



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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Worship Schedule This Week:

Saturday at 6:30 PM and Sunday at 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM

Online services, materials and so much more can be found at

www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com or follow us www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl

December 9 & 10	Advent 2	Hymns
Order of Service:	Service of the Word Service booklet: no gloria	Gathering Rite Psalm 84 316
Sermon:	Mark 1:1-8	753:3
	Listen to the voice!	312 325

Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **Parents, please feel free to use the child training room** to calm or feed small children. It's located across from the restrooms and is equipped with sound and light controls as well as one-way shades in the smaller section past the room divider.
- **A t-coil hearing loop system** is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available. Ushers can help if you have questions.
- **Large print copies** of our service are available in the entryway.
- **Restrooms** with changing stations are to the right as you exit church.
- **Offerings** are gathered during worship. *As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand and sing 753:3.*

Ushers this week (9 & 10) teams are 1 (D. Schumacher), 2 (L. Ziemer), and 3 (M. Peachy). Greeters are B. Oelke, K&J Kovalaske, and K&L Robinet. Next week (16 & 17) teams will be 4 (C. Hintz), 5 (B. Tabbert), and 6 (M. Ewerdt). Greeters will be P. Brennand, D&K Thurow, and B Ewerdt. Our organist this week is Becky Miller. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

God's Word This Week:

Advent 2

THE KING SHALL COME: PREPARE TO MEET HIM!

Scriptures teach that King Jesus is the Son of God in flesh and the only hope for salvation. Jesus himself claimed that He is the only way into the glorious kingdom of heaven. You do not approach meeting someone like that casually or carelessly. You prepare! What does that mean? What does a life of readiness – ready to meet such a King – look like? In one word: repentance. If we insist on hanging onto our sins, how can we receive the One who came for the very purpose of taking those sins away?

December 9 – 17, 2023

12/9	Sat.	6:30 PM	WORSHIP [#1]
12/10	Sun.	7:45 AM	WORSHIP [#2]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Bible Information/New Member Class
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP [#3]
		1:00 PM	Joyful Witness Practice
12/11	Mon.	6:15 PM	Public/Homeschool Catechism Class
		6:00 PM	Choir Practice
		7:00 PM	Chimes Practice
		4:15 PM	SPLS Basketball Home vs. Shep. of the Valley (B Girls 4:30 PM, B Boys 5:30 PM, A Boys 6:30 PM)
12/12	Tues.	6:00 PM	Boys & Girls Pioneers
12/13	Wed.	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class
		4:30 PM	SPLS Basketball Home at Iron Ridge (B Girls 4:30 PM, B Boys 5:30 PM, A Boys 6:30 PM)
12/14	Thur.	6:00 PM	Board of Properties
		7:00 PM	Open Gym (Basketball)
12/15	Fri.	8:35 AM	School Chapel (Pastor Kampman)
		7:00 PM	Joyful Witness Concert
12/16	Sat.	8:30 AM	Children's Christmas Service Practice
		9:45 AM	Christmas Cookie Decorating
		2:00 PM	Joyful Witness Concert
		6:30 PM	WORSHIP with Holy Communion [#4]
12/17	Sun.	7:45 AM	WORSHIP with Holy Communion [#5]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Bible Information/New Member Class
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP with Holy Communion [#6]
		4:00 PM	Children's Christmas Service

Preschool Aide Needed in the New Year

We are very grateful for the past few months of service provided by Mrs. Lauren Graumann, who served quite capably as our Preschool Aide. Mrs. Graumann will need to discontinue her role as aide when we resume classes in January, so we will need to fill the preschool aide position with a new candidate ASAP.

Preschool is full of joy and energy! The youngest members of our student body really can be some of the most rewarding to work with as they are just beginning to learn and socialize. It is a joy to watch the little lights turn on in their minds as they discover all they can do. If you are interested in serving in Mrs. Schoenbach's classroom with her 16 three and four-year-olds, please let Mr. Hartwig, or the office, know.

Children's Christmas Service – December 17 at 4:00PM

Our children will gather together and sing their praises to God again this year on December 17 at 4:00 pm. Only one *Christmas Practice is scheduled this year on December 16 at 8:30 am*. We will be getting goodie bags together at that time as well. If you would like to donate candy/items for those bags feel free to drop donations by the office during regular business hours.

Christmas Cookie Decorating: All are invited!

On Saturday, December 16th after the Children's Christmas Practice concludes at 9:45 AM, our Christian Education Society will be hosting Christmas Cookie Decorating in the fellowship hall. Everyone at St. Paul's Church and School is invited to come! If you would like to sign up to bring cookies, icing, sprinkles, etc, please check out this link, www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/cookie.

Second Impressions Update

Second Impressions continues to grow, and we need more volunteers to help keep up with our growth! From cleaners, to workers in the Toy and Clothing Departments, receiving, cashiers, baggers, and more! We can always use more helping hands! Join our team and enjoy Christian fellowship and comradery while making a difference in our community! Stop in, call the store at (920) 907-9900, or email us at secondimpressionsfdl@gmail.com.

A Holiday Open House is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 16, from 9 am to 3 pm. All Christmas Items and Books will be 50% OFF. There will be refreshments and door prizes! We will also be collecting food for the Fond du Lac Food Pantry.

Joyful Witness Concerts

Joyful Witness will once again be putting on its annual Christmas Concerts. We are once again blessed to be their venue for the event as well. December 15 at 7:00 PM and December 16 at 2:00 PM come and listen as area voices present “*No Other Name*”.

Advent and Christmas Devotions from Martin Luther College

Advent and Christmas Devotions are once again available through MLC, our synods worker training college. Devotions are available in the rotating tract rack in the narthex or you can find them online at stpaulslutherannfdl.com/MLCdevotions.

WLA Kitchen Volunteers – Looking for helpers Dec. 18 & 19

WLA asks congregations to fill volunteer positions in the cafeteria each year. *St. Paul's has been assigned Exam week, December 18, 19, and 20.* A signup sheet is available at the Narthex information centers or online at stpaulslutherannfdl.com/WLAKitchen should you wish to volunteer. Kitchen helpers are asked to be at WLA from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm on the days they sign up. Thank you!

WLA Band Concert was a rousing success!

Did you know that the WLA winter band concert showcases skills from around our association? St. Paul's had 12 members playing! Present in the Beginning Band Program: Onalee Surian, the Cadet Band Program: Taylor Bortner, Zac Burkholder, Wynter Ciske, Lily Robinet, Molly Bechler, & Lincoln Nebl, and in the Viking Band Program: Jack Jerman, Sammy Miller, Ema Burkholder, Kaitlyn Kampman, & Cooper Ahrens. Many have even been invited to participate in honors programs over the years. They were all able to play together for the mass band piece at the end, In the Hall of the Mountain King by Edvard Grieg. Way to go Pioneers!

Upcoming Events at WLA. Mark Your Calendars!

- December**
- 15** New Friends Dance
 - 18-20** Semester Exams
 - 19** Alumni Cocoa & Cookies WLA Cafeteria, 5:30 PM
 - Christmas Concert, 7:00 PM
 - 20** Christmas Concert, 1:00 PM
 - 21-Jan 2** No School, Christmas Break

Mark Your Calendars for Christmas Services here at St. Paul's!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4 PM & 6 PM

Christmas Day Festival Service at 9 AM

Advent Wreath

In our church, we light a candle of the Advent Wreath each week to be reminded that Christ our light appeared once at Christmas and will appear again at the end. We watch, prepare, rejoice, and behold as we count down the days to Christmas and look forward to His coming again. Come Lord Jesus! Come quickly! Amen!

Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias are available for purchase for this coming Christmas. *Envelopes are available in the Narthex by Martin Luther Room under the picture of Jesus.* 6-inch pots are \$13 and 8-inch pots (2 plants) are \$30. Gifts and memorials will be listed in our Christmas service folders. The final count needs to be in by Monday, December 11.

Year-End Giving: *Donor Option Programs*

Many employers have adopted a “Donor Option Program” allowing employees to designate gifts to a specific 501(c)(3) not-for-profit eligible charity of their choosing. Many employers match these gifts too. Our church has received thousands of dollars through these programs over the years. If you have questions about your participation in such a program, check your employer’s guidelines or contact your business manager. To see a list of companies with matching gift programs visit stpaulslutherannfdl.com/donorooption.

Year-End Giving: *Qualified Charitable Distributions*

A tax-efficient way to support the ministry here at St. Paul’s

If you’re age 70.5 and older, you can support St. Paul’s by requesting a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) directly to St. Paul’s. Even better: If you are age 72 and older, the QCD will count toward your required minimum distribution! Qualified Charitable Distributions (up to \$100,000 per person per year) are excluded from taxable income! Please contact your tax professional or WELS Planned Giving to learn how you can make a tax-wise gift to St. Paul’s, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, or Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

Year-End Giving: *WELS Planned Giving*

Our synod employs planned giving counselors who are well-versed in ways to plan wills, trusts, and any number of giving vehicles should you so wish. Contact the office and one of the pastors can get you into contact with our district's planned giving counselors should you wish. There is also a wealth of information available online at wels.net/giving.

Calendars for 2024

Our WInGS group has made calendars for 2024 available again this year. \$5 takes one home. Find them by the Martin Luther Room.

Offerings

We offer a variety of options to support the work of the Gospel:

- Place your gift in the offering baskets here at church in worship.
- Send your gift to St. Paul's at 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Place your gift in the birdhouse post near the office entrance.
- Scan the QR Code to go to our giving site or visit www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings



- Use Automatic withdrawal from checking.

Sign-up sheets are available on our website or across from the office. Contact the office to set it up.

- Use "Vanco Mobile" found in your phone's app store. Search for "North Fond du Lac, WI" and choose St. Paul's. The Church account is for offerings. The School Account is for tuition.

New Matching Opportunity

The window for our matching opportunity is coming to a close. Any gift made to the deficit reduction fund before the New Year is matched dollar for dollar up to \$25,000. Special offering envelopes are available in the narthex on the information centers. Members, please record your offering envelope # to include your gift in your yearly giving totals. \$13,635 has been matched.

Last Week's Offerings

God's people presented the following gifts to their Lord: Current - \$9,114.22; Missions - \$713.67; Improvement - \$160; Mortgage - \$1,862.14; Devotional Booklets - \$55; Food for families - \$700; Preschool Tuition - \$604; Extended Care - \$785.50; Deficit Reduction - \$3,350 [matched]; Hand Chime Fund - \$20; St. Paul's Student Aid - \$75 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$4,009.03; all offerings totaled \$16,739.53; Weekly Budgeted Target \$18,960). 297 people attended weekend services (59, 61, & 177 [livestream - 30]).

Current Fund Deficit \$144,041.53 Deficit Reduction \$62,462.65(+\$13,635)

Current Fund Checking \$48,960.12 Current Fund Savings \$171,504.76

Deficit reduction subtracted from the Current Fund Deficit gives the current total behind.



Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available!

Please stop and pick them up across from the mailboxes.

As always, please don't use them until 2024.