



# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

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

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<b>December 10 &amp; 11, 2022</b>		<b>Advent 3</b>	<b>Hymns</b>
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- **A t-coil hearing loop system** is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available. Ushers can help if you have questions.
- 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 & light controls. There is a one-way privacy shade in the smaller section past the room divider as well should you need it.
- **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. We pass offering plates. *As the offering is brought forward, please stand and sing hymn 315:1,6.*

**Ushers** this week (10 & 11) teams are 8 (J. Laudolff), 9 (D. Preissner), and 10 (C. Williams). Greeters are B&E Davies, K&J Kovalaskes, K. Fischer. Next week (17 & 18) will be teams 11 (J. White), 12 (T. Schwefel), and 13 (D. Babler). Greeters will be V. White, D&K Thurow, D. White. Our organist this week is Becky Miller. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

## God's Word This Week

Advent 3

COME, LORD JESUS! - AS MESSIAH

Humanity wants a made-to-order Messiah. We want the Savior we want. The Jews wanted a political Messiah who would remove Roman oppression and reestablish the kingdom of Israel. The generic Christian wants a Messiah who is a good teacher and inspires brotherly love.

Even faithful Christians face the temptation of a made-to-order Messiah. We want a Messiah who isn't bothered by the sin that keeps cropping up in our life, who doesn't call for total dedication but is fine if we only want a relaxed association with him. We want a Messiah who dispenses blessings liberally, to ensure that our life is blessed, as we define it.

That is not the Messiah who came. Jesus defies the expectations of Israel, the world, and us. Jesus reminds us that "blessed" is a term that he defines, and it begins with not rejecting the Messiah because he fails to meet our expectations. One proof that Jesus is the Messiah is that he fulfilled every prophecy. Therefore, blessed people respond to adverse circumstances with patient waiting and confidence that, at just the right time, their Messiah will fix all that is broken in their lives.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 10 - 18, 2022

12/10	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	Worship & WLA Building Presentation (team #8)
12/11	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	Worship & WLA Building Presentation (team #9)
		9:00 AM	Pre-K Christmas Program
		9:00 AM	Sunday School (no Bible Study)
		10:15 AM	Worship & WLA Building Presentation (team #10)
12/12	<b>Mon.</b>	6:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
		6:30 PM	Church Choir Practice
		7:30 PM	Chimes Practice
12/13	<b>Tues.</b>	6:00 PM	Boys & Girls Pioneers
12/14	<b>Wed.</b>	8:45 AM	Bible Class: Pharisees
		10:00 AM	Grief Share Group
		6:00 PM	Board of Elders
12/16	<b>Fri.</b>	8:35 AM	Weekly Chapel Service (All Invited)
12/17	<b>Sat.</b>	8:30 AM	Children's Christmas Practice
		6:30 PM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #11)
12/18	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #12)
		9:00 AM	Bible Study & Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #13)
		4:00 PM	Children's Christmas Service

## **Call News**

The voters of our congregation extended two Divine Calls on Sunday, November 20. One, to fill our preschool vacancy, was extended to ***Mrs. LaRae Fromm*** (414) 333-9070. The second call, to fill our upcoming 1st-2nd grade vacancy left as Mrs. Becky Miller retires at the end of the year has been extended to ***Mr. Daniel Granberg*** (262) 353-0890. Please keep Mrs. Fromm and Mr. Granberg in your prayers as they contemplate where they can best serve in Christ's gospel ministry.

***Mr. Aaron Hartwig*** has returned, that is declined, the Call from Trinity Lutheran, our WELS congregation and school in Belle Plaine, MN to be principal and teacher. We are grateful that he will remain with us.

## **The Christian Funeral of Marian Stahmann**

The Lord in his infinite wisdom and grace called home our sister in Christ ***Marian Evelyn Stahmann***, at the age 81, while at her home in Van Dyne, WI, on December 1, 2022, after her battle with cancer. Her funeral was held here at church this week on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM and she was laid to rest at St. Paul's Cemetary on County Road I on December 7<sup>th</sup>. We keep her family in our prayers as they mourn the earthly loss but rejoice in the victory Marian enjoys even now as she stands beside her faithful Shepherd in heaven.

## **Grief Share Group**

We have begun our Grief Share group meeting Wednesdays at 10:00 AM entitled, ***Mourning Has Broken***. We hope that these hour-long sessions will be able to add a little extra support for those who may be grieving this holiday season. Please feel free to join in at any time.

## **Welcome to new member Alan LaPine**

Alan LaPine was a member here some time ago and has recently returned to the congregation. He has recently completed our course through "This We Believe." As we refreshed the doctrines of God's Word and then welcomed him into membership through profession of faith. Alan owns and operates LaPine Sales where he is a bit of a jack of all trades but specializes in alternative/natural heating sources.

## **St. Paul's Night at the Wisconsin Herd - January 27**

Mark your calendars! Join friends, family, and staff of St. Paul's Lutheran for a fun night out with the Wisconsin Herd as they take on the Swarm! All families from St. Paul's will be invited in early before doors open for VIP pre-game watch and invited down onto the court following the game for a group photo, shoot free throws, and autographs with the Herd team! Find out more or reserve your seat at <https://fevo.me/splfdl>.

## **Special Thanks to our 5-8 graders**

Our 5-8 graders put their faith into action on Tuesday this week as they headed out and placed over 700 flyers on doors in the village. Each flyer invited people to all the various services and concerts we are offering here at St. Paul's. Know someone you want to invite? There are some extra flyers on the table under the picture of Jesus in the Narthex.

## **A New Bible Class is set to begin on Wednesday, December 14.**

In the Gospels, Jesus was consistently challenged and questioned by a group known as the Pharisees. The Pharisees are mentioned more than 100 times in the New Testament, Paul himself was educated as one, and their false teaching was a consistent problem for many early Christian communities. In this Bible study, we will study in-depth who they were, where they came from, and their teachings that brought them in conflict with Jesus and the Gospel. You will leave this study with a much more thorough knowledge of this group, a greater understanding of their interactions with Christ, as well as a knowledge of why their teachings are so appealing and dangerous to Christians of all time.

## **Pre-K Christmas Program**

Our Preschool & Kindergarten Christmas Program for St. Paul's Lutheran School is scheduled for Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> between services. This is perhaps the cutest service of the year and it always warms the heart to hear our young boys and girls proclaim the truths of the Savior's birth. Consider joining the fun and fellowship Sunday at 9:00 AM and thank you to all who made it possible.

## **Poinsettias for Christmas – Last Call**

Help us deck the halls this Christmas with beautiful flowers for the church. Envelopes are available in the Narthex. This year a 6-inch plant is \$13 and an 8-inch pot (2 plants in a pot) is \$30. We do need to give our final count by ***Monday, December 12*** to ensure the plants are here by Christmas.

## **One Last Christmas Practice**

Our last Christmas practice for the Children's Christmas Service is Saturday, December 17 from 8:30 AM until 9:45 AM. All children in Sunday School or at St. Paul's School participate. Please have your child here promptly so we can get the most out of practice. Also moms and dads, during practice, we will assemble goodie bags for the children, which will be handed out after the service. If you could stick around and help get those together it usually only takes about a half hour or so. The Children's Christmas Service is set for December 18 at 4:00 PM.

## **Advent by Candlelight Was a Successful Evening**

We would like to thank the Ladies of WInGS for a wonderful night of fellowship together as we recalled the amazing truths of Advent and Christmas. Around 40 women gathered together for the event. We would love to see even more in the years to come. Some pictures are available on the church's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl).

## **A New Copier**

The new copier approved by our voters at the October Voters Meeting has arrived at St. Paul's. The new Cannon Image Runner has some upgraded features we hope will ease the prep work of papers for our faculty and staff. It also allows us to print in color though we will keep the feature code locked for now as color copying does add to the price of our maintenance contract. Should you wish to help offset the cost of this machine (\$8,000) please give to the Improvement Fund.

The old copier has made its way into the office where the really old Cannon was holding space. While it remains operable, it will help to relieve copies on the new machine.

## **Catch Basin/Drain by Fellowship Patio**

This week Rob Giese also began work on the drain by the patio where we have been gathering large amounts of water when it rains. This drain will also connect to the downspout there and run out to the village storm sewer. It is our hope that this prevents the water which has found its way into church a number of times over the years by the piano. This work was also okayed at our last voters' meeting (\$8,000). Again, should you wish to help offset the cost of this preventative maintenance, feel free to give something to the Improvement Fund.

## **Installation of Board Members & Thanks to Outgoing Board Members – January 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM**

St. Paul's has just a few boards and positions within the congregation. On January 8<sup>th</sup> we will take some time to install our boards for the year and thank all who have so faithfully served all of us on boards over the last three years.

## **Annual Voters Meeting – January 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM**

As January arrives, it is time for us to gather together for our annual voters' meeting. The council will have an annual budget ready to go for the perusal and, Lord willing, approval by the congregation. We will also be able to discuss calls and updates on that information, maybe even extending some if need be.

## **Calendars for 2023!**

Calendars for those who signed up are in their mailboxes for safekeeping. What is left is available for purchase by the Martin Luther room.

## **Christmas Cards**

Looking for Christmas Cards to send out this season? Our library was just stocked with beautiful Christmas cards just for you and they are extremely well-priced. Peruse the boxes today and find the perfect card to say Merry Christmas to friends and family.

## **Stewardship by the Lectionary: Matthew 11:2-11**

There are times in every Christian's life when he or she concludes that our God isn't doing things the way we expected. We'd like him to agree that our way is better. So, what's a Christian to do? Read his Word and let him remind you of who he is. He is the compassionate and gracious God who shows his love and mercy to sinners. And he calls us to share that great and saving news with our world! What a golden opportunity we have to do that this season! May our mouths and lives be filled with that good news! Consider ways in which you can support those who share that good news worldwide on your behalf. by WELS Ministry of Christian Giving

## **Offerings**

We offer a variety of options as you support the Gospel ministry:

- Place it in the offering baskets here at church when you worship.
- Send it to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Drop it off in the "birdhouse" post near the office/school entrance.
- Use Vanco Automatic withdrawal from your checking account. Sign-up sheets are available at the information center, on the table in front of the office, or on our website. Contact the office to set it up.
- Use "Vanco Mobile" found in your smartphone'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 payments.

## **Last Week's Offerings:**

We presented these gifts: Current – \$11,166.80; Missions – \$414; Improvement – \$170; Mortgage – \$2,489; Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$40; Christmas Eve – \$2; Preschool Tuition – \$1319; Extended Care – \$257.50; Audio/Visual Fund – \$560; WLA Tuition Assistance – \$100; St. Paul's Student Aid - \$100 (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$3,533.05; all offerings totaled \$16,618.30; Weekly target \$17,063). Worship attendance was 259: 81, 64, 114 [livestream – 37).