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From the Principal's Desk — "Grateful and Blessed"

As we move toward Thanksgiving, I am reminded of how grateful and blessed we are as a St. Paul's community. This season gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on God's faithfulness and on the many ways He continues to work through our church, preschool, and school ministries.

Next week also brings the Lutheran Educators Conference (LEC), followed by the Thanksgiving break—a welcome rhythm of learning, celebration, and rest. We are especially proud to celebrate Sally Brink, who will be recognized at LEC as the Pacific Southwest District Elementary Educator of the Year, and Tim McCann, who will be honored as a 20-year jubilarian for his faithful service in Lutheran education. These recognitions reflect the dedicated and gifted faculty God has placed at St. Paul's.

We are also excited that Sally Brink and I will both present workshops at LEC, joining Lutheran educators from across the region to share ideas, learn together, and celebrate the ministry of Christian education.

As a brief preview, Giving Tuesday is coming on Tuesday, December 1, and it will provide a special opportunity for our community to support the ministries of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Preschool, and School. More information is coming soon, but we are grateful in advance for the many ways our families and supporters partner with us to strengthen faith, nurture children, and serve families.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" — Psalm 107:1

Thank you for the many ways you support St. Paul's mission and ministry. We are deeply thankful for each of you, and for the partnership we share in helping children and families grow in faith and life.

On behalf of all of us at St. Paul's, I wish you and your family a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving.

In Christ,

Deryl Maxwell

Principal