MI where she attended St. John's Lutheran Church. She is married to Timothy Matthies. They have four children: Timothy II, Meghan, Jared, and Elise. She and her family are members of St. Paul's in Lake Mills.

This summer Mrs. Matthies spent time with her family as well as spending time preparing the 3K room for the students who will be arriving on the first day of school.

She is looking forward to working with the children and their parents. Because St. Paul's is a Christian elementary school, she is also going to help solidify the children's knowledge of God's love in their hearts and minds.



Preschool Helper - 3K -

Mrs. Jennifer Krauklis

Mrs. Jennifer (Jenny) Krauklis has been hired to serve as aide in the 3K preschool room with Mrs. Matthies. She graduated from Martin Luther College but married and started her family after graduation. She has substituted in several WELS elementary schools in both Wisconsin and Illinois for the last nine years as well as doing child care in her home.

Mrs. Krauklis grew up in Elkhorn, WI, but attended Lakeside Lutheran High School here in Lake Mills. She is married to Brandon Krauklis. They have three children: Abel in 3rd grade; Luke in the 4K classroom; and Ben in the 3K classroom. She and her family are members of St. Paul.

The Krauklis family enjoyed camping at Kohler-Andrae State Park. The sand on

Lake Michigan seemed to "sing" as they walked on it! She also volunteered at a youth camp called Camp Bird. It is a place for 5-8th graders to spend a week having fun! She had the opportunity to get to know a lot of new people, as well as have fun teaching boating, swimming, archery, nature facts, and most importantly, sharing the love of the Savior! The rest of the summer, she enjoyed spending the days outside with her children.

When asked what she was looking forward to in the Lord's service here at St. Paul's, she said, "I really look forward to sharing God's love with the 3 year olds! The faith of a child is so strong! I really look forward to playing with all the 3 year olds in the classroom and just having fun! I am also very excited for our childcare program at school. I truly believe that the Lord will bless these efforts as we seek different ways to make attending St. Paul easier for everyone!"



**Preschool Helper - 4K -
Mrs. Judy Graumann**

Mrs. Judy Graumann has been hired by St. Paul's to be the helper in the 4K classroom. Last year Mrs. Graumann assisted in the 4K classroom as a volunteer. She graduated from (Dr.) Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN and taught at St. Luke's Lutheran School in Kenosha, WI for 13 1/2 years. She has also served as a preschool aide at Bethany Lutheran Church in Fort Atkinson, WI.

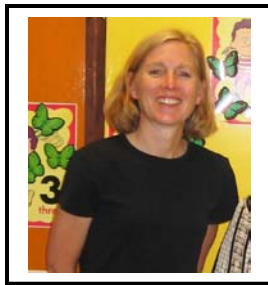
Mrs. Graumann grew up in Milwaukee, WI, where she attended Christ Lutheran Church. She and her husband, Richard, are now members of St. Paul's congregation. They have been blessed with four children: Bethany, Kirsten, Hannah, and Andrew, who graduated from St. Paul's this past May.

The Graumann family spent a quiet summer highlighted by visits with their older daughters.

When asked what she was looking forward to in the Lord's service here at St. Paul's, she said, "I am looking forward to working with Mrs. Hackbarth and working with Jesus' lambs in the preschool. What a wonderful opportunity to share Jesus' love with them."

Returning Teachers

We've introduced you to the new members of St. Paul's staff, let's bring you up-to-date on those teachers who are returning this year. This year each teacher was asked six questions: **1** – How did you spend your summer vacation?; **2** – What traveling did you and your family do this summer?; **3** What things are you looking forward to in your class-room?; **4** What special activities/field trips are you planning to take this year?; **5** What do you do in your spare time?; and **6** Why did you decide to become a teacher?:



**Preschool - 4K -
Mrs. Donna Hackbarth**

Mrs. Hackbarth's responses are as follows: **1**) This summer I enjoyed spending time with my husband and children. I worked at school winding down from last year and getting ready for the new school year. **2**) We did some day trips close to home. We hiked at Devil's Lake State Park and rode the ferry over Lake Wisconsin, we went swimming at The Wilderness, rode some rides at Great America, toured the home Abraham Lincoln owned in Springfield, Illinois, and toured the art museum in Milwaukee. **3**) I am always happy to have the students I had the year before come back to school. I also enjoy meeting our new friends that will make up our new class learning about our best friend, Jesus.

I went to a science workshop in

Milwaukee this summer and I am looking forward to using the fabric unit I learned about with my 4K students this spring. **4**) We will be going to Ebert's Greenhouse in the fall, a play in the spring, and then visiting the zoo and a farm in the spring. **5**) I enjoy watching my children participate in their activities. I also like to get together with family and friends. If there is time after that, I like to read a good book. **6**) I enjoy working with children. It is especially rewarding to share God's Word with them.



**Kindergarten -
Mrs. Rebecca Bauer**

Mrs. Bauer had this to say about her summer activities: **1 & 2**) Summer is my time to reconnect with family. We spent a week visiting my son and his family in California. We enjoyed having my son and his family from Arizona spend a week with us. It doesn't get any better than taking a grandson fishing for the first time with his Buzz Lightyear fishing pole or reading "Chester's Way" to grandchildren on a porch swing in sunny California! **3**) I always look forward to helping the children take "the next step" in their formal Christian education, sharing with them the truths of Scripture. I attended a workshop this summer called "Operation Science" and I look forward to implementing a "hands-on" unit on fabric into the curriculum. **4**) We will be heading out to the pumpkin patch at Ebert's in fall; we will take in a play or two in spring. We have a fall and spring event planned for our younger set of children at St. Paul's. We look forward to making them feel at home at our church and school. **5**) I like to go for long walks in my spare time. **6**) Teaching was in my family. I grew up helping my mom in her kindergarten classroom, so I thought I'd give DMLC a try. Believe it or not, I was a cheerleader

in college and now enjoy cheering my students on as they learn and grow!



Grade One - Mrs. Bonnie Pufahl

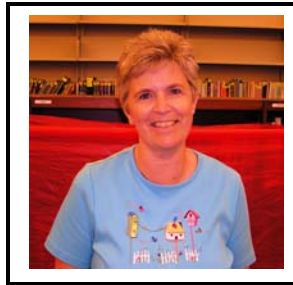
Mrs. Pufahl's responses to the questions are as follows: **1 & 2)** My summer was filled with many wonderful activities. These activities included moving my classroom to another classroom, babysitting our grandchildren, visiting family members in three states and taking summer classes. The highlight of Arv's and my summer was flying to California to visit our son and family and then driving his car back to Wisconsin where the family now has moved and is serving the Lord in Big Bend, WI. We have many wonderful family adventures ahead of us. **3)** I am looking forward to meeting and getting acquainted with a new set of students and their families. I am excited to try some new art ideas that I got from a class this summer. **4)** I am planning a fall field trip to a pumpkin patch, a tour of the Fort hospital, a trip to a play in Whitewater and a field trip to America's Best in the Spring. **5)** In my free time I babysit grandchildren (five in the area now), sew, garden, bake, and clean. **6)** I wanted to share Jesus with children. I loved my primary teacher and wanted to be like her.



Grade Two - Mr. Ronald Glock

Mr. Glock answered the questions in this way: **1)** It was enjoyable having time to

read several books, doing some traveling, visiting with relatives and college friends, and following three grandson's ball games. **2)** Mrs. Glock and I traveled to Springfield, IL, and toured Lincoln's home and the Lincoln Museum – WOW! It was fabulous! We continued on to a convention in St. Louis, MO. We toured the city, saw the Arch, and visited Grant's Farm. We also traveled to Mobridge, SD, to visit Mrs. Glock's parents. **3)** What a privilege and joy it is to teach God's lambs the Bible stories that tell the story of Jesus' life and work. I'm looking forward to working on an Operation Science kit on "Solids and Liquids" with the children – it is all hands-on learning. FUN! **4)** We are planning a fall outing and spring activities. There will be a trip to a play at UW-Whitewater and the children in K-2 will also present a musical play this year. **6)** I had an inspiring teacher "Miss Grace" Wolfrath who taught me in kindergarten and again in 3rd grade. She had been my parents' primary grade teacher and was still alive to share words of encouragement when I celebrated my 25th year of teaching. She truly was a special servant of the Lord!



Grade Three - Mrs. Gail Mateske

Here's what Mrs. Mateske had to say: **1)** This summer was a busy one. June was spent packing up my classroom and moving into another. I also got ready for VBS at St. John's. It was a lot of fun and the most well attended yet. In July I took a couple of technology classes. **2)** For two weeks in mid July I flew to Seattle, WA, and spent a week with my sister and family. It was great because we haven't seen each other for 9 years. Then I flew to California to see my parents, sister, and brothers and their families. **3)** Getting to share God's Word in the classroom every day is always a joy. Getting to know more students and their families is a privilege.

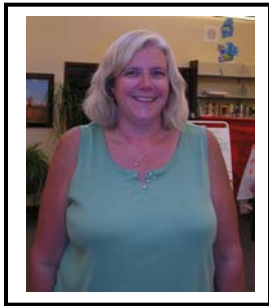
Watching students grow academically, physically, and spiritually is special, too. And of course, getting adjusted to the new location of my classroom is important, as well. **4)** Not everything is all planned out yet. We will be going to see a play in the spring. I am anxious to get my projector installed in my classroom so I can learn how to make use of it in my teaching. **5)** Believe it or not, I love to work in my flower beds. (I don't love the mosquitoes!) I enjoy going to the library and reading. But I especially enjoy playing games with Mr. Mateske on summer evenings on our back porch. Sometimes I win; sometimes he does. **6)** When I was in third grade I enjoyed my teacher very much. I think I decided then I'd like to do what she did. I love being able to share God's Word with children and watching them grow over the year in so many ways.



Grade Four - Mrs. Erin Williams

Mrs. Williams' responses to the questions are as follows: **1 & 2)** I spent my summer vacation relaxing and enjoying the break in the busyness of school. I spent a little more than a week up in Shawano, WI at my husband's family's cottage on the lake. I also spent a week and a half camping in three different locations, two different states. The first two legs were with my family and the third leg was in Michigan with friends from college. **3)** As the new school year begins I am looking forward to the blending of the 4th grade class! In their younger grades they have always been two separate classes, but this year we will be one! I look forward to bringing us together as one in Christ! I am also excited for science as we purchased new textbooks this summer with more up-to-date information. **4)** As always, 4th grade will be visiting Lakeside for 'Warrior Welcome' to become Warriors for a morning. We also will be

visiting Jefferson County Fairgrounds in spring for Farm-City days. We will be visiting Madison with the 5th grade for a special event and also a field trip to White-water with the 3rd grade in April. **5)** Spare time? This summer I've had a fair share but I know it will be decreasing (as it all ready is!) as the school year gets started. I enjoy reading, going on dates with my husband, watching TV, and running. I have been working hard at my goal of running at least one 5k or greater for each month for a year – I have accomplished June and July and will be working hard during the school year to fully accomplish this goal! **6)** I chose to become a teacher because I saw the influence my primary grades' teachers had on me and other students. I wanted to be able to help students just like they helped me and shared God's Word apply it to our lives! I want to share the joy of learning with them and help them see that it can also be enjoyable.



**Grade Five -
Mrs. Sue Thorman**

Mrs. Thorman answered the questions in this way: **1 & 2)** My summer was spent enjoying our new house and playing with my kids. We did lots of day outings to the beach, parks and zoos. It was a great, relaxing summer break. **3)** I am looking forward to using the new things I learned in my Civil War class to make a great unit on the Civil War. I always look forward to a new student teacher, this year coming at the end of January. **4)** We have some new exciting field trips this year. We are going to Forest Hills Cemetery in Madison for an event put on by the Veterans Museum. We will also spend a longer day in Kenosha at the Civil War Museum. This museum is only two years old! **5)** My spare time is just enjoying my young children as these years quietly slip away. **6)** I love watching children's knowledge grow, knowledge

about their Savior and the world He created.



**Grade Six -
Mr. Daniel Lippert**

Mr. Lippert's responses to the questions are as follows: **1)** Our family took care of our new puppy, Brutus, quite possibly the most stubborn dog on the planet. I also spent the better part of the summer banging my head against a wall of technology. **3)** I always look forward to meeting and learning about all the new students in my room each year. **4)** Gymnastics and Cave of the Mounds. **5)** Fantasy Football and not so fantasy football. **6)** God decided for me.



**Grade Seven -
Mrs. Tina Ulrich**

Mrs. Ulrich had this to say about her summer activities: **1 & 2)** First of all, our family spent ten days out west. We first went to North Dakota and saw many of the Lewis and Clark places. Then we went to Montana and spent some days there and the rest of the vacation was spent in Yellowstone National Park. What an awesome place to view God's Creation. It was a fantastic trip. The rest of the summer was spent at baseball games for Jacob and softball games for Lydia with a few trips to our cabin in Minnesota. **3)** I am looking forward to 7th grade. As I am planning for the year there are many topics in history

that I can't wait to do. The seventh grade students will be spending time with the Lewis and Clark adventure to the Civil War. It should be fun and exciting to teach new things. **4)** This year the 7th graders get to go to Camp Phillip for an overnight camp experience. We will also be going to some Civil War places and have some guests come in to speak. We also hope to get to Salty Earth Productions in Fort Atkinson. **5)** What spare time?! If I have any for myself, I like to bake, go for bike rides, scrapbook my children's pictures, and spend time at our cabin. **6)** When I was in 8th grade Pastor Gurgel took each of us 8th graders aside and talked about what we wanted to do in the future. He said that I should consider becoming a Lutheran Grade School teacher (and since I couldn't stand the sight of blood, I knew nursing was out). After thinking about that and knowing that I liked children and how important it was that I could share God's Word with them everyday, I decided I would become a teacher. I also spent a lot of time at St. Paul's with my mother who was the teacher's aide at that time and thought that teaching was for me.



**Grade Eight -
Mrs. Carrie Struck**

Mrs. Struck's responses to the questions are as follows: **1)** This summer I spent some time winding down from the previous school year. I also started getting ready for the upcoming school year. **2)** For the past few years my family has spent a week at a cottage near Wild Rose, WI, with my siblings and their families. It is great fun! **3)** I am looking forward to teaching 8th grade again. I consider it a great privilege to be teaching 8th graders as they prepare for confirmation and graduation from St. Paul's. **4)** The trip in the spring to Wisconsin Dells has been a highlight in the past. **5)** I really like my sleep. **6)** I was not someone who planned

for a long time to become a teacher. I guess I even had doubts while I was in college. When our kids were little, I stopped teaching for a number of years. Since I've come back to it and having children of my own, I think I have greater appreciation for the opportunity God has given me. I enjoy the challenge of helping to prepare students for the next level of school, and what greater privilege and blessing can there be than having the opportunity to daily share Jesus with the students in my class.



Extended Learning - Mrs. Virginia Glock

Mrs. Glock's responses to the questions are as follows: **1)** Mr. Glock and I did get in some relaxing. We spent lots of time with grandchildren. We even saw our first 3D movie "Toy Story"! We also have been working on a landscaping project. **2)** We traveled to Springfield, IL, and toured the Lincoln sites; to St. Louis, MO, for the national LWMS convention; and to South Dakota to visit family and aunts and uncles we had not seen in many years. **3)** I will not be in my classroom this year, except for correcting. **4)** I am planning to celebrate PI day with the 7th grade math students on March 14th. **5)** Read, eat, cook, clean the basement, and exercise. **6)** I was very impressed with my fourth grade teacher. That was the first year I was at a Lutheran school. I decided I wanted to be just like her.



Special Education - Mrs. Lois McKenney

Here's what Mrs. McKenney had to say: **1)** Pastor and I were privileged to build a home with Loos Homes and spent the summer moving into our new home in Arbor Creek. We also attended a worship class at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary where we studied contemporary hymnody. **2)** We moved our son, Joel, and his family from Mequon, WI to Saginaw, MI. He will begin his pastoral ministry as a tutor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. **3)** I am looking forward to working with students

from every classroom this year. I also am excited to work with their awesome parents! **5)** I like to work in the garden or read in my free time. **6)** I have always wanted to be a teacher. I furthered my education to become a special education teacher because I truly love helping each child reach his potential, no matter what challenges there may be. Since I have been blessed with my own children who have special needs, I also feel a special connection with the parents of my students and enjoy working with them.



Childcare team - l to r Carol Loroff, Gretchen Asmus, Jenny Krauklis, Dawn Neuberger

Childcare at St. Paul

Parents of St. Paul Lutheran School children have an added advantage of childcare options to complement the school's Christian education program.

Ladies preparing to serve St. Paul childcare include coordinator & morning caregiver, Mrs. Jenny Krauklis, afternoon caregivers, Mrs. Gretchen Asmus and Mrs. Dawn Neuberger, and evening caregiver, Mrs. Carol Loroff. All four ladies have full resumes as seasoned parents, as experienced childcare providers, and as educational professionals.

Mrs. Krauklis leads "before school" care, running from 6:30-7:30 AM. The sessions are intended to supervise 3K, 4K and elementary students for a full hour before St. Paul classrooms open for school. In addition, Mrs. Krauklis will provide care for 3K students when not in class. Mrs. Asmus and Mrs. Neuberger share daily responsibilities regarding childcare from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM (time when 3K & 4K children have been dismissed from classes). Their childcare "room assignment" is quite flexible offering a variety of activities in several



Grade Eight & Principal - Mr. Fred Luehring

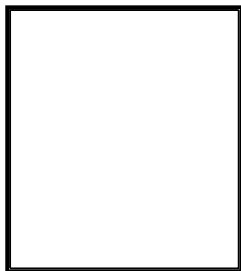
Mr. Luehring answered the questions in this way: **1)** I spent this summer assisting and supporting my youngest children: David, 14, entering high school and hunter safety; Ruth, 18, entering Martin Luther College; and Karen, 22, beginning to teach first grade in San Jose, CA. I spent this summer visiting grown children: Rachel, 25, teaching in Minnesota; Mark, 27, doing fish research in northern Wisconsin; and Kathy & her husband, Jason, expecting their first child and building a house. I spent this summer caring for my mother and father, and father-in-law (both WW II vets). **2)** Traveled with children to watch them participate in the Minneapolis Marathon. Watched whales, saw sea otters, and walked among giant redwoods at the Pacific Coast of California. **3)** Shiny floors and smiling faces. Searching the Scriptures together and exploring with science. In both we clearly see God's handiwork! **4)** Anticipate science extravaganza in Madison this fall...geology, entomology, and botany. Anticipate a spring trip to Milwaukee. Hard working safety patrols can anticipate a relaxing day at Wisconsin Dells next spring. **6)** Compelled by Christ's love.

school venues including the 3K classroom, the youngsters' playground, gymnasium and school library.

The after school program, led by Mrs. Loroff, operates from 3:00-6:00 PM. As with daytime childcare, Mrs. Loroff's schedule, activities and venue will be set to meet the needs of children she serves each day.

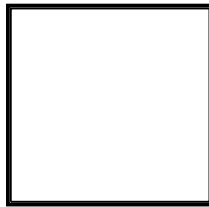
Parents of 3K & 4K are pleased that when youngsters finish morning classes, childcare begins providing lunch, rest, and a variety of supervised activities until 3:00 PM. Elementary school parents most appreciate the convenience of early morning care (6:30-7:30 AM) and after school care (3:00-6:00 PM).

Coming up next month –
an introduction to the individual members of the Child-Care staff -



Karing for Kaitlin

Kaitlin Burk continues to make remarkable progress! Last week she had her last round of chemo and is at home recuperating. Although her white blood count isn't where it should be yet, she is on the road to recovery. Continue to monitor the caringbridge website to keep up with Kaitlin's progress. Continue to keep Kaitlin and the entire Burk family in your prayers.



Cardinal Sports

Capitol Mile Run

The Capitol Mile run is sponsored by the Wisconsin Track Club. It is a one mile run around the State Capitol Building in Madison. To try to get schools to participate, the Wisconsin Track Club gives away prize money for the top three schools with the most kids there. Sun Prairie High School had 17 runners from their Cross Country program so they got \$500 for first place, second place received \$250. St. Paul's received \$100 for third place with eight students participating from 3rd grade through 6th grade. The prize money will be used in the Cross Country program at St. Paul.



Participating in this run included the following: back row l to r – Jacob Ulrich, Lydia Ulrich, Abigail Hackbarth, Haley Kooiman; front row, l to r – Kennedy DeVries, Seth Hackbarth, Elijah DeVries, Noah Kooiman. Elijah placed 2nd in his age bracket. This run is just a way to get kids involved in running and have an afternoon of fun.

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