





# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

*Church · School · Preschool*

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*A member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*

<b>November 8-9, 2025</b>	<b>Pentecost 22</b>	<b>Hymns</b>
<b>Order of Service</b>	Service of the Word	729
	Worship Folder	732
		766
<b>Sermon</b>	1 Corinthians 12:12-27	748:3
		737
		697

## **Today in Worship:** The Serving Church

The Bible calls the Church "the Body of Christ." This isn't just a metaphor; it's a promise. It means we are not a random collection of individuals in a room, but a living, breathing community, created by God to work in the world. God didn't create any "extra" parts. He designed you, with your unique gifts, passions, and experiences, to have a specific and essential role. You don't just attend this church; you are this church. As God calls us to serve, it's not just to fulfill another obligation, it's joyfully using who God has made me to be to serve others and himself.

## **Accommodations for Worship**

A **CHILD TRAINING ROOM** is available for privacy with children while in worship. It's located across from the restrooms and is equipped with sound and light controls as well as privacy shades. A **T-COIL HEARING LOOP** system is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available. **LARGE PRINT** copies of our service are available in the entryway. **RESTROOMS** with changing stations are to the right as you exit church.

# Calendar & Schedules

## November 8-16, 2025

11/8	Sat.	6:30pm	Worship (#4)
11/9	Sun.	7:45am	Worship (#5)
		9:00am	Sunday School & Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship (#6)
		3:30pm	Joyful Witness Practice
11/10	Mon.	6:00pm	Choir Practice
		6:00pm	Public School Catechism
		6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
		7:00pm	Chimes Practice
11/11	Tue.	All Day	<b>Veterans Day</b>
11/12	Wed.	8:45am	Bible Study
11/13	Thur.	6:00pm	Adult Pickleball Club
11/15	Sat.	6:30pm	Worship with Communion (#7)
11/16	Sun.	7:45am	Worship with Communion (#8)
		9:00am	Bible Study & Sunday School
		10:15am	Worship with Communion (#9)
		3:30pm	Joyful Witness Practice

### Serving this Week:

11/8 & 11/9:  
Ushers: B. Tabbert (4),  
T. Hagman (5), C. Stollfus (6).  
Greeters: P. Brennand,  
B. Ewerdt, L&J Jerman.  
Organist: Becky Miller

### Serving Next Week:

11/15 & 11/16:  
Ushers: C. Williams (7),  
J. White (8), T. Schwefel (9).  
Greeters: K. Fischer, V. White,  
a smiling face.  
Organist: Will Hinn

# *Service and Volunteering*

## **Sunday School Returning November 9!**

We are excited to announce that we are planning on starting Sunday School on November 9! If you are interested, please fill out a registration sheet located in the narthex. We give thanks that the coordination of this important ministry for our young ones has been taken up by Gwen North. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer as a teacher or aide. Feel free to email her at northgwen62@gmail.com.

## **A letter from Cheri Cearns**

What a blessing! Our St Paul's congregation was established in 1901. Next year marks the 125th anniversary of its Christian ministry in North Fond du Lac. Your thoughts and ideas on how we, as a congregation, would like to commemorate and celebrate this wonderful milestone are needed. Please send your suggestions to me either by e-mail, caring189@att.net, or by text, 920-904-5257. Interested in helping with the actual planning of our celebration? Let me know, we will be meeting in January to discuss all the ideas submitted and how to implement what one(s) are selected. I look forward to hearing from you, Cheri Cearns.

## **Calling all members of St. Paul's!!**

Pastor and Mariah Ehlert will be taking up residence in the church's parsonage by the end of this year. A few of us went through the house to see what updates were needed and found many, many, many projects that need to be tackled. Some of this can be put off for a little while but the most urgent tasks needed will be a thorough cleaning, wallpaper removal, washing and painting all walls, removal of most of the carpeting and installing new carpet and kitchen flooring, updating lighting and bathrooms. This is just the tip of the iceberg. Much more needs to be done but this would at least make the residence livable and safe for the Ehlerts and their little children. A task sheet will be developed and left in the narthex and at the residence of work that needs to be done. If you have any time at all that you could commit to this daunting project, it would be greatly welcomed and appreciated.

## *Faculty & Staff*

**Pastor Elijah Ehlert** 920-809-7237

**Vacancy Pastor Mark Kock** 414-755-9021

**Amy Surian** Administrative Assistant

**John Schleis** 6-8 Grade Teacher

**Joel Mathwig** 4-5 Grade Teacher, AD

**Kristi Utsch** 1-3 Grade Teacher

**Dawn Hinn** Kindergarten Teacher

**Megan Schoenbach** Preschool Teacher

**Lauren Graumann** Preschool Aide

**Kim Zabel** Resource Teacher

**WLA Principal David Schroeder** 920-921-4930

**WELS Christian Counseling** 800-282-0561



## Events

### **Joyful Witness Concerts are Scheduled!**

Joyful Witness invites you to its 2025 Christmas concert, *“Truth & Hope & Love Abide, This Christmastide.”* Join us Friday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m. for an inspiring celebration of the Savior’s birth. Bring a friend and enjoy the glorious praises of Jesus, who came to save us from sin! Both concerts will be held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1010 Adams Ave., North Fond du Lac.

### **Advent by Candlelight**

Save the Date! It’s never too early to mark your calendar for this important event! St. Paul’s will be holding an Advent by Candlelight for all women of the congregation, and their female family members, friends, and neighbors, on Sunday, November 30 at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. There is no charge for this event. This is a wonderful afternoon of the Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing!

### **Adult Pickleball Nights!**

Join us for some friendly competition and fun!

**When:** Thursday evenings, beginning November 6

**Time:** 6:00–8:00 PM (time subject to change)

**Where:** St Paul's Lutheran Gym

All skill levels are welcome — whether you’re a seasoned player or brand new to the game! Paddles and balls will be provided, or feel free to bring your own. Come get active, meet new people, and enjoy one of the fastest-growing sports in the country!

For more information, contact Mr Mathwig. See you on the court!

### **LWMS Rally here at St. Paul's!**

We’re happy to announce that our congregation will host the Spring Rally on Saturday April 18, 2026! Watch out for upcoming details as we get the opportunity to be a part of our synod’s important mission work.

# General Announcements

## Here to Serve you in Christ

If you have a prayer request for today's service, please don't hesitate to speak to Pastor Kock. (Perhaps a prayer of thanks for a special occasion: Birthday, anniversary; or a prayer of intercession for a relative or friend). Throughout the week, Pastor Kock is here to serve you in Christ, counseling with the Word, and encouraging your faith. You can contact him at 414-755-9021 or mkock315@gmail.com.

## Bible Information Class

Our Pastors offer Bible Information Classes to anyone seeking to learn the truths of the Christian faith. The pastors are here to meet everyone where they are. We are happy to customize the classes to fit your schedule, location, and learning needs. If you're interested in attending the Class or know of a friend who might be, please contact him.

## Poinsettias for Christmas!

It's time to order Poinsettias for Christmas! A 6.5" pot is \$19.00 and a 7.5" pot is \$28.00. Envelopes are by the Martin Luther Room and will allow you to designate a memorial, should you wish, for the poinsettias donated. *Please return the envelope with payment to the marked box located by the Martin Luther Room by Sunday, November 30.* We need to have the final count to the florist on Monday, December 1.

## Last Week's Offerings

In thankfulness to God, we generously returned the following to the Lord: Current - \$11,558.51 (\$225 plate); Missions - \$984.50; Extended Care - \$112.50; Preschool Tuition - \$1145.50; Improvement - \$77; Mortgage - \$2287.51; Organ/Piano Fund - \$50. Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$1933.52, all offerings totaled \$16,215.52. Weekly Budgeted Target \$19,963. Last week in worship 238 (40, 75, 123) gathered.

## *Coming up in Worship: The Church is...*

What is the Church? Over the next four weeks, our worship series, "The Church Is...", will explore four aspects of our identity and purpose, as members of the Holy Christian Church and the church of St. Paul's. We build on our foundation in Christ and build to our mission in the world, examining who we are called to be.

### **The Suffering Church**

We begin by confronting a difficult truth: the Church follows a crucified Lord. This Sunday, we explore the cost of discipleship. The readings from Job and 1 Peter remind us that faithfulness is often tested by trial, and the Gospel in Matthew 16 is Jesus' clear call to take up our cross and follow him.

### **The Serving Church**

The Church is not a passive audience but one active body. We focus on our internal function: service. From the practical organization in the early church of Acts, to the "one body, many parts" teaching in 1 Corinthians 12, we see a community built to serve. John 13 provides our ultimate model: Jesus, our head, washing the disciples' feet.

### **The Gathered Church**

The Church is a new family, a spiritual household. We celebrate our community. Acts 2 shows the first believers devoted to fellowship. Ephesians 2 confirms our new identity as "members of the household of God." This new family is defined by Christ himself in Mark 3, where he names those who do God's will as his true brother, sister, and mother.

### **The Sent Church**

We are gathered not just for our own sake, but to be sent out. Our final week focuses on our mission. From the Great Commission in Matthew 28 to the call to be witnesses like the apostles, our purpose is clear. As 2 Corinthians 5 states, we are "ambassadors for Christ," entrusted with the message of Jesus.