

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

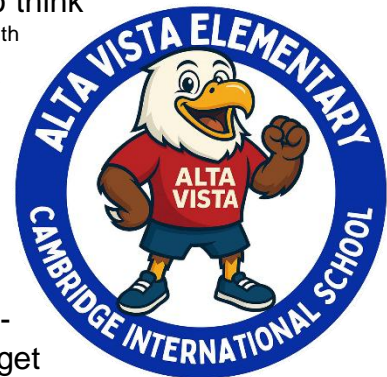
Next Thursday is the last class of the first session of our English and Spanish classes. For 10 weeks we have gathered on Thursday evenings to learn English and Spanish together. We share a meal together each week to begin our time. We point out what's on our plate and try to learn what it is in English or Spanish. We share a meal time prayer and the Lord's Prayer in Spanish and English. We've shared prayer requests among our group. New grandbabies were born. Friends have entered their heavenly homes. Lots of laughter was shared. Even last week when we were learning about the weather, all of a sudden it started raining. Lloviendo – in Spanish.



Next Thursday, all are invited to our meal time and stay longer if you want. We will have Tacos/Fruit cups/drinks for sale as a fundraiser for an amazing organization in Sarasota. They are called El Pueblo Unido (The People United). They are an organization who have been helping members of our community who have been affected by deportation or detentions. They collect food, money for electrical bills, and even go with people to their immigration meetings, to name just a few things they help with in our area. I encourage you to come at 6p for dinner and meet those in our class. The food

will be served until 8p so if you can't make it at 6, come when you can. It's \$10 for two tacos and fruit. Or you can by ala carte - \$3/taco, Fruit \$5; Water \$1; Jumex (juice) \$2; Jarritos (soda) or Mexican Coke \$3.

This time of year, even though it is summer, we are starting to think of the new school year. The joke when I grew up was once 4th of July hit, summer was over. For the month of July we will be collecting \$25 Walmart gift cards for Alta Vista School teachers. You may have noticed I didn't say Elementary school. Alta Vista is one of the schools changing from elementary to a K-8 school. (They haven't changed their logo yet but I'm sure in time they will). This coming school year they have students K-6, then the next year K-7, and then the next K-8. This year they will have at least 40 teachers that we want to get gift cards for, so please either bring in \$25 Walmart Gift Cards or donate money toward them. We will buy them with whatever money is raised. Please turn in the gift cards or money by July 26th so we can get them to the teachers in time for their first week of school. If you have any questions, please let Judy Roberts or myself know.



Take care and God bless

-PrAshley